

Bloomingtondale News

Everyone's little bit adds up to a BIG BIT



Spring has sprung in Bloomingtondale! Stop and smell the flowers.

May 15th is the last average frost date. If night temps fall under 40F, cover your annuals & vegetables.

Membership = the cost of 2 cups of coffee !

If you haven't joined, contact an officer (See page 5) and contribute to the success of Bloomingtondale Neighborhood.

Welcome New "Two Cup" Members for 2010

Andrew: G.C. and Jim Benya, Julie Miller

Archer: Dona Gordon-Hern

Cass: Mildred Foltz, Virginia King, Susan Naugle

Fifth Street: Margaret Haft, Dorothy and Moe Lawrence

Florence: Mary Nailor, Jeannette Heitger

Fourth Street: Mark Friedley, Richard Keeley

Greenlawn: George Drysdale, Cheri Bumgardner

Hensch: Wilmer and Janet Linker, Wanda Simmons

Huffman: James and Jenny McMahon

Meridian: Lawrence Hoffman

Putnam: Maryanne Graves, Norm and Carol Gerardot

Wells: John Hilt, Mary Hilker

Others: Eleanor Guthrie, Donna Gordon-Hearn

Note: For any additions or corrections, call Eddie at 423-2303. Thanks for your support.

Lindenwood Nature Preserve Opening for Season

Located at 600 Lindenwood Avenue, will open for the season on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 9 am. Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 9 am – 6 pm and Sunday noon – 6 pm.

We hear little about this neighborhood nature preserve located a bit over a mile from our southwest corner of Bloomingtondale, south of Spring/Bass Road and west of Lindenwood Cemetery.

Back in the late sixties, the Boy Scouts helped to lay out the paths for the future trails as a service project. Many trees are large and provide lots of shade on the four hiking trails. Trails vary in length and one trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible. There is an open-air pavilion and a pond for relaxation. So, if you like hiking, wildlife viewing, and photography, picnicking or just kick back and relax, here you go!

For field trips and birthday parties, call 427-6005 or the website: www.fortwayneparks.org.

City to Adjust River Levels

Fort Wayne, Ind. – The City of Fort Wayne will re-establish river levels to the normal summer levels beginning Thursday April 15, 2010. The Tainter Gate on Hosey Dam – on the Maumee River at Anthony Boulevard – will be closed early Thursday morning and river levels on the three rivers throughout the City will rise over the next two days.

This is a normal procedure established by the Board of Works that takes place every year on April 15th.

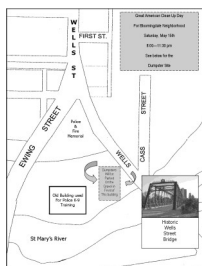
Residents will notice the level rising along the Maumee, the St. Joe from the dam at Johnny Appleseed Park and the St. Marys to about the Foster Park area.

Missing Newsletter? Some of our neighbors did not receive newsletters because we only had one more new volunteer which means some paper were not received. If your block is lacking coverage, please help. Think of it as, getting fresh air, meeting neighbors, getting exercise and performing a civic duty. Be proud as you tell your friends, "I'm helping keep Bloomingtondale Blooming".

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The Great American Clean Up

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out and help clean your area or maybe a few yards each way. The dumpster location is on old Wells Street north of the Historic Wells Street Bridge. Free gloves and T-shirts available, while they last.

We will take tires and vehicle batteries that are sealed and not leaking. Mower batteries too.

Ya all come, help, meet your neighbor, and have fun. Really make "Bloomington Bloom!"

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President's Corner; Have you ever stopped to consider the reasons that you and your neighbors have chosen to live in Bloomington? Aside from the beautiful old homes, the call of church bells, bustling businesses, and the **flowers**, why do we chose to live in Bloomington? We borrow eggs from one another and return the favor with plates of cookies. We share. We share dinners, plants, child-care, and stories. We know our neighbors. We visit with one another on our porches, and shout out friendly hellos to friends and neighbors as they stroll and bicycle through the neighborhood. We walk together as we talk together. We depend on one another and look out for one another. We work together to rid our neighborhood of all criminal elements. We roll up our sleeves and clean our neighborhood together. **We** are the reason we choose to live in Bloomington. **We**, the residents of Bloomington have become the **heart** of Bloomington.

2010 Membership Dues Application

Bloomington Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Residence \$3.00 – Business \$6.00

Donation: \$ _____.

NAME: _____
(First Name/Names) (Last Name)

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Please list your neighborhood concerns or comments:

Send check, made payable to: Bloomington Neighborhood Association to:

Treasurer: C. S. Bumgardner
607 Greenlawn Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Email: BloomingtonNATrea@gmail.com

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Tornado Warning; On March 17th tornado sirens could be heard throughout the entire Bloomington Association area.

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Great Panes Glass was established in the early 1970s. Dallas and Cheri Platter opened the shop in the Lumber Yards of Grabill. After 7 years they opened a second studio at Park-

west Center and operated both stores for a couple years. The Grabill location was closed and Parkwest continued to offer the artwork to this area until the Platters moved to Wells Street in early 1988. The present owner, Judi Wire, began working with the Platters at the Parkwest location and continued with them at the 1307 Wells Street location until 1991 when Judi and her hus-

band Dan purchased the business and property.

