

# Bloomington Newcomers & Neighbors News

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## Sept-Oct 2026



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**BNNC Membership year is June 1 - May 31**

### Bloomingtonnnc.com

- Announcements and RSVP forms
- Current newsletter
- Photos
- Membership Application



**WANTED:** Photos of your group activities. Send to any of the following:

Debbie Zerr for Facebook: [dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net)

**Follow and tag us on Facebook.**

John DePaemelaere for website and end of year slide show: [john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto:john.depaemelaere@outlook.com)

### Publication Deadlines

Send to the newsletter editor any general announcements no later than the 15th of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December.

The Newcomers & Neighbors News is published for members of the BNNC. Annual membership is \$15 per person.

**You are invited!**

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**Bloomington Newcomers and Neighbors**



**Fall Kick-Off Event  
Switchyard Park Pavilion**

1601 S Rogers Street

**September 15th**

**Special Guest: the Hoosier Bison**

**Doors open 3:15 – 6:30**

**\$12 member - \$15 guest**

**Pizza-Soft Drinks-Snacks**

**Music by: Michael Norris, Acoustic guitar.**



**Wear your IU gear.  
Group photos with the Hoosier Bison.**

**We will be honoring our Interest Group Leaders.**

**Pay by check: BNNC, P.O. Box 8231, Bloomington, IN 47407-8231  
or Pay by VENMO.**

**Mailing Deadline: September 8th.**

Fall Kickoff RSVP  
For Tuesday, September 15th. 3:15 PM at  
Switchyard Park Pavilion.  
RSVP due by Friday, September 8th.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:**

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Use this QR code to pay by VENMO.



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Be sure to indicate Fall Kickoff and include the names.

You can also use Zelle to make a payment to:  
btownnewcomersneighbors@gmail.com

# Save the Dates!

## Upcoming Events

**September 15** – Fall Kick-Off Event 3:15 – 6:30 p.m. Put on your IU gear and meet your BNNC friends at the Pavilion at Switchyard Park for a fun afternoon of food, music and a visit from the IU Hoosier bison mascot. We will be highlighting our varied interest groups and the leaders that keep them going! Guests are welcome. \$12 member. \$15 guest. Send payment by Sept. 8th to BNNC, PO Box 8231, Bloomington, IN 47407-8231. See the announcement on page 3 in the newsletter.

**December 6** – Holiday Brunch in the Coronation Room of the Indiana Memorial Union Tudor Room. 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. There's nothing in Bloomington that compares to the gothic architecture of the majestic Tudor Room inside the IMU on the Indiana University campus. The great hall with heraldic banners, vaulted ceilings, timber crossbeams and three-story high windows with coats of arms, carry you back to "merrie olde England." The artwork and relics are a mixture of early paintings and contemporary pieces by English and Indiana artists generously donated to the university.

The adjoining Coronation Room is being reserved exclusively for us. It takes its name from the Coronation Throne in Westminster Abbey. A wall-sized painting of a medieval coronation sets the tone in this intimate banquet room.

Enjoy an unlimited brunch buffet in an elegant setting where china, table linens and waiters are still in vogue. Soft drinks, tea, coffee and dessert bar, taxes and tip are included. Gentle piano music adds to the ambiance! \$23 BNNC member rate. Discounted parking at the IMU lot.

Questions about either event or to suggest other events, please feel free to contact Ramona Pound, [jnrpound@hotmail.com](mailto:jnrpound@hotmail.com).

## **BNNC meetings have returned to the American Legion!**

**1800 W 3rd Street. Ample parking at the door.**

**Mark your calendars in October and November for exciting events! Please do not arrive before 11:15 AM; program starts at 12:30. *Get your lunch order in as soon as possible. This will allow lunch to be served without interrupting the presentation.***

***October meeting: Second Tuesday. November meeting: First Tuesday.***

**You are welcome to attend without eating; please come and join your friends.**



James H. Madison

**Tuesday, October 13. (Please note this is the second Tuesday of October.)**

### **Courage in the Face of Hate: Hoosiers Who Stood Against the Klan**

James H. Madison, Professor Emeritus of History, Indiana University  
Some have said that Indiana in the 1920s was a Ku Klux Klan state. That is not true, because there were always Hoosiers who resisted the Klan. Join us for a thought-provoking exploration of this resistance. James H. Madison, Indiana University History Professor Emeritus and author of *The Ku Klux Klan in the Heartland*, will help us think about those who stood up to Klan bigotry directed toward Catholics, Jews, African Americans, and immigrants. Courageous lawyers, journalists, clergy, politicians, and ordinary citizens spoke out and acted.



