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Ride of Silence

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Riverside Park 2001 Monroe Ave NW

The 10th Annual Grand Rapids Ride of Silence will be held Wednesday evening, May 21, 2014. This nine-mile ride begins at Riverside Park on Monroe Avenue, at the second park entrance as you head north on Monroe (Island Shelter entrance).

The ride starts at 7:00pm, but please arrive no later than 6:30pm for staging and announcements. The ride will roll out promptly at 7pm after Mayor George Heartwell addresses the crowd. Helmets are mandatory. Lights highly recommended, but not required. Black and red arm bands will be provided. Ride of Silence funeral flag sticks available to the first 75 riders (please return these at the end of the ride).

For information, contact the Greater Grand Rapids Bicycle Coalition at info@bikegrandrapids.org

<http://www.bikegrandrapids.org/events/grand-rapids-ride-of-silence1>

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The Grand Rapids Ride of Silence is an event of the worldwide Ride of Silence held on the third Wednesday in May every year. Cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves.

The Ride of Silence is a FREE ride that asks its cyclists to ride no faster than 12 mph, wear helmets, follow the rules of the road and remain silent during the ride. There are no sponsors and no registration fees. The ride, which is held during National Bike Month, aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police, and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The ride is also a chance to show respect for and honor the lives of those who have been killed or injured.