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Bloomingdale News

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Bloomingdale Neighborhood Dirt Day

May 12th 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Vacant lot south of Hyde
Books **1428 Wells Street**



The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association invites their members to come and get FREE dirt for their flower or vegetable gardens.



This is a way to say
thanks for supporting the
Bloomingdale Neighborhood.

Great American Cleanup Day in Bloomingdale Neighborhood Saturday, May 19th

Cleanup hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Come on down, help clean up our neighborhood and meet your friendly neighbors.

We will be taking tires and auto/garden tractor batteries (must not be leaking). NO HAZARDOUS WASTE!

The city is furnishing gloves, garbage bags and t-shirts. Then after the cleanup—go down to Headwaters Park for lunch & fun.

Bloomingdale Neighborhood

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Memorial Ceremony Wells and Ewing Saturday, May 12th

Law Enforcement Police and Fire Memorial will be having
the yearly ceremony starting at 9:00 am at their site
between the Historic Wells Bridge and Ewing Street Bridge.

Bike to Work Week Party Friday May 18th

5:00 to 8:00 pm.

at Fort Wayne Outfitters

(old train depot by Historic
Wells Bridge).

**Music, Food, Beer Garden,
and Door prizes.**

Most Precious Blood Church and School Fun Fest

Friday, June 1st

Dinner 5-8:00 pm Beer Tent 5-10:00 pm

Saturday, June 2nd

11:00 am-5:00 pm Festivities

Dinner 4-7:30 pm

Beer Tent 6-11 with live music 8-11 pm

River Fest Saturday, June 23rd

RiverFest at IPFW
from

9:00 am to midnight.

**Fun for the
Whole family**

3 Rivers Festival event: 2nd Annual RiverGames Saturday, July 21st

From Noon to 5:00 pm - come to the Historic Wells Bridge

As a participate or just to watch the fun!

2nd Annual "RiverGames" event - part of the 3 Rivers Festival. A whole day of fun activities on the river!
Great Race (canoes and kayaks), Summit City Soaker (canoe sprint race), Water Balloon Wars (three man
slingshots). Get details at www.ThreeRiversFestival.org

William Wells Celebration (Time to be announced later) Saturday, August 4th

The Annual William Wells Celebration will be held on August 4th, 2012 at and around the Historic
Wells Street Bridge. Details will come later.....just marked your calendar now!

Happy Spring to all! I hope you all have been enjoying the blooms in our Bloomingdale neighborhood. A bit earlier than the usual the trees have shown us their colorful side and the spring flowers remind us vividly that summer is around the corner. With the early warm temps, the “itch” to plant is on! Keep in mind, that in our area the frost dates still run from mid-May to mid-October. If you are an early planter watch those temperatures at night and cover tender plants as needed. Spring is also the important time for clean up and preparation. With this in mind, here are some things to think about.

Rake up and clean around, shrubs, borders, and beds etc. This is important because leftover debris can carry disease and insect issues later on.

PULL weeds in beds when possible. This aids in keeping the use of weed killers to a minimum. You just made your first step to going “green”!

Trim off all dead leaves, canes, stalks etc. to make airflow for new growth. If you plan to trim bushes and shrubs (or anything else you might want to cut back), first check to see when that particular variety needs to be pruned. Some may need it in winter, some in spring, and yet some right after blooming. This is important because different plants have different times they start to form blooms. If you cut them at the wrong time, you may be cutting off the already forming blooms for next year! (This is especially true of Hydrangeas. Different species need to be cut at different times. Ever wonder why you didn’t get blooms on them?)

Check your wood chips or mulch media for molds or anything else that looks suspicious. Discard damaged materials. (Tired of the color of your wood chips? Now is the time you can change things up, by adding a new different color.)

Loosen soil before planting. Plants will not grow well in compacted soil. This is also the time to add new soil or to amend your existing soil. Remember the quality of the soil is the key to the quality of your plants!

Spring and fall are the best times to re-do your lawn or fix bare spots. If using seed, remember to keep it watered well till seeds germinate and take hold.

Hope these tips give you a place to start! For more individual questions, you can go to http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/garden_pubs.html Scroll through to find the subject in question.



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**Bloomingtondale Neighborhood
Association Meeting May 19th**

**NO MEETING TODAY COME DOWN TO
➡ **HELP AT THE DUMP-
STER SITE****

8:00 to 11:00 am.

**The site is by the
Historic Wells Street Bridge**

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Friday, May 11, 4 -7 pm

Saturday, May 12, 10 am - 5pm

Sunday, May 13, 12 - 4 pm

McMillen Ice Arena, 3901 Abbott Street

We had such a great time last year, we're doing it again! Come down to the McMillen Ice Arena over the Mother's Day weekend to get your garden started.

The Botanical Conservatory is offering around 600 kinds of plants for purchase at a three-day plant extravaganza. You'll find herbs, tomatoes, and other vegetable plants along with annual and perennial flowers and foliage plants, tropical plants for indoors or out, color bowls, mixed containers, and

hanging baskets. New this year, we'll have a special line-up on Saturday of speakers and displays to help answer questions for beginners and do-it-yourself gardeners. The plant sale is a fundraiser for the Botanical Conservatory to support its public programs. Come early for the best selection because it won't last forever. Volunteers will be on hand to assist you in plant selection and loading. Plenty of free parking!

Are you a Conservatory member? If so you can enjoy the preview sale on Thursday, May 5, 4 - 7 pm.

Memberships will be available for purchase that evening if you want to beat the crowd and get the best selection. Please check our website www.botanicalconservatory.org for a plant list.

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attend meetings, they join to
show support and to help
with projects that benefit the
whole community.

Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Information

Bloomingtondale is the #5 most walk-
able neighborhood in Fort Wayne.

This neighborhood is somewhat
walkable with an average Walk
Score of 69.

Bloomingtondale has 3,415 people—
or 1% of Fort Wayne's population.

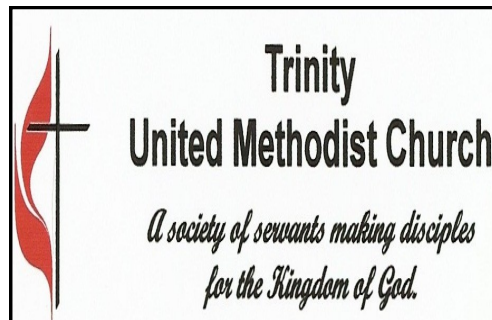
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