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A new Bike Skills Park gets a test drive in the New Columbia neighborhood of north Portland. The safe riding area was made possible by a grant of \$15,500 from the Portland Development Commission. PHOTO BY MELINDA MUSSER

Dream ^{in the} Making

Bike Skills Park celebrated by New Columbia neighbors

Residents of the New Columbia neighborhood are celebrating the grand opening of a new Bike Skills Park. Located on the corner of North Trenton Street and Woolsey

Avenue, the park will offer a safe riding area for people of all ages and skill levels.

"Last year, this once vacant lot transformed into a vibrant, active space for the New Columbia community with the completion of the Bike Repair Hub," noted Jonnie Ling, Community Cycling Center director of operations. "We are so excited to work with residents on skill devel-

opment this year at the new Bike Skills Park; it's a dream that's been in the making for quite some time."

The Bike Skills Park project was made possible by a \$15,500 grant from the Portland Development Commission. Home Forward, the property owner, will provide ongoing maintenance and security for the Skills Park.

We All Can Ride -- New Columbia's bike committee -- and Community Cycling Center staff and volunteers will offer residents group instruction and skill development training.

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