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Ride On!



Levels of support for active living

The Ride Java Back is designed to fit nearly everyone, with the exception of those who require a Custom Back. Available heights are grande (top of shoulder), tall (mid-scapulae), and regular (below scapulae) -- all in depths of either three or six inches. A well-fitting back truly works in tandem with a cushion, to help relieve pressure and increase stability. Learn more about the Java Back [here](#) .



Protect your mobility

A new U.S. Medicare Supplier Survey identifies major access issues for people who use complex manual wheelchair systems due to inappropriate Medicare payment cuts. Get more details [here](#) , and consider reaching out to Congress to help fix this issue.

Re-imagining playgrounds



The design of most urban play areas inadvertently excludes a significant portion of the population the playgrounds were built to serve. But things are changing... nonprofit organizations and city officials are rethinking what an accessible playground looks like and how parks can serve the full range of needs found in a community. What does an inclusive playground look like anyway? When playgrounds are well designed from the beginning, no one is left out.

We're all for that!

Fun Finds / Resources

- Lands' End will launch a Universal Collection of adaptive clothing, Lands' End School on September 1, designed to help make it easier for students with disabilities to dress themselves. All the pieces in the line resemble traditional Lands' End clothing but feature adaptive closures and sensory-friendly finishes.



- Forty years ago, disability activists stopped traffic on a street corner in Denver; the end result of their efforts was the first accessible public transportation system in the US. But that wasn't the start—or the end—of their civil rights fight. Learn how Denver's disability activists transformed the city, here .

Thanks for reading!
Your friends at Ride Designs



P.S. If you somehow missed the last newsletter... check out the most-read story , including video of the almost-mesmerizing process of making a Ride Custom Back as hot, high-grade prosthetic plastic is vacuum-formed to a specific client's back shape.

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