

History in Pictures: KBC's Friend of Bicycling Award

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The Kalamazoo Bicycle Club's Friend of Bicycling Award is voted on and awarded annually at the club's December meeting. The award is presented to an individual or other entity that "significantly advanced the interests of bicycling."

This article is a pictorial gallery of all the Friend of Bicycling Award recipients to date. Photos and captions have been edited to focus on the presentation; names are listed left to right.

2011: Friends of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway



Toni Thompson accepting, Zolton Cohen presenting
Back row: Dave Rachowicz and Kyle Lewis

2012: Department of Streets and Equipment, City of Portage



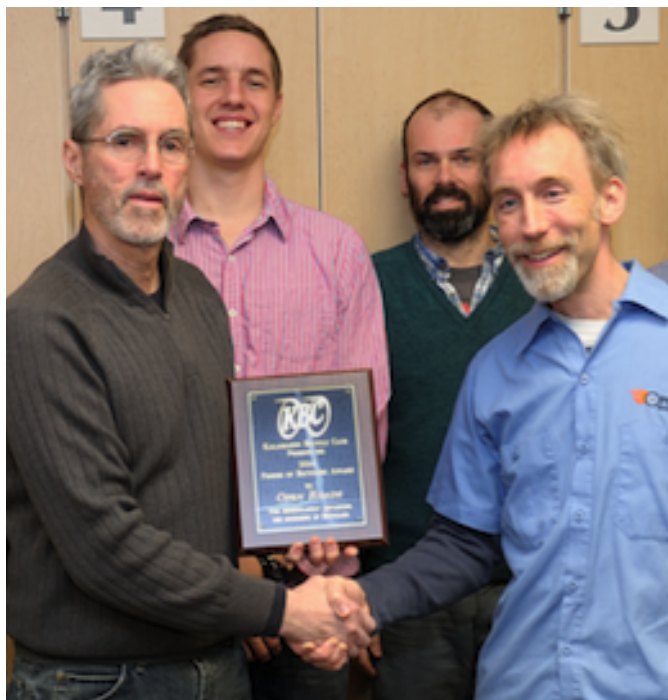
Ray Waurio and Jack Hartman accepting;
Zolton Cohen presenting (not pictured)

2013: Breakaway Bicycle and Fitness of Portage



Paul Wells accepting, Zolton Cohen presenting

2014: Open Roads Bike Program



Zolton Cohen presenting, Ethan Alexander accepting
Back row: Matt Semelbauer and Brian Morris

2015: Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study



Zolton Cohen presenting, David Anderson accepting

2016: Kalamazoo Charter Township



Ron Reid accepting, Renee Mitchell presenting

2017: Kalamazoo City Commission



Mayor Bobby Hopewell accepting, John Olbrot and Renee Mitchell presenting

2018: Pedal



Tim Krone accepting, Terry O'Connor, Pam Sotherland, Renee Mitchell and John Olbrot presenting

2019: John Dunlop and Portage Central Middle School



John Dunlop accepting, Doug Kirk and Pam Sotherland presenting

2020: Larry Shaffer, City Manager (retired), City of Portage



Paul Selden, Joseph LaMargo, Larry Shaffer accepting, Patricia Randall, Pam Sotherland presenting

2020: Ministry with Community and Zoo City Cycle & Sport



above: Rick Lee (Zoo City Cycle & Sport) and Don Jones (Ministry with Community) accepting
below: Bo Davis, Don Jones, Alan Park, accepting, Doug Kirk presenting

When you notice efforts – by municipalities, organizations, or individuals – to make Kalamazoo an even more bike friendly community, express your appreciation. One way to do this throughout the year is by submitting a brief kudos via email to the chair of KBC's Award's Committee grantsandawardscommittee@kalamazoobicycleclub.org. Published in KBC's PedalPress soon after they are received, kudos are a great way to show your appreciation and are a reservoir of names from which Friends of Bicycling Award nominees may be submitted.

For more information about how to submit annual nominations, which are due by the second Tuesday of November each year, see <http://kalamazoobicycleclub.org/club/community>.