

BMTS Article Digest March – April 2019

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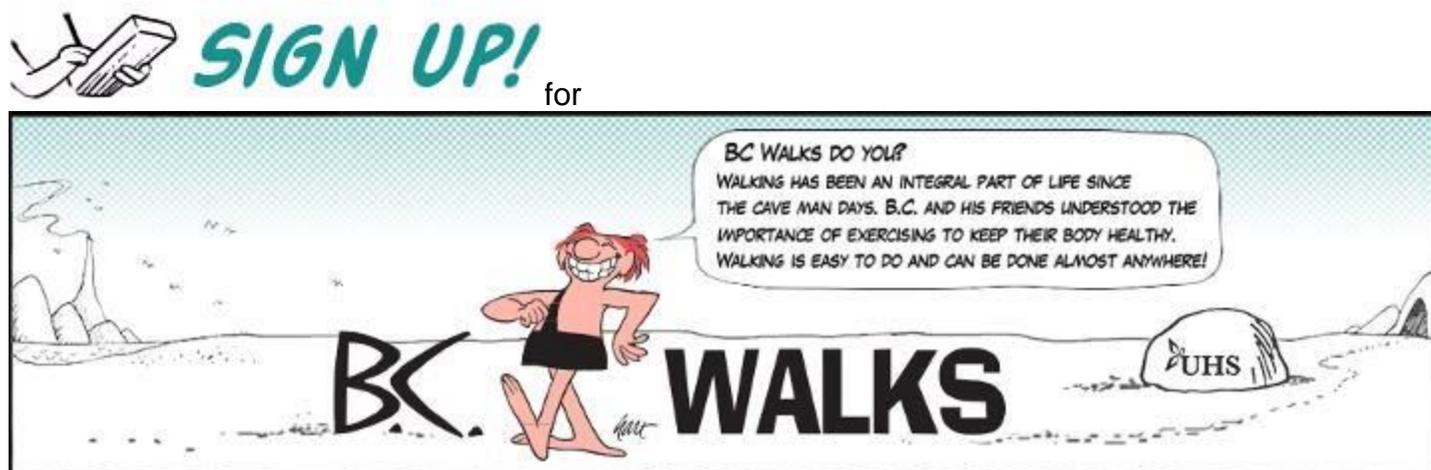
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Take a look at the National Center for Bicycling & Walking's newsletter, **CenterLines**. You can also arrange to have it emailed directly to you.

See <http://www.bikewalk.org/newsletter.php>.

CenterLines is the bi-weekly electronic news bulletin of the National Center for Bicycling & Walking. **CenterLines** is our way of quickly delivering news and information you can use to create more walkable and bicycle-friendly communities.



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Harper Stantz, 16-year-old Binghamton student, dies 2 days after Beethoven Street crash

Anthony Borrelli, **Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin**

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Binghamton police are investigating a car-pedestrian crash on Beethoven Street. Anthony Borrelli, pressconnects.com

Harper Stantz, the 16-year-old Binghamton High School student who along with a friend was [struck by an accused drugged-driver](#) has died from her injuries after two days in the hospital.

The Binghamton City School District announced Wednesday afternoon that Harper had passed away, saying "our hearts are heavy" in mourning the loss of the high school junior.

"She brightened the lives of all who knew her, and she will be profoundly missed," the school district said. "We extend our deepest condolences and support to the Stantz family as they cope with this immense loss."

[A GoFundMe account has been set up to help the teens with medical expenses, and as of Wednesday it had raised \\$46,935.](#) The page said Harper Stantz and Britney Laserinko were struck while walking home after playing tennis.

Harper's family said Wednesday her organs will be donated in the hope of saving other lives.



Harper Stantz (Photo: Provided)

"Our continued thoughts are also with the family of Binghamton High School graduate Britney Laserinko, who was seriously injured in the accident and remains under medical observation at a Syracuse hospital," the Binghamton City School District said Wednesday. "Britney has undergone significant surgery, and is currently in stable condition."

Family members and friends also posted Wednesday on social media for people not to contribute toward a fake GoFundMe page created by a "Hailey Stantz," who is unrelated.

Court records said Laserinko, 19, sustained internal injuries and multiple broken bones, while Stantz also sustained severe internal injuries — among them a head injury that she died from — and multiple broken bones immediately after the crash.

Laserinko was a graduate of Binghamton High School.

Britney Laserinko, left, and Harper Stantz were seriously injured after being struck by an alleged drugged driver on Binghamton's West Side. (Photo: Provided photo)

In their statement, the Binghamton City School District said social workers, psychologists and guidance counselors are in place at the high school for any students or staff who need assistance.

"These bright young women have been an important part of the BCSD community," the school district's statement said.

[The crash happened just before 3:30 p.m. Monday](#), when a Jeep Wrangler traveling southbound on Beethoven Street left the roadway and crossed over the east side curb line and struck the teenagers.



