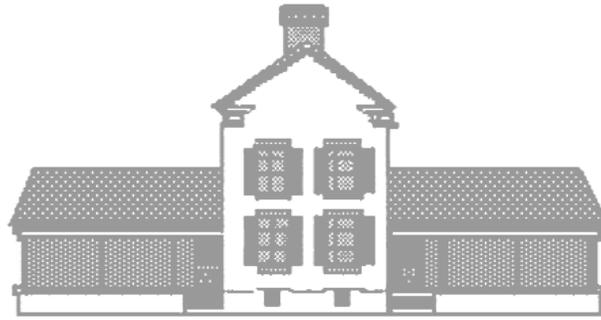


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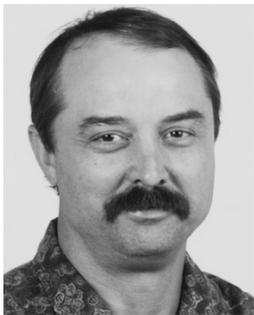
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City Council District 1 Candidate Q & A

Let The Prospectus Introduce You To Your District 1 City Council Candidates

Tuesday, May 6 is an important date for District 1 neighborhoods.

Candidates Sturbaum and Sims will face off in the May 6th primary election to determine who will be the Democratic Party candidate for District 1. Mr. Norton, a Republican Party candidate, is running unopposed in the Primary.



Name:
Chris Sturbaum

Current Address:
334 South Jackson

Years Lived in Bloomington:
39

Occupation:
Golden Hands Construction/
Carpenter-Small Businessman

Party Affiliation:
Democrat



Name:
Jim Sims

Current Address:
500 S. Westwood Dr.

Years Lived in Bloomington:
28 (23 in the "Westside")

Occupation:
Supervisor at Indiana University

Party Affiliation:
Democrat



Name:
Dax Douglas Norton

Current Address:
2716 Pinehurst Dr. (Southern Pines)

Years Lived in Bloomington:
6

Occupation:
Small Business Owner

Party Affiliation:
Republican

City Council District 1 Candidate Q & A

Sturbaum (continued)



Sims (continued)



Norton (continued)



Prospectus: Name three things that you think make Bloomington a great place to live:

1. The diversity of the Westside neighborhoods in every way.
2. The downtown's traditional human scale environment and the possibilities for the future.
3. The activism and involvement of citizens in our community be it political, musical, artistic or the many "not for profits" which serve a wide variety of crucial social needs.

1. The sense of community demonstrated by our citizens.
2. A safe and civil environment.
3. The great variety community based activities.

1. A strong and creative entrepreneurial spirit
2. A desire to preserve our historical landmarks
3. A community that embraces it's ethnic, cultural, social, and economic diversity

Prospectus: What do you see as the top 3 issues facing Bloomington in the coming term?

1. Affordable home ownership: The American Dream of owning your home must be available to all.
2. Growth: Will our town grow wisely and well or out of control?
3. Quality of Life Issues: Greenspace, Historic Preservation, New Urban Visions of our town's future, Parking; all must be fairly addressed and made into law following the newly adopted Growth Policies Plan.

1. Planned city growth issues within the parameters of the GPP.
2. Decreased funding sources.
3. Property rights.

1. Balancing economic growth with the preservation of green space
2. Improving relations between neighborhood groups, employers, and elected officials
3. Improving infrastructure

Prospectus: Why do you want to be the District 1 City Council representative?

I love where I live. I love our neighborhood and our downtown. I have worked to make them better in my business, Golden Hands Construction, and my volunteer work with Bloomington Restorations Affordable Housing and the Historic Commission. When you love something, you want to protect it and make it better. I am ready to start working at the next level. There is a mandate to have a community planning process with a professional urban planner for the downtown. This has a real chance of bringing our community together to plan for a future we can all be excited about.

I believe I am the person to represent District 1 constituents. I believe the district citizens deserve a representative who is accessible and seeks their input on city issues, one who will listen and fully consider what has been shared - then represent these views on the city council. I have attended neighborhood association and tenant association meetings since declaring my candidacy and have listened to my fellow citizen's views and thoughts. I believe it is paramount that we revitalize the feelings of connection to local government and the issues. They want, and need, to know who to contact within local government to help resolve city related concerns they may have.

