

THE LITTLE PROSPECTOR

"Online and on your porch"

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Rose Hill archway completed

To commemorate the city of Bloomington's bicentennial, local Prospect Hill residents Becky Holtzman and Jaclyn Ray began organizing a campaign back in spring to build a new attractive archway for Rose Hill Cemetery's entrance at the end of W. 4th St.

Aiming to highlight the rich history of the site, Becky and Jaclyn spent the summer raising thousands of dollars, and finalizing the design of the metal archway with help from Barbara Dunbar of Bloomington Parks & Recreation.

This exciting new project was funded in-part by the City of Bloomington's Housing and Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program, and by generous donations from local individuals and businesses; the complete donor list is available on the PHNA website.

Construction wrapped up at the end of September; look for the new archway the next time you visit!

Community yard sale a success



Noting that it had been several years since the neighborhood held a community-wide sale, PHNA recently organized a summer sale on August 3rd, with about a dozen households participating. If neighbors are interested, it may become an annual event.

DIY composting: easy and fun

Saturday, October 26 • 1pm-4pm

Are you interested in reducing your household food waste? This fun and free lecture on outdoor composting includes a hands-on workshop to build a compost bin from upcycled wood pallets.

Space is limited to 10 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis! Register now by email to reserve your spot:

prospect.hill.neighborhood@gmail.com

Neighborhood historic districts

Did you know that Prospect Hill contains two historic districts? These exist to protect properties from 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.

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 some level 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.

New park committee aims to find solutions

Prospect Hill's park ambassador Danny Muller has worked for years on confronting issues with Building Trades Park, but now he'll get some help from PHNA's newest committee.

To encourage use of the park by a wider variety of residents, the members of the Building Trades Park Committee will meet regularly to develop a schedule of family-friendly park events, and discuss long-term improvement projects.

The committee will work closely with Parks & Recreation, city administration, police, and social service agencies to ensure that park rules are enforced and that it remains a safe and attractive public space for the entire community.

All residents are welcome to participate; find more on the PHNA website.

PHNA members elect new vice president

At the September meeting of PHNA, attendees elected member Sandy Bonsib to the position of Vice President. Sandy replaces departing VP Leslie Abshier, who was term-limited to four consecutive years in office.

Sandy hails from Seattle, WA, but grew up in Indiana and moved to Bloomington last year. Although a relatively new resident, she noted that she was already proud of being part of the neighborhood, and looking forward to serving on the executive committee.

Many thanks to our individual and household members, as well as our organization and business members listed below

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra
115 N. College Ave. Suite 255 • bloomingtonsymphony.com

Orange Flower Healing LLC
357 S. Landmark Ave. • orangeflowerhealing.com

Spaah
506 W. 2nd St. • spaah.net

PHNA MEETING SCHEDULE

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC (+PHNA MEETING)
BUILDING TRADES PARK - 619 W. HOWE ST.

Sunday, October 13 • 4pm-7pm

REGULAR MEETINGS (FIRST MONDAYS)
I. FELL BUILDING - 415 W. 4TH ST.

November 4 • 6:30pm-7:30pm

December 2 • 6:30pm-7:30pm

note: no January meeting

February 3 • 6:30pm-7:30pm

March 2 • 6:30pm-7:30pm

All meeting times are subject to change. Find an updated meeting schedule, agenda and minutes online:
<https://www.prospecthillneighborhood.org>

Voluntary annual dues are accepted year-round

Individual: \$5

Family: \$10

Non-Profit: \$20 NEW!

Business: \$40 NEW!

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

Glenda Murray
(PHNA Treasurer)
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Meet your PHNA leaders

President — Jessika Griffin
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Vice President — Sandy Bonsib
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Treasurer — Glenda Murray
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Secretary — Patrick Murray
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Bloomington uReport

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

<https://bloomington.in.gov/ureport>

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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 NEW!

This new committee is dedicated to improving Building Trades Park. It will plan events, develop physical improvement projects, and communicate with park-related city departments and organizations.

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. This large tract of land presents potential pitfalls, but also many exciting opportunities, in Prospect Hill's "backyard."

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prospect.hill.neighborhood@gmail.com

Unified Development Ordinance Update

The city is updating its Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which contains all of the land use regulations that apply to construction in the city—including historic core neighborhoods like Prospect Hill. Learn more on the City of Bloomington's website:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/planning/udo/update>

All neighbors are invited to our fall picnic!

Sunday, October 13 • 4-7pm • Building Trades Park

Bring your own place setting, something to drink, and a dish to share with neighbors! Grilling meats—as well as meat substitutes—will be provided.

Come have fun and meet new friends at the large shelter in Building Trades Park.
(619 W. Howe St.)



Regular neighborhood association meetings: *First Monday of each month 6:30pm at the I. Fell Building*

Note: next PHNA meeting will occur at the fall picnic.

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