

City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility



Bloomington Observes Disability Awareness & Accessibility Awareness Months!

Calendar of Events During March and April 2013

March 2013

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March 1: Stone Belt Art Gallery First Friday Open House
Explore the gallery's collection from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, 107 W. Ninth St. Light refreshments will be available. BPP play *Blizzard* will start at 7:30 p.m.

March 2: People and Animal Learning Services (PALS)

Volunteer Training

Training will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. for volunteers who want to help children and adults with disabilities learn to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons as well as helping groom, saddle, train and care for horses and helping with barn chores. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. No horse experience is necessary. A commitment of three to four hours per week is requested. PALS is located at 680 W. That Rd. For information, contact Taryn Lyman, taryn@palstherapy.org or 812-360-1342.

March 4: Only God Could Hear Me Film Screening

Only God Could Hear Me, a documentary about three adults with severe communication disabilities, will be shown at 7 p.m. at the IU Cinema, 1213 E. 7th St. Chris Klein, who stars in the film and who accesses his communication device using his toe, will answer questions. The event is sponsored by SHOUT, the AAC-in Action Group, the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, and others. For information, contact Beth Ahmad at bea.cons@prentrom.com.

March 5: AAC-In-Action Presents Chris Klein

The AAC-in-Action Collaborative Project at the IU School of Education will present Chris Klein, who will speak about the use of augmentative and alternative communication devices. Born with cerebral palsy, Klein uses augmentative communication to interact with the world. A graduate of Hope College who has studied at Western Theological Seminary, he formed the organization BeCOME AAC: Building Connections with Others through Mentoring and Education about AAC. He is president of the U.S. Chapter of the International Society for AAC. The event will take place from 8:30-11:30am in the Dogwood Room of the Indiana Memorial Union. To attend, RSVP to Aimee Polk, aimpolk@indiana.edu.

March 5: Disability Awareness Resource Fair

Indiana University's Office of Diversity Services will host an interactive Disabilities Awareness Fair from noon to 3 p.m. at the Wells Library, 1320 E. 10th St. The Fair will explore disabilities and what resources are available at IU and in the community. For more information, contact Rajaan Edwards at edwardrj@indiana.edu or 812-855-7578.

March 5: Luckey Film Screening

This documentary chronicles the life of Tom Luckey, who created the Luckey Climber after a fall from a second story window in 2005 left him paralyzed from the shoulders down. In spite of the accident, he continued to live a full and creative life that included designing more Luckey Climbers with the help of his son Spencer. The film will be shown from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the YES Cinema, 328 Jackson St., in Columbus, IN. The event is free and open to the public. Donations accepted will benefit the Arts Council's annual VSA Indiana Festival.

March 7: "Ask the U.S. Access Board" Webinar

The U.S. Access Board will provide answers to questions about the 2010 ADA Standards and Architectural Barriers Act's accessibility standards. Participants are asked to submit questions in advance. The event is free and will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Participants must register at <http://www.accessibilityonline.org>. Matt Norris, adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.

March 11: "The WHO Age-Friendly Community Movement: Planning for All Ages and Abilities in Portland, Oregon" Chat with Alan DeLaTorre

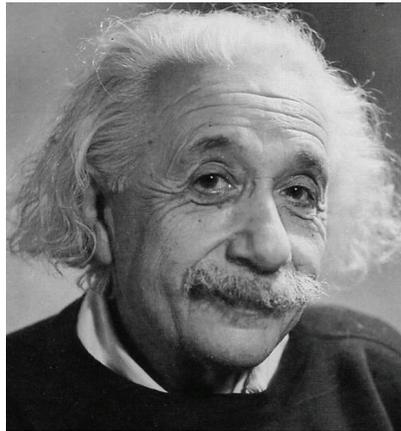
A researcher and instructor at Portland State University, DeLaTorre is project manager for Portland's Age-Friendly Cities project. The chat is co-sponsored by the City of Bloomington Commission on Aging and the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. The chat will take place from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St. Lunch will be served and pre-registration is required by March 7. To register, contact Phil Stafford at staf-for@indiana.edu or 812-855-2163.

March 13: Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility (MCCAM)

MCCAM attempts to improve access to public transportation for people with disabilities in Monroe County. This special meeting of MCCAM will take place from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2853 E. 10th St. Regular meetings are the second Wednesday of most months. For information, email mccaccess@live.com or visit MCCAM's Facebook page.

March 14: Parent Connections for Independence

Parent Connections for Independence is a support group for parents of adults with disabilities. This special meeting will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the College Mall food court, upper level. Regular meetings are the second Thursday of each month. Meetings alternate between monthly presentations and parent discussion groups throughout the year. Vonnie Peischl, vpeischl@indiana.edu or Suzie Rimstidt at sicilmonroe@msn.com.



