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CHRIS KEGEL DAY BIKE RIDE/WALK AND DEDICATION AT TRAIL BRIDGE PARK, GRAFTON, WI

On **Thursday October 3, 2019 at approximately 4 PM** the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Council, Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department, Ozaukee County Tourism Council, Wisconsin Women Cycling and members of the Kegel Family will dedicate a park bench at the **Ozaukee County Trail Bridge Park** to honor Chris Kegel and to recognize Chris Kegel Day on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. The State Department of Tourism will also be in attendance to present a check to Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Dept. for work to promote the Ozaukee Interurban Trail through its Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant program.



Bike rack dedication Chris Kegel Day 2018

On October 5, 2016, the Ozaukee County Board Proclaimed that October 3rd each year be declared Chris Kegel Day on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, stating that Chris has enriched the lives of all Ozaukee County citizens, and served as an inspiration for all civic minded citizens along with future generations to come with his motto, "Live Life, Ride".

Along with the Kegel family you are invited to join in a casual bike ride on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail to the ribbon cutting at the Trail Bridge Park. Big Ed's Smoke Pit and the Grafton and Belgium Chamber of Commerce will be providing complimentary snacks.

Starting at 3 PM at the Grafton Village Pool parking lot, we will take a slow roll along the Ozaukee Interurban Trail to Trail Bridge Park (at the Trail Bridge over I-43). **The ride will be rolling out from the Grafton Pool parking lot at 3 PM and arriving at Trail Bridge Park by 4 PM for the dedication and celebration.**

Not a bicyclist? No problem, you can park on Maryglade Road and walk east on Terminal Road to link up to the trail for about a mile walk. See the map for details: <https://goo.gl/maps/ksXYd4z7fph11der7>. You may also park in KM Tooling's lot directly south of where the trail crosses County Highway W.

About Chris:

In honor of Chris Kegel we would like to commemorate his dedication to bicycle advocacy in and around the communities within Ozaukee County. In addition to the many national, state and local boards and projects founded or influenced by Chris Kegel, he was a County Supervisor for Ozaukee County in Wisconsin and helped with many biking related projects including the Interurban Trail Bridge over I-43 and CTH W.

For more information about Chris and his mission, *Improving Lives through Cycling*, visit the Chris Kegel Foundation's website at <http://www.chriskegel.com>

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