



THE **HAND** UPDATE

BLOOMINGTON'S NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

February, 2025



Ready for some serious spring cleaning?

A neighborhood cleanup is a neighborhood-organized, HAND-facilitated cleanup day, during which trash, recycling, tires, scrap metal, hazmat, electronics, and brush & limbs are collected for proper disposal. The application deadline is March 3, so now is the time to organize your neighbors and get your application together.

What makes for a winning application? Demonstrate that

- there is broad neighborhood support for holding a cleanup,
- your neighborhood is organized and committed to a successful cleanup,
- volunteers have pledged to working specific hours during the cleanup, and
- communication within the neighborhood is ongoing.

For more information, please visit bton.in/Clean. Still have questions? Email angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov.



Cars speeding through your neighborhood?

Calling all Bloomington residents who would like slower streets in their neighborhood! The 2025 Resident-Led Traffic Calming Program application cycle is now active.

This is your opportunity to lead a grass-roots effort to create safer streets in your neighborhood. Please visit bloomington.in.gov/tcgp for program information.

Traffic Calming Program website



Grab a shovel, help out a neighbor!

The City of Bloomington is seeking volunteers for the [Snow Buddies Program](#), an initiative designed to assist residents who are unable to clear snow from sidewalks and walkways due to disability or age. The program, organized by the [Council for Community Accessibility \(CCA\)](#), connects volunteers with residents who need help maintaining safe and accessible pathways during winter.

Snowy and icy sidewalks are a safety hazard for all pedestrians, so please do your part to clear the sidewalks adjacent to your property. City ordinance states that property owners are responsible for clearing these areas within twenty-four hours after snow or ice has ceased to fall.

We need your help to keep everyone moving safely. Thank you!

[Learn about becoming a Snow Buddy](#)



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SUMMIT HILL COMMUNITY LAND TRUST INFORMATION SESSION



Wednesday, February 19, 2025

5:00-6:00PM

@ Monroe Co. Public Library

- Ellettsville Branch, Room B

600 W Temperance St

Ellettsville, IN



With the support of the City of Bloomington, SHCDC has established a Community Land Trust. The CLT creates homeownership opportunities for low to moderate-income households and utilizes a shared-equity model to ensure permanent affordability. Join us for this information session to learn more about how to purchase a home in the CLT's first new neighborhood, Arlington Park.

For More Information
bhaindiana.net/shcdc/

Contact

info@shcdc.org

to reserve a spot

Learn about affordable home ownership

The Summit Hill Community Land Trust is creating opportunities for affordable homeownership in its new neighborhood, Arlington Park. An informational session will be held on February 19, 5-6 p.m. in Room B of the Monroe County Public Library, Ellettsville branch, 600 W Temperance St.

Please register in advance by emailing info@shcdc.org.

[More information](#)

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NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS CLUB

Looking for something fun to do?

Check out the Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors Club (BNNC), Bloomington's social club for newcomers and established area residents. Their motto is "*In this world there are no strangers, just friends who have never met.*"

All are welcome!

[BNNC website](#)

CanopyBloomington

CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY-POWERED URBAN FOREST

TREES 101

WED, FEB 19 at 6:30pm

Downtown M.C. Public Library, Rm 2B

Led by Julie Roberts, FREE & open to ALL

Love trees? Make sure your landscaping plan begins with Canopy
Bloomington's Trees 101 class, a FREE 90-minute instructional course.



All about trees

Want to know more about native trees - planting, caring for or even just appreciating? Join CanopyBloomington for their first TREES 101 of 2025. The session is Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30pm at the Monroe County Public Library, downtown, 303 E Kirkwood Ave. The event is free and led by Julie Roberts of CanopyBloomington and the City of Bloomington's Tree Commission.

Are you interested in planting trees? CanopyBloomington has volunteer openings to plant trees in the Crestmont on March 8 and Broadview on March 22. You can find more information and sign-up here: [Upcoming Plantings | CanopyBloomington](#)

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Helpful Links

- [Grants and programs for neighborhoods](#)
- [Register your bike\(s\) with Bike Index](#)
- [City government calendar](#): a listing of all public meetings.
- [uReport](#): let City staff know about an issue in need of attention.
- [myBloomington](#): explore City services available at your address.
- [ReCollect](#): find out what can and cannot be recycled.
- [Bloomington Volunteer Network](#)
- [Helping Bloomington Monroe](#)
- [inRoads](#): list of current and upcoming road closures

HAND Board/Commission Meetings

[Bloomington Redevelopment Commission](#) meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 5pm in City Hall, McCloskey Conference Room (#135).

- Monday, February 3
- Monday, February 17

[Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission](#) meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5pm in City Hall, McCloskey Conference Room (#135).

- Thursday, February 13
- Thursday, February 27

[Board of Housing Quality Appeals](#) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 4pm in City Hall, Allison Conference Room (#225).

- Tuesday, February 18

Mark Your Calendar

- Monday, February 17, **City Hall closed for President's Day**
- Wednesday, February 19, **Summit Hill Community Land Trust Info Session**
- Wednesday, February 19, **CanopyBloomington's Trees 101**
- Tuesday, February 24, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. **HAND at the IDS Housing Fair, IMU**

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