HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Building Community through Neighborhood Grants

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What Grants are Available for my Neighborhood?

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department (HAND) is proud to offer three types of grants for Neighborhoods.

The largest grant is the **Neighborhood Improvement Grant**. This grant program is very popular because it allows neighborhood groups to apply for funding for non-traditional projects in their neighborhoods. These projects must be larger than $2,000 and requires a match component.

The second grant option is the **Small and Simple Grant**, which does not require a match component. The maximum amount that can be requested annually is $500.

The last grant option is the **Neighborhood Cleanup Grant**, which allows neighborhoods who have demonstrated the need and ability to conduct a successful clean-up, are awarded a HAND sponsored Neighborhood Cleanup.

https://bloomington.in.gov/neighborhoods/grants

What is the process for a Neighborhood Improvement Grant?

- Informational Meeting
- Letter of Intent
- Technical Assistance Meeting
- Submit Application
- Neighborhood Presentations

What is the process for a Small and Simple Grants?

- Write a one page narrative and budget sheet
- Submit Application
- Accepted year-round
- Can only receive grant once per year

What is the process for a Neighborhood Cleanup Grant?

- Choose a weekend that works for the neighborhood
- Gather reliable volunteers
- Submit Application by due date

This guide is primarily for neighborhood residents to explore and plan the materials, events, and projects for their community.

Many of the examples are past recipients of HAND grants. We have divided the types of projects a neighborhood might attempt into three areas: organizational, events, and capital improvements.

Contact Vickie Provine to see the costs and allocations of past grants, apply for a current grant, or assistance with the application process.

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Email: provinev@ bloomington.in.gov
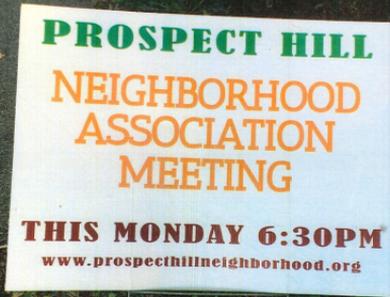**Phone**: 812-349-3420

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ORGANIZATIONAL

Outreach Materials

Neighborhoods build community through meetings, activities and projects. Grant funds can help make it happen!

Enjoy the Beauty
of this special neighborhood where many urban amenities are available in suburban-like comfort.

Produced by the Eastside Neighborhood Association with a grant from the City of Bloomington's Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND).

Member of the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA).

The Eastside Neighborhood Invites You...

For more information on the Eastside Neighborhood Association visit us at www.bloomington.in.us/~eastside or email us at eastside@bloomington.in.us

To Be A Part of and Explore the East Side of Bloomington

Bloomington's Eastside neighborhood is predominantly made up of one- and two-story residences dating from the 1950s and 1960s. Many styles of affordable homes, on varying lot sizes, have facades of Indiana limestone. Mature trees provide a sanctuary for small birds and animals, shade and a sense of privacy. Eastside Neighborhood Association picnics and meetings offer many opportunities to get to know your neighbors: single professionals, families with children, seniors and IU students.

"We picked our house because our daughter could walk to school and I could walk to campus." MH, Eastside Drive

Nestled just off the south-east corner of Indiana University's Bloomington Campus, the **Eastside Neighborhood** is a walk or bike ride away from:
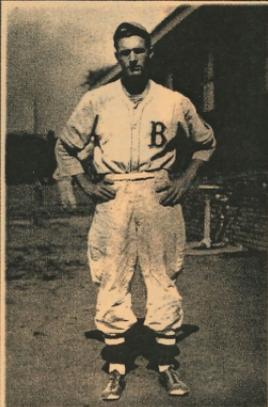
Come and join the Eastside neighborhood!

1. IU Auditorium & Drama Dept. Theaters
2. Musical Arts Center (MAC)
3. Schools: Rogers, Binford, St. Charles
4. Religious Institutions
5. Grocery & Drug Stores
   Restaurants, Specialty Stores, Banks
   College Mall

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"Last winter our block held a dinner party with

Examples:
- Pamphlets/Brochures
- Newsletters
- Information Kiosk
- Welcome to the Neighborhood Kits
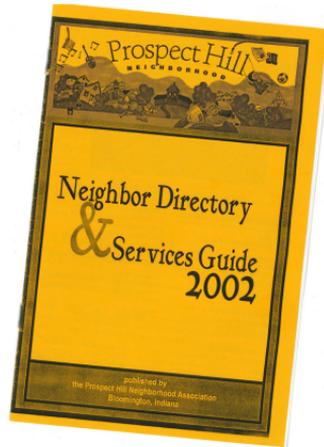
EITHEL "LEFTY" GALLOWAY

1919-1939

The time you won your town the race
We chaired you through the market-place;
Man and boy stood cheering by,
And home we brought you shoulder-high.

Smart lad, to slip betimes away
From fields where glory does not stay
And early though the laurel grows
It withers quicker than the rose.

