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Parks Superintendent celebrates Bike to Work Day for ninth year in a row

To celebrate National Bike Month and National Bike to Work Day, Zionsville's Park and Recreation Department Superintendent, Matt Dickey, dodged most of this morning's rain showers and rode his bicycle to work. This is his ninth year in a row riding to work on National Bike to Work Day. This event was created in 1956 to showcase the benefits of bicycling and to encourage people to try riding to work for just a single day.

"I am only 10-11 miles door-to-door so it only takes me about 45 minutes," said Dickey.

In 2015, the Town of Zionsville received a Bronze designation from the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community, becoming one of 10 designated Bicycle Friendly Communities across the state. These designations are awarded every three years with the next application process coming up in 2018.

"The Town is committed to providing Zionsville residents with a high quality of life, and part of that includes providing direct access to paved trails and paths, parks and other unique amenities such as the splash pad and pocket parks," said Mayor Tim Haak.

Zionsville was one of a handful of central Indiana's early leaders on the provision of separated multipurpose pathways. Such pathways provide recreation and health benefits and help foster high quality economic development. Zionsville's most recent addition of paved pathways includes the one-mile of multipurpose public trails in Creekside Corporate Park.

"The new Creekside Corporate Park trails really builds upon the Town's highly focused trails history," Dickey said. This gained momentum in the early '90s with the pavement on Zionsville's first portions of the Big-4 Rail Trail and the pathway efforts alongside the southern portion of Ford Road."

Zionsville's over 20 miles of separated, paved trails provides riders with convenient, accessible and easy to navigate routes.

"I had less than two miles of my total route in three pieces where I didn't have at least an eight-foot wide separated path to ride. And in two of those pieces, there were the older-style narrow sidewalks available," said Dickey.

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