**WELCOME TO**

**CITY CYCLING!**

**City Cycling** or STADTRADELN is an amateur cycling competition. It is a campaign of the European agency – Climate Alliance <https://www.climatealliance.org/home.html> . Teams of at least two (2) cyclists compete over a 21-day period to cover as many kilometers as possible. The competition aims to protect the climate, promote cycling and improve the quality of life in municipalities and, ultimately, have fun!

**Why has Newport News joined CITY CYCLING?**

Newport News is the 1st US city to participate in City Cycling. We joined City Cycling at the request of our German Sister City - Greifswald (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern). Greifswald has participated in “STADTRADELN” since 2015. CITY CYCLING provides a creative way for citizens in both communities to safely connect and exchange during a global pandemic. Last year, 2,172 cities with over 800,000 cyclists participated word wide in the competition, cycling over 1.5 million kilometers. Greifswald cycled 326,266 kilometers and finished #154. Newport News cycled 28,778 kilometers finishing# 1,281. Sister Cities of Newport News, Inc. is proud to be the non-profit managing City Cycling USA in our community.

**When is the competition?**

**May 1-21, 2022:** Newport News (USA) and Greifswald (GERMANY) share the same cycling dates.

**Who is able to participate?**

Anyone who lives, works, belongs to a club or attends school or university in Newport News.

**How can I sign up?**

* **DOWNLOAD** the City Cycling App on your smart phone: <https://www.city-cycling.org/app>
* **Or go to:** <https://www.city-cycling.org/sign-up>
* **Choose “Other than Germany”**; select NEWPORT NEWS!
* Join an existing team or form a new one. Newport News has an **“open team**” that you are able to join.
* If you decide to form a new team, you will automatically be designated the team captain. You must belong to a team – after all, climate protection and cycling promotion require teamwork!
* You can join, or form a team up, until the very last day of the 21-day campaign period, or May 21st .

**How do I collect miles (kilometers)?**

* **DOWNLOAD** the City Cycling App on your smart phone: <https://www.city-cycling.org/app>
* **GET CYCLING**! You do NOT have to cycle in Newport News; climate protection knows no boundaries.
* **RECORD** the kilometers cycled for just you or, your team. You can record for multiple cyclists (e.g., entire families, school classes, etc.) in the same online cycling log. IMPORTANT: be sure to indicate the exact number of people for whom you are entering kilometers!
* Kilometers can be entered retroactively as long as they were covered during the 21-day period.
* There is a seven-day grace period after the local campaign period ends for cyclists to finalize their logs. No new entries or changes are possible after May 27th!

**Who is in the lead?**

* The results of all participating municipalities and teams will be published on [**city-cycling.org/results**](https://www.city-cycling.org/results)
* And, while it is unlikely that we will beat Greifswald, Newport News is leading the way in the USA!