

Park Glen resident keeps bikes rolling through Fort Worth neighborhoods

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Fort Worth resident Daniel Guido knows how to get more bikes rolling through the city. His ambition, love for biking and passion for others has led in part to the Fort Worth City Council passing a resolution this summer to allow qualified nonprofit entities to receive and give away discarded bikes left at the city's drop-off stations. In the past, those bicycles would gather at drop-off stations and be sold as scrap metal.

With the new policy in place, usable bikes and parts will now be donated to nonprofits and others to promote health and wellness for years to come.

Guido is no stranger to promoting change in the community. In February, he won the City of Fort Worth's Neighbor of the Year Award. The award program, coordinated by the city's Community Engagement Office, gives registered Fort Worth neighborhood associations a chance to nominate a resident who goes above and beyond to positively impact their neighborhood.

The Park Glen Neighborhood Association nominated Guido for the award, saying: "His consistent message is to build the neighborhood you want to live in. He truly lives the example of bringing people together through support, friendship and helpfulness. No need is too small or too difficult to meet."

Those accolades were proven to be true recently when Guido encouraged the city to shift gears on handling discarded bikes and with the creation of the Bike Gangs of Fort Worth. Bike enthusiast groups started with the original Park Glen Bike Gang and spread to neighborhoods in the north, south and west. The gangs provide free, family-friendly fun to their neighborhoods. Community rides are planned, bikes are provided to those who do not have one and free bicycle repairs are available. Families are encouraged to step away from the screen and join neighbors for outdoor fun and an end-of-ride snack.

Since 2016, the five bike gangs (with another in the works) have put together 60 community rides, provided more than 800 new bikes and free repairs and ridden 7,100-plus miles. Even during COVID-19, the groups are finding ways to enjoy riding together, socially distanced of course.

With the updates to city policies, there are even more opportunities for neighborhoods and apartment complexes to create their own no-cost bike gangs, and Guido is ready to help.

To learn more about starting a gang or volunteering, visit the gang's website or contact the Bike Gangs of Fort Worth.

Have a story Worth Sharing? Inspire others by sharing a short paragraph and photo of some of the ways your family or neighbors are making a difference in the community. Send stories to the Community Engagement staff.

