

OPEN-- STREETS CORVALLIS

2026 Event Report

SUNDAY
JUNE 28

RIVERFRONT PARK
TO THE SKATE PARK



Open Streets Corvallis is a **free street festival** that features a stretch of walkable, bikeable streets for people to explore.



The event connects communities to each other and to our shared public spaces—our streets and parks. A different Corvallis neighborhood is featured every year.



Event Goals

- Activate neighborhoods to enhance **community livability and foster connection**.
- Improve the **health and wellness** of Corvallis residents.
- Encourage walking, biking and other forms of **active transportation**.
- Demonstrate street projects that **calm traffic and improve safety**.
- Invest in our **local economy** by creating opportunities for local businesses and nonprofits.
- Increase **environmental sustainability**, awareness and resiliency.
- Support **equity and inclusion** on event day and beyond.



Activities along the route



Improve health and wellness

- People were encouraged to **walk and/or roll** along the route
- Group and individual **fitness activities** took place:
 - Badminton
 - Dancing
 - Disc throwing
 - Pilates classes
 - Roller skating
 - Skate boarding
 - Weight lifting exercises



- Activities like table-bouldering, giant chess and lawn games **kept participants moving**
- Benton County Health Department hosted a **cooling tent** with safety and health resources



Encourage walking, biking and rolling

- Mid-Valley Bicycle Club gave out **helmets** and did helmet fittings.
- Corvallis School District provided information about their **bike education program** and **traffic garden project**.
- Corvallis Police Department registered bicycles through Project 529.
- The Corvallis Bicycle Collective offered free **bicycle repair**.
- **27 portable bike racks** were stationed throughout the event route.
- Over 30 people participated in two **group rides** to the event.





"It was neat to see how many people can share the space of 2nd Street without cars. It was so vibrant. It was fun to roll past all the groups socializing, hearing snippets of passing conversations, and music." – Participant

