

The HAND Update



An informational newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents



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The weekday version of the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market will be open on Tuesdays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pavilion at Switchyard Park, 1601 S. Rogers St. Eight farmer vendors will be on-site with an array of fresh produce. The first half-hour of shopping, from 4:00-4:30 p.m., is reserved for people who are at a higher risk of contracting an illness. The Tuesday Market will operate in compliance with current public health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. More information is available [here](#).

Tuesday Farmers' Market Now Open



Forum to Connect People to Resources and Support



At the *People Helping People: Referrals and Resources* forum you will learn how you can get help and be helpful in this coronavirus world. The forum will focus on nonprofits, communities of faith, and businesses who are looking for answers, resources, and support. The forum will include a presentation on

HelpingBloomingtonMonroe.org from Bloomington Volunteer Network Director, Lucy Schaich, with time for attendees to ask questions and raise concerns about City programs & services and other issues of interest. The virtual forum will be held on Friday, June 26th at 2:30 p.m. To request the Zoom link please email Michael Shermis at shermism@bloomington.in.gov.

Training for Community Helpers



HelpingBloomingtonMonroe.org is a new City asset and community resource designed to make it easy for anyone to find and connect to free and reduced-cost social services. Free training is available for community helpers and providers/practitioners who wish to learn how to make the most of this online portal. View sessions and sign up [here](#).

COVID-19 Updates

The current Monroe County Health Department public health order is in effect Through July 3rd at 11:59 p.m. Monroe County is now in Stage IV, as set forth by the [Governor's Back on Track Indiana](#) plan, with a couple of noted exceptions. Please review the specifics in the official order [here](#).

Social distancing and the wearing of face coverings continue to be important when interacting with people outside your household. Community Organizations Active in Disaster for Monroe County (MoCOAD) is continuing their campaign to encourage and normalize the wearing of face coverings, and they need your help! Joining the effort is quick and easy. Simply take a photo of yourself wearing a face covering, post it to the social media platform of your choice, and include the hashtag [#WearItBt^{own}](#). And don't forget to wear your face covering in public!

MCUM Food Drive, June 27 & 28

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) is holding its annual *Each One Feed One Food Drive* on June 27 & 28. This year MCUM is looking for volunteers to host a drop-off site for food and cleaning/hygiene products at their homes, offices, etc. where your neighbors and passers-by can leave their items during the collection period. These donations will be picked up after the drive and taken to MCUM. All you have to do is supply the space, whether it is a tarp on your driveway, a bin at your place of work, or any other creative thing you can imagine. To volunteer to host a collection site, please email Madison at msilvers@mcum.org.



Each One, Feed One Food Drive

June 27th-28th
Neighborhoods across
Bloomington



Food and Cleaning/Hygiene Items

MCUM's food pantry is a "client-choice" food pantry; clients can select food items they want within our selection guidelines. This style of distribution allows clients to decide what they would like to eat, which respects their individuality while reducing food waste. Volunteers accompany clients as they make their choices in the shopping room, which is re-stocked each morning to ensure there are plenty of options. Donations are key to the pantry's success; they provide nearly everything that we are able to give to help others.

We accept all forms of non-perishable food items and cleaning/hygiene products. Here are our most-needed items:

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Meat: canned tuna, salmon, chicken, chili, hash, spam
- Boxed sides
- Corn bread mix
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix
- Mac and cheese
- Tomato sauce
- Canned pasta
- Rice, 1 pound packages
- Pasta
- Pudding
- Crackers
- Condensed soup
- Ramen Noodles
- Flour
- Sugar
- Oil
- Nut butters
- Beans
- General cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Dish Soap
- Kleenex
- Toothpaste

Our vision is to eliminate generational poverty for the people we serve.

