


## Bike the Heights – Pandemic Rides



- **Wilson-Terburg Family of University Heights**
- **Project Leaders/Managers:**  
10-year old Daniel Terburg and his parents
- **Type:**
  - Health & fitness
  - Socializing
  - Education & safety
- **Description:** Parental challenge to cycle every street in University Hts.
- **Year Started: 2020**

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With summer camp off due to Covid-19, Daniel Terburg accepted his parents' challenge to bike every street in the City of University Heights. Daniel mapped out the rides. Bart and Carolyn rode along and took pictures of Daniel with street signs throughout the city.

### Hello!

My name is Daniel Terburg! I am 10 years old and just finished the fourth grade! This summer is different from many of my past summers. This summer, camp is closed due to a global pandemic. I like biking so, my parents gave me the challenge of biking on every single street in my city, University Heights, this summer. They thought this would help entertain me during social distancing. They also thought this would help me learn how to read maps, create routes, and would help me learn to blog!

So, we started our "Bike The City" project today, Saturday May 30, 2020! I created my first bike route tonight. We started from our house and Dad took pictures of me every time we went on a new street.

Here's the route we took today. The route is highlighted in blue ink. The city borders are shown on the map so I know how to create my routes.

1. **REQUIRED:** Provide contact information in case we need to contact you about this program.  
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**Participants:**

One 10-year-old boy named Daniel

**Staff & volunteers:**

Two – his parents

**Location:** Every street in University Hts.

**Program frequency:**

~Weekly

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By the second ride, Daniel and family wanted to track mileage so they discovered <https://www.plotaroute.com/> . This is free and can be used by anyone. Hi this is me checking back in on my second blog! I did not ride yesterday because i needed some extra rest. This ride we got 10 new streets.we got Meadowbrook, Mirmar, Milford, Claridge Oval, Charney, Bethany, Fenwick, Hillbrook, Saybrook and Tyndall. We were interested in are mileage so we looked on <https://www.plotaroute.com> and found out how far we went. We found out we went 3.077 miles on our route.

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- **Unique!** A way to stay active and get outside even when summer sports were canceled
- **Benefits, Goals and Results:** Learned how to navigate, blog, create Excel worksheets and graphs, discovered new places, and gained confidence to be able to explore the neighborhood independently
- **Transferability:** Any family can do this – for FREE!



Interesting fact: we found a small park on Silsby Road.

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Daniel learned how to navigate his community, keep track of his mileage and learn about his neighborhood. He discovered new places. Becoming familiar with the area allowed him to gain independence on his bike during the summer. He learned to ride his bike independently to a friends house a few streets over and to ride to Cleveland Heights to see his grandparents!

When asked what he liked best about riding all of University Heights, Daniel said he loved how quiet most of our streets are and how easy it is to ride. He said he loved exploring and seeing all the beautiful homes. He even found the pocket park on Silsby, which he didn't even know about till he saw it.

Blog Post #4

June 16, 2020

Hi! Sorry it has been a while since our last blog. We have been very busy in the last week. This time we got 12 new streets. We biked 3.56 miles, our longest ride of this adventure. Interesting fact: we found a small park on Silsby Road. Here are some picture from the street sings and a picture of our route. See if you can find the University Heights police car in one of the photos!

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<https://bikettheheights.blogspot.com/>

### Blogging!

Daniel taught himself to blog.

- 8 Posts
- Shared mileage
- Described routes



A roadkill license plate for Dad's collection!



Route Planning

Blogging



You might notice that we are wearing masks because it is now mandatory to wear masks in our county

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When Daniel and his family completed the rides, and the blog, Daniel's mom posted a link to the blog on Nextdoor.com and on her Facebook page.

The summer of 2020 was difficult for many families with children. Daniel missed seeing his friends and did not think he would have anything exciting to share with friends about his summer adventures. His parents told him that this bike adventure was an exciting activity and that the Mayor of University Heights would definitely be interested to hear about Daniel's biking adventure.

The Nextdoor.com post garnered lots of positive community feedback:

Arlene Rosenberg from University Heights West wrote – "What a great idea- and a great accomplishment (and fun family project) for your ten year old son!"

Amy R from University Heights West wrote- "Love this!! What a great way to see our city, get exercise and enjoy time together!"

Michael Bohan from The Heights wrote- "Wonderful project and something to remember as he grows up"

The Nextdoor.com post was noticed by some members of the Heights Bicycle Coalition who in turn, with parental permission, wrote an article in their newsletter with a link to Daniel's blog.

The Facebook post generated lots of comments from family and friends. Daniel had just completed the fourth grade at Hawken school and a staff member from Hawken saw the Facebook post and Hawken in turn posted the blog link on the school Facebook page!

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### WINNER!

- University Hts. Mayor Brennan presented Daniel with a proclamation recognizing his achievement
- Sept. 4, 2020 was proclaimed "Daniel Terburg Day" in the City of University Heights.



HOME SWEET HOME!



Exploring the new Warrensville Ctr. Road bike lane

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### Post from City of University Heights

Mayor Brennan heard about Daniel's project. He told Daniel, "I've walked every street in this city, but I've never kept such careful notes." The Mayor presented Daniel with a proclamation today, recognizing his achievement and proclaiming today "Daniel Terburg Day" in the City of University Heights.

So what about next summer? Daniel hopes Covid-19 will be behind us all and he can resume playing team sports. But he also has bigger rides in mind. Maybe all the streets of another nearby city. Maybe the Netherlands where his father is from.

Thank you, Daniel, and thank you Carolyn and Bart, for inspiring Daniel to explore our bikeable streets and showcase them as you did by recording the experience. Families like this one, and our bikeable streets are among the reasons why University Heights is So Much More Than Home.