# The HAND Update

## A newsletter for Bloomington residents



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS:

- Subscribe to the HAND Update
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Keep up with your local law makers:
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Report an issue to the City:
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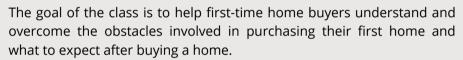Find civic information specific to your address:
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Explore the City's open databases:
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## Looking to buy your first home? Register now for HAND Home Buyers Club

The City of Bloomington's department of Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) offers a home buyers program in which participants can explore the possibility of affordable home ownership. The Home Buyers Club is comprised of two sessions which are held on two consecutive Saturdays. The first Saturday session is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the second Saturday session is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The goal of the class is to help first-time home buyers understand and overcome the obstacles involved in purchasing their first home and what to expect after buying a home.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a housing counselor to discuss any potential obstacles to achieving their goal. Income eligible graduates may qualify for up to $10,000 in Down Payment Closing Cost Assistance from HAND.

Registration is now open for the next Home Buyers Club session, to be held on Saturdays, September 18th and 25th. Meetings will be virtual. Visit https://bloomington.in.gov/housing/home-buyers-club for more information. Questions? Contact Cody Toothman at 812-349-3401 or cody.toothman@bloomington.in.gov.

## Stay informed about road closures with inRoads



Keep up with road closures and other potential disruptions to your commute by using this tool provided by the City of Bloomington department of Information and Technology Services. inRoads provides details on road closings and lane reductions, sidewalk work, noise permits, and parking reservations for both current and future projects within the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, and the Indiana University campus. You can even sign up to receive weekly email updates each Friday, for a list of projects for the upcoming week.

## MC-IRIS native plant sale - September 11

Indiana Native Plants for Sale: grasses, sedges, forbs, shrubs, and trees. Click here for the full list of plants.

Sale opens at 9:00 a.m. and continues to 3:00 p.m. or until sold out. Located in the Switchyard Park Maintenance Building, Switchyard Park, 601 S Rogers St, Bloomington. (Enter at the South Rogers entrance. The Maintenance Building is immediately to your right.)

Thank you City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation for being a great partner!



## Have you been financially impacted by the local flooding event on June 18 and June 19, 2021?

The Small Business Administration (SBA), continues to offer low interest loans to homeowners, renters, businesses, and non-profit organizations via its online application at sba.gov/disaster. For assistance call 800-659-2955, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days per week.



The **application deadline for physical property damage is September 7, 2021**. The application deadline for economic injury is April 7, 2022.

Click here for information about Physical Damage Loans. Click here for the SBA Factsheet for the June 18-19, 2021 flood event in Monroe County.



Additional assistance in the form of grants, not loans, is available from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). ***In order to be considered for an IDHS grant, you must apply for AND be deemed ineligible for an SBA loan.*** At that point, your case will be automatically referred to IDHS, and a representative from that department will contact you.