

HEROES HELPING HOOSIERS FOOD DRIVE



The Bloomington Fire Department is hosting the Heroes Helping Hoosiers food drive again! This is a great opportunity to help neighbors in need from around our community during the holiday season. We are accepting non-perishable food at any of our multiple drop sites. Through partnerships with local organizations, food will be collected

and distributed through December. You can make a difference to fight hunger!

Non-perishable food items can be brought to drop boxes located at:

- **City of Bloomington Fire Department**
Headquarters | 226 S College Avenue
- **Bloomington Fire Station #2**
209 S Fairfield Drive
- **Bloomington Fire Station #4**
2201 E 3rd Street
- **City Hall**
Showers Building Atrium - Main Floor
401 N Morton Street

AND DON'T FORGET OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS EITHER!

If you've ever adopted a pet from the Animal Shelter (I've adopted three over the years) then you'll want to join me in gifting some items on the **Animal Shelter's Holiday Wish List**:

- **Quality Canned Dog Food and Cat Food**
(Their most needed item)
- **Spray Cheese, Easy Cheese, Kong Easy Treat**
- **Soft Dog Treats** (Moist and Meaty, Pupperoni, Beggin Strips)
- **Bleach**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Dish Soap**
- **Dog Toys** (e.g., Kongs, Nyla bones, Stuffed Animals)
- **Cat Toys** (e.g. Cat Wands, Catnip Mice)
- **Rabbit Toys**
- **Dog Houses** (in good condition)
- **Plastic Cat Crates**
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- **Towels, Blankets, Sheets, Rugs**
(Clean, used items are fine, but no pillows please.)



Donations are accepted in person at the Shelter at 3410 South Walnut, Bloomington 47401 or can be mailed to Bloomington Animal Care and Control at that same address. If you're visiting in person, materials may be dropped off in the yellow bin outside our front doors at any time. Monetary donations are also very welcome and greatly appreciated. Staff are on hand to receive financial gifts during the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Noon to 5:00 pm
Saturday: Noon to 4:00 pm | Sunday: 1:00 to 4:00 pm



Sue's Upcoming Constituent Meetings:

Saturday, January 7
Saturday, February 4
1:30 pm | Via Zoom

Connect via the link at SueForCityCouncil.com

COMING SOON TO THE CITY'S NORTH SIDE: YOUR INPUT SOUGHT ON PROPOSED DESIGNS FOR TWO NEW GATEWAYS

The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a public open house on **Thursday, December 15 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers (401 N Morton Street)**, to unveil the proposed concepts for two new signature gateways at principal entry points to the city.

First, representatives from Rundell Ernstberger Associates (REA) will present concepts for the **Miller-Showers Park Gateway**, on Bloomington's north side in Miller-Showers Park between College Avenue and Walnut Street.



Next, we'll hear about proposed plans for the **Arlington Pedestrian Bridge Gateway** that arches over State Road 45/46 east of I-69. [The Arlington pedestrian bridge is owned and maintained by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), so any design must be ultimately be evaluated and approved by INDOT.]



The gateways are one of seven Bicentennial bond projects announced during Bloomington's Bicentennial year in 2018. REA presented conceptual designs for the gateways in December 2019, and collected input from city officials and the public regarding the gateway concepts. The gateway project was placed on hold during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the City and REA are re-launching the project with the unveiling of new proposed concepts.

The conceptual designs will include the proposed size, construction materials, themes, graphic features, and architectural and landscape elements. REA will collect feedback from members of the public, the Board of Park Commissioners, the Bloomington Area Arts Council, and city staff and officials through January 6. Feedback will be used to refine the proposed designs, and to develop cost options for each gateway location.

For more information about the Bicentennial gateways, contact Tim Street, Parks and Recreation's Operations and Development Division Director, at 812-349-3700 or tim.street@bloomington.in.gov.

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 will be available starting **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**.

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:

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