Bloomington's rich history will have a great impact on our thriving future, and I believe the Westside encompasses all that is our past, present and future. I believe serving others is what makes us truly successful people. It would be a privilege to represent the residents and employers of District 1 and give all my energies in an effort to insure the integrity of our historic neighborhoods, protect the interests of our employers so that they provide employment opportunities and provide the necessary services to all of the citizens of this district and city as a whole.

City Council District 1 Candidate Q & A

Sturbaum (continued)



Sims (continued)



Norton (continued)



Prospectus: What role do you see Neighborhood Associations playing in city government?

By yourself, it is hard to get your government to listen. Neighborhood associations bring the neighborhood issues from the individual level to the council representatives who can do something about the issues. Your voice can be heard at the neighborhood level. That is the basis of real democracy.

I believe their role is to empower members of their neighborhoods to have a voice in government and to foster partnerships with the city for growth and development of their neighborhoods. This role is valuable for input to the council representative on the issues, sharing information with the residents and to help educate residents on city services.

Neighborhood associations meet, gather information, and bring to light the issues, which represent the interests of the neighborhood as a whole. When debating policy city officials must seek information from their constituency such as those issues deemed important to the neighborhood associations and their representatives.

Prospectus: How do you plan to engage neighborhood leaders and communicate with your constituency?

After the election, I plan to continue to attend neighborhood meetings from Broadview to Waterman. I will encourage e-mail and contact with me and I will ask neighbors what they think about issues. I plan to write political updates for neighborhood newsletters and generally keep and be kept informed. I will come to neighborhood events and might initiate a monthly coffee where Westsiders can come and talk with me and each other about what needs to be done. We might just have a good time while we work together to make our neighborhoods and our town a better place to live.

I believe you engage and communicate by working hard to provide positive avenues in which this can occur. I will continue to visit periodically neighborhood association meetings and seek to be placed on their mailing lists to receive newsletters and other information from them. I have a personal email account that anyone capable can contact me and I will respond. Snail mail can be received at the council office. I also plan to have periodic mailings to district residents and leaders seeking their views on potentially divisive issues in order to represent the consensus position held by the constituents.

I would plan to create an efficient system of communication by providing telephone, e-mail, and website contact, but I believe speaking with people face to face is the most effective tool for communication. If elected I will make it my goal to be present at all neighborhood association meetings so that neighbors and their leaders may express their concerns about and solutions to problems, and allow me an opportunity to reciprocate. I would also make an attempt to walk my district each year and speak with as many citizens as possible.

Prospectus: What is your campaign "mission statement"?

"Working for our neighborhoods and our town with an eye to the past and a vision for the future."

I don't have a mission statement per se but we do have a quote by which we use as a rallying position. It is a quote by someone I admire and have great respect for. That person is Herman B. Wells and the quote is as follows; "It is not what I do that counts. It is what I help others do that makes progress"

To unite the residents, employers, and government officials of our city in an effort to seek common ground so that we may create positive, common sense policy that provides for the communal, social and economic needs of the citizens of District 1 and the city as a whole.

Get out and VOTE on May 6!

BUEZ Tax Program

You May Be Eligible!

The Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association (BUEA) oversees the administration of community and economic development initiatives for businesses and residents within the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Zone (see map for current zone boundaries).

One of the initiatives of the BUEZ is the "Qualified Employee Deduction" which allows qualified individuals to deduct up to \$7,500 of their state adjusted gross income taxes.