Albert Einstein had a learning disability and did not speak until the age of three.

March 18: American Council of the Blind monthly Meeting

Bloomington's chapter of The American Council of the Blind (ACB), Heartland Association of ACB, meets the third Monday of each month. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 100 State Road 46. For information, contact the Heartland Association of ACB at 812-269-6531 or Barbara Salisbury at barbara.salisbury@att.net.

March 19: "Throwing the Switch: Empowering Advocates to Make the Most of Current Trends in Disability and Technology Policy"

This audio conference sponsored by the ADA National Network will familiarize attendees with the latest developments in technology policy. Attendees can expect practical advice on how people with disabilities can make use of complaints and other processes to advocate and ensure accessibility. The conference will be streamed publicly from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Indiana Institute on Disability and

Community, 3853 E. 10th St., building L. For information, contact Matt Norris at adainfo@indiana.edu or 912-855-6508.

March 20: "Reasonable Accommodations in Employment: A General Update with Emphasis on Leave and Reassignment"

This webinar sponsored by the ADA National Network will feature attorney Brian East discussing the rights of persons with disabilities to reasonable accommodation in employment and a general update on new or notable cases, including claims of the defense of "undue hardship." The webinar is free from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants must register online. For information, contact Matt Norris at adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.

March 20: 2013 Employer Recognition Ceremony

Diversity Works of Bloomington, a partnership of Work One and Vocational Rehabilitation, will highlight ten local businesses for their employment of persons with disabilities. The ceremony will run from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Fountain Square Ballroom.

March 20 - 21: Building Leadership Series Workshops

The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community is hosting leadership workshops for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The two-day workshops will take place at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2853 E. 10th St. Contact Jennie Todd at jeptod@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.



March 21: "Accessibility Testing in Enterprises Big and Small"

This webinar sponsored by the ADA National Network will look at accessible website testing and review tools, including automated tools for large enterprises and small free tools for small non-profits with few pages. The webinar is free and will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants must register [online](#). For information, contact Matt Norris at adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.

March 21: "Way to Go" Travel Training

Bloomington Transit will host free individual and group training about navigating the city bus system. Sessions are held each month and additional classes can be arranged. The sessions will take place at 10 a.m. at Bloomington Transit, at 130 W. Grimes Lane. Eli McCormick at mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com.

March 22 - March 28: "Community Connections" Resource Fair

This year's theme emphasizes access, engagement, and relationships, the vital links of a connected, livable community. Appropriate housing, supportive and accessible community services, and physical and environmental features allowing everyone to live independently are illustrated. Materials are sponsored by Duke Energy and resources are provided by Ivy Tech-Bloomington students, faculty, and staff. The event is free and will take place at the second floor rotunda of Ivy Tech-Bloomington, 200 Daniels Way. For information, contact Sue Gauck at sgauck@ivytech.edu or 812-330-6046.

March 22 - April 7: *Next To Normal* Performance.

Next to Normal is the story of a suburban mom's struggle with bipolar disorder and her family's efforts to keep it together. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Tony Awards, *Next to Normal* is about honestly coming to terms with the past and bravely facing the future. The musical is directed by Cardinal Artistic Director Randy White, with musical direction by Dan Lodge-Rigal and featuring a powerhouse cast of actors from Bloomington, New York and Chicago. The musical will open at Ivy Tech's John Waldron Arts Center, 122 S. Walnut St. For information, including show times, visit www.cardinalstage.org/plays.

March 23: Bloomington AIDS Walk

Funds raised at the South Central Community AIDS Action Group's 9th annual Bloomington AIDS Walk will be used to provide nutritional supplements, transportation, and case management so patients can be linked to medical care and housing. Volunteers are needed for setup, registration, route monitoring and tear-down. The minimum volunteer age is 18, or 12 with an adult. The event will take place at the Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park (formerly Third Street Park). For information, contact Meredith Short at mshort4@iuhealth.org or 812-353-3273.

April 1: CCA Accessibility Screening Committee Meeting.

This 11 a.m. meeting is open to everyone who is interested in making Bloomington more accessible. The meeting is at City Hall's Hooker Conference Room, 401 N. Morton St. For information, Craig Brenner, brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.



Heather Whitestone was the first deaf winner of the Miss America Competition.

April 1: Public workshop on the MPO Transportation Plan.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serves the City of Bloomington, Town of Ellettsville, and parts of Monroe County, and includes IU and Bloomington Transit as planning partners. The MPO provides a forum for coordinating transportation planning practices of local communities within a regional framework that benefits all citizens. Vince Caristo, caristov@bloomington.in.gov.

