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ANNUAL TOUR DE ELIZABETH RETURNS TO ELIZABETH WITH A “SUPERHEROES FOR A SUPER CITY” THEME

Elizabeth, N.J. April 4, 2022- After a two year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the organizers of the Tour de Elizabeth are happy to announce that the much loved and anticipated event is back for 2022! The annual recreational 15-mile bicycle ride, which tours the sites, businesses, restaurants and historic neighborhoods of Elizabeth will once again roll out on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

“After two years of a pandemic, I am happy to be able to host this wonderful event again,” said Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. “I think it is great that we are able to come together again for an event like this, not only to be able to support Groundwork Elizabeth and their endeavors, but to bring back the camaraderie of our residents or visitors from around New Jersey and beyond. This is one of most attended events in the past, and I hope to see just as many this year.”

This year’s theme is “*Superheroes for a Super City*” and riders are invited to wear costumes representing their favorite superhero. Keep in mind that all costumes should be safe for riding a bicycle. The event starts and finishes at City Hall in Elizabeth, located at 50 Winfield Scott Plaza and registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with the ride beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. The first 500 registrants will receive a signature Tour de Elizabeth t-shirt and everyone will be entered into a free raffle for post event drawings.

Registration is now open and riders are encouraged to sign up early to take advantage of early bird and user friendly pricing. All ages are welcome to join the Tour, as long as the rider can keep a moderate pace of 10 miles per hour and able to ride 15 miles - there is a break at the halfway mark. Helmets are required for all participants. Members of the Elizabeth Police Department will be on hand to escort cyclists on a route with rolling intersection closings and assist where needed.

This year’s Tour de Elizabeth is supported by Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Departments within the City of Elizabeth, the Union County Board of County Commissioners HEART grant, local community nonprofits and stakeholders, with special support by Elizabethtown Gas Company. The ride is managed by Groundwork Elizabeth.

To sign up for the ride, please visit www.groundworkelizabeth.org, www.elizabethnj.org or www.goelizabeth.com/bike. Hard copy applications can also be found in Elizabeth public buildings, stores and Union County Bicycle shops, however, online registration is preferred. Those wanting to rent a bicycle for the event can log onto <https://www.unlimitedbiking.com/events/tour-de-elizabeth-bike-rentals/>.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and come with benefits for those who pledge support. Sponsors to date include Vinty, the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, Angel Rodriguez State Farm, Elberon Development Group, BJ&M Auto, Linda Ershow-Levenberg & David Levenberg. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the non-profit organization Groundwork Elizabeth whose mission it is to build more sustainable communities. For more information on Groundwork log on to www.groundworkelizabeth.org. Questions can be directed to Jonathan Phillips, Tour organizer at elizabethnj@groundworkusa.org or by calling 908-289-0262