**Tuesday, November 3rd. (First Tuesday of the month.)**

A speaker from The Bloomington Economic Development Corporation will talk about economic development within our community and region, specifically highlighting biopharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing. The BEDC was originally formed to attract new businesses, but now focuses on expansion, retention and development of new businesses. The BEDC partners with Indiana University and Ivy Tech Community College.

**Please be sure to take photos of your group events! Forward those photos to**

**[john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto:john.depaemelaere@outlook.com) for**

**inclusion in the newsletter. Also, to Debbie Zerr for our Facebook page.**

**[dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net)**

# TGIF (Thank Goodness It's Friday)

Judi Hicks

September 11, 2026

6-8 PM

1993 E DUTCHERMAN DR  
BLOOMINGTON IN 47401- 9621

RSVP

(812)-778-5320

judihicks63@gmail.com

Carolyn Anderson

October 9, 2026

6-8 PM

3927 S BAYTREE LN, BLOOMINGTON, 47401-9754

RSVP

(812) 340-1433

caanders@iu.edu

## Future TGIF Events

**We need volunteers to host future TGIF events on the 2nd Friday of each month.**

**We still need hosts for November in 2026.**

**Contact Hollie Lutz if you would like to host TGIF.**

**hlutz4@gmail.com (812) 320-8386**

**TGIF is a pitch-in. Bring an item to share and BYOB.**



## RESOURCES FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### WEBSITES FOR EVENT INFORMATION

[visitbloomington.com/events](https://visitbloomington.com/events) – a comprehensive listing of local events

Check out the City of Bloomington website for City events and local governmental information:

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

Don't forget to check out events throughout the state:

[visitindiana.com/events](https://visitindiana.com/events)

## **Lunch and a Movie is moving to a new day of the month.**

***Lunch and a Movie*** DeeDee Bratton [dianebratt@aol.com](mailto:dianebratt@aol.com) or (732) 2236-8543

*We meet the **second Tuesday** of the month for lunch and then your choice of a movie. Deedee will email a list of movies and the name of the restaurant the week before. Call her for lunch reservations.*

## **Welcome To Our New Member!**

Sandra Fawkes (847) 477-2353  
3400 S SARE RD sfawkes@comcast.net  
BLOOMINGTON IN 47401

## **New Domino Group**

***Diane Vestal*** [DianeVestal@hotmail.com](mailto:DianeVestal@hotmail.com) 319-233-0622

***Will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at College Mall. Upper deck of food court (next to Ulta). We will meet at 12:00 PM for those who would like to have lunch together.***



# America 250 Tribute and Trivia Event



47 people turned out for our America 250 Tribute and Trivia event. # veterans were honored for their military service. Six teams competed in the fun-filled trivia competition hosted by Rance Fawbush. The team of Judy Cooperman, Sydley Skolnik, Don and Margaret Lemon and the Leiters took first place after a tie-breaker question. Sue Kirkpatrick served as the MC.









# 1st Friday Canasta

July 3, 2026



# 3rd Monday Canasta

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# Fun Lunch Bunch

July 23, 2026





# BNNC Potluck at Endwright

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# Hiking Group

## July 24, 2026





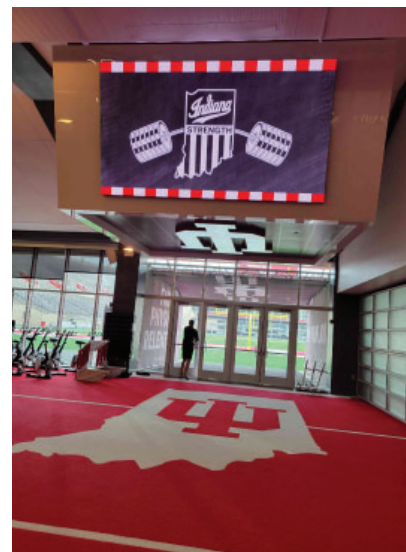
## Lunch and a Movie

July 28, 2026



## Tour of Memorial Stadium

July 28, 2026





# 1st Friday Canasta

August 7, 2026

We have been filling all the seats for First Friday Canasta at Meadowood! We appreciate Meadowood letting us use their space and providing refreshments. It makes everything so easy! If you would like to join the group, contact Ramona Pound, [jnrpound@hotmail.com](mailto:jnrpound@hotmail.com). New players are welcome!





