

THE LITTLE PROSPECTOR

"Online and on your porch"

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Neighborhood residents and groups adapt to pandemic

Since March, COVID-19 has disrupted many aspects of daily life, but that hasn't stopped many local individuals and groups from meeting safely and conducting business.

Having suspended its normal schedule since April, PHNA recently took advantage of the warm weather and conducted its July meeting outdoors with physical distancing at Building Trades Park, instead of the usual location at the I. Fell building at 4th and Rogers.

Meanwhile, business proprietors such as neighborhood resident Tracy Gates of The Inkwell cafe, have applied to turn street parking into additional outdoor seating for patrons.

In addition, three city council members (Rosenbarger, Dist. 1; Piedmont-Smith, Dist. 5; Flaherty, At-Large) have moved their monthly constituent meetings to Zoom—the same online system used by the city and county governments for their public meetings.

Zoom has also been used by the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) to discuss topics like the hospital site redevelopment project, and by the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) to plan for the complicated fall semester.



*Cindy and Grey Larsen perform traditional Irish music outside at Howe and Euclid Streets in lieu of *The Runcible Spoon*, their normal venue.*

City guides hospital site redevelopment process

To engage with the public on the redevelopment of the Bloomington Hospital site, the city has launched a series of meetings and a website to track the process over the summer. The city has also contracted with six private firms to aid the overall process, performing roles such as project management, public engagement, architectural design, economic analysis, landscape design, and civil engineering.

In a kickoff 'town hall' in June, Hospital Reuse Committee chair Vi Simpson noted the importance of learning from the successes and mistakes of other cities' redevelopment projects. "It's a rare opportunity to plan and develop a new center for the community," she said. "It's also an opportunity for citizens to be involved in the planning process."

A second forum took place on August 6th, in which some initial design concepts were presented, emphasizing public space and a mix of uses for the 24-acre site. Two more forums are planned for the coming months.

Learn more: bloomingtonhospitalsite.com

Neighborhood historic districts

Did you know that Prospect Hill contains two historic districts? These exist to protect properties from rapid demolition or other changes that harm historic character.

Prospect Hill Historic District

This small area was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. That same year, residents were also successful in establishing it as Bloomington's first locally-designated historic district.



Dan 'Sully' Sullivan and his daughter Olive at last year's neighborhood yard sale.

Greater Prospect Hill Historic District

This larger area began as a conservation district in 2008, and surrounds the neighborhood's original 1991 historic district. Its goal is to retain overall neighborhood character while also maintaining a balance of flexibility and affordability for certain changes.

To find out if your property is inside a historic district and which rules might apply, consult with the city's Historic Preservation Commission, which maintains a map and list of locally-designated properties.

Learn more: bloomington.in.gov/historic-bloomington

Solarize Bloomington

Thinking about solar energy for your home? Learn about community solar programs at a free information session. bloomington.in.gov/sustainability/solarize

Adopt-A-Drain

When it rains, it pours; do your part to improve water quality and reduce local flood risks. bloomington.in.gov/utilities/stormwater/adopt-a-drain

Bloomington Transit

Don't miss your bus! Service patterns have been impacted by COVID-19. bloomingtontransit.com

Hopewell Group advocates for hospital site redevelopment to reflect community values

Last year, neighborhood residents like Mary Beth Roska and Becky Holtzman found themselves feeling like outsiders in city planning processes. So, they organized.

"Hopewell Group formed in summer 2019 to encourage positive community conversation around redevelopment of the hospital site," says Roska. "After months of collaboration and thoughtful process, we agreed to advocate for accessible green space; systems that empower citizens to live sustainably; transportation planning favoring pedestrians, bikes and public transit over cars; a balance of diverse, affordable housing options; and businesses that are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods."

Learn more: hopewellgroup.org

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PHNA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sept. 14 • Oct. 5 • Nov. 2 • Dec. 7
6:30pm-7:30pm

Dates and times are subject to change. Due to COVID-19, meetings may take place outdoors or online; **face masks are required** during in-person meetings. Find the latest meeting schedule, agenda and minutes online:

prospecthillneighborhood.org

Submit an agenda item:

prospect.hill.neighborhood@gmail.com

Voluntary annual dues are accepted year-round

Your valuable support helps sustain a range of neighborhood projects and activities! Send payment to:

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Individual: \$5
Household: \$10
Non-Profit: \$20
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Meet your PHNA leaders

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Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development

Bloomington HAND provides a variety of resources and services to both property owners and renters—everything from repair grants to housing inspections.

bloomington.in.gov/hand

Bloomington uReport

Have you observed something in need of cleanup or other attention? Notify city staff instantly using uReport:

bloomington.in.gov/ureport

What does the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association do?

PHNA convenes monthly to discuss local matters, but much more goes on outside regular meetings. For more frequent updates, all are encouraged to subscribe to the neighborhood email list. PHNA also runs several committees focused on specific issues:

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the leadership of PHNA. Its members account for neighborhood funds, administer meetings, develop the website, publish *The Little Prospector*, and represent Prospect Hill in the Bloomington Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA).

Building Trades Park Committee

This committee is dedicated to improving Building Trades Park. It plans events, develops physical improvement projects, and communicates with park-related city departments and organizations.

Rose Hill Cemetery Committee

This committee organizes volunteer headstone restoration work days and other cemetery beautification programs.

Greater Prospect Hill Historic District Design Review Committee

This committee reviews building projects to ensure they meet the design standards of the Greater Prospect Hill Historic District.

Hospital Site Reutilization Committee

This committee ensures neighborhood involvement in the process of redeveloping the site of Bloomington Hospital after it vacates the area in 2021.

Neighborhood Block Captains

Prospect Hill's block captains welcome new neighbors, drop off welcome kits, host yard signs to advertise PHNA meetings, and help distribute *The Little Prospector* to households.

Note: committees have their own email lists and meeting schedules. Are you interested in following or joining a committee? Contact PHNA:
prospect.hill.neighborhood@gmail.com

PHNA seeks neighborhood block captains

Engage with your neighbors and stay connected to your street!

Zone 1: Claire

Zone 2: Glenda and Patrick

Zone 3: *maybe you!*

Zone 4: *maybe you!*

Zone 5 (Madison Park Condos): *maybe you!*

Zone 6: Sarah

Zone 7: Sandy and John

Zone 8: Jessika

Volunteer block captain responsibilities:

- Welcome and drop off welcome kits to new neighbors
- Ensure meeting yard signs are placed
- Deliver (or delegate delivery of) newsletters

Three vacancies currently exist for zones 3, 4 and 5; to view the zone map and apply to be a captain of your zone, visit the PHNA website:

prospecthillneighborhood.org

Regular neighborhood association meetings: *First Monday of each month
6:30pm at Building Trades Park*

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