



ANSONIA 125

**Ansonia's 3rd Annual
Pierre Lallement Festival of Bikes
10:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4th, Main Street, Ansonia, CT**



Mayor David S. Cassetti, the Ansonia Cultural and Economic Development Commissions, are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Festival of Bikes which will take place on Sunday, May 4th from 10:30 until 2:30 on Main Street as part of Ansonia's year-long 125th Anniversary celebration. May is bicycle month and the city will be honoring Ansonia's bicycle inventor Pierre Lallement with a ceremony at Veteran's Park next to City Hall at 11:30.

Bicycle enthusiasts from New Haven will start out at 10:15 from the monument dedicated to Lallement in 1998, on the New Haven Green at 990 Chapel St. The bike route includes going through parts of New Haven (Edgewood Park), Woodbridge, Seymour (Rt. 313) to Beaver St. to Central St. and ending up at Veteran's Park. The New Haven Bicyclists will be joined by local bikers in front of Webster Park across from Big Y, where the registration area is. There will be a police escort up East Main to Main St. to Veteran's Park. A "rider release" form needs to be signed by a parent if a rider is under 18 years of age and riders are reminded to wear helmets.

Phyllis Kaplan, a local DJ will be playing tunes such as "Rocky" and starting around 10:30 until the riders arrive. Everyone is welcome to help cheer the riders to their destination at approximately 11:45. A "kick-off ceremony will take place and the crowd will be welcomed to the park by Mayor David S. Cassetti. A short program will follow with guest speakers, David Herlihy, President of Lallement Memorial Committee, Laura Burrone, coordinator for New Haven riders, Marian O'Keefe, a local historian and Bill Purcell, Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hurlihy will be available for book signing "Pierre Lallement and his bicycle".

Following the ceremony, a street Festival will take place. Chris Clark, a stunt bicyclist, will perform and has previously performed at the Annual Harvest Festival. There will be a bike helmet fitting area for children by Griffin Hospital Nurses and give away helmets, while they last. Bike safety inspections will also take place. David Pooler will be on hand to demonstrate his antique bicycle; Matt Finer of Devils Gear will add to the festivities by riding around on his high wheeler and will also be the leader of the riders as they approach the Park. A face painting vendor will be available throughout the event. Much more is being planned for the festival and the commission members and the Mayor hope to **"SEE YOU ON MAIN STREET!"**



Rider Release Form

**Required for students under 18 years of age
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's signature: _____





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DJ Phyllis Kaplan

Guest Speakers

Book signing

Helmets (while supplies last)

Face painting

And much, much more!



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