

THE RIDE OF SILENCE™ WILL NOT BE QUIET

On May 21, 2008, at 7:00 PM, the Ride of Silence™ will begin in Central Park in Spring Lake and roll across the globe. Cyclists will ride an 8 mile course consisting of bike paths and roads in a silent, funeral style, procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves.

Since 2000 along the Lakeshore, from Holland to Freemont, we have had at least 14 people killed and 13 people injured by motor vehicles while cycling.

The Ride Of Silence is a free event that asks its participants to ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the ride. There is no brochure, no sponsors, and no registration fees. The ride aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to share the public roadways. The ride is also a chance to show respect for those who have been killed or injured.

We are looking for as many cyclists as possible to join us. All cyclists are welcome. The only requirements are a bicycle and a helmet. Please pass along this information to all the cyclists you know from the recreational rider the racer.

Already community leaders from Spring Lake Village, Spring Lake Township, the Ottawa County Sherriff, media outlets and local bike shops have committed to support us and participate with us on the ride.

For more information about the ride please check the website or contact Mark Stoll via the link at www.rideofsilence.org. Follow the links to ride location in Spring Lake Michigan.