Neighborhood Cleanup applications due March 7th

Is your garage, shed, or attic full of stuff you don't use or need? Don't miss this opportunity to build community with your neighbors and do some spring cleaning to boot! HAND has two cleanup grants available and one of them could be yours. Neighborhood groups of all kinds are eligible to apply. Click below to visit the cleanup grant webpage and find out how.

Neighborhood Cleanup Grants

Save the date for Earth Day 2022!

HAND has a grant for that!
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Please help keep the sidewalks clear
Tree planting, Weed Wrangles, and green infrastructure tours are just some of the events planned for Earth Day, April 22, 2022, brought to you by the City of Bloomington and a number of community partners. More information about programming can be found here.

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The Bloomington Municipal Code mandates that property owners must keep public sidewalks abutting their property clear of ice and snow. Please do your part. Thank you!

CONA meets monthly on the second Tuesday
The Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) has monthly public meetings to discuss neighborhoods' concerns and share topics of interest. If you would like to be added to the CONA listserv, please send an email to conabloomington@gmail.com. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00pm.

Annual Earth Day rain barrel & compost bin sale
Celebrate Earth Day by ordering a compost bin and rain barrel! Monroe County Solid Waste Management District, Rural King, and Monroe County Soil and Water are partnering in this annual sale of rain barrels and compost bins. The deadline to order is April 11. Orders may be placed online at gogreendistrictorders.com/

Bloomington Urban Forest Patches: A study of perseverance and sustainability
Seeking your input: The Bloomington Urban Forestry Research Group (BUFRG, urbanforestry.indiana.edu/) at Indiana University-Bloomington is studying the perseverance and sustainability of urban forest patches (UFP’s) in the City of Bloomington. They have created a database of these UFP’s starting in 1939, and are tracking their survival (perseverance) to the present as well as identifying new patches that have developed. Sustainability of patches relates to both
ecological condition and governance impacts. They define an UFP as being at least one acre in size, at least 120' wide and having a rather complete tree canopy. They are exploring the following characteristic of UFP’s

- the current ecological condition,
- ownership and how it’s changed over time, and
- formal or informal community or neighborhood or individuals that have ‘protected’ the patch over time as well as pondering several other ways to characterize institutional impacts (rules).

They are interested in interviewing individuals or groups that have concerns or involvement in the past or currently for an urban forest patch within the current City of Bloomington boundary. Individuals or groups that have actually cared for, managed or protected an urban forest patch are of particular interest. Contact Professor Burney Fischer (bufische@iu.edu) or PhD Student Stephanie Freeman-Day (stjfreem@iu.edu).

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Wednesday, February 16, 4:00pm - Board of Housing Quality Appeals
- Monday, February 21, 5:00pm - Redevelopment Commission
- Thursday, February 24, 5:00pm - Historic Preservation Commission
- Monday, March 7, 4:00pm - Cleanup Grant Applications due
- Tuesday, March 8, 7:00pm - CONA monthly meeting
- Monday, April 11 - Earth Day rain barrel and compost bin orders due

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**Useful City Links**

- HAND Neighborhood Services
- myBlooming
- uReport
- trash/recycling
- Bloomington Volunteer Network
- Helping Bloomington Monroe
- Adopt-A-Drain

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