100 - 200 in the summer months

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children to the ride.

First Theme Ride **Meetup Point Moves to**

annual large ride.

isn't just for Halloween. Theme rides in which people wear costumes and play music become a regular part of Critical Mass and attract parents and

Brooklyn Bridge 2001 - No Police

Ridership hovers in mid-100s for several years

Critical Mass Explodes

In June of 2003 the ride grows to 800 people. It then doubles to

June 03 '\
800 Riders

1600 in July!

Critical Mass grows to 2000 riders in good weather

errorism" the NYPD asks and is granted looser restrictions on surveilling lawful political activity.

Before RNC

Halloween 2003



by the "February 14," the 14 riders arrested

locks and seizing bikes.

the previous month. Over the next year Case: Bray vs. City of NY reeWheels becomes the primary bulwark

In October the NYPD seize bikes of four gainst NYPD harassment of Critical Mass ders. The organization raises \$20,000 fo The City for unreasonable seizure. The court orders the NYPD to stop clipping

legal aid and establishes a free loaner bik program for people who have had their bikes taken by police.

> heavily flier the ride asking The NYPD responds by

Monthly Number of Arrests

Case: City of NY vs. Time's Up! The first of two big victories fo cyclists which end the first period of arrests. The City asks court to bar four members of Time's Up! from riding in Critical Mass, and they ask court to bar Time's Up! from even writing

about the ride. Court refuses.

NYPD issues hundreds of tickets for fake violations like "not far left enough".

says The City's "Parade Perm

defendants arrested at Critical Mass, and the Parade Permit

rules are unconstitutional.

scheme doesn't apply to

unless unlawful activity is expected and NYF applies for permission to tape.

campaign and begins a period of vigorously ticketing cyclists.

Court Re-imposes Handschu Restrictions

legal defense team and fund is established

May is Bike Month

ride expected to

be rebound again

any "public gathering" of 50 or more people. Community groups, the NYC Bar, and Civil Rights advocates object and say only City Council should be creating such laws.

Council Speaker Christine

Quinn calls the new rules "a

practical approach to traffic and public safety issues" and roadblocks efforts by other

Council Members to override

5 Borough Bike Club Sues City Over New Parade Permit Rules

NYPD from enforcing new rules. Case is pending.