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20 years strong AMERICA WALKS

December 2017

Thank You for a Remarkable 2017

The strength of America Walks stems directly from the network of supporters who are working to create safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active in communities across the US. This network of walking champions led to our greatest year yet- **hosting thousands of advocates on our free webinars**, convening over 600 people at the **2017 National Walking Summit**, and working with **dozens of communities through our Community Change Grant Program**.

This growth has us excited to get to work on 2018. We will start the year off with **new webinars** and **an episode of our Walking Towards Justice series**. Staff is hard at work planning for the **next class of the Walking College**. And stay tuned- the announcement of our recent Community Change grantees is coming soon. See you in 2018!

Seven Case Studies for Complete Streets

Check out what seven communities are doing to make complete streets a reality with this new blog post from Congress for the New Urbanism, a lead organization for December's Monthly Theme "Paving the Way." The post features a compelling video of transformations from automobile-oriented thoroughfares to people-first design. Join the conversation with #Places4People through the end of the month.



Release Your Inner Storyteller

Storytelling can be a powerful part of making the case for walking and walkability and, to that end, we want to hear from you. **Submit an idea for a blog post** and

you could see your work featured on the America Walks website.

Get Ready for Walk/Bike/Places in New Orleans in 2018

Let your voice be heard at **Walk/Bike/Places to be held in New Orleans in 2018**. The **call for proposals is open now** through February 2nd. Join more than 1,500 planners, placemakers, designers, researchers, students, engineers, advocates, and others in New Orleans for the annual conference.



Passionate about walking but not sure how to make your community more walkable?

America Walks invites you to apply for a **2018 Walking College Fellowship** to help you build a local walking movement and take your advocacy work to the next level. The application process will be open from February 1st - 28th, and there's an **"Orientation to the Walking College" webinar on February 8th**. America Walks is an inclusive organization and we seek applications from diverse individuals who are interested in getting involved in the walking movement.

What We're Reading

A look at some of the articles floating around our networks this month:

- Does urban planning have a sexism problem? **This question is tackled by Katrina Johnston-Zimmerman in Next City**. Get more from the author in **this podcast episode** featuring our Executive Director Kate Kraft.
 - ProPublica **released the next article in their important series** with a look at how ticketing for jaywalking can lead to community members having an inability to get to work or school. Get more from the author on the **second episode of our Walking Towards Justice discussion series**.
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Mark Your Calendars

- **January 10th at 2pm Eastern, 11am Pacific:** Start the year out right with our first webinar of 2018, **"Creating Safe Spaces for All Community Members."** Be sure to check out the listing of **our first six webinars for the new year**.
 - **January 16th:** W.K. Kellogg Foundation hosts the **National Day of Racial Healing (#NDORH)** to call for racial healing and take collective action to create a more just and equitable world. **Learn how to participate here.**
 - **January 18th at 2pm Eastern, 11am Pacific:** Join us for the 2nd episode of our Walking Towards Justice discussion series, **"The Criminal Justice System's Impact on Walking and Walkability in Low-Income and Communities of Color."**
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