

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Vote to add Tim Switzer as a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee.

Background:

I have been coming to Bethany for over 40 years and have been a homeowner since 2006. We brought our kids here when they were small, they continue to come here as young adults and now we have grandchildren. I walk a lot in Bethany, I run a lot in Bethany and I bike a lot in Bethany. My biking is both casual "beach cruiser around town" biking as well as more serious road bike riding. I have done the Seagull Century 100 mile ride twice and have done the 100 miler "Bike to the Beach" from DC the last couple of years.....and numerous Beach to Bay rides. Even now that they are adults, I constantly drive home the point to our kids about safety when walking and riding bikes around Bethany, and to expect the unexpected. Too many people do not follow the rules of the road in Bethany (walk / run on the left facing traffic and bike on the right with traffic). And pedestrians, bike riders and drivers of cars don't pay attention and quite simply do stupid stuff. I cringe at some of the "almost accidents" I am constantly seeing around town. Heightened awareness and education, on a constant and repeated basis, needs to be a key part of the Biking and Pedestrian Safety Committee and I would love to help.

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