

The HAND Update

A newsletter for Bloomington residents



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 [City of Bloomington, IN-Neighborhood Services](#)



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS:

- Apply for a [HAND Small & Simple Grant](#)
- [Neighborhood Services 2021 Calendar](#)
- Sign up to receive [The HAND Update](#)
- Sign up to [Adopt-A-Drain](#)

Keep up with your local law makers:

[City Council](#)

Report an issue to the City:

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Check for road closures:

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Find civic information specific to your address:

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Explore the City's open databases:

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Volunteer your time and talent:

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Infrastructure improvements update

Numerous infrastructure improvement projects are underway throughout the City of Bloomington. You can keep up-to-date on the progress of these projects by visiting the City's [website](#). Here are a few highlights:



- [East Allen Street Neighborhood Greenway Project](#): Neighborhood Greenways are residential streets with low volumes of auto traffic and low speeds, where people walking and bicycling are given priority. Streets designated as Neighborhood Greenways are indicated in the [Transportation Plan](#) (maps on pages 41 & 42).
- [West 14th Street Sidewalk Project](#): Construction is currently underway to install a sidewalk along the north side of W 14th St between N Madison St and N Woodburn Ave, providing pedestrian connectivity between College Ave and Madison St.
- [Hidden River Pathway Project](#): This project involves the replacement of the network of culverts that carry the Campus River (formerly the Jordan River) from Dunn Meadow on the Indiana University campus southwest under downtown Bloomington to 1st St and College Ave, where it reappears as Clear Creek.



HAND welcomes new director

John Zody began his tenure as the new Director of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department on April 5th. **Welcome John!**

There's an app for that!

Visitors to Bloomington parks and trails can now access information easily from their mobile devices using the OuterSpatial platform. The mobile app is a one-stop tool users can rely on for accurate, up-to-date information on trails and recreation information throughout the City of Bloomington: navigate trails; discover new places; locate parking, restrooms, picnic areas and other park amenities; access information about ecological, geological and historical points of interest; and much more! Click [here](#) for more information.

Concerts in the parks

Nature Sounds, a concert series presented by Parks and Recreation, combines a live, acoustic performance by local musicians with an educational nature presentation about the sounds made and found in all of our outdoor spaces. The series kicks off for the season this month:

Nature Topic: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Musical Guest: David Dávila González, performing with instruments made from recycled materials, including the trash-a-phone.

Friday, April 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park, picnic shelter

Admission to all Nature Sounds concerts and programs is free. Bring your own seating. Use of face coverings and physical distancing is required at all times. Click [here](#) for more information.

Celebrate Earth Day at Southeast Park

Join local organizations at [Southeast Park](#) on Thursday, April 22 to celebrate Earth Day. Programming will be offered all day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. **Registration is required--sign up [here](#)** for the following sessions:

- Identifying and removing invasive plants
- How to plant a native plant and prevent deer browsing
- Planting and maintaining rain gardens
- Composting
- Benefits of using a rain barrel
- Protecting our watersheds
- Connecting Bloomington neighborhoods one native plant at a time
- City grants available to reduce invasives in your neighborhood

FREE native plant giveaway, while supplies last!



Bloomington
Environmental Commission



**Start a
litter
patrol**



Participate in the Pick It Up! program and help keep Bloomington litter-free.

- Call the HAND office to register at 812-349-3505.
- You will be furnished with special blue trash bags.
- Fill the bags by collecting litter around your neighborhood.
- Leave the bags next to your trash cart on your regular trash collection day. Sanitation will collect them for free.

More information is available [here](#).

Qualified vaccinators needed



More healthcare personnel are needed to administer COVID-19 vaccines. To address this need, the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act Declaration expands the pool of qualified people who can become vaccinators. The definition of covered qualified persons authorized to give the vaccine has been expanded to include, among others, current and retired traditional and non-traditional healthcare professionals and students in healthcare programs. For more information, and to find out if you are eligible to volunteer, click [here](#).