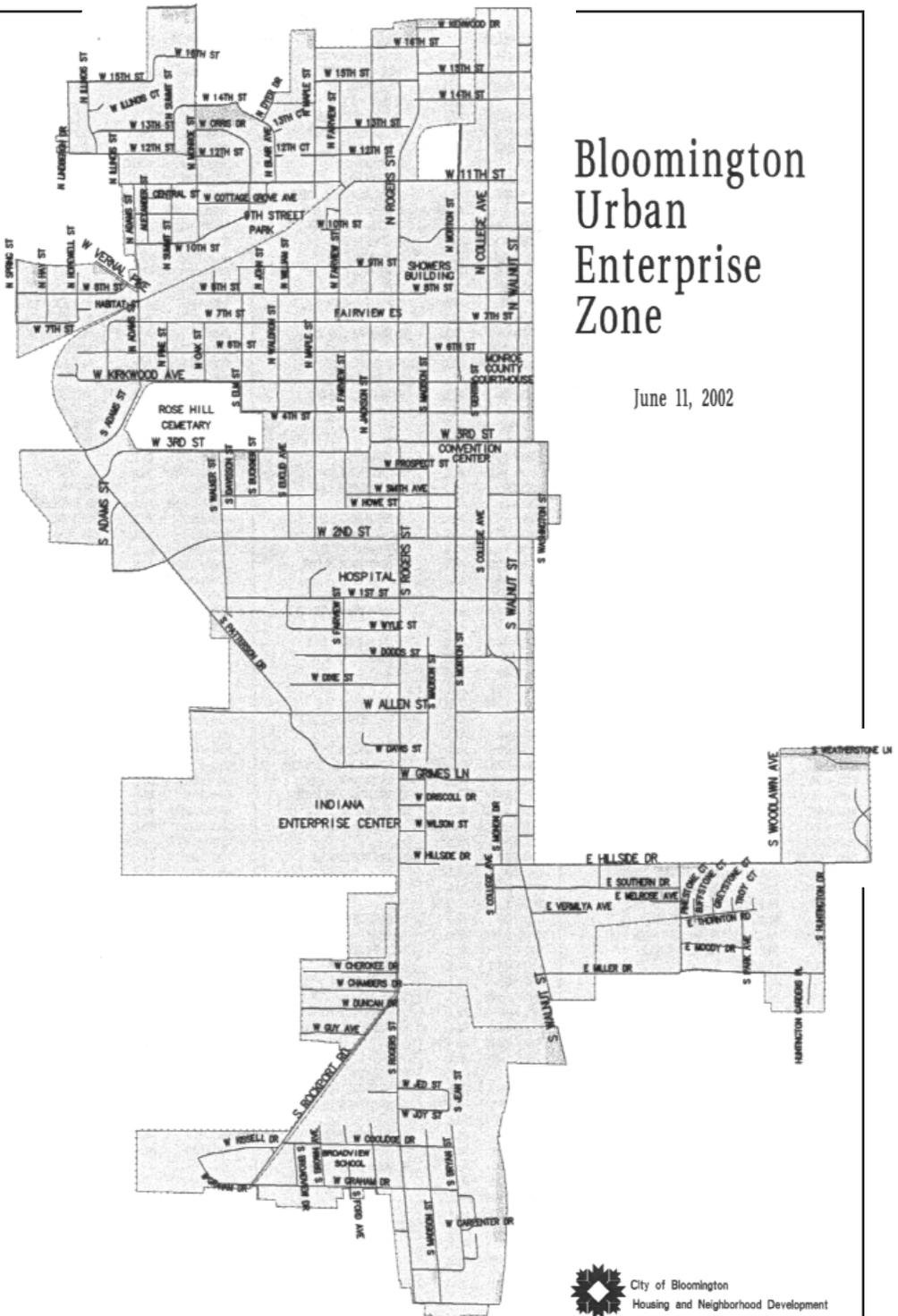
According to Indiana Code I.C. 6-3-2-8 a "qualified employee" is an individual who:

- Has a principal place of residency in the enterprise zone where employed;
- Performs services for the employer 90% of which are directly related to the conduct of the employer's trade or business located in the enterprise zone;
- Performs services for the employer at least 50% of the time during the taxable year within a state enterprise zone; and
- Is employed by a business that remains eligible to receive benefits and incentives as provided by enterprise zone legislation.

This year the BUEZ has expanded its boundaries to include the shaded area of the map, and, governmental agencies physically located within the zone.

You will need a Schedule IT-40QEC "Enterprise Zone Qualified Employee Deduction Certificate" to file for this deduction.

