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## May 2016 Newsletter

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### Stay Active This Summer with America Walks

There's no summer break for the walking movement. Keep on the walking path and:

- Gain the knowledge, training and tools to **successfully initiate local ballot initiatives** to support projects and infrastructure related to improving transit to develop walkable communities with [our new training series kicking off June 28th at 2pm Eastern](#)
- Use **#AsktheExperts** on Twitter and Facebook on June 16th at 2pm Eastern to get real-time support on programs, resources, funding and any other challenges facing walking advocates with our new online hotline.
- Gear up for summer walks with an America Walks Walkapocket. [Support our work with a donation of \\$60 or more and receive one as a free gift.](#)

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### America Walks Helps Keep Iowa on Path for Healthiest State

America Walks presented at the [Iowa Healthiest State Conference on May 19th](#)

which focused on ways the state can Step It Up!

The presentation covered a variety of topics including resources available from America Walks to help communities make safe, accessible and enjoyable



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places to walk. [For more on the presentation, click here.](#)

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## Go back to school with the 2016 Walking College!

- Meet the [25 Walking College Fellows](#) who will be participating in the 2016 program
- Get a preview of the [course curriculum](#) that will kick off in June.
- Learn alongside the Walking College by joining them for webinars. The first Walking College webinar, "[Why Walking and Walkability?](#)" is June 16th at 2pm Eastern.



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## Walking School Bus Takes Steps to Combat Childhood Obesity

[Healthy West Kendall](#) is an initiative powered by West Kendall Baptist Hospital but driven by the community, with vision of becoming the Healthiest Community in Florida. This is the impetus behind a recent Walking School Bus project that partnered the hospital and area schools in an effort to encourage kids and families to incorporate physical activity into their everyday lives.



[Click here to learn how WKBH led more than 230 students for Walking School Bus events this spring.](#)

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## What We're....

- Reading: [This article](#) on one of the original walking champion Jane Jacobs as we celebrated her 100th birthday throughout May
- Watching: [This powerful video](#) on how highways destroyed the face and culture of American cities.
- Planning: A trip to Sacramento for [Street Lights, the first-ever Complete Streets Conference](#) on November 15.



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