

### WHAT'S THE LATEST WITH CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN LOWER CASCADES?

Lots of progress to report here! The Cascades Phase 5 Trail and Streambank Stabilization project is nearly complete. Overall, the project is adding .25 miles of paved trail, 700+ feet of accessible boardwalk, 400+ feet of reconstructed streambank, and a new pedestrian bridge to Lower Cascades Park. The project improves trail connectivity, grants greater access to the creek and waterfall, improves the safety of the creek bank, and creates greater capacity for flood events, reducing the channelization of the creek.



Contractors are installing the last limestone blocks along the creek, site grading and seeding, and doing final cleanup. (When the project is complete, the lawn area will remain closed for a while to allow new grass to become established.) Twenty-three trees were removed to facilitate the streambank stabilization, and the mitigation plan called for planting 115 new trees to replace them. Most of the 115 replacement trees have been planted along the creek and along Griffy Creek across Old State Road 37 and south of Ferguson Dog Park. Some replacement trees will not be planted until fall due to availability. New trail lights are scheduled for installation in the coming weeks.

#### FIND OUT MORE:

by visiting this beautiful Park!



### THE SMALL & SIMPLE GRANT TO CONTROL INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES (SSCIPS)

This program funds efforts to remove invasive plants throughout your neighborhood. Grant monies can be used to purchase tools and supplies or to rent equipment to help remove invasive plants, as well as to purchase native plants to replace the invasive species that have been removed.



This grant program is available through a partnership between the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) and Monroe County Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS). Each year MC-IRIS issues the Reduce One Invasive Species Challenge. In 2022 the Challenge focuses on Callery Pear (above).

#### FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY:

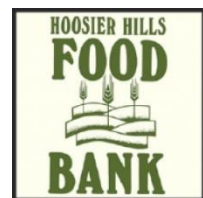
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#### FRESH FRIDAYS

**FREE DRIVE-THRU  
FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Anyone In Need  
No Questions Asked



10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Fourth Fridays → → →

June 24th  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
August 26<sup>th</sup>  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Hoosier Hills Food Bank

2333 West Industrial Park Drive  
Bloomington, IN 47404

Non-perishable food boxes  
plus eggs and fresh produce as available.

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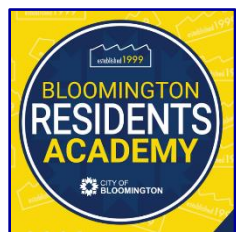


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BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS ACADEMY  
(THIS IS A REALLY COOL THING!)**

The **Residents Academy** is a ten-week, highly interactive program that provides participants with an inside look into City services, programs and responsibilities. I completed Residents Academy (then called Citizens Academy) back in 2014 and came away feeling way more informed about Bloomington and more able to participate in our local government.



The class will meet weekly on **Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm from August 25 to October 27, 2022.** (So it's not a huge time commitment.)

Together with your classmates, you'll spend time with department

heads and other City leaders and you'll hear firsthand about the challenges and opportunities involved in balancing a budget while responding to community goals and needs. You'll learn about the structure and function of these departments, the role of City Council, resident involvement in boards and commissions, innovations in government, and more, including the following Departments ...

- Office of the Mayor
- City Council and Clerk's Offices
- Public Works
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Transportation
- Housing and Neighborhood Development
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Utilities
- Community and Family Resources
- Controller's Office
- Information and Technology Services
- Economic and Sustainable Development

**FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY:**  
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**Sue's Next Constituent Meeting:**

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> | 1:30 pm | Via Zoom**

**Special Guest:**

**Devta Kidd**

**Director of Innovation – City of Bloomington**