



Blue Ridge Bugle: Winter 2020

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NEW NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

The 2020-2021 edition of our neighborhood directory is in the works. We want it to be as complete and accurate as possible. BRNA board members have been contacting neighbors via email, NextDoor, telephone, and in person. We want to hear from you, even if the current listing needs no changes. If you have not responded to the requests, or if something has changed since you did, please send information to Ralf Shaw at shawd@indiana.edu.

The plan is to wrap the update in March so Directory Editor Martha Michelson can have the directory ready by late spring. Printed copies will be distributed to members of the Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association (anyone who has paid dues or moved into the neighborhood since Aug. 1, 2019).

KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

Blue Ridge directories used to include the first names of children or other family members in each household. This was discontinued to protect their privacy. Children, and other family members, are part of our neighborhood and we would be glad to include them in the residents section of the 2020 directory if their parents want to have them listed. Martha Michelson has provided this example of how such entries would appear (full credit to Martha for providing names for the example kids).

Email Ralf Shaw at shawd@indiana.edu if you want to include additional people in your household's entry this year.

RESIDENT DIRECTORY				
Last Name	Address, Name	Occupation	Email	Phone
Burks	2950 Bankers Drive			
	Stephanie	IU, Systems Programmer		812-339-5573
	Margaret Sutton	IU, Associate Professor		812-856-5078
	Children: Emma, Mason, Josh			
Burns	307 E Lakewood Drive			
	Judith			
Burton	327 Rusgan Drive			
	Michael			
	Sue Riegsecker			
	Children: Lauren, Bennett, Eric			
Busby	409 Clover Lane			
	Paul	Sales	busby.paul@gmail.com	812-345-3521
	Sara	One World Enterprises	ssheikh@bloomington.com	
	Children: Peter			
Canfield	3052 Ramble Road West			
	David	Composer	davecanfield@sbcglobal.net	812-322-2250
	Carole AC	Musician	choirmama@sbcglobal.net	812-322-5114
Cartwright	2927 Bankers Drive			
	Alex	Bill C. Brown Associates	alexcartwright@sbcglobal.net	812-332-4222
	Donna	MCCSC, Reading Teacher		812-332-9378

2020 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The city offers Neighborhood Cleanup grants, which cover general debris, not just brush. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis; neighborhoods must demonstrate the need and ability to conduct a successful cleanup. A key factor is having enough volunteers and good communication within the neighborhood to make the event successful. If there is sufficient interest, we will apply for a grant this year.

BRNA would organize the event and provide all the volunteers. The city's Housing and Neighborhood Development department provides dumpsters, Hazmat, chipper service, tire disposal and safety vests. Applications are due March 9 and the cleanup would be on one of the following Saturdays: April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30, or June 13.

If you would be interested in participating in a neighborhood cleanup this spring, join the discussion on NextDoor or email Dylan Grigar at dylan@lorenwoodbuilders.com.

THE FUTURE OF NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS

In recent years we have had brush/yard waste cleanups every other year. Given the 2019 turnout, it may be time to make this an annual event. As noted above, we will likely apply for a city grant for 2020. We are unlikely to receive a city grant every year; and those cleanups rely on residents to transport brush and debris to a central location.

Our approach has been to have BRNA funds cover about half the cost, with participating members contributing the other half. Going to an annual cleanup would likely mean an increase from the current annual dues of \$30. Matt Fields is leading this assessment and will post a poll to solicit comments and suggestions. Feel free to send questions to Matt at mdfields@gmail.com.

YARD SALE: SATURDAY, MAY 30

This year's yard sale will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday May 30 (but you can quit early). The date is the weekend after Memorial Day and the end of the MCCSC school year, but before the Monroe County History Center's extravaganza (June 12-15). The rain date will be Saturday, June 6, with the decision on whether to postpone being made Wednesday, May 27. We'll advertise in the H-T as well as online. Please participate if you can, and consider collaborating with nearby neighbors can to share space and staffing.



BRNA INTERIM TREASURER ANNOUNCED

Treasurer Sarah Wasserman has temporarily stepped back from those duties. Director-at-Large Matt Fields has agreed to serve as Interim Treasurer. Please contact him if you have invoices for the association or questions about financial matters at mdfields@gmail.com.



NEIGHBOR RECEIVES IVY TECH TEACHING AWARD

Jeannie Galbreath, our New Neighbor Ambassador, will receive Ivy Tech Bloomington's 2019 Adjunct Faculty Award for Excellence in Instruction. According to the Inside Ivy Tech Bloomington newsletter, students complimented her ability to inspire a general interest in biology and her willingness to go above and beyond to advance student learning.

"I have taken biology classes before and I was not interested at all until I took Jeannie's class," one student wrote. "I now consider biology to be something fascinating!" Another described her as a "great teacher and very great person who makes sure her students are successful." We're glad that Jeannie shares her energy and enthusiasm with her Blue Ridge neighbors.

LOCAL INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

A special message from Angela Van Rooy, Bloomington's Neighborhood Services Program Manager: If you haven't yet visited the [myBloomington page on the city's website](#), I encourage you to do so. It offers city residents the opportunity to obtain information based on their street address. The information comes from the city of Bloomington's master address database, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other databases, and includes detailed information such as trash pickup, parking regulations, voting precinct, neighborhood association, parks and schools, elected officials, and other information related to your location.

If you received this newsletter in print and want to go electronic, email Ralf Shaw:
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