April 2: Be More Awards Celebration

The Be More Awards enable Bloomington to honor and applaud the outstanding but often unrecognized efforts of our volunteers. Ten awards will be presented during a celebration honoring all nominees, and a \$500 check will be presented to each recipient's volunteer organization. The celebration will take place at 7 p.m. at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 East Kirkwood Ave. For information, Bet Savich or Lucy Schaich, volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or 812-349-3433.

April 3: Monroe/Owen Community Transition Council Resource Fair

The Monroe/Owen County Transition Council collaborates with schools, families, agencies and businesses in assisting youth as they prepare for their lives tomorrow. The event will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Ivy Tech-Bloomington, 200 Daniels Way.

April 4: Stone Belt of Columbus Open House.

Learn about Stone Belt's programs from agency leadership at 1531 13th St., Columbus, from 5—7 p.m. Client led tours, art exhibit/raffle and light refreshments provided. Stone Belt offers a full range of services for people with disabilities including Residential, Lifelong Learning, Arts, Community Employment, and Milestones Clinical & Health Resources. Contact Ilese Sabelhaus, isabelha@stonebelt.org or 812-376-7149 ext. 225.

April 5: Stone Belt Art Gallery Artist Exhibition

Visit the Stone Belt Art Gallery for an artist exhibition and reception featuring artwork by Stone Belt's client artist Justin Phillips and other Stone Belt artists. The Art Gallery is an extension of Stone Belt's Lifelong Learning Arts program. The exhibition will take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, 107 W. Ninth St. For information, contact Jana Lashbrook at jlashbrook@stonebelt.org.

April 6: 2013 Hoosier Half Marathon

This is the eighth Hoosier Half Marathon and 5K (formerly the IU Mini Marathon), presented by the Indiana Running Company. This year the marathon will support Stone Belt and other community nonprofits. Registrants can sign up to be on the "Stone Belt Team" and a portion of the registration fee will go to Stone Belt. For information, www.hoosierhalf.com.

April 6: Bridge the Gap. Bridge the Gap is hosted by Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, Inc. (CASCI) at First Presbyterian Church, 221 E. 6th St. from 11:00am-1:30pm and provides fun and socialization for people on the waiting list for an Advocate. Participants will enjoy a "hands on" activity so that volunteer "Friends for the Day" and "Partners for the Day" get to know each other while celebrating similarities and differences. Afterward, everyone will enjoy a meal. Participants include matched Advocates and Partners, people on the waiting list, and CASCI's volunteer Friends for the Day. Advance registration required. Park north of the church, accessible from 7th Street. To register: Diana Reynolds, casci.inc@gmail.com or 812-325-8969.

April 10: Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility (MCCAM) MCCAM attempts to improve access to public transportation for people with disabilities in Monroe County. This special meeting of MCCAM will take place from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2853 E. 10th St. Regular meetings are the second Wednesday of most months. mccaccess@live.com or visit MCCAM's [Facebook page](#).



Stevie Wonder has been blind from infancy.

April 10: Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility (MCCAM) MCCAM attempts to improve access to public transportation for people with disabilities and meets the 2nd Wednesday most months. mccaccess@live.com and "like" on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/mccam.org>.

April 13: Barbershop Health Fair The Commission on the Status of Black Males and Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males offer health screenings from 9am-noon at Hoosier Barber Shop, 2534 E. 10th St., and at the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, 275 N. Jordan Ave. Professionals from IU Health, Centerstone, and Dr. Osmon's Chiropractic Center will provide blood pressure, lipid panels (fasting, 12 hours), A1C test for diabetes (non-fasting), spinal screening, HIV and Hepatitis C testing. Light refreshments will be served.

April 13: 2013 MOSAIC Diversity Film and Theatre Festival. The public is invited to "Celebrate Life: Suicide Prevention Film and Theatre Festival," free from 10:15am-3:30 pm at the Monroe County Public Library. The event will raise awareness about suicide prevention with a film, panel discussion, theater workshop, presentation and information. The film, *A Cry for Help*, is a documentary about teenage mental illness and suicide. MOSAIC Diversity Film and Theatre Festival is sponsored by the Community and Family Resources Department, Bloomington Meadows Hospital, the IU Commission on Multicultural Understanding, IU Office of Multicultural Initiatives and the Jason Foundation. Babita L. Upadhyay, bupadhya@indiana.edu, 856-4929, or Shameka Y. Neely, shyneely@indiana.edu or 349-3471.

