Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the WVCC, I would like to invite you to a meeting at City Hall in Lewisburg on October 10th 2014.

WVCC is a non-profit organization dedicated to promotion of activities and facilities that will help West Virginians be safe while walking and cycling to work, school, run errands or for recreation. Although a new organization, it has already succeeded in getting legislation passed mandating that motorists give cyclists three feet clearance on the roads along with other allowances. Other efforts are planned for upcoming legislative sessions.

**What would it take to make walking and cycling safe for the citizens of our town?**

A very high percentage of our citizens own bicycles yet we see very few of them using them on our streets. If you ask them why they don’t ride in town the answer is always the same, “we don’t feel safe and protected.”

We want to know how we can change this by answering some of these questions:

* How can we get folks commuting to work or the stores on bicycles?
* How can we get children to ride bicycles to get around to parks or friends like we all did when we were kids?
* How can students get to school or college without having to drive a car?
* How can we provide safe ways to run or walk the dog on our streets?
* How do we educate motorists to recognize runners, walkers and cyclists as their neighbors and friends rather than an irritant that is “in their way, on their roads?” How do we educate and involve law enforcement to provide protection for these folks?
* How can the State Highway Department and City officials help in this?

The survival of small towns depends on retaining young folks and families. High on the list of requirements is a certain level of quality of life in their community. This is important stuff and we want our town to be in the forefront of making this happen.

The meeting is scheduled to be start at 3:00pm on the afternoon of the 10th, the day before TOOT. It will be held in the Cooley meeting room until about 5.00pm. After the open discussion session, we will move across the road to Hill and Holler Bicycle Works for our Board meeting to which all are invited. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

We do hope you can attend and help us tackle this important issue. Please reply to Kasey Russell, WVCC Executive Director, at 304.542.1994 or [Russell.kasey@gmail.com](mailto:Russell.kasey@gmail.com) to let us know if you can attend.

Yours truly,

John Francis, WVCC Board Member