

# The HAND Update

A newsletter for Bloomington residents



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## Neighborhood Improvement Grant Updates

The Neighborhood Improvement Grant Council is a group of five members, who review HAND Neighborhood Improvement Grant applications and make funding recommendations to the Redevelopment Commission, who in turn vote to allocate grant funds.

The Grant Council will meet to make final funding recommendations on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. This work session is open for public viewing. However, there will be no opportunity for public comment, as the Council has already heard public comment in regard to the applications before them. The [meeting agenda](#) and [Zoom link](#) are available on the [City's website](#).

The Redevelopment Commission will vote to allocate funds at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

## Sidewalk repairs on West 6th Street



The Near West Side neighborhood is getting some much-needed sidewalk repairs along West 6th Street.

To learn more about this and other infrastructure projects, please refer to the [latest infrastructure improvements update](#).

## Submit your suggestions to rename Jordan Avenue

In coordination with Indiana University, the City of Bloomington has begun the process of renaming Jordan Avenue and invites residents to propose alternative street names using this [online form](#). Please refer to the [full article](#) to learn more about the decision and process to rename Jordan Avenue.



## Nature Sounds: an educational presentation with acoustical music

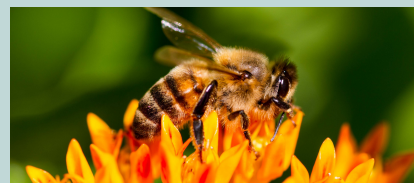
From "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov to "Honeybee" by Steam Powered Giraffe, our winged friends have inspired music for hundreds of years. Now it's your turn to enjoy music inspired by our pollinators, while learning of their importance and what we can do to help them. Admission to the concert is free. Bring your own seating. The Nature Sounds series is presented by the Bloomington Parks & Recreation Department.

**Nature Topic:** Pollinators

**Musical guest:** Erzsébet Gaal, Harpist

**Friday, May 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Olcott Park (Howard Young Pavilion)**



## Bloomington Hospital re-use project due to commence

As part of the first phase of the Bloomington Hospital Re-Use Project to redevelop the existing IU Health Hospital site, W. 1st St. will be reconstructed and improved from S. Fairview St. to S. College Ave.

The project will replace water, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer infrastructure; add tree plots separating the road from sidewalks on both sides of the street and traffic calming or other enhancements consistent with its designation in Bloomington Transportation Plan as a Neighborhood Greenway route; and is expected to include one travel lane in each direction.

The City is hosting a virtual public meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed design of the First Street Reconstruction project.

At the meeting, exhibits of the proposed design will be discussed and there will be time to provide feedback and ask questions. Information about joining the Zoom meeting follows:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/95526155448?pwd=VnhObIpheXRlekMxcGRjanFaNWltUT09>

Meeting ID: 955 2615 5448

Passcode: 173526

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC), +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

## How can Monroe County Solid Waste Management better serve you?



Since 1993 the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District has served schools, community organizations, households and businesses. The District has five drop-off recycling centers, and related services that support a healthy community, and reduce climate change.

The Waste Management District, in partnership with Indiana University, would like to know more about your opinions and needs related to yard waste and food waste, and they invite you to share your input by completing a community survey. The survey results will be used to update the Monroe County Waste Management District's five year plan.

By participating in this survey you are eligible to enter a raffle for the chance to win a 3-month subscription to EarthKeepers Monroe County drop-off service. A raffle for three subscriptions will take place on May 30th.