April 13: 5th Annual Celebrating Abilities Resource Fair. Down Syndrome Family Connection will be presenting this year's Celebrating Abilities Resource Fair. Silly Safaris will be the featured animal presenter this year. A complimentary lunch will also be provided by Olive Garden. The event will take place from 10am-1pm at Ellettsville Christian Church, 731 Independence St., Ellettsville, IN. Cyndi Johnson, 720-9603 or info@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org

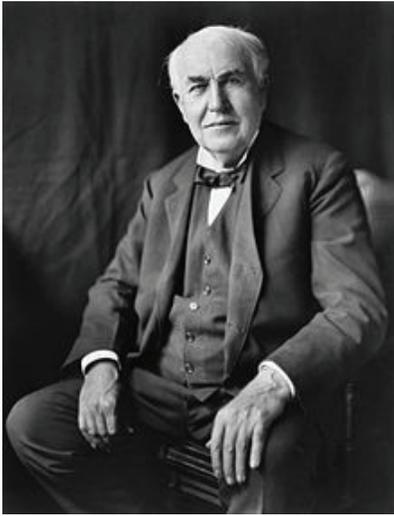
April 15: American Council of the Blind Monthly Meeting Bloomington's chapter, Heartland Association of ACB, meets the third Monday at 7 pm at St. Marks United Methodist, 100 St. Rd. 46. Contact the Heartland Association of ACB at 269.6531 or Barbara Salisbury, barbara.salisbury@att.net.

April 16 - May 21: Art Abilities - Dramatic Arts. Stone Belt offers dramatic arts instruction for elementary students with disabilities. Learn from a master's drama therapist who has directed and produced original theater productions with adults and children with disabilities. A snack is included. Six-week program is \$120; Medicaid waiver funding accepted. The program will take place from 4:30-6 pm at Stone Belt, 2815 E. 10th St. Susan Russ at sruss@stonebelt.org or at 332.2168.

April 22: Call-Out for Stone Belt Community Playback Troupe. Stone Belt Playback Theatre auditions for improvisational theatre: audience or troupe members tell stories that are enacted on the spot. Troupe includes actors from Stone Belt's clientele and others without disabilities. Seeking creative, supportive, caring, and spontaneous individuals! Previous experience not required. The troupe will be conducted by drama therapist Michelle Davenport, MA, RDT, CTRS, who has completed the conductor course at the international Playback Centre. www.playbackcentre.org. Members are asked for a one year commitment. Rehearsals will be twice a month first, then weekly. Culmination will be a performance in the 2014 *I Am You* at Bloomington Playwrights Project. To audition: Michelle Davenport, mdavenport@stonebelt.org or 812-332-2168 ext 229.



Carrie Fisher, an American actress, has bipolar disorder.



Inventor Thomas Edison lost almost all of his hearing by the age of twelve.

April 24: Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Citizens Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting. The goal of the Citizens Advisory Committee is to foster and develop awareness of transportation policy and planning. CAC reviews transportation projects and policies and makes recommendations to the Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The meeting will be from 6:30-8 pm in the McCloskey Room at City Hall. Anna Dragovich, dragovia@bloomington.in.gov or 349-3423 or <http://bloomington.in.gov/mpo>.

April 24 - 25: Building Leadership Series Workshops. IN Institute on Disability and Community leadership workshops for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Two-day workshops at 2853 E. 10th St. Jennie Todd, jeptod@indiana.edu.

April 25: Autism Workshops Stone Belt and Ivy Tech-Columbus will present an all-day learning event, including a Hands in Autism Workshop in the morning and a DSM-V Seminar in the afternoon, in the Columbus Learning Series. Presenters are staff of the Hands in Autism Interdisciplinary and Training Resource Center. The workshop will include general information on autism spectrum disorders, available supports,

rights and regulations, etc. The workshop includes lunch. The event will take place from 9 to 3 p.m. at the Columbus Learning Center, 4555 Central Ave., in Columbus, Ind. Maureen Gahan, mgahan@stonebelt.org.

April 29: City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility Monthly Meeting. The monthly meeting of the City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) is open to those interested in making Bloomington more accessible. The meeting is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the McCloskey Room at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St. Craig Brenner, brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.



Michael Phelps, an American swimmer and the most decorated Olympian of all time, has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

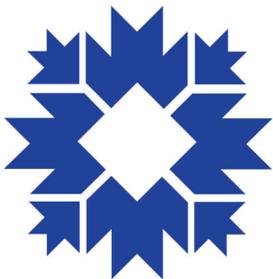


In the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Marla Runyan became the first legally blind athlete to compete in the Olympics.



F. Scott Fitzgerald, American writer best known for his book, *The Great Gatsby*, had a learning disability.

For information about Disability Awareness or Accessibility Awareness Month, please contact Craig Brenner, brennerc@bloomington.in.gov or 812-349-3471.



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