

# The HAND Update

A newsletter for Bloomington neighborhood residents



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## HAPPY NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY! Good neighbors make great neighborhoods

National Good Neighbor Day was created in the early 1970s by Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana.

In 1978, United States President Jimmy Carter issued Proclamation 4601: *"As our Nation struggles to build friendship among the peoples of this world, we are mindful that the noblest human concern is concern for others. Understanding, love and respect build cohesive families and communities. The same bonds cement our Nation and the nations of the world. For most of us, this sense of community is nurtured and expressed in our neighborhoods where we give each other an opportunity to share and feel part of a larger family...I call upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."*

In 2003, National Good Neighbor Day was changed from the fourth Sunday in September to September 28.



# NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

<https://www.nationalgoodneighborday.com/>

## Blooming Neighborhoods Video

The Blooming Neighborhoods celebration has been an annual Bloomington tradition for over 20 years. This year the event could not be held in person, so the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) created a video to commemorate our neighborhood associations and the neighbors that live in them.

A huge "thank you" and shout out to Jake Orndorff, HAND Intern, who has been working tirelessly all summer to produce the [Blooming Neighborhoods video](#). Check it out!

## Neighborhood Association Logo Contest

**Covenanter** and **Fritz Terrace** neighborhood associations each submitted a logo for the HAND Logo Contest. Since these were the only entries, it was decided that HAND would declare them co-winners. Their logos were beautiful, thoughtful, and dynamic, and each evokes the vibe of their respective neighborhood. Below are their logos, along with their descriptions of how the logo represents them.

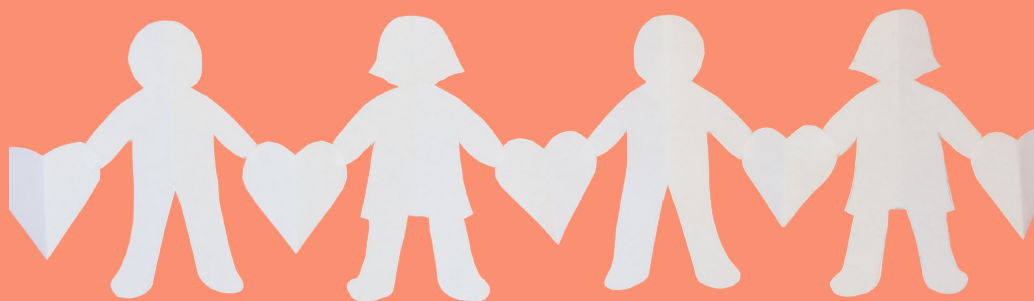
*The tree represents that we are an older, already established neighborhood full of big, beautiful, mature trees and yards covered in green trees/bushes/flowers/gardens, etc. The slogan and the child swinging represent that our neighborhood is affordable for families, particularly families looking to buy their first home. The colored hands represent that our neighbors respect and encourage diversity, which is evident you when you drive around our neighborhood and see yard signs such as "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" and "In this house we believe black lives matter, women's rights are human rights, no human is illegal, science is real, love is love, kindness is everything."*



*The Covenanter Neighborhood Association was designated an official entity in October 2018. Like the neighborhood, the Association strives to build a community of people who will work in unison to create a welcoming, friendly, active lifestyle in, around and throughout the tree lined streets and 300 plus residences surrounding the Covenanter Drive corridor.*

### What does it mean to be a good neighbor?

- **Connection** - Introduce yourself and connect with your neighbors.
- **Invitations** - Build community by inviting neighbors to join in activities.
- **Celebration** - Cheer on your neighbors during important milestones in their lives.
- **Awareness** - Look out for one another. We're safer and stronger together.
- **Availability** - Show up and lend a helping hand.



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