The Jeep's driver, Kevin Wilcox, 33, of Harpursville, was allegedly [under the influence of suboxone](#) that he'd taken 30 minutes before the crash, according to court documents.



Binghamton police investigate a drugged-driving crash that left two teens injured Monday, March 11, 2019, on Beethoven Street. (Photo: Anthony Borrelli / Staff photo)

After the teens were hit, the Jeep continued south through front yards.

Police said the Jeep struck two trees, then came to a stop at the corner of Beethoven Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Harper Stantz at Recreation Park in Binghamton for high school prom photos in June 2018. (Photo: Maggie Gilroy / Staff Photo)

Binghamton police have charged Wilcox with a felony count of first-degree vehicular assault and a misdemeanor count of driving while ability impaired by drugs. He's been sent to the Broome County jail to await further court action.



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Thursday, 14 March 2019

Former Broome official, Amtrak head dies

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Joseph Boardman, the former Broome County transportation commissioner who became the administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration and the president of Amtrak, died March 7.

Boardman, who died at age 70 following a stroke in Florida, was also the longest serving commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation.

He was born Dec. 23, 1948, and grew up on his parents' dairy farm in Oneida County. He graduated from Rome Free Academy in Oneida County, enlisted in the Air Force and served in Vietnam.

Boardman then went on to Cornell University.

"I came to Cornell to be a veterinarian," Boardman said in 2005. "But then I got hooked on economics and transportation. It took me a whole semester to tell my family that I'd changed my major."

Calling hours for relatives and friends will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Barry Funeral Home, 807 W. Chestnut Street in Rome.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m.

Friday at St. Paul's Church in Rome.

He graduated from Cornell in 1974 with a degree in agricultural economics. In 1983, he graduated from Binghamton University with a master's in management science.

He was named Broome's transit commissioner in 1981 after heading the Rome and Utica transit authorities. In 1988, he became the chief operating officer of Progressive Transportation Services in Elmira.

"At the time the transit authority had been neglected, but then we came across Joe, and in those eight years, our transit system became something the whole community was proud of," said former Broome County Executive Carl Young. "He saw the transit system as more than just a bunch of buses."

In 1995, he moved to the federal level, becoming the first assistant deputy transportation commissioner.

And in 2005, he was appointed administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration under President George W. Bush.

Boardman had planned to retire after that, but he told friends Amtrak "made him an offer he couldn't refuse." and Boardman became president of the company from 2008 to 2016.

"He was just the most humble, considerate hardworking person you could know," Young said. "He really did believe in a national rail system that linked people together."

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; three children, Joseph Jr., Philip and Emily Beth Craft; four grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.



Arlington tests the future of protected bikeways

BICYCLING By **Julie Strupp** (Managing Editor) March 11, 2019

"Wave Delineator" bikeway barriers on Potomac Avenue in Crystal City. [Image](#) by BeyondDC licensed under Creative Commons.



On two streets in Crystal City, Arlington is testing out new ways to separate protected bikeways from cars. If the barriers prove more effective than traditional [flexposts](#), you may see them built elsewhere.

First, on Potomac Avenue just south of its intersection with Crystal Drive, “[Wave Delineators](#)” separate about a block of what had previously been a normal non-protected bikeway.

Wave Delineators on Potomac Avenue. [Image](#) by BeyondDC licensed under [Creative Commons](#).

The plastic waves snap simply into place. They look like they probably offer about the same level of protection as normal flexposts, except they're wider so there are fewer gaps, and



they're prettier.

Second, a few blocks away at Eads Street and 22nd Street, “[BikeRail](#)” barriers separate a stretch of the Eads Street protected bikeway.

BikeRail on Eads Street. [Image](#) by BeyondDC licensed under [Creative Commons](#). The BikeRails are noticeably sturdier than the Wave Delineators, being metal. But they're more purely functional, less aesthetic.



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Both the Wave Delineators and the BikeRail are temporary pilot projects. The *wave* is just a popup and will be gone sometime this week, while the *rail* will stay in place longer.

They were installed as part of the National Bike Summit, happening March 9-12 in Crystal City. You can see conference attendees discussing them [via](#) Twitter, where reaction is pretty positive.

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Monday, 18 March 2019

Outdoor trail advocates take step toward new network

ALBANY, N.Y. – Advocates for more miles of outdoor trails are heading to New York state's capitol.

The outdoor enthusiasts will promote a plan Monday to build on the Empire State Trail. When completed by the end next year, the Empire State Trail is to

be a continuous 750-mile route spanning the state from New York City to Canada and Buffalo to Albany.

The "Trails Across New York" campaign aims to expand upon the Empire State Trail and develop additional multi-use trails connecting to surrounding communities.

Advocates and lawmakers will outline their agenda on Monday morning.

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