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Urban Bike Project to move to 1500 N. Walnut Street

Open House slated for Jan. 10, 2014

WILMINGTON, Del. – The Urban Bike Project, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Wilmington, Del., is pleased to announce it has entered into an agreement with the City of Wilmington to occupy space at 1500 N. Walnut Street in Wilmington. The property is on the National Register of Historic Places and once served as the City's horse stables.

The Urban Bike Project provides educational programs and mechanical assistance to City of Wilmington residents and youth in need. Staff members and volunteers work to serve the community's needs by educating and promoting bicycling as a safe, practical, cost-efficient mode of transportation. The Urban Bike Project shop provides a means for the public to become self-sufficient in bicycle maintenance and transportation, while fostering a greater sense of awareness in motorists, pedestrians, and the community at large.

Popular Urban Bike Project offerings include a Free Bike Program that provides refurbished bicycles to youth and adults in Wilmington and surrounding areas, along with bike locks, helmets, lights and fenders when available; a Youth Earn-A-Bike program that is taught in schools and rewards participants that satisfy the program's requirements with a free bike; and an Open Shop program, providing youth and adults with the opportunity to utilize high quality tools to make do-it-yourself repairs to bikes, with the assistance of staff and volunteers.

The six-year-old Urban Bike Project was previously housed at 1908 N. Market Street. The building is slated for demolition, and the Urban Bike Project was actively searching for a new location.

"We couldn't be happier with the new site and the possibilities it holds," said Laura Wilburn, executive director of the Urban Bike Project. "The location is not far from our previous location, allowing us to continue to serve the community that has come to know and utilize our services. We hope that the new, larger space will also provide us with increased visibility in the community and allow us to serve even more residents and youth in Wilmington.

"The City of Wilmington has been a great partner and very helpful in our search to relocate within the City. We appreciate all the effort and guidance that City Council and the Mayor's office have provided us."

The last Open Shop session at the 1908 N. Market Street location will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013 and the first Open Shop session at the new location will be held on Jan. 14, 2014.

A Jan. 10, 2014 open house event at the new location at 1500 N. Walnut Street is being planned, with more details to be announced shortly.

To learn more about the Urban Bike Project visit www.UrbanBikeProject.com, or by e-mail at info@urbanbikeproject.com.

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