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### Second Annual Papillion Twilight Criterium

(Papillion) – Mayor James Blinn announces that the City of Papillion will again be host to a USA Cycling event. The Papillion Twilight Criterium will be held on Saturday, July 12 in downtown Papillion. This is a Nebraska Rider of the Year event that is sure to attract some of the best cyclists from across the Midwest. Last year's race included participants who traveled from eight states and such talent as Catherine Walberg, a former National Cyclocross Champion, and Brian Jensen who had just returned from racing internationally as a professional. Steve Tilford, a five time national cyclocross champion and racing legend, has already registered for this year's Pro 1-2 event. There will be nine separate races with the Men Pro1-2 event kicking off at 8 pm. With over \$5,000 in prizes on the line, there will be a lot to race for.

The start/finish line will be located east of City Hall at Jefferson and Third Street. Spectators can sit in bleachers along Jefferson Street, bring lawn chairs or simply meander along the course to see all the excitement. Racing starts at 2 pm and continues until 9pm.

There will be a "kids race" at 4:45 pm for children 12 and under. An inflatable bounce house will be set up for children north of the Library; food and nutrition vendors will also be on-site throughout the day.

This year's race is part of the Omaha Cycling Weekend, an omnium series that also includes the Mt. Michael Time Trial on Saturday morning and the Babcook Memorial Criterium on Sunday. The Babcook Family Research Fund Cycling Tour is also being held Sunday morning, with all proceeds being donated to the UNMC Eppley Cancer Center.

Sponsors making this great event possible include the Papillion Community Foundation; Thompson, Dreessen & Dörner Engineering; The Midwest Cycling Community – HighGear Bicycle Store; and Tri-V Tool & Manufacturing.