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### **Annual Riverview Bike Races Set**

Kankakee, IL – The Riverview Historic District is pleased to welcome the South Chicago Wheelmen bicycle racing organization to Kankakee on **June 21** for the annual Cobb Park Criterium. 11 races make up the day's competitions for racers of a variety of age groups and skill levels. The first event takes to the .7 mile course at 11:00 a.m. with the final event set for 6:45 p.m.

The event regularly draws over 150 bike racers from around the Midwest to the scenic course that circles Cobb Park and cuts its way through the Riverview neighborhood.

"Within the last couple years, this event had started earlier," said Bill Yohnka event organizer and Riverview resident. "What the South Chicago Wheelmen discovered was that people really liked the fast flat course along the river and word was spreading about

the event to racers further away. The later starting time should help to increase the number of racers competing."

"This is really a spectacular event to witness," said Scott Watson, President of the Riverview Historic District. "It is a great opportunity to have a picnic in Cobb Park and enjoy the grace of this high-speed competition."

There is also an opportunity for those interested in bike racing themselves to get a taste for the sport when the South Chicago Wheelmen start the day with a racing clinic at 10:30am. Those interested in the clinic can email the Wheelmen at [gassniffer@comcast.net](mailto:gassniffer@comcast.net).

The event is sanctioned by USA Cycling and the Illinois Cycling Association.

For more information on the races contact Bill Yohnka at 815.933.0462, e-mail [kankakeechamber@gmail.com](mailto:kankakeechamber@gmail.com) or find more information at the South Chicago Wheelmen website by visiting <http://www.southchicagowheelmen.com/races.html>.

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