

The HAND Update

A newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS:

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- **Enter the [Neighborhood Association Logo Contest](#)**

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COVID-19 Updates: Gathering Limits & Mask Requirements

In light of continued concern over local signs of increasing transmission, Mayor Hamilton issued [Executive Order 20-02](#), which accelerates some of the provisions in the current [Monroe County Public Health Order](#). These provisions are currently in effect within the City of Bloomington:

- *Private* gatherings are limited to 50 people,
- Public *indoor* gatherings are limited to 100 people,
- Public *outdoor* gatherings are limited to 150 people.

In addition, face coverings are now mandatory in Bloomington and Monroe County. **Face coverings must be worn:**

- Indoors in a place other than your own home or that of an immediate family member,
- Outdoors when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible.

What do you do with your autumn leaves?



Every fall crews from the City of Bloomington make their way through the city streets to vacuum up fallen leaves. In preparation for leaf collection, residents are asked to rake the leaves on their properties to the edge of the street. In order to best understand how this program may be improved, City staff request input from all stakeholders who have interacted with the leafing program. Whether you own or rent your property, rake the leaves yourself or hire someone else to do it for you, or compost your leaves rather than rake them for pick up, we want to hear from you. Please complete the Bloomington Leafing Program Survey (available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) to tell us about your experience. Thank you!

Welcome to Bloomington information available

Every year HAND provides welcome information to landlords and neighborhoods to distribute to new tenants and neighbors.

Items include: (1) Noise ordinance door hangers, and (2) Welcome to Bloomington magnets. The [website featured on the magnet](#) includes links to important information for any new resident, including an [e-brochure designed especially for college students](#). Please contact HAND to arrange for pick-up of these items.



Neighborhood parking permits available online

Residents of Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11 may submit an application to purchase a 2020-2021 neighborhood parking permit [here](#). At this site, applicants may upload required documents, which may include current vehicle registration(s), driver's license, current property tax statement or utility bill, signed and dated lease, and disability parking placard or disability license plate information. Indiana University students residing in Greek houses and at Collins Living-Learning Center must provide additional documentation.

All 2020-21 permit applications will be completed online, and permits mailed to residents. In-person permit sales will not be offered this year. Maps identifying the zones where neighborhood parking permits are required for on-street parking in Bloomington are available [here](#).



Sidewalk repair assistance available

Homeowners within the City of Bloomington are invited to apply for funding to improve the sidewalk adjacent to their property. The [Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program](#) is open to those who own and occupy single-family homes in federally designated Community Development Block Grant areas within the corporate limits of Bloomington. In addition, they must be current on payment of property taxes and other debts to the City, and the sidewalk must have a "poor" rating on the pavement condition index (as verified by City staff).

You are invited to Adopt-a-Drain

The Bloomington Utilities Department (CBU) invites residents to participate in a new family-friendly volunteer program, Adopt-a-Drain. In this partnership, residents help maintain storm drains to reduce flood risk and increase water quality. Volunteers commit to inspecting certain storm drains on a regular basis--especially before heavy rains--to keep them from becoming clogged with grass clippings, leaves, trash, and other debris. Prospective Adopt-a-Drain volunteers may learn more about the program and apply to participate [here](#).



Parking Meters Reactivated August 1; 15-Minute Pick-Up/Drop-Off Pilot Launches

Since the outset of the COVID crisis, the City offered the first two hours of metered parking free of charge to facilitate access to downtown establishments. Beginning August 1st, parking at metered spaces will again be monitored from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Also starting August 1, 54 spaces over 30 blocks will be designated as 15-minute free pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) spaces in a pilot program. Free, short-term parking at dedicated PUDO spots in commercial zones across the downtown will ease the transition and facilitate the curbside pickup model to which many area restaurants have recently transitioned. More information is available [here](#).