For more information or to see whether you're eligible, contact your employer or the BUEA Program Manager Lisa Abbott at 349-3805.



Bloomington Urban Enterprise Zone

June 11, 2002

City of Bloomington
Housing and Neighborhood Development

EXAMPLE		
	Employee A: Qualified for Zone Benefits	Employee B: Not Qualified for Zone Benefits
Indiana Taxable Income	\$15,000	\$15,000
Employee Wage Deduction	(\$7,500)	-0-
Adjusted Taxable Income	\$7,500	\$15,000
Tax Rate ³³	3.4%	3.4%
Tax due	\$255	\$510
TOTAL TAX SAVINGS	\$255	-0-

³³Tax rate may vary.

Third Street Traffic Calming Update

Scott Kellogg

On February 26, the Traffic Commission passed the alternate parking plan for West Third Street. Alternate parking means that cars will be parked on alternating sides of the street on each block. This helps slow down the cars that use West Third Street to get from the east side to the west side of town.

The neighborhood will be balloted for support of the plan after March 14. Ballots will be mailed to residents of Prospect Hill, who will have one month to respond. If enough residents do not respond to the first ballot, the city will re-ballot the neighborhood. If enough residents respond but not enough support the alternate-parking plan, then we go back to square one of planning. If enough residents respond and support the plan, it goes in front of the City Council for a vote. "Enough" is loosely defined as over 50% of those balloted responding in support of the plan. Patricia Cole, our council member, is in support of traffic calming. The neighborhood will be invited to attend this meeting to discuss the plan. Once the plan has passed the council, the city will begin work.

The best way to find out more about the traffic calming effort is to attend the next PHNA meeting on Monday April 7th at 7:30 at the Dunning House. Traffic calming has been discussed for the past year at these meetings.

A Safer, More Attractive Street— At A Bargain Price

It is one of the simplest steps you can take to make your home more secure and your block a safer, friendlier place—leave your porch light on from dusk to dawn and encourage your neighbors to do the same thing.

If there are shadow areas around your house that might conceal an intruder, think about adding new outside lighting or just put a light on a table where it can shine out the window. But be careful too - avoid shining unwelcome bright lights in neighbors' windows.

Motion detectors that switch on the lights when someone comes near can make areas safer while sending a warning message to prowlers. Timers and light-sensitive devices can also turn lights on and off for you.

Leaving porch lights on is only one of the things everyone can do to improve neighborhood security. Blocks where the porch lights send out

welcoming messages look friendlier to everyone - except the bad guys. It is truly one of the best things you can do for your community...and all it takes is flipping the switch.

Use this formula to estimate the annual cost of leaving your porch light on for an average of twelve hours each night. Then check to see if switching to a compact fluorescent bulb could save you money. They burn just as brightly, use far less power and last much longer than incandescent bulbs.

_____ ¢ per kwh X _____ watts

X 4.38 = \$_____ per year

Cost per kwh (kilowatt hour) should be on your electric bill and wattage is listed on the bulb itself. (4.38 equals 12 hours per night times 365 days per year divided by 1,000, to allow use of price-per-kwh.)

Residence Ruled No Auto Storage Yard

On January 13th Judge James E. Harris in the Monroe County Circuit Court heard a complaint by the City of Bloomington against Phillip Harding charging that Mr. Harding was in violation of city ordinance in operating an auto storage yard at a residential property located at the northwest corner of Smith and Buckner. Mr. Harding did not appear at the hearing. He contacted Judge Harris who excused his absence and scheduled a second hearing on January 15th. At the second hearing the Judge ruled that the definition of an automobile storage yard in the zoning ordinance did not apply to Mr. Harding's use of his property. As a result of Judge Harris' ruling, Mr. Harding may continue to use his property to store vehicles.

The Art Of Politics?

