

The HAND Update

A newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents



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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](#)

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:

[B-Clear Open Data](#)

Volunteer your time and talent:

[Bloomington Volunteer Network](#)

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Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood

Due to heavy snowfall in recent weeks and the higher temperatures we are currently experiencing, snow melt has the potential to cause localized flooding.

You can help snow melt to more easily reach storm drains by clearing snow, ice accumulation, and other debris from storm drains in your neighborhood.



Winter is not the only time of year when drains can get blocked. Please consider volunteering for the [Adopt-a-Drain](#) program through the City of Bloomington Utilities department. The program would make for a great neighborhood project. As a group, you could commit to maintaining some or all of your neighborhood's portion of the 12,000 storm drains within City limits. Duties include:

- Inspecting storm drains at least once per month,
- Clearing storm drains when needed, and
- Completing and submitting Adopt-a-Drain Quarterly Reports.

For more information about the [Adopt-a-Drain](#) program, contact Kriste Lindberg, Stormwater Education Specialist, at 812-349-3617 or stormwater@bloomington.in.gov.

4 water main breaks - Boil Water Advisory

City of Bloomington Utilities (CBU) crews were dispatched to complete emergency repairs on four water main breaks: 6th & Grant downtown, Allen & Lincoln in Bryan Park neighborhood, St James & Forrester in Hyde Park neighborhood, and Old State Road 37 & Fairfax. Motorists are advised to find alternate routes or adjust their speed accordingly when traveling near the work zone.

Water service was shut off for some addresses in those vicinities; those customers are now under a precautionary Boil Water Advisory. Unless otherwise notified, the precautionary Boil Water Advisory will be lifted 24 hours after water service is restored. As addresses are confirmed, they will be listed at bloomington.in.gov/utilities. Only those addresses that lost water service are under the precautionary Boil Water Advisory.

Do you know an outstanding volunteer?

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is seeking nominations for the 2021 Be More Awards. Nominations may be submitted by members of the general public, community organizations, or businesses. Awards are made in five categories including:



- Lifetime of Service (honoring an individual over age 60),
- Community Impact (honoring an individual or group),
- Youth (honoring a volunteer under the age of 21),
- Engagement Professionals (honoring a volunteer program within an organization), and
- Community Collaboration (excellence in engagement response to the issues of 2020).

Each of the five Be More Award recipients will receive a \$1,000 award for the recipient's nonprofit organization in honor of their outstanding service. An additional category without a cash award will be available this year honoring a business operating locally in Monroe County for excellence in community engagement.

Nominations are being accepted now through Friday, March 12.

Help with identifying invasive plants

If you didn't get a chance to join Monroe County Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS) for their Vicious Villains Weed Lab on February 13th, you can view the video [here](#). The webinar covers invasive plants that appear in winter/early spring in Monroe County, including: Purple Wintercreeper, English Ivy, Vinca Minor, Garlic Mustard, and Lesser Celandine. Additional information, and many helpful links can be found in the [chat log](#).



The next MC-IRIS Weed Lab will be Flowering Fiends, covering species like garlic mustard, dames rocket, multiflora rose, autumn olive, and Callery pear. Please register [here](#).

Regular sanitation schedules have resumed today

Since severe weather interfered with trash collection last week, **extra sealed bags of trash can be placed next to your carts at no extra charge**. Additional information about your schedule can be found [here](#).

For curbside collection, please ensure that carts are away from any snow embankments, and follow these guidelines for trash and recycling pickup:



- Set carts near the street
- Point front of carts toward the street
- Set carts 4 feet apart, 4 feet away from other objects, and 10 feet away from vehicles
- Close lids completely
- Bag all solid waste
- Do NOT bag recyclable materials