



# SUE'S NEWS

## January 2023

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### CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT: RUNNING FOR REELECTION AND LOOKING FORWARD ... TOGETHER!

Since January 2020, it has been my pleasure – and very much my *privilege* - to serve as your representative in city government. **And I'm pleased to share that on January 4, 2023, I filed to run for reelection as your District 2 Representative on Bloomington City Council.**



### In the last three years we've accomplished a lot together ...

- Monthly constituent meetings that provide *real opportunities for dialogue* with me as your representative *and* with staff leadership from across city administration.
- New investments in District 2 infrastructure, like the planned multi-use paths on West 17<sup>th</sup> and on North Dunn.
- Increased citizen participation in key decisions ranging from changes in Lower Cascades to zoning decisions governing plexes, to an expanded Convention Center.
- Responses to a myriad of other day to day challenges ranging from occasional potholes to traffic calming in neighborhoods to public safety questions and concerns.

We've done a lot ... and I believe there's still more work to do. In the coming years, we'll realize the vision for Hopewell and the Trades District, strengthen our neighborhoods, bring important infrastructure projects to completion, expand the Convention Center and its role, and continue to respond to the challenges of homelessness and opioid abuse in our city.

My commitment is much the same as it has been ... To make data-informed decisions that support our social, economic, and environmental wellbeing and that help everyone benefit from our success.

### And now I'm asking your help.

- **Reach out!** If you have ideas on how to make Bloomington better or how city government can better serve our residents, then I'd love to hear from you. Please reach out by phone or email.
- **Get involved in my campaign!** Host a listening session at your home or in your neighborhood. Make a campaign contribution. Request a yard sign. Write a letter of support to the HT. Whatever you're considering, I'd like to talk with you and thank you personally!

### Thank you for your support!

### FIND OUT MORE AND GET INVOLVED:

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### Sue's Upcoming Constituent Meetings:

**Saturday, February 4**  
**Saturday, March 4**  
**Saturday, April 1**  
(No Kidding!)  
**1:30 pm | Via Zoom**

Connect via the link at [SueForCityCouncil.com](http://SueForCityCouncil.com)

## GET INVOLVED: BOARD AND COMMISSIONS



Before I was elected to Council, I served on the City's Redevelopment Commission for five years, and it taught me a lot. Most of all, it taught me that very ordinary people (that would be me in a nutshell) can have a lot of influence on how decisions are made, how money is spent, which projects go forward (and which don't), and when. There are currently more than 30 boards and commissions that advise the Mayor and City Council on a wide range of issues. From the Animal Control Commission to the Parks Commissioners to the Historic Preservation Commission to the Environmental Resources Advisory Council, scores of citizens work to influence policy and spending for the City of Bloomington. Check and see if there's a role for you!

**FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY TO SERVE:**  
<https://bloomington.in.gov/boards>



## I HAVE SOME IDEAS TO SHARE ... ARE THERE PEOPLE ON CITY COUNCIL (IN ADDITION TO SUE) THAT REPRESENT ME?

**Yes!** In fact, every Bloomington resident has FOUR representatives on Council. I am one of six district representatives and it's my role to represent District 2 residents. In addition, Council has three Members At-Large whose role it is to represent all residents of Bloomington. Have some thoughts about city-wide issues? Please share it with them!

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## 2023 NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS: TIME TO START PLANNING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS!

What kind of project could enhance your neighborhood? How about a playground or fitness trail? Maybe a public art installation or street sign toppers? Or how about a community garden?

Now is the time for groups to begin planning neighborhood improvement projects and organizing for neighborhood cleanups. All 2023 applications are now available!

### Neighborhood Improvement Grants

- **Mandatory Informational Meetings:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 and Monday, January 30, 2023
- **Letter of Intent Due:** Monday, February 6, 2023.
- **Application Deadline:** Monday, March 20, 2023.

### Neighborhood Cleanup Grants

- **Application Deadline:** Monday, March 6, 2023

### Small & Simple Grants

- **Application Deadline:** Rolling January 3 to September 1, 2023

### FIND OUT MORE:

Visit <https://bton.in/ckXcr> or contact Angela VanRooy at [angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov)



## SOME GREAT RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

What should I have in my "Go Bag" if I need to leave my home during an emergency? What should I keep in my "Stay Bag" in case I get snowed in this winter? What are the most important elements of an emergency plan for me and my family? Where can I find resources to help me teach my kids more about preparedness?



Recent storms and flooding were a good reminder that we can all take steps to be more prepared for emergencies.

### FIND OUT MORE:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