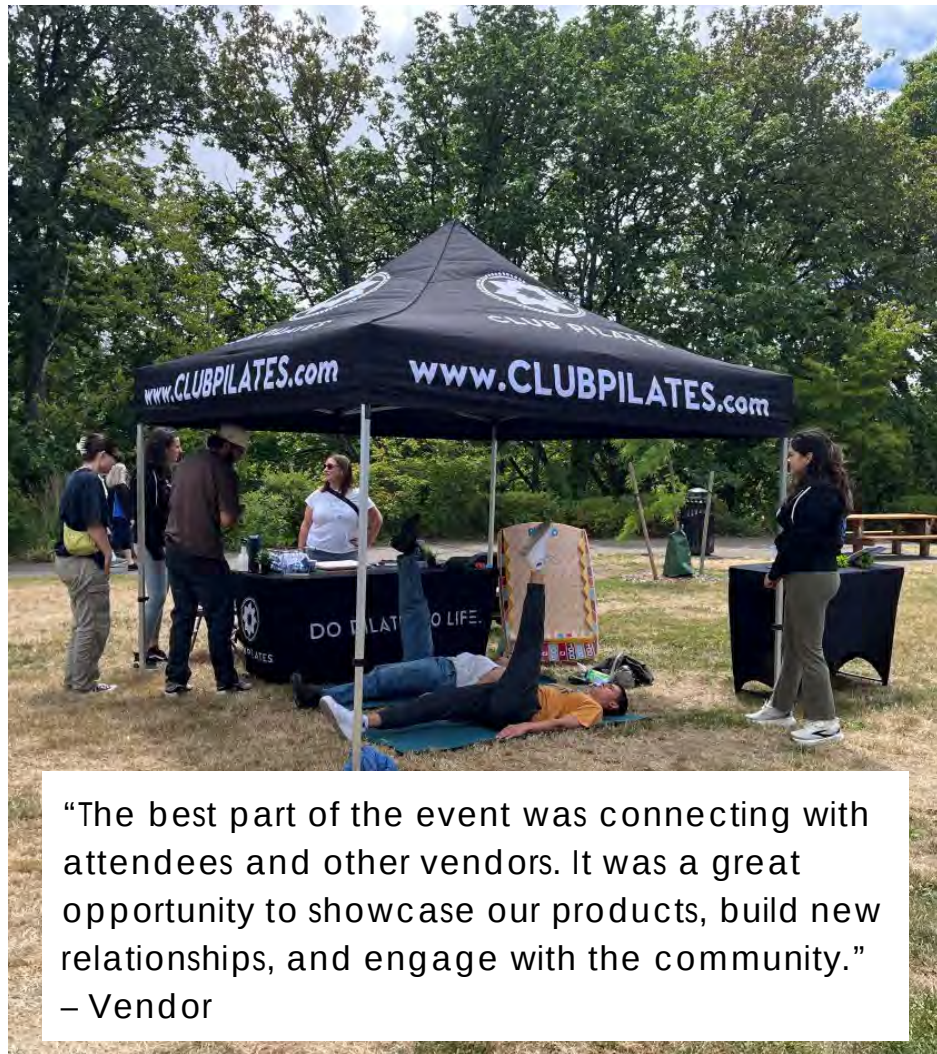


Invest in our local economy by creating opportunities for local businesses and nonprofits



104 vendors, activity hosts and performance groups participated, a **36% increase** from 2025.

94% of those who responded to our survey said they are definitely going to **participate again**.



“The best part of the event was connecting with attendees and other vendors. It was a great opportunity to showcase our products, build new relationships, and engage with the community.”
– Vendor

Increase environmental sustainability awareness and resiliency



Various organizations focused on sustainability participated in the event, including the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Greenbelt Land Trust, Marys River Watershed Council, and OSU Sustainability Office.

- The event showcased walking, biking, and rolling as **sustainable forms of transportation**.
- **OSU Solar Trailer** provided power to the stage and activities at the mid-route activity hub, which reduced the need for electric and gas generators.
- **Water refill stations** were available in both parks and along the route.
- Volunteers hauled water containers along the route by bicycle to refill reusable bottles.
- Local organizations provided information about **energy efficiency, reducing food waste, mending** clothing, and **transportation options**.
- Volunteers staffed waste stations to make sure items went into the correct bins.



Support equity and inclusion on event day and beyond

- All event activities were free
- A **free event shuttle** traveled between OSU and the route.
- Hands-on activities with the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center and Casa Latinos Unidos
- Skate Park activity hub featured information about Shawala Point and the Kaylapuya people
- Webpage and printed materials were **translated into Spanish**.



Research and Evaluation

Information gathering informs how we plan and implement Open Streets.

- **5,256 people** were counted crossing the route between 11:45 and 2:45 pm, twice as many as last year.
- Ridership for the event shuttle was **80**.



Volunteers make it possible

Open Streets Corvallis requires a significant volunteer commitment from individuals and community groups alike. **104 volunteers** filled 120 volunteer shifts, totaling over **206 hours** on the day of the event.

What was the best part of being a volunteer?

“Knowing I was **giving back** for the years I’ve been a bike riding participant.”

“The good feeling of helping a program that has gradual **long-term benefits for the community**: be a lot less vehicle dependent!

“Interacting with **happy people**.”





INITIATIVE PARTNERS



PROMOTER



ADVOCATE



SUPPORTER



FUN



The **Open Streets 2026 steering committee** was led by the City of Corvallis Active Transportation Group and included representation from the following:

- Benton County Health Department
- Cascade West Council of Governments
- City of Corvallis Parks & Recreation
- Corvallis Bicycle Collective
- Downtown Corvallis Organization
- Mid-Valley Bicycle Club
- OSU Transportation Services



Looking Ahead to Next Year

Save the date:
Sunday, June
27th, 2027

Next year's proposed route goes back to the original route from 2017 to celebrate the 11th Street Neighborhood Bikeway and 10 years since the first event.





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