

B-CLEAR DATA SET SPOTLIGHT: OPEN311

“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.

Many (most?) issues of *Sue's News* have encouraged residents to use **UReport** – an online tool for reporting non-emergency items that need attention from the City of Bloomington (overgrown sidewalks, non-operational street lights, potholes, and so forth). So how have residents been using this service? How has use trended over time? It turns out there's a data set for that!

This month I'm spotlighting the *Open311* – a look at (believe it or not) 50 years' worth of data on help requests submitted to the City of Bloomington. So how many requests have there been since 1970? (Hint: It's over 100,000.) What are the most frequent requests and which Departments are most active in responding? It's all here!

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://bloomington.data.socrata.com/dataset/Open311>



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?



This summer's 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



DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY: SHOP THE COMMUNITY WISH LIST!

It's the holiday season! Browse these organizations' wish lists to discover exactly what is needed by our local social service, cultural, environmental and animal welfare organizations. Take the time to purchase a few items or organize a collection drive or house party for the organizations you care about most!

- **Feeling Generous?** Add a few extra items from the *Wish List* to your shopping list during the holiday season.
- **Downsizing or Moving?** Re-home your used-but-in-good-condition items with a *Wish List* organization.
- **Upgrading?** Offer last year's model to one of our *Wish List* organizations.



Opportunity House
New Leaf - New Life
Wheeler Mission
Hannah Center
Pantry 279
New Hope for Families
Middle Way House
Teachers Warehouse
City of Bloomington Animal Care & Control (Animal Shelter)
Monroe County Humane Association
Monroe County United Ministries
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
Pets Alive Nonprofit Spay/Neuter Clinic
Community Kitchen of Monroe County Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County
Beacon, Inc. - Shalom Community Center
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington
Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project
Our Lil' Bit of Heaven Animal Rescue & Sanctuary
Area 10 Agency On Aging
St. Vincent de Paul Society
The Project School
Salvation Army
Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center
WonderLab Museum of Science Health & Technology
Materials For The Arts
Indiana Forest Alliance
Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB)
Harmony School
Courage to Change Sober Living, Inc
Monroe County CASA Inc. ... and more!

FIND OUT MORE:

www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/communitywishlist/



**COMING SOON:
THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME
OF THE YEAR!**

Bloomington Handmade Market: Holiday Affair

Handmade items from over 60 artists!

Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Monroe County Convention Center

Admission: Free!

Christmas Fair

Enjoy crafts, fair food, live music, and an appearance from Santa at the Christmas Fair!

Saturday, November 13

2:00 to 6:00 pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds

Admission: Free!

Harvest Market

Enjoy the annual Harvest Market, comprised of artisanal, boutique, and farmers' goods!

Friday, November 19 | 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 20 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Whippoorwill Hill

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Monroe Lake Holiday Hiking Challenge

Escape the stress of the holidays! Discover Monroe Lake's trails and complete fun challenges during your hike!

Thursday – Sunday, November 25-28

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Admission: \$7.00 per vehicle with an Indiana license plate; \$9.00 per vehicle with an out-of-state license plate

Canopy of Lights

Experience one of Bloomington's most magical traditions as Santa flips the switch to transform the downtown area into a sparkling, winter wonderland, displaying thousands of lights on and around the Monroe County Courthouse Square.

Friday, November 26

6:00 pm

Monroe County Courthouse Square

Admission: Free



Bloomington Holiday Market

Enjoy the 19th annual Bloomington Holiday Market featuring 50 farm vendors, food & beverage artisans, and local/regional artists.

Saturday, November 27

9:00am to 1:00 pm

Showers Building & Plaza | City Hall

Admission: Free

Winter Lights, December Nights

Revel in the sights and sounds of the season with a stroll through Switchyard Park, marveling at the thousands of lights that bring the park to life during the holidays.

Friday, December 10 | 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 11 | 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Switchyard Park

Admission: Free

Reindeer Reserve

Meet real, live reindeer at WonderLab's WonderGarden during Reindeer Reserve.

Saturday, December 11 | Noon to 3:00 pm

Sunday, December 12 | Noon to 3:00 pm

WonderLab Museum

Admission:

\$5.00 per member

\$6.00 per non-member

KEEP IN TOUCH!

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