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Rides of Silence to honor dead and injured cyclists

As part of a world-wide event, Maryland cyclists have organized six Rides of Silence around the state to honor those who have died or been injured on public roadways.

On Wednesday, May 18, 2016, cyclists in Maryland will join others throughout the United States and in other countries in a Ride of Silence to show respect for and honor the lives of those cyclists who have been killed or injured on public roads. The ride, which is held during [National Bike Month](#), aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and other government officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways.

The rides will begin at 7 p.m. in the cities of Annapolis, Baltimore, Frederick, Hagerstown, Olney and Rockville and will follow routes of about 10 to 12-miles long at speeds of approximately 10 miles per hour. There are no national sponsors and no registration fees. More information can be found at this site: <http://www.rideofsilence.org/>

At the recent 2016 Transportation Highway Safety Summit, Maryland Department of Transportation officials announced that bicycle fatalities doubled from five in 2014 to ten in 2015. In October 2015, husband and wife, John Fauerby, and Lynn Rosenbusch were killed by a driver who hit their tandem bike from behind on Tobacco Road near Chesapeake. Catherine Lyon, who was charged with driving under the influence and vehicular homicide, is scheduled to appear in court for a pre-trial hearing between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m on Friday, May 20th at the Annapolis Court House.

Both bicyclists were very experienced and involved with the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (Bike Rockville) and the Montgomery County Bicycle Advisory Group. To honor their memories, and to continue their work for safer bicycling in Maryland, their family set up the John Fauerby and Lynne Rosenbusch Memorial Advocacy Fund. Donations can be made at <https://www.bikemaryland.org/support/donate/john-fauerby-and-lynn-rosenbusch-memorial-advocacy-fund/>