The gallery offers many types of glass artwork that ranges in price from \$10 to hundreds. The focus is on custom work and restorations. They have had associates previously, but presently all work is done by family.

While the building looks like a residence, to a large degree there have been businesses at the location since at least the 1970's. The structure was built in 1867. The hardwood floors are original but the floor plan has been altered to allow better customer flow and display.

Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday 10 am - 6 pm, and Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm, or by appointment.

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Hidden Treasure - Did you know that there are **free** display gardens available for you to visit at any time to get ideas for adding plants to your landscape? The Allen County Extension Services are located on the IPFW campus at 4001 Crescent Avenue. They have 17 public display gardens available for your viewing pleasure from spring through fall. Your tax dollars help to support these gardens under the direction of our County Horticulture Educator, Ricky Kemery.

The display gardens are maintained by the Purdue Master Gardeners. These are volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to learn as much about gardening as they can in order to aid the County Horticultural Educator in assisting the home gardener with their questions and concerns. These services are accessible to you through the Master Gardener telephone response center at 260-481-6826 option 2.

Bloomingdale Neighborhood is on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=30561183379>

ARCH, ARTS United, and the Wells Corridor are teaming up for the **Historic Bike Ride on Saturday May 22 from 9 am till noon**. One of the stops will be our historic iron bridge over the Saint Mary's River. There will be docents, or historical placards, along the tour to narrate historic events.

Our bridge will have the 2010 Windows of Wells suspended for display. These windows will then be placed at the businesses on Wells Street until the William Wells Weekend.

During that weekend, on August 14th, an event to honor the Chief of the Spies for whom the street is named. This event will be sponsored by Arts United, Friends of the Rivers and the Wells Corridor Business Association and will include the Auction of the Windows, live music, an outdoor movie, the 3rd annual Tomato Massacre, and Braziers of Fire in the river.

More information on this event will be in the next newsletter. Join us on the bike tour and learn more about our history and enjoy downtown.

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Butterflies and Fairies Exhibit Opens at Botanical Conservatory

Fort Wayne, IN: The Botanical Conservatory will add a new attraction to their annual live butterfly display this year: fairies! This spring showcase opens Saturday, April 10 and runs through Sunday, June 27.

The butterflies are confined to the chrysalis hatching lab and the display tent, but fairies travel beyond the limits of the imagination! Inside the tent, watch a variety of butterflies feeding among the impatiens, floating lazily on the air, and basking in the sun. School groups are welcome to request butterfly curriculum in advance of a visit. Outside the tent, visitors can search for hidden fairy homes and gathering spots, learn fairy lore, and even dress in wings for photos.

More information:

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 am – 5 pm; Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Sunday 12-4 pm.

Admission: Adults \$5; Children age 3-17 \$3; age 2 and under are free. Group rate for 20 or more adults.

Call 427-6440 or the website: www.botanicalconservatory.org

Stop Your Mouse from Waking Up Your Windows 7 Computer

<http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/15132/stop-your-mouse-from-waking-up-your-windows-7-computer/>

Type "Mouse" in the search box.

Under the "Control Panel" click on "Mouse".

Click on the "Hardware" tab.

Click onto the line with your mouse listing.

Click onto "Properties".

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It is always nice to hear about someone in the neighborhood helping bring a little love into another person's life. Donna Gordon-Hearn has been associated for years with a 40 year old organization called, "Good Bears of the World". Get a warm, fuzzy feeling and help out the cause.

Here is their description posted on:

www.goodbearsoftheworld.org

"Good Bears of the World (GBW) is a non profit 501(c)3 organization which provides teddy bears to children of all ages, where love, solace, and comfort can make a difference. Last year alone, we gave out over 20,000 teddies to children in need including the

victims of floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and domestic violence both in the United States and abroad. Our bears were also given to many sick, injured, and underprivileged children as well as lonely seniors. Tragedies such as the Oklahoma City bombing, the crash of TWA flight 800, and the events of September 11, 2001 have been included in our giftings. Firemen, policemen, emergency workers, psychologists, and grief counselors have discovered the teddy bear's magical healing power on children and families in traumatic situations."

Contact: Donna Gordon-Hearn

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Exclusive giveaways

- Only kids who show their membership cards can receive these prizes!

Drawings and prizes

- Drawings are open to members only - prizes include experiences like being honorary Bat Kid, official Junior PA announcer, or even a chance to throw a first pitch before a game!

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E-mail newsletter

- Includes special offers for members and is sent out twice per month during the season!

For more information on TinCap Kids, call [Abby Naas](mailto:Abby.Naas) at (260) 482-6400.

Association Contact Information

Newsletter submissions deadline is before the first day of the month.

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Master Gardener Plant Sale — The Purdue Master Gardener's will be hosting their first plant sale of the year on Saturday, May 22nd from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Allen County Extension Office, 4001 Crescent Avenue. Additionally, they will have a Twilight Walk and Plant Sale on June 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Parking will be available at the IPFW parking garage or nearby parking lots.

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