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State, URI Officials, Students and Faculty Celebrate Opening of New Bike Path Spur

by Dave Lavallee

University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Director Janet L. Coit cut a ceremonial ribbon before an enthusiastic gathering of faculty, staff, students and local residents to open the University's new bike path spur.

The 2-mile, \$2.9 million branch connects the Kingston Campus to the William C. O'Neill Bike Path, giving the University direct bike path access to Peace Dale, Wakefield and Narragansett. It also gives community members a safe and convenient way to get to and from campus.

The project was funded in large part by a \$2.4

million Department of Environmental Management Green Economy Bond grant.

A key feature of the project is a traffic signal at the point where the spur crosses Route 138 near the Fernwood cemeteries and Independence Square on the URI Kingston Campus. The HAWK (High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk Beacon) traffic system allows cyclists and pedestrians to cross the state highway safely by activating a red light that stops traffic in both directions.

On campus, the spur extends from Brookside (residence) Hall to the east side of

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A GREAT FIRST RIDE: Rhody the Ram and Ken Burke, assistant director of URI Capital Projects, celebrate the opening of the URI bike path spur, as they lead the first group ride. URI photo by Nora Lewis.

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cluding bike lanes on campus roads and additional bike racks.

URI President David M. Dooley said that the bike path branch is an integral part of an overall plan to transform the campus through its cutting-edge facilities like the Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering and Brookside Hall and its nationally recognized sustainability efforts.

"I'd like to thank everyone for making this new portion of the state's bike path system a reality, including our friends at the Department of Environmental Management and our own Office of Capital Projects," Dooley said. But I'd also like to single out URI alumnus Phillip Kydd, who served us an executive in residence from the Department of Transportation, for a special thank you. Phil was the catalyst for this project, and he deserves most of the credit for securing the funding from DEM to make this project a reality."

Dooley added that the bike path is part of the University's comprehensive sustainability program, which also includes an innovative solar energy initiative with South Kingstown and Narragansett and millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements that have resulted in a reduction of 26 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions and a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

"This new bike path is another major step in our plans to make our transportation and

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Meade Stadium, passing Keaney Gymnasium, Mackal Field House, and the Boss Ice Arena and Bill Beck (baseball) Field. Once cyclists leave the Kingston Campus and cross Route 138, they are treated to views of the pasture and animals of URI's Peckham Farm to the east and dense woodlands to the west.

The URI bike path project is part of URI's Transportation and Parking Master Plan, which also calls for greater use of Rhody Transportation shuttles and Rhode Island Public Transit Authority buses to reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles on the Kingston Campus.

The plan also calls for enhanced pedestrian and improved bicycle access on campus, in-



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'Stuff-a-Cruiser' Toy Drive to Support Rhode Island's Needy Youth, Spread Holiday Cheer

Many families can't afford to buy gifts for their children during the busy holiday season, but the University Police Department is ready to help. They will host their fifth annual Stuff-a-Cruiser toy drive to benefit local charities and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"Creating a toy drive was a way to help children, and to uplift people," Police Maj. Michael Jagoda said. "It's been one of our most successful community outreach programs. Last year we collected more than 3,500 unwrapped toys and all kinds of donations that benefited social service agencies throughout Rhode Island and parts of Connecticut, as well as Hasbro Children's Hospital. It's an opportunity to see how fortunate we are, and to give back to the community that supports us, to help the families who may not have the opportunities to give their children toys, gifts or clothing."

Donations in the form of toys will be accepted Dec. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Walmart, 1031 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown. Toys will also be accepted at the URI Police Station, 85 Briar Lane, Kingston Campus from now until Dec. 16.

"We aim to make a positive impact for those social service providers who don't have the resources they need. When our officers go out and deliver the toys to our community members, you should see the smiles. It's why we do it."

The toy drive supports several local charities, including Children's Friends out of Providence, the Providence Center, Olean Center in Westerly, Wakefield Shelter, and Hasbro Children's Center.

"If any of our community members want to help deliver the toys, they are welcome to come," added Jagoda with a smile. "There'll be a lot of Santas that day."

This charitable endeavor is only one of many that the University's police force organizes. The officers also raise money for Rhody Outpost, the University's food pantry, and donate school supplies to local school districts.

To volunteer for the Stuff-A-Cruiser event or make a donation, contact URI Police Officer Paul Hanrahan at 401-874-4910.

Lauren Poirier, an intern in the Marketing and Communications Department at URI and public relations and English major, wrote this press release.



Police dog Figaro guards the toys collected in a previous Stuff-a-Cruiser drive at the URI Police Station. Photo by URI Sgt. Erica Vieira.

Pets Corner Invitation

We know how much people like their pets. It's up to you to show us just how much.

Please send us your favorite photo of you and your pet.

We need a high resolution jpg.

Your name and department.

Your pet's name, breed

One or two sentences about your pet. Maybe the photo will tell us all we need to know.

Contact:

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🎀 The Pets Corner 🎀



This is my baby Axton, he is a miniature Australian Shepard and this is a picture when he was about 4 months old. He is now 7 years but looks the same still like a puppy. *Diana MacDonald, Budget & Financial Planning Office*

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parking systems more environmentally friendly. Users will enjoy a safe bicycle route to campus, enjoy some beautiful scenery on the way and get some great exercise at the same time. We hope to see you out here.”

Coit said the project is another example of how DEM and URI work together to build on Rhode Island’s reputation as a beautiful state, from the forests in northern and western Rhode Island to its world renowned Narragansett Bay and beaches.

“It’s wonderful to live in such a beautiful state and work with people who are committed to sustainability, great transportation and recreational opportunities for our residents,” Coit said. “Our goal is to constantly improve and expand our state facilities and open spaces for the benefit of everyone. This project also helps us achieve that goal.”

Coit added that DEM and URI have long col-

laborated on many projects, “such as coastal research and protection, agricultural development and clean water initiatives. The bike path connection provides enhanced bike access to the Great Swamp Management Area and to our state beaches. I invite everyone to enjoy this great new transportation and recreational asset.”

Carol Thornber, associate dean of research at the University’s College of the Environment and Life Sciences, participated in today’s festivities.

“I am delighted that the bike path extension has been completed. It will provide a safer option for bicycle commuters from Wakefield, Peace Dale, and Narragansett to ride to campus on a dedicated bike path,” said Thornber who rides her bicycle to campus regularly.



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Cook's Corner

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Toasted Gruyere & Cranberry Cup

Ingredients:

- One 10-ounce bag frozen or fresh cranberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon orange zest plus 1/4 cup orange juice
- 4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 cup grated Gruyere cheese
- 48 frozen prebaked phyllo cups or hors d'oeuvre cups
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment.

Mix the cranberries, sugar and orange zest and juice in a small saucepan. Place over medium heat and cook until the cranberries soften and start to burst, 8 to 10 minutes. Set aside.

Combine the cream cheese and Gruyere in a large bowl with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until smooth.

Place the phyllo cups on the parchment-lined baking sheet. Spoon about 1 teaspoon of the cranberry sauce into each cup. Spoon about 1 teaspoon of the cheese mixture on top of the cranberry sauce. Bake until the cups are crisp and the cheese is melted and bubbling, 10 to 12 minutes. Sprinkle with chives before serving.

from--Cookies & Cups



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