



City of Bloomington  
COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY  
ACCESSIBILITY

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# ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS MONTH

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **CCA Accessibility Display**

The City of Bloomington's Council for Community will have a continuing accessibility display during the month of April. The display is located in the atrium display window on the first floor of City Hall. Free materials for the public will also be available. For further information, contact Lucy Schaich at [cca@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:cca@bloomington.in.gov).

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Transition Fair**

The Monroe/Owen Transition Council will host its annual Transition Fair on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Ivy Tech Community College in the Student Commons. There will be more than 30 vendors from adult service providers to recreation to advocacy to transportation represented. This year's theme is "Technology" and Wade Wingle from Easter Seals Crossroads will be the guest speaker. For further information, contact Brandi Hamilton at [bhamilton@lifedesignsinc.org](mailto:bhamilton@lifedesignsinc.org).

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

## **Play-n-Learn**

Parents and their children aged 0-3 with Down syndrome are welcome to attend this informative and fun play-therapy session hosted by Family Voices Indiana and Down Syndrome Family Connection. Key highlights include a 15-minute "Financial Fact Sheet" information session, a circle time featuring a music therapist, parent "chat" time while volunteers play with the kids, and complimentary refreshments. The event will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 7<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln. Please RSVP to Cyndi Johnson: [cyndi@fvindiana.org](mailto:cyndi@fvindiana.org).

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

## **Bloomington AIDS Walk**

The funds raised at the South Central Community AIDS Action Group's 12th annual Bloomington AIDS Walk will provide nutritional supplements, transportation, and case management services so that patients can be linked to medical care and housing. Volunteers are needed for setup, registration assistance, route monitoring, and tear down. The minimum volunteer age is 18 years old, or 12 years old when accompanied by an adult. The event will take place at the parking lot at 10th and Rogers (next to the B-Line trail). For more information, please contact Meredith Short: [mshort4@IUHealth.org](mailto:mshort4@IUHealth.org) or call 812-353-3254. Visit their website: [www.btownaidswalk.org](http://www.btownaidswalk.org).

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

## **"Way to Go" Travel Training**

Bloomington Transit hosts free travel training sessions for individuals and groups. The purpose is to teach people of all abilities to navigate the city bus system. Sessions are held each month. This April 24<sup>th</sup> class will begin at 1 p.m. Additional classes can be arranged. Interested persons or groups must RSVP. For more information and to RSVP, contact Eli McCormick, Customer Service Manager, at [mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com](mailto:mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com) or 812-336-7433.

## Sunday, April 19th

### **Homeward Bound Walk**

Bloomington Homeward Bound Walk will be hosted again in 2015 at the Waldron, Hill, & Buskirk Park (formerly known as 3rd Street Park, behind the Bloomington police station). There will be festivities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins at 12 noon and the walk begins at 1 p.m. Entertainment, live music, food, and fun activities will fill the park throughout the event. The walk raises funds to fight homelessness in Bloomington and Monroe County. For further information, contact Jeanice Chastain at [homewardboundbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:homewardboundbloomington@gmail.com) or 812-345-8622.

## Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

### **ADA Audio Conference: Topic to be announced**

While the topic and speaker are yet to be determined, please join us for a local hosting of the ADA Audio Conference. This 90-minute session will cover an issue related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. The moderator will leave time to take questions from the audience. This audio conference is free and will be held at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Building L from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Norris at [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu) or 812-855-6508.

## Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **“The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia”**

Pinnacle School and Learning Services is hosting a screening of “The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia” at the Monroe County Public Library at 5:30 p.m. followed by discussion at 6:30 p.m. Directed by James Redford, the film “provides personal and uplifting accounts of the dyslexic experience from children, experts, and iconic leaders...the film not only clears up the misconceptions about the condition, but also paints a picture of hope for all who struggle with it. Shining a spotlight on the latest scientific and psychological research...illustrates that while the condition is an obstacle, it also carries some unique advantages, and ultimately can be overcome.” For further information about this event, Pinnacle School, or dyslexia services, contact Taylor Wittmer at [twittmer@pinnacleschool.org](mailto:twittmer@pinnacleschool.org) or 812-339-8141.

## Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

### **City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) will be held on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the McCloskey Conference Room (#135). The meeting is open to all who are interested in making Bloomington a more accessible city. For more information, contact Lucy Schaich at [cca@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:cca@bloomington.in.gov).

## Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization – Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**

Interested citizens are invited to be an integral part of the local transportation planning process. The goal of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is to foster and develop citizen awareness of transportation policy and planning. At their monthly meetings, the CAC reviews transportation projects and policies, and makes recommendations to the Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This month’s meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in the McCloskey Room, Suite 135 at City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street. To participate, or for more information, contact Anna Dragovich at [dragovia@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:dragovia@bloomington.in.gov) or call 812-349-3423. Visit their website: <http://bloomington.in.gov/mpo>.

## Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **City of Bloomington Autism Awareness Event**

The third annual Autism Awareness Event will take place at City Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. The focus will be on employment, with this year’s theme of “Autism at Work.” The event is free and open to the general public. Multiple panelists will discuss challenges autism brings to the work world, best practices for employers, and benefits of hiring autistic employees. Additionally, discussion will focus on job social skills and the services and support Vocational Rehabilitation can offer.

Following the program, light refreshments will be served and attendees will have an opportunity to network and speak one-on-one with panelists. For further information, contact Nancy Woolery at [wooleryn@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:wooleryn@bloomington.in.gov) or 812-349-3851 or contact Kayla Turi at [turik@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:turik@bloomington.in.gov) or 812-349-3469.

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> / Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Design for a Small (Aging) Planet Symposium**

Forget "Silver Tsunami." An aging population is not a catastrophe, but an opportunity. A two-day public symposium on new thinking about the design of environments for a lifetime, "from Closet to Community," will be held at IU's Indiana Memorial Union on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The symposium, co-sponsored by the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community's Center on Aging and Community, is designed for professionals of all kinds and interested members of the public, and will present cutting edge thinking about ways design in the built and natural environment can enhance health, social life, and individual and community wellbeing in later life. Speakers will include prominent local, state, and national architects and designers focusing on such topics as the evolution of senior housing, new housing options, community design, intergenerational environments, and design for dementia. For more information about the symposium, cost, and registration, visit [www.iidc.indiana.edu/cacdesign](http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cacdesign) or contact Dr. Phil Stafford at [staffor@indiana.edu](mailto:staffor@indiana.edu) or 812-855-6508.