

The HAND Update

A newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents



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Leafing season is upon us



Please consider mulching or composting your leaves on-site. It's easier than you think, and much less work than raking or blowing the leaves to the street. Recycling leaves through these methods creates useful fertilizer for the yard and conserves

resources. The City has created a [brochure](#) and a [video](#) to share information about mulching and composting leaves.

Excess leaves that you are unable to recycle on-site may be placed in biodegradable paper sacks or City-approved yard waste bins for curbside collection at no charge from November 9 through December 24. You may also place excess leaves near the roadway for vacuum pickup.

[Curbside vacuum leaf pickup](#) begins today, Monday, November 9, and continues through Thursday, December 24. Each residence will receive one pickup.

For information about when to expect crews in your neighborhood, Visit the updated [interactive map](#), and look for yard signs, which will be placed in your neighborhood a week ahead of its scheduled leaf pickup. Please rake leaves to the curb at the edge of your property, but avoid placing leaves in the roadway, sidewalk, around fire hydrants, or blocking drains.

Adopt-a-Drain

Adopt-a-Drain is a local volunteer program that provides the public with an opportunity to be actively involved in clearing storm drains. The program strives to improve the water quality of our streams while reducing flood risk.



Now is a great time to volunteer, and help to keep the storm drains free of autumn leaves. Visit the [Adopt-A-Drain website](#) for more information.

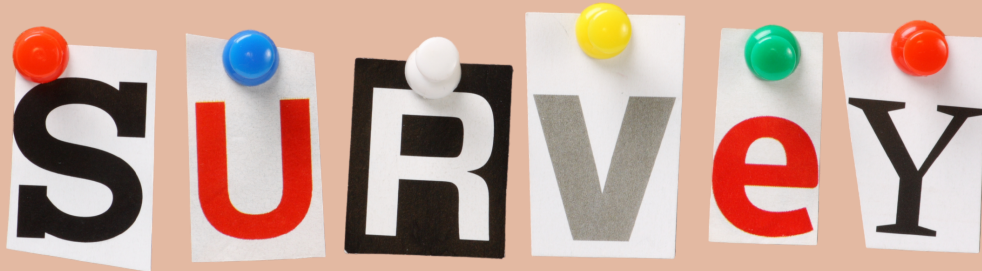
Neighborhood Survey on Student Renters

The HAND Department is exploring the development of a program that would bring together neighborhood residents and the off-campus students who share their neighborhoods. The Student Neighborhood Ambassador program would identify student leaders in each neighborhood, who would act as liaisons between neighborhoods, student renters, and the City. The goals of the program include:

- Ensuring that students living off campus have the tools necessary to be good neighbors,
- Promoting positive relationships by encouraging students to engage with their neighbors and neighborhood associations.
- Supporting neighborhood association community building initiatives,
- Providing leadership opportunities for students, and
- Encouraging placemaking among all neighborhood residents.

If you are a resident of a neighborhood where student renters reside, please help us by filling out the [Neighborhood Survey on Student Renters](#). The purpose of this survey is to gain an understanding of what neighborhoods might find valuable about a Student Neighborhood Ambassador Program. From your perspective, how might your neighborhood benefit from better relations with student renters? An analogous survey will be sent to student renters living in neighborhoods.

We value your input, and look forward to your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns. Thank you!



What's happening at the Monroe County Public Library?



**Monroe County
Public Library**

Read, Learn, Connect & Create

New to budgeting and need to learn the ropes? Join Monroe County Public Library for an interactive Budgeting Basics workshop on Monday, November 9 from 7-8 PM. You'll learn tips and tricks to budget like a pro using spreadsheets. Age 16 and up. Registration required at mcpl.info/calendar. The link to the Zoom event will be emailed to you.

Effective March 1, 2020, Monroe County Public Library has waived all unpaid overdue fines and collection agency fees and will no longer charge them moving forward. For details, visit mcpl.info/nofines or call (812) 349-3050.