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**The Ventura Police Department Encourages Community Members to Make
Bicycle Safety a Top Priority**
May is National Bicycle Safety Month

While the “Stay Well At Home” Order is in effect, we understand many residents need to perform essential errands and get outside for exercise. The City of Ventura and the Ventura Police Department encourage bicycle riders and motorists to share the road safely.

The City of Ventura is a bicycle friendly community and received a bronze award from The League of American Bicyclists for 2017-2021. With over 60 miles bicycle lanes, 35 miles of bike routes and paths, and over 400 lockers and racks, our residents can safely enjoy the outdoors on two wheels.

During National Bicycle Safety Month, the Ventura Police Department encourages those out walking, driving or riding their bikes to take an active role in preventing collisions and look out for one another while practicing social distancing measures.

“We are committed to keeping our streets safe for everyone who uses them,” said Corporal Al Gomez. “Although there is currently less vehicular traffic on our roadways, as the weather warms up, more residents will be using our roads to enjoy time outside. Whether a person cycles or drives, safety should always be a top priority.”

The Ventura Police Department offers the following tips to help keep you and your family safe:

- Always wear a properly-fitted helmet and never ride impaired.
- Follow social distancing measures and maintain at least six feet of physical space between other riders and those out walking.
- Be seen: wear brightly colored clothing and have bike lights handy (front white light and rear red flashing light or reflectors)
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Know the Rules of the Road- A bicyclist is considered a vehicle on the road, with all the rights and responsibilities of motorized traffic. Bicyclists must travel in the same direction as traffic.
- Keep outside trips to a minimum; they should only be to get essential items or exercise.

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