Chris Sturbaum



You may recognize Prospect Hill neighbor Margie Van Auken as the artist who did last year's Lotus Festival design. On this project for my city council campaign I asked her to do whatever came to her and this is essentially what she drew in her first burst of inspiration. The design is about little houses and the trees that make up our west side neighborhoods. The cat and the dog are an essential part of Westside life but the presence of the people, who are inside or just went for a walk, is tangible with the curl of smoke and the curtains in the window. This is the art for my green campaign buttons and yard signs which will soon be appearing along with the Spring flowers all over the West side.

Margie is usually at Matt Murphy's store Four Square during the day and can be reached by calling 333-5062. She said she had never heard of artwork being used in political signs like that but she is looking forward to seeing her work around the neighborhood.

What's Up on West Kirkwood



Flower Power— Flora Makes A Bold Return

The name remains the same, but renovations are well underway inside the floral landmark on West Kirkwood. And that's not all that will be new at Flora's. New Chef/owner David Tallent is excited to debut Flora's New American seasonal menu focusing on fresh local and organic ingredients. With the emphasis on freshness, menus will be in constant evolution according to what is available from local vendors and farmers. In addition to this innovative new menu, David, has recruited the talents of his fiancée, Kristin Brittin, a Culinary Institute of America trained pastry chef, who will be creating sweet temptations nightly. Front House Manager Dan Baucco is planning a wine list to compliment this fine dining menu.

The new Flora will make its debut in early April and will be open for lunch Monday-Friday with dinner and late night menus 6 days a week. Stop by and welcome David, Kristin, BJ and Dan to the neighborhood.



Go West to Gallery West

The modest white house at 702 West Kirkwood is no stranger to adjustments. Formerly the office of chiropractor Lucinda Jordan, this West Kirkwood business has undergone a radical transformation into an elegant and inviting art gallery space and espresso bar. They welcome neighbors to wander in and enjoy this new space. Take in the art, sit down and enjoy a warm drink, or meet up with friends after hours.

Gallery West will participate in the Downtown Gallery Walk on April 4th, but don't wait until then to come down to check out this new venue. Looking for a new place to hang? Need a location for your next meeting? Want a hot cup of joe but don't want to hike all the way downtown? Gallery West is the answer. Open daily from 7am-11pm. Contact Gallery West at 339-7818 or gallerywest@sbc.global.net.



Foursquare Antiques Expanding

Foursquare Antiques and Architectural Salvage at 727 West Kirkwood will be gaining some added square footage this month as they expand their showroom into the space formerly occupied by Birdseye Antiques. Owner Matt Murphy has many antique treasures that have been stashed away in long-term storage that will at long last be able to make their debut in the main store.

Drop in to check out their expanded digs and say hi to neighbor and part time store keep Margie Van Auken between 11am and 6pm Mon-Sat and Sun noon to 5pm. The expansion should be complete by Mid-March. Foursquare also buys antique furniture, architectural pieces, and smalls, contact the store at 337-8577.





On Prospect Hill

We make our home
On Prospect Hill,
Our prosperous hearts Prospect still.
A two story house,
Corner of Maple and Howe,
Filled with history,
Ours begins now.
Uneven floors, her
Plaintiff creaks of old age,
Speak to us daily,
Like a wise sage.
Her warm wood embrace
Is both solid and supple,
Supporting our love
As a couple.
In the years to come
And the layers of paint,
We will brush our lives
Cozy and quaint.
We make our home
On Prospect Hill,
Our prosperous hearts
Prospect still.

—Chris Jaffe

I Spy...A Pothole

We all know what a terrible winter this has been on our streets and roads and no one knows better than Public Works. That department is working on some potholes with cold patches and as soon as the asphalt plant(s) opens and the weather warms somewhat, they will be filling them as quickly as possible. They know the location of many potholes but they may not know about some you encounter so give them a call and let them know about those potholes (especially large ones!) and their locations. They need to know. You may call either Public Works at 349-3410 or Streets Dept. at 349-3448.

WonderLab Grand Opening



To Our Loyal Friends & New Neighbors:

You are warmly invited to the WonderLab Grand Opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will take place, rain or shine, in front of the new museum on Saturday, March 29, at 10 am! This much-anticipated event will include refreshments, a variety of strolling entertainers, a brief ceremony celebrating the support of wonderful people such as you, and the exciting moment when a group of children cut the ribbon to open the museum to the public.

