The HAND Update

An informational newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS:

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HAND Small & Simple Grants on Hold

The economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic has forced City officials to make some difficult decisions, including re-evaluating budget allocations for the current year. As a result, HAND is unable to accept new Small & Simple Grant applications for 2020.

HAND is still here to support neighborhoods!

The current crisis has brought our better angels to the fore. Let's seize this opportunity to keep the momentum going by celebrating our renewed sense of community and togetherness! Here are two things you and your neighbors can do right now:
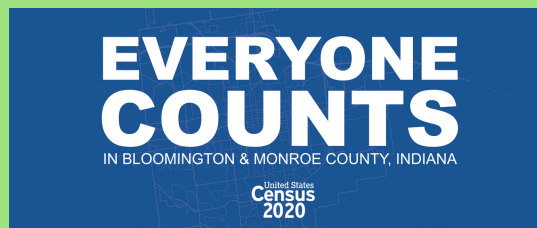

Continue to send positive energy and cheer to your neighbors by being *physically* distant rather than socially distant. Check out the Neighborhood Services Facebook page for inspiration from Bloomington neighborhoods. Please share your neighborhood's good works by tagging us on Facebook!

Plan a ***Post-COVID Coming Out Party***, to be held when we are once again able to safely gather. Whether it's a pot-luck or a parade through your neighborhood, plan a meaningful way to celebrate each other.
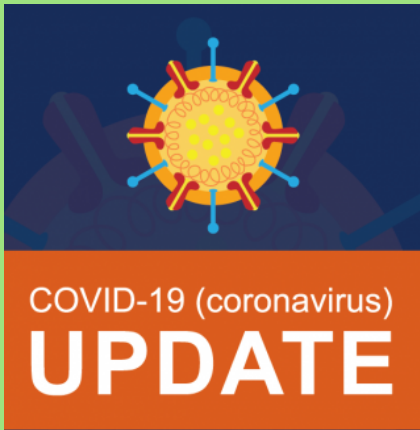

2020 Census - Have you completed yours?

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States and takes place every 10 years. Our next Census will take place this year. The goal of the Census is to count every resident in the United States. The data collected is used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities for services such as transportation, healthcare and affordable housing, to name a few. Get more information about the Census, including how to complete your census form online, here.

Mayor Hamilton Increases Regular Media Appearances During COVID-19 Crisis

In an effort to be as available to residents and to share information as broadly as possible during the COVID-19 crisis, Mayor John Hamilton and his staff have increased regular media appearances to provide updates on City services, highlight resources, and answer questions. Please note: In compliance with CDC protocols for physical distancing, all interviews are being conducted by phone or video conference. Find details about the mayor's weekly media schedule here.

Bloomington Health Foundation and CJAM Awarded National Grant

The Bloomington Health Foundation (BHF), in partnership with Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM), has received over $600,000 through Community Voices for Health (CVH), an initiative led by Public Agenda and Altarum, with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The funding will support the Community Voices for Health in Monroe County. This is an Indiana project that works to build a stronger engagement infrastructure involving a broader range of people, especially marginalized and under served communities, so their voices are heard in healthcare policy-making decisions. More details available here.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

IN A TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AND BEYOND.

LEASHED WALKS ONLY.
IT'S THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO.

WHY?
BITE PREVENTION. ALLOWING YOUR DOG TO ROAM OFF LEASH PUTS OTHERS AND YOUR DOG IN UNWANTED AND UNSAFE SITUATIONS. MANY DOG BITES OCCUR WHEN AN UNLEASHED DOG APPROACHES A LEASHED DOG. YOUR DOG CAN INADVERTENTLY PICK UP OR SPREAD DISEASE AND PARASITES.

SAFETY. RESPECT. KINDNESS.

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