

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE TEEN ROUNDTABLE!

The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth (CSCY) invites high school-aged students to participate in the **4th Annual Teen Roundtable** **Saturday, October 23** from **11:00 am to noon** at the Monroe County Public Library and **Sunday, October 24** from **1:00 to 2:00 pm** via Zoom.

The **Teen Roundtable** convenes local high school students for conversation about local, national and international issues, and offers the opportunity for young people to share their perspectives and their visions for the community. CSCY members facilitate discussions, capture participants' views, and include them in an annual report that is shared with the Mayor, City Council members, and school administrators. The findings inform programming, planning and support for local youth organizations.



This Year's Topics:

COVID-19 Pandemic
Food Insecurity
Sustainability
The Environment

Eligible students include those enrolled at any public or private high school in Bloomington or Monroe County or those who are home-schooled. Registration is open until October 9th.

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER:

www.bloomington.in.gov/cscy
or contact Safe and Civil City Director
Shatoyia Moss at mosss@bloomington.in.gov
or 812-349-3430.



B-CLEAR DATA SET SPOTLIGHT: SANITATION DIVISION – PUBLIC WORKS

“B-Clear” is short for **Bloomington Clear**, a web-based, one-stop site for data about the City of Bloomington, its services, and its neighborhoods. The site is open to the public and includes over 200 data sets about everything from parking to potholes to bike paths.

This month, I'm spotlighting **Sanitation Division Annual Statistics**. The Sanitation

Division of the Public Works Department provides curbside collection of trash, recycling and yard waste to single-family residences that are within the city limits. It also provides trash collection from City parks, municipal parking lots and a number of City operated facilities.



How much trash was collected by our Sanitation workers in 2020? (Hint: It's more than 5,000 tons!) How about recycling and yard waste? How much did we spend on unleaded and diesel fuel to operate the Division's 19 vehicles? It's all here!

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://data.bloomington.in.gov/dataset/sanitation>



THEY'RE HERE! 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to every one who participated in the third biennial **Bloomington Community Survey** this year! As in 2019 and 2017, the randomized, scientifically valid survey conducted in March and April of this year gave residents the opportunity to provide feedback on perceptions of the quality of life in Bloomington; to evaluate City programs and services; and to identify projects or issues facing the City.

FIND OUT MORE AND SEE THE REPORT:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/communitysurvey>



**LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**



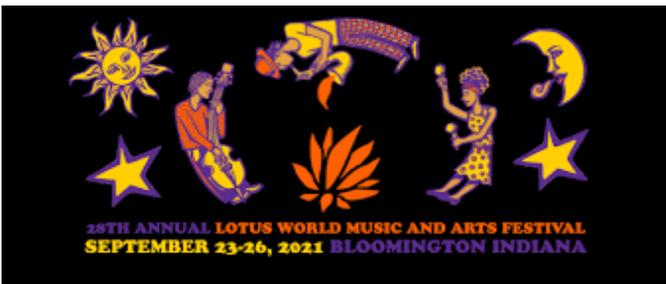
From **Thursday, September 23rd thru Sunday, September 26th**, there's no better place to be than Bloomington's own **Lotus World Music & Arts Festival**.

Over the last 25 years, Lotus has hosted nearly 575 artists or ensembles from 120+ different countries and culturally distinct regions. The Festival attracts multi-generational audiences, participation from local and regional ethnic/cultural communities, and hundreds (if not thousands!) of visitors from across the state and across the country.

Lotus transforms downtown Bloomington for the Festival, creating a 10-block pedestrian-friendly perimeter and filling 6-8 different venues simultaneously with music and dance. Venues include a range of public spaces, from large outdoor tents perfect for dancing to family-friendly city parks for interactive workshops, to intimate churches and art spaces suited for attentive listening and contemplation.

Be one of the 600+ people who contribute time, expertise, and good will to make Lotus events happen!

FIND OUT MORE AND VOLUNTEER:
<https://www.lotusfest.org/volunteer/>



**UREPORT:
ON LINE REPORTING AND HELP REQUESTS**

See a sidewalk that's blocked by overgrown vegetation? A street light that's not working? A pothole that needs to be patched? Have an idea for a program that you'd like to share with the Parks Department? Have a compliment for a city staff member?

Use UReport!

This online portal is a quick, easy way to communicate with the city about non-emergency issues like those above. The site is easy to navigate with drop-down menus, open fields to record your comments, and even a place to upload your photos of whatever needs attention. When you submit your reports or comment to the City it will be sent to the appropriate department and you'll hear back from the staff who are working on the issue (generally within a day or two). You may also send an e-mail directly to info@bloomington.in.gov or call the City at 812.349.3400, (but I've found UReport to be a lot faster!)



FIND OUT MORE:
bloomington.in.gov/ureport-about



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