Although our block of Fourth Street will be closed to traffic for Grand Opening Day, street parking throughout downtown will be free and unlimited. You also may park for free in the Fourth Street Garage, between College and Walnut Streets, as long as you do not park in a 24 hour/seven days per week leased spot. These are clearly marked. In addition, our new neighbor, Vectren, has graciously offered its lot especially for those with a handicapped parking permit on Grand Opening Day. The entrance to that lot is on Madison Street.

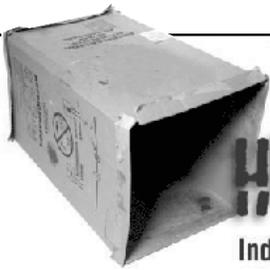
Discounted advance tickets are available at the Sunrise Box Office (114 E. Kirkwood Ave or by phone at 339-6741) on a first come first served basis starting March 1. Tickets are available for three specific timed visits (10:30am-12:30pm; 12:45-2:45pm; 3:00-5:00pm) Only a handful of tickets will be held in reserve for sale at the museum for Grand Opening Day.

After Grand Opening Day, the museum will be open on a regular schedule: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30am-5:00pm, and Sunday, 1:00pm-5:00pm. Admission will be charged as usual from the Admissions Desk.

You also are invited to become one of WonderLab's first members! Members will enjoy free unlimited admission to the new WonderLab and to more than 200 other science museums worldwide, as well as early registration and discounts on our summer science offerings for young children and teens. A complete list of special membership benefits is on the reverse side of this letter. To become a member, please stop by the Membership Tent at Grand Opening or download and complete the membership application, which will be posted on our website, www.wonderlab.org, by March 30.

Thank you for your continued support of WonderLab! We hope to share the excitement of Grand Opening with you and to see you many, many times thereafter at the new museum.

Catherine Olmer
Executive Director



HOMEWARD BOUND

Indiana's 5K Walk to Fight Homelessness

A Wee Stretch Of The Legs For A Good Cause

Homeward Bound 5k Walk for the Homeless

On Sunday March 30th, from 12 noon to 3:30p.m., the Bloomington community will be hosting the first, of what will hopefully become an annual, 'Homeward Bound: Walk for the Homeless' 5k walk and fundraising event. Check out the website at www.homelesswalks.org, and click on the "local walk homepages" link to learn more the Bloomington Walk.

Dollars raised locally during this event will STAY LOCAL to provide services such as shelter, food, and other needed support services for Bloomington's homeless citizens.

The Bloomington Walk will raise funds to be distributed between these valuable agencies: Shelter Inc., Middle Way House, Amethyst House, Shalom Center, Center for Behavioral Health, Mental Health Association among others. All of the benefiting agencies are within walking distance of the near westside neighborhoods and serve and employ many of our neighbors.

You can help! Join the wiley Westside Wanderers walking team and walk alongside your Westside Bloomington neighbors in support of a great cause. Here's how:

Sign up to walk

The Westside Wanderers want you! Sign up online at www.homelesswalks.org or by contacting team captain Katie Kenyon at katiekenyon@hotmail.com or 339-0166. You can collect donations to add to our team fundraising goal or just come out to support the cause. All team members are invited to a pitch-in Power Brunch before we head for the starting line. (location and time TBA)

Sponsor an individual or a team

Leave the walking to us and become a proud sponsor. Use the easy online sponsorship system at www.homelesswalks.org to use your credit card or send your donation to Westside Wanderers, 601 W. Howe St., Bloomington 47403. Make checks payable to "Homeward Bound."

For more information or to sign up to walk or send in your financial sponsorship contact our fearless team captain Katie Kenyon at katiekenyon@hotmail.com or 339-0166.

Let's get moving Westsiders!!

We can make this happen.



A Final Farwell To Winter 2003

Remember to Keep Walks Clear – Keep Walkers Safe

City of Bloomington Ordinance BMC 12.04.070 states: It shall be the duty of every owner of any premises abutting a sidewalk in the City to remove, or cause to be removed, all snow and ice from the sidewalk to its full paved width within twenty-four hours aftersnow or ice has ceased to fall or in any way accumulate.