Now you will not swell the rout
of lads that wore their honours out,
Runners whom renown outran
And the name died before the man.

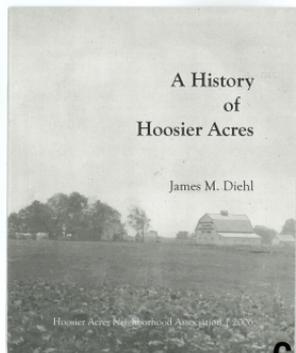65TH ANNIVERSARY REDEDICATION EVENT

MARCH 14, 2004

Prospect Hill
NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighbor Directory
& Services Guide
2002

published by
the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association
Bloomington, Indiana

Community Knowledge

Neighborhoods are built on knowledge of their history and each other.

Examples:

- Door-to-door survey
- Neighborhood Directory
- Historic District Information/History Guide

A History
of
Hoosier Acres

James M. Diehl

Hoosier Acres Neighborhood Association [2006]

EVENTS

Social Events

Social events are often low cost and can be funded by dues, donations, and grants.

Examples:

- Block Party
- Outdoor Movie Night
- Barbecue/Potluck/Sports Viewing Party

Recreational Events

In the summer, outdoor activities are a healthy way to bring together neighbors and their children.

Examples:

- Field Day
- Water Balloon Fight
- Kickball Tournament

Informational Events

Strong neighborhoods are aware of safety concerns and are able to exchange information. A good way to meet this need is by planning an event.

Examples:

- Neighbor Watch Organizing/Information
- National Night Out
- Volunteer Fair
- Proposed Development
- Neighborhood Emergency Planning

Cultural Events

Placemaking is important for building a community. Celebrating what makes neighbors different and alike draws people together.

Examples:

- Earth Day
- Specific National or Ethnic Celebration
- Historical education of people or communities
- Holiday Celebration
- Independence Day
- Friendsgiving

Arts and Crafts Events

Fun for the whole family, arts can improve the aesthetic of the community. You might discover your neighbors' hidden talent!

Examples:

- Neighborhood Sculpture
- Holiday String-light Show
- Science Experiments
- Creating Holiday Decorations
- Back to School Bash
- Rain Barrel Painting

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

Shed/Buildings

Large projects usually require matching funds, planning and time! Expensive projects like these are often under Neighborhood Improvement Grants and require close work with HAND staff.

Examples:

- Green Houses
- Shelters
- Outdoor Stage

Signs/Toppers

By far, the most common grant request from neighborhoods are for signs. Signs are a simple and relatively cheap way for neighborhoods to give recognition and designate the boundaries.

Examples:

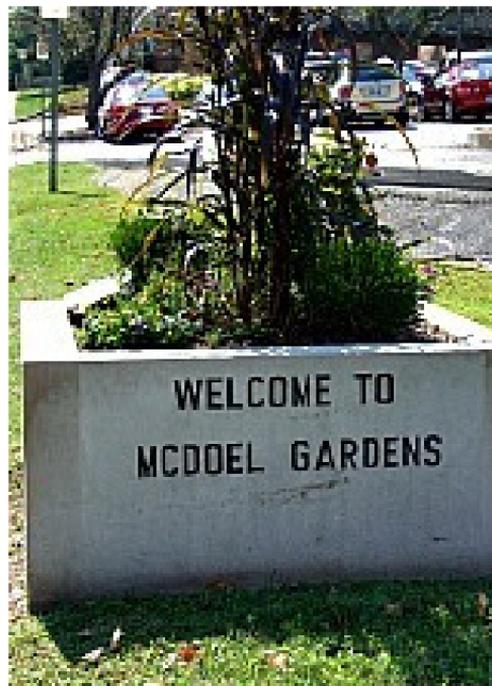- Street Signs
- Sign Toppers
- Historic Signs

Landscaping

The natural environment can improve the happiness and health of friends and neighbors.

Examples:

- Median Tree Planting
- Rain Garden
- Barrier Vegetation
- Butterfly habitat
- Community Garden

Public Goods/ Improvements

Neighbors want to make the space they live better. Large or small projects, the key with Public Goods/ Improvements is to get plenty of community input and volunteers.

Examples:
- Dog Litter Bag Dispenser
- Free Tiny Library
- Landmarks/sculptures
- Raingardens
- Brick/Historic Sidewalks
- Lighting improvements
- Benches/Picnic Tables
- Information Kiosk
- Bridges
- Play Ground Equipment

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Other Useful Information

For ways to reduce cost:
- *Get volunteers and do it yourself!*

Learn more about the City:
- *Citizen's Academy*

Resources for Neighborhood Associations:
- *HAND staff, Neighborhood Tool Kit and Neighborhood Organizational Guide*
- *Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) - Bloomington*
- *Nextdoor: Social Media*
- *Community Tool Box - The University of Kansas*
- *Project for Public Spaces*
- *Neighborhood Life*
- *National Night Out*

For help with organizing an event:
- *The Basic Block Party*