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Cyclists head out from the GVR East Center at the start of Green Valley's Ride of Silence on May 17.

## RIDE OF SILENCE

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ore than 80 cyclists from across Southern Arizona participated in Green Valley's 18th annual Ride of Silence on Wednesday.

Riders set off for a seven-mile silent ride from the GVR East Center around 6 p.m., with safety escorts provided by the Green Valley Fire District, the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Green Valley Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers.

Started in 2003, and held every year since on the third Wednesday in May, the Ride of Silence aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to

## Watch the video

The Green Valley News asked cyclists what the Ride of Silence means to them, and who they were thinking of at this year's event.

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the public roadways, and is also a chance to honor the lives of cyclists who have been killed or injured.



Photos by **Kevin Murphy** Green Valley New **Above:** Chuck Hill, longtime local organizer of Green Valley's Ride of Silence, speaks about the event ahead of the ride at GVR East Center on May 17.

**At left:** David Waechter, who works with the "3 Feet Please" initiative, poses with his bike at the GVR East Center before heading out during Green Valley's Ride of Silence on May 17.



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