BMC 12.04.080: If the owner of any premises abutting a sidewalk fails to remove or cause to be removed snow and ice as required in BMC12.04.070, the owner shall be issued a notice of ordinance violation and may be fined in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars for the first offense, one hundred dollars for the second offense, and one thousand dollars for any subsequent offenses in any twelve-month period.



WHY I LOVE INDIANA

When it's winter time in Indiana
And the gentle breezes blow,
About seventy miles an hour
And it's fifty-two below.
You can tell you're in Indiana,
'Cause the snow's up to your butt,
And you take a breath of winter air
And your nose holes both freeze shut.
The weather here is wonderful,
So I guess I'll hang around;
I could NEVER leave Indiana now,
My feet are frozen to the ground.

—author unknown



Westside Stories

"Neighborhood Preservation: A Westside Story" will be the subject at 7:30 PM, April 10th At City Hall Council Chambers.

Given by City Council Candidate and veteran Westsider, Chris Sturbaum.

A funny thing happened nearly 25 years ago: We didn't tear our courthouse down and Bloomington has never been the same since. Slides will be shown which span nearly half a century of Bloomington's past. A witness and participant in nearly 40 years of change on our Westside, Chris talks about our past and what it means for our future.

The ongoing renewal of the Westside is one of the important stories in Bloomington. Both houses in the photos narrowly escaped demolition in the early 90's: 621 W. 7th could have become a parking lot for the church and 311 S. Rogers had a possible Bigfoot style project in it's future.

Please join us for this free event.

Glass Beadmaking Classes Offered

Neighbor Marybeth Kelsey, owner of Moonstones at 322 East Kirkwood Ave. (in the same building as the Laughing Planet) is offering beginner glass beadmaking classes in her upstairs "Studio Beads" studio. The basic class includes 4 hours of instruction and all materials and supplies needed to become a beadmaking expert. Come learn the art of glass beadmaking with Marybeth and discover the artist inside you! Classes are ongoing and scheduling is flexible. Contact the store at 339-7340 for more information and class costs.

You're invited to a special event: For Every Life A Story

Sharing personal history with our family, friends and neighbors helps break down barriers of class, culture and difference.

This event offers an opportunity to share some personal stories of your own and hear about a number of community "story sharing" projects going on this spring that you can get involved with.

Thursday, March 27, 2003

10 am – 2pm

(9:30 –10 am registration)

Fountain Square Ballroom, South side of Courthouse Square

Highlights

- Keynote address: "Our Storied Lives" presented by Professor Ray Hedin, IU Dept. of English
- Writing Your Life: Senior-Cyber Net
- Prospect Hill Neighborhood Oral History Project
- Banneker School and Center History Project
- Oral History and the Jewish Community in Bloomington
- La Cara Latina
- Museum of the Person (website debut)
- Luncheon Story Sharing Roundtables

\$7.00 includes lunch To register call Lora Wagers at 855-6508 by March 26 or email lwagers@indiana.edu You will be provided with luncheon choices and provide return confirmation info.



Commit A Random Act of Neighborliness

- Don't let advertising flyers pile up on porches or walkways of vacant or vacationing neighbor properties. They can announce which houses on your block are temporarily vacant
- If there is a surprise snow storm, take a moment to walk a path from the street to a vacationing neighbor's door.
- Leave your porch light on to help make your block a friendlier safer place.
- Shovel the walk of a neighbor who is on vacation or unable to complete the task
- Wave! Acknowledge and greet your neighbors as you pass on foot or in the car.

Neighborhood Watch— Crimes Reported

November

- CD Player stolen from car in 700 block of West Third Street
- Peeping Tom reported on South Jackson Street

January

- Car window broken 500 block of West Fourth Street
- Car egged on 1000 block of West Howe Street

February

- Peeping Tom reported on West Howe Street
- Personal property stolen 500 block of West Fourth Street

March

- Car egged twice on 300 block of South Rogers Street.
- Peeping Tom reported on 500 block of West Howe St.

