



Blue Ridge Bugle: Winter 2019

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NEW DUES SCHEDULE

For several years, dues for the Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association have been assessed for the calendar year, with new residents not charged dues for the year they move in. Billing for dues has gone out in early summer, and many of us have figured that dues were based on the BRNA "business year," from one annual business meeting to the next. The BRNA Board approved making this official.

The next bill for dues will be sent this summer (June or July) and will be for membership from August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020. This adjustment means no dues required for January to July 2019, so everyone is eligible to take part in the spring brush clean up. BRNA annual dues are \$30 per household. They support, among other things, our spring clean up, annual picnic, biennial directory, and newsletters.

2019 SPRING CLEAN UP

Get your brush ready for the spring clean up by noon on Sunday, March 31. Andy Fosnaugh and crew will pick up the limbs and brush and deliver wood chips on April 1-2. Details are in the announcement sheet accompanying this newsletter. **Sign up by Tuesday March 26.** Complete the form online: <http://blueridge.bloomington.in.us/spring-cleanup/>.



FRONT ENTRANCE MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN UP

Dan Toth and Gene Laughman deserve a special round of thanks for their care of the front entrance, Blue Ridge's front door to Bloomington.

Dan moved to Blue Ridge in 2016 and has continued his practice of cleaning up the litter around his neighborhood. He surveys the front gate area several times a week, collecting food packaging, plastic liquor bottles, plastic bags, landscaping/construction/salt bag debris, items that might have fallen off of garbage trucks (plastic milk bottles, paper), clothing, cigarette packages and lighters, chunks of Styrofoam, and plastic car parts.

Gene keeps an eye on the lighting for our entrance gates and flag, also occasionally picking up larger items of trash. He has used his leaf blower to keep the entrance

curbs clean back to the second or third drainage grates, which reduces water accumulation during rains.

Our goal is to keep the gate area neat and welcoming, as a complement to David Sparks' landscaping at the gates. A lot of litter remains further from the road, in the bushes. Please don't forget your tough clothing and gloves and join us for a neighborhood clean-up effort to remove this debris from **1 to 3 p.m. Saturday March 23.** Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development will supply safety vests and trash bags.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR BLUE RIDGE OFFICERS

Do you want to lend a hand in helping Blue Ridge be its best? We elect neighborhood association officers again at the annual meeting in August. To volunteer or suggest someone for office, contact our Nominating Committee: Ruth Aydt at 217-979-2721 or aydt@me.com and Jeannie Galbreath at 812-603-4039 or gknee615@gmail.com.

INVASIVE SPECIES DAY

Monroe County's Identify and Reduce Invasive Species group will partner with City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation for a work

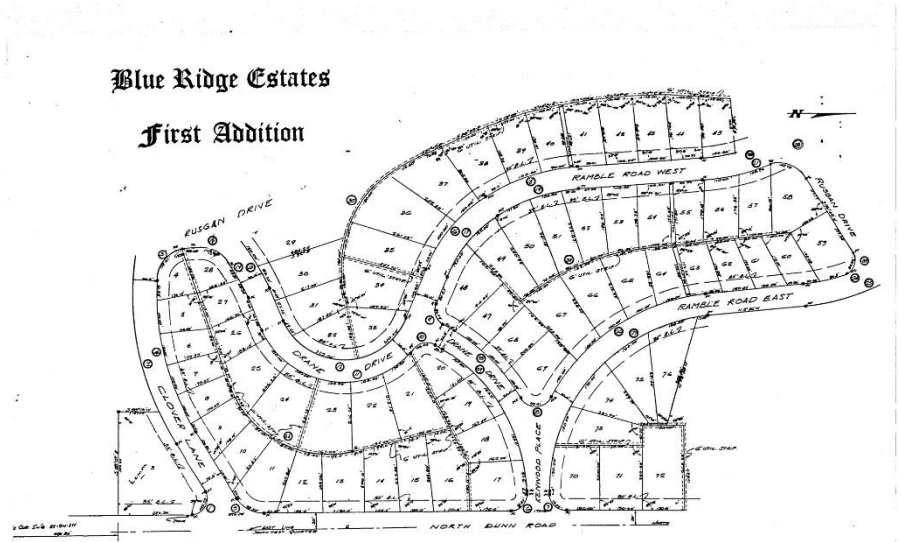
day at Griffy Lake from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday March 2. Meet at the boat house parking lot, hike, learn about the park, and help control garlic mustard and Asian bush honeysuckle.

CLEAN THAT STORM DRAIN

If there's a storm drain on your property, please help the neighborhood by keeping it free of debris. Dan Toth cites a golden rule from the building trades: move water away from homes. Let's not deprive Griffy Lake of water headed in that direction.

BLUE RIDGE HOMEBUILDERS

Do you know who built your house -- who did the actual construction? Bits of history like this disappear over time. The city keeps building permits for only five years, so we (and future historians) need to tap memories to preserve the record. Former Blue Ridger and expert on Bloomington housing, Don Granbois, compiled the following list from his knowledge and connections at Bloomington Restorations, Inc. If you can add to the list, or if you have pictures of your home from the early days that you can share, contact Ralf Shaw at shawd@indiana.edu:



David Alani and Associates
2700 N. Blue Ridge Court

John Engelhardt
3316 N. Ramble Road Court
2733 N. Blue Ridge Court
200 E. Clover Lane
2803 N. Blue Ridge Drive
3220 N. Ramble Road East
3240 N. Ramble Road East
3260 N. Ramble Road East
3280 N. Ramble Road East

Richard Hartung
437 E. Blue Ridge Drive
2922 N. Bankers Drive
3007 N. Ramble Road West
2826 N. Blue Ridge Drive

Mary Ann Mahoney Construction
2717 N. Blue Ridge Court
307 Rusgan Drive

Michelle Papp
2814 N. Blue Slopes Drive
303 E. Blue Ridge Drive
2807 N. Blue N. Blue Slopes Drive

Donald Sare
2994 Bankers Drive

Kenneth Ruple
313 E. Blue Ridge Drive
3008 N. Ramble Road West
2905 N. Bankers Drive
2834 N. Blue Ridge Drive

Shale Construction
2831 N. Blue Slopes Drive

Jerry Shields
2705 N. Blue Ridge Court

Stephens Construction Company
416 Lakewood Drive
2987 N. Lakewood Court
210 E. Clover Lane
2709 N. Blue Ridge Court
2711 N. Blue Ridge Court
2730 N. Blue Ridge Court
2736 N. Blue Ridge Court
309 E. Clover Lane
218 E. Kenler Drive
3133 N. Ramble Road East
217 E. Lakewood Drive
327 E. Lakewood Drive

Nick Thompson
2702 N. Blue Ridge Court

Loren Wood Builders
2968 N. Ramble Road West