



Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." ~ Dalai Lama

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Fill the Holiday Volunteer Gap

Fill the volunteer gap when IU students and community members are on vacation! Your short-term assistance during the upcoming winter break will be a huge help to the agencies who rely on volunteers to maintain their services year-round. Some of the organizations that have difficulty filling the gap are: Boys and Girls Clubs, Community Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity and Habitat ReStore, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Interfaith Winter Shelter, Middle Way House, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, New Hope Family Shelter, SCCAP Circles Initiative, Shalom Community Center and Volunteers In Medicine. Please contact Bet Savich at volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or (812) 349-3472. (BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/fillthegap)

Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) seeks to expand involvement opportunities for Monroe County citizens and community organizations that have an active interest in local transportation issues. At monthly meetings, this committee reviews transportation projects and policies and provides recommendations to the Policy Committee of the MPO. People can attend occasionally or consistently. For voting privileges, people must attend for three consecutive meetings. Minimum age is 13. Please contact Anna Dragovich at (812) 349-3530 or dragovia@bloomington.in.gov. (bloomington.in.gov/mpo)

Join the Campaign to End Racism

Bloomington is one of eight anchor cities around the country to kick-off the national "Within Our Lifetime Campaign to End Racism". This campaign addresses racially inequitable systems and structures and the internal wounds they create. Participants will gain valuable grassroots organizing experience, connect with others, and help ensure that the IU campus and the Bloomington community are inclusive. The campaign currently includes a series of in-person Community Dialogue Sessions, webinars, and Facebook and Twitter conversations. Please contact Maqube Reese at withinourlifetime.in@gmail.com or (260) 312-5218. (www.withinourlifetime.net)

Bats and the Bees - MLK Day: Jan. 19

Join the Bloomington Community Orchard, Bloomington Environmental Commission, and Habitat Stewards for an afternoon of building biodiversity! From noon to 4 p.m. on Jan. 19, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, volunteers will build houses for bats and mason bees in the Community Orchard, thus ensuring good pollination rates for the fruit trees and berries grown there. Children as young as five are welcome to participate with their parents or guardians. Please contact Amy Roche at outreach@bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org or (812) 345-4008. (www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org)

Home Weatherization - MLK Day: Jan. 19

Volunteers for Change is organizing home weatherization teams, composed of four volunteers with a trained leader, to complete simple weatherization tasks in local homes of those in need. This event will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 19, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The homeowners will enjoy an immediate reduction in energy bills, and will be encouraged to be actively involved in the process and to invite friends and neighbors over to learn how to complete these tasks themselves. Volunteers will learn the basics of home weatherization while serving others and cutting energy use. No experience is necessary. Afterwards, volunteers will share their experiences over a cup of hot chocolate at Rachael's Cafe. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Anne McLaughlin at (812) 327-3804 or annetm@att.net. (www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/49407465090/?fref=ts)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Buskirk-Chumley Theater

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and managed by a non-profit organization, the theater hosts 200 events a year, making it one of the busiest community theaters in the country. To grant a wish, contact Rebecca Stanze at (812) 323-3023 or marketing@buskirkchumley.org.

Wishes: dishwasher (like-new), commercial ice maker (like-new), dark bath towels (new), copy paper (white and color), easels (tabletop and floor) (114 E. Kirkwood Av., www.buskirkchumley.org)

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

