

# The HAND Update



A newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents



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## **ATTENTION Neighborhood Association Leaders: Please update your information with HAND**

*Have you held elections recently? Do you have new board members?* HAND maintains a list of neighborhood association leaders, so if your leadership has changed, please send an update.

*Have you recently updated you neighborhood website?* HAND maintains a webpage dedicated to [neighborhood associations](#), which includes links to neighborhood websites and/or Facebook pages. Please take a moment to review the link for your neighborhood. If it needs to be updated, please email the correct link to [angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov). Thanks!

## **America Walks Community Change Grants**

Applications are sought for America Walks' annual Community Change Grant. This grant program will work to provide support to the growing network of advocates, organizations, and agencies using innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects to create change at the community level.

Funded projects must demonstrate that they will show increased physical activity and active transportation in a specific community, work to engage people and organizations new to the efforts of walking and walkability, and demonstrate a culture of inclusive health and design. Projects will create healthy, active, and engaged communities that support walking as transportation, health, and recreation. Projects must show a strong and intentional foundation of equity and authentic engagement of the whole community. More information can be found [here](#).



## Nominations Sought for City's 2020 SWAGGER Awards

The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth (CSCY) is seeking nominations for the 2020 SWAGGER (Students Who Act Generously, Grow, and Earn Respect) Awards. These awards recognize and celebrate personal growth, generosity, and the development of respect. Successful nominees are students who show commitment to certain causes or display actions that have improved their lives and/or the lives of others around them. Educators, clergy, friends, neighbors, relatives, and others are encouraged to nominate a student who lives or attends school within the Monroe County Community School Corporation district.

Nominations for the 2020 SWAGGER Awards are being accepted through Friday, October 16 for children and youth in the four following age groups: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12. Nomination forms are available at this [link](#) but, in keeping with current public health guidelines, will not be available in person. Please contact Safe and Civil City Program Director Shatoyia Moss at [safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov) or 812-349-3559 if you are unable to access the online application.

## Adopt-a-Drain

Autumn is upon us and the foliage is in full color. While the leaves are lovely on the trees, they can wreak havoc on our storm drains when they fall.

YOU can help by participating in the Adopt-A-Drain program. 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. As storm drains lead to streams, the best times to inspect drains are before it rains.

The only prerequisite for Adopt-a-Drain is to have a genuine concern for the well-being of our natural resources. Duties include:

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



## Upcoming Family Events:

- October 16 & 17: [Dearly Departed Cemetery Tours](#)
- October 24: [Bloomington Pumpkin Launch](#)
- October 30: [Festival of Ghost Stories](#)
- November 28: [Holiday Market](#)

