



Blue Ridge Bugle: Winter 2021

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TREE DECORATING CONTEST

Jane Parker Smith, with the help of Michelle Cohen, are organizing a tree decoration contest within Blue Ridge on Dec. 12. It will be a multi-cultural event where inclusion and equity will abound.

Residents can check out the participating tree entries and cast their ballots between 4 and 6 p.m. on Dec. 12.

Ballots can be dropped off at 3 locations:

- 316 East Rusgan Drive
- 2705 North Blue Ridge Court
- 3121 North Ramble Road West

Hot Chocolate, coffee and other beverages will be available at the East Rusgan location.

Three gift certificates to local establishments will be awarded as prizes after the balloting is concluded. A complete list of participating tree sites will be available at a late date.

See the attached flyer, or contact Smith at 4women2men@msn.com with questions.



CLEAN RECYCLING

Earlier this Fall, Adam Wason of Public Works spoke at Sue Sgambelluri's constituency meeting about clean recycling.

Wason said that, since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the amount of trash collected in the city's 13,000+ households has gone up 20%. Some of that trash has found its way into recycling bins, which leads to the recycling being rejected; which leads to increased costs for the city.

Denise Kinser, the city's recycling expert, offered several recycling tips:

- Items labeled "recycle" do not always meet city standards. A complete list of what is and is not acceptable to the city is available at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/sanitation/recycling>.
- All plastic film or tape should be removed from packages before being recycled.
- Paper items such as napkins, paper towels or plates should not be placed in your recycling bin.

Additional information is available by contacting Kinser at kinserd@bloomington.in.gov.

STREET LAMP REPAIR

In the early 1970s, street lights were installed in Blue Ridge. Recently, there has been concerns over them falling into disrepair. In response to this, Dylan Grigar will be inspecting the street lights and effecting repair/repaint as needed. If you have concerns about a particular lamppost(s), contact Grigar at dylan@lorenwoodbuilders.com.



INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL UNDERWAY

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Blue Ridge neighbors congregated to begin removal of invasive species on the east side of North Dunn Street. In all, about a dozen people participated.

The work was recently delayed due to the deer cull event at Griffy Lake, but resumed on Saturday, Dec. 4. Additional volunteers are needed, and some tools will be available on site.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Linda Kern at lindaphd@comcast.net.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Your neighborhood association board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom. The meetings are open to any Blue Ridge resident. The agenda, which includes the Zoom link, is posted a few days in advance on NextDoor. You can contact any board member for the connection information as well.

BLUE RIDGE "E-BUGLE"

In order to be more sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective, the Blue Ridge Bugle will now be shared electronically with residents via email, posted on Nextdoor in the [Blue Ridge Documents page](#), and posted on the [Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association website](#). Additional announcements are being communicated via Nextdoor by Paul Kern. If you have any feedback regarding this new newsletter distribution plan, please reach out to Cory Rutz at cjruz@gmail.com.