The HAND Update

A newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents

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City of Bloomington, IN-Neighborhood Services

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS:

- Apply for a HAND neighborhood grant
- Neighborhood Services 2021 Calendar
- Sign up to receive The HAND Update
- Sign up to Adopt-A-Drain
- City offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Report an issue to the City:
uReport

Find civic information specific to your address:
myBloomington

Explore the City's open databases:
B-Clear Open Data

Volunteer your time and talent:
Bloomington Volunteer Network

Please direct questions or concerns to:
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Apply for a HAND Neighborhood Grant

The 2021 neighborhood grant cycle is now underway. Applications and guidelines for each of the four HAND grants are available on the neighborhood grants website.

- Neighborhood Improvement Grant
- Neighborhood Cleanup Grant
- Small and Simple Grant (general)
- Small & Simple Grant for Control of Invasive Plant Species

MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

If your neighborhood is considering applying for a **Neighborhood Improvement Grant**, a neighborhood representative must attend a virtual informational meeting.

Please register for one of the following meetings by emailing angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov. A Zoom link will be emailed to you.

- Tuesday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m. or
- Monday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Fundraising for Neighborhood Associations Workshop, January 21st at 7:00 p.m.

HAND will host a virtual workshop for neighborhood associations to discuss programs that can assist neighborhoods in their fundraising efforts. The discussion will focus on how neighborhood associations may benefit from:

- incorporation,
- non-profit status,
- designation as an Economic Improvement District (EID), and
- utilization of State Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits.

Join the Zoom Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/96273631541?pwd=ZnZlNGU3TkptSEFuRE1LRTM2ekhXQT09
Meeting ID: 962 7363 1541. Passcode: 456640.

COVID-19 vaccines available for residents 80 years and older

Residents 80 years and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at no cost.

- ***Vaccinations are by appointment only***. Please register either by calling 211 or visiting www.ourshot.in.gov .
- No walk-in vaccinations will be available,
- There are two locations available for vaccination. Seniors are encouraged to select the Convention Center as there are no hills or stairs to navigate, and complimentary parking is available.
- You will be asked to provide ID and proof of age when you arrive for your appointment.

Recommendations for City leaf collection in 2021

REDESIGNING BLOOMINGTON'S LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

Neighborhood Meeting #3

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 • 6:30-8 PM

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Please join the Zoom meeting at:
https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/98543097835?pwd=eE80OVZ3SjVZamxuRnExZHlacWdwZz09
Meeting ID: 985 4309 7835
Passcode: 368495

The City of Bloomington Innovation Team invites you to learn about the results of a pilot project on leaf management, conducted last fall by a small group of City resident households (click here for history of the project). Join the Zoom meeting on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** to:

- Hear directly from some of the project participants.
- Join the discussion about how pilot results might be used to inform future City leaf collection policies.
- Learn how you can be part of future innovation projects, whereby residents work collaboratively with City staff to solve problems.

Do you have flooding or drainage issues on your property?

The City of Bloomington Utilities Department (CBU) invites homeowners to apply for a Residential Stormwater Grant, designed to assist owners of single-family residential properties with funding for environmentally-friendly drainage projects. For complete details and to Join the public information meeting on Tuesday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m., visit: https://bloomington.in.gov/utilities/stormwater/grants

"Everyone Has a Story" Reading Challenge at MCPL

Books, like mirrors, can reflect what we see and know about the world we live in––and like windows, they can give us insight into lives and experiences that are different from our own. To succeed as both mirrors and windows, books must tell a diverse range of stories. Join the reading challenge to discover new stories, learn about people seeking to eliminate social injustices, and find resources for discussing issues about race. For all ages. January 15 through February 28. Sign up at mcpl.info/everystory.