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NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

The neighborhood yard sale is from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8. Put a colorful indication -- think balloons, flags or a sign -- on your mailbox if you are participating. The Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association will place an announcement in The Herald-Times.



SIDEWALK REPAIR PROPOSAL

Sidewalks in need of repair have tripped up many Blue Ridge walkers. The BRNA Sidewalk Committee (Ann Birch, Kelly Bogan and Jillian Kinzie) identified 104 priority sidewalk squares: they are in the most traveled areas (Ramble Road East and West) and have an inch or more difference between adjacent squares. The goal is to improve the curb appeal and walkability of our neighborhood.

This announcement proposes having BRNA pay part of the cost of replacing the most problematic squares. The expenditure would require approval at the Blue Ridge business meeting in August. Your thoughts and ideas now can improve the proposal before the business meeting.

The Municipal Code holds property owners responsible for keeping their sidewalks in good repair. The city's sidewalk repair subsidy prioritizes heavily walked areas, for which Blue Ridge (alas) would not qualify; and the former city program, which provided materials if the property owner funded the labor, is no longer in effect.

Our neighborhood association is proposing a Sidewalk Repair Project for our priority squares. We would allocate \$3,000 from BRNA reserves to repay approximately 50% of homeowners' expenses to repair about 20 of the 104 damaged squares. This is based on potential contractors' estimates of about \$300 per square. The city provides a list of approved and bonded concrete contractors: <https://bloomington.in.gov/transportation/sidewalks>.

The Sidewalk Repair Committee has identified four as available for this type of work:

Clarks Concrete*	3501 W Fairington Dr.	Bloomington, IN 47403	812-345-2070	rcclarksconcrete@aol.com*
MJS Enterprises, LLC	3210 Bradshire Court	Bloomington, IN 47401	812-320-0392	a1landmjs@gmail.com
Walnut Builders, LLC	1111 N Walnut St.	Bloomington, IN 47404	812-964-9074	walnutbuildersllc@gmail.com
West Concrete	1264 W Countryside Dr.	Bloomington, IN 47404	812-327-7941	westconcreteinc@yahoo.com

**Re: Clarks Concrete, Andy Clark mentioned to Kelly Brogan a number of issues that his company is prepared to deal with, including use of rebar to avoid the same breakage again, removal of the square without damaging the parkway, doing the demolition all in one day, pouring all the concrete in another day, etc. He and his brother own the company, which is the same company that hauled the BRNA spring clean-up brush for several years.*

Repairs may include non-priority sidewalks, for example to reduce disruption or costs with a single contract. Only the identified priority squares will be eligible for partial reimbursement from BRNA. We will contact homeowners with the 104 priority squares directly to see if they are interested.

Please contact Jillian Kinzie or Ralf Shaw if you have questions or suggestions.

BLUE RIDGE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominating committee members Ruth Aydt and Jeannie Galbreath have recommended the following candidates for office for terms from September 2019 through August 2021:

President: Debora "Ralf" Shaw, 2905 Bankers

Vice President: Cory Rutz, 2989 N Lakewood Ct.

Secretary: Susan Catt, 407 E Blue Ridge Dr.

Treasurer: Sarah Wasserman, 3260 N Ramble East

At Large: Kelly Bogan, 3121 N Ramble West

At Large: Matt Fields, 2941 N Ramble East

At Large: Dylan Grigar, 316 E Rusgan

At Large: Paul Kern, 2711 Blue Ridge Ct.



The summer issue of the *Blue Ridge Bugle* will have bios and statements from the candidates. The election will be held at the annual meeting in August.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, uREPORT IT!

The city of Bloomington's uReport is a handy way to bring official attention to non-emergency situations. From the city's website you can notify officials about potholes, graffiti, storm drain blockage, trash collection problems, traffic concerns, etc. Submit your report or comment and it will be routed to the appropriate department. For more, visit: <https://bloomington.in.gov/ureport/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association's annual meeting will at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the North Central Church of Christ, 2121 N. Dunn St.

The annual Blue Ridge Neighborhood picnic, held on Oliver Drive, will be Sunday, Sept. 8. The rain date will be Sept. 15.