BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS & LAWS:

As a general rule, bicyclists must obey the same traffic laws as vehicle drivers. The following laws and safety rules are particularly important for bicyclists:

- Always ride with the traffic flow, as close to the right edge of the road as is practicable and safe.
- Obey all traffic signals, pavement markings and directions given by police officers.
- Use hand signals to let drivers know your intentions.
- Increase your safety when riding after dark. Bicycles must be equipped with a front light that reaches 500 feet and a rear, red reflector.
- Wearing light-colored, reflective clothing increases your visibility to other drivers during the day and night.
- Learn to look over your left shoulder for vehicles approaching from behind without losing your balance or swerving left.
- Do not pass on the right. Motorists often will not look for passing cyclists in that direction.
- When moving the same speed as traffic, ride in the middle of the lane, especially at busy intersections.
- Keep both hands on the brakes. Allow extra stopping time in the rain.
- Be alert for cars pulling out and make eye contact with the drivers to ensure you have been seen.
- Do not weave between parked cars.

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SHARING LANE PAVEMENT MARKING

SHARROWS: Shared lane pavement markings (or “sharrows”) are bicycle symbols carefully placed to guide bicyclists to the best place to ride on the road, avoid car doors and remind drivers to share the road with cyclists. Unlike bicycle lanes, sharrows do not designate a particular part of the street for the exclusive use of bicyclists. They are simply a marking to guide bicyclists to the best place to ride and help motorists expect to see and share the lane with bicyclists.

WHAT DO SHARROWS MEAN FOR MOTORISTS & BICYCLISTS?

MOTORISTS:

- Expect to see bicyclists on the street
- Remember to give bicyclists three feet of space when passing
- Remember that the normal rules of the road still apply

BICYCLISTS:

- Use the sharrow to guide where you ride within the lane
- Leave four feet between yourself and parked cars
- Remember that the normal rules of the road still apply
DeKalb-Sycamore (Peace Road) Trail
The DeKalb-Sycamore Trail starts at Pleasant Street in DeKalb and extends north and east into the City of Sycamore. The paved trail is six miles in length with wooded and prairie features. The path follows along the east side of Peace Road for several miles before winding its way to Sycamore Community Park.

Kishwaukee-Kiwanis Trail
The Kiwanis Trail is a 6.5 mile shared use path that is owned and operated by the DeKalb Park District. The path begins at Lions Park and generally follows the Kishwaukee River north to Hopkins Park before connecting with the DeKalb-Sycamore Path and the DeKalb Nature Trail.

DeKalb Nature Trail
The DeKalb Nature Trail is a 1.3 mile shared use path that extends from the junction of IL Route 23, the Kiwanis Trail, and the DeKalb-Sycamore Trail. The trail goes north to First Street. The trail is owned and operated by the DeKalb Park District.

Great Western Trail
Almost 18 miles long, the Great Western Trail is located within the right-of-way of the former Chicago and Great Western Railroad. The trails are surfaced with limestone screenings and average 10 feet in width. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and horseback riders are all welcome on the trails.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The delineated bike paths include bikeways, shared roadways, and shoulders, which may be used by bicyclists. In addition to the existing facilities identified above, the map identifies on-road and off-road paths for biking in the DeKalb-Sycamore area.

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