# Events Committee

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## 3rd Monday Canasta

### August 17, 2026





# Honey Farm Tour

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24 BNNC members toured Hunter's Honey Farm in Martinsville on August 20th. We observed an active beehive, learned about beekeeping, filled our own little bottle of honey and rolled a beeswax candle as a souvenir of the day. Mary, our tour guide, did a great job explaining everything and answering questions. It was a lot of fun. Several people have put it on their list of places to take visitors.









# Domino Group

## August 25, 2026





## Supper Club

August 19, 2026



## Fun Lunch Bunch

August 27, 2026





# International Issues

August 27, 2026



# Interest Groups

*Do you have an interest in a topic that you would like to share? Why not consider being a leader of an interest group? You can meet as often as you like, or when an opportunity comes up!*

## Crafting Group-



**Book Club #1**—Ken Crawford [kcrawford69@gmail.com](mailto:kcrawford69@gmail.com) 661-247-7600  
Meets at Bell Trace 3rd floor lounge at 12:30. See page 9.  
*Always welcoming new members.*



**Book Club #2**—Book Club 2 meets on the 4th Friday of each month at Noon, with occasional date changes around the holidays. If interested, contact Izzy Beck [greaves-beck@gmail.com](mailto:greaves-beck@gmail.com) or (949) 439-8560. Participants bring a bag lunch and wine is served.



**Railroad Group**—Paul Lutz [crfan59@yahoo.com](mailto:crfan59@yahoo.com) (812) 322-4669  
John DePaemelaere [john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto:john.depaemelaere@outlook.com) (812) 322-2630  
All things railroad, model trains, historic videos, field trips and more.



**International Issues**—Andy Bratton [a7bratton@aol.com](mailto:a7bratton@aol.com) (732) 236-8543  
Meets 4th Thursday 4:30 PM at Red Lobster. Andy will email the topic a few days before.



## Local Plays Group



**Hiking Group**--Charlotte Reitz [charlotte.reitz@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.reitz@gmail.com) (812) 457-2285  
Meets monthly.

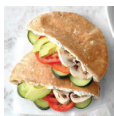


## Meditation Group





# Good Eating and Beverage Groups



**Fun Lunch Bunch** Meets the 4th Thursday of each month. Call Joan for reservations.

Joan Lawrence [indycondo19@gmail.com](mailto:indycondo19@gmail.com) (217) 820-5009



**Ladies Night Out**

**LEADER NEEDED**



**Men's Breakfast** Every Thursday 8:00-9:30 AM

John DePaemelaere (812) 322-2630.

This group meets at Lincoln Square, 2160 N Walnut Street.

*Free parking. We hope to see the regulars and new faces.*



**Wine Tasting** Linda Burton [brtnlin@yahoo.com](mailto:brtnlin@yahoo.com) (812) 369-4611

*This group is currently full.*



**Wine Tasting** Ruth Simon [prsimon@gmail.com](mailto:prsimon@gmail.com) (812) 339-8291

*This group is currently full.*



**Supper Club** John DePaemelaere [john.depaemelaere@outlook.com](mailto:john.depaemelaere@outlook.com)

Contact John DePaemelaere for the next meeting date and location (812) 322-2630.  
RSVP to John.



**Lunch and a Movie** DeeDee Bratton [dianebratt@aol.com](mailto:dianebratt@aol.com) or (732) 2236-8543

We meet the second Tuesday of the month for lunch and then your choice of a movie.

DeeDee will email a list of movies and the name of the restaurant the week before.

Call her for lunch reservations.

# Cards & Games

**Mah-Jong**—Ruth Simon [prsimon@gmail.com](mailto:prsimon@gmail.com) (812) 340-4223  
'We play the hybrid military way.' *Please come, observe and play with us. We would be glad to have you.*

**Cribbage Group**—Susan Hiller (773) 678-4280 [greenviewsusan@gmail.com](mailto:greenviewsusan@gmail.com)  
*Offering instruction and welcoming new members.*

**Ladies Bunco**-Debbie Zerr [dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlzerr321@sbcglobal.net)  
(574) 220-2561 Meets the 3rd Thursday.

**First Friday Canasta** meets the first Friday of every month at Meadowood HP Lounge from 1 - 4:30 p.m. 2455 Tamarack Trail, 47408. No RSVP is required, but if you would like a reminder, please be sure that you are on our email list. Contact Ramona Pound, (813) 517-7505 or [jnrpound@hotmail.com](mailto:jnrpound@hotmail.com)  
Beginners are welcome.  
*New Canasta Players always welcome.*

**Third Monday Canasta Group** meets at 1 PM at Bloomington Library-Southwest 890 W Gordon Pike. Coordinated by Susan Montgomery [montgomery\\_4884@msn.com](mailto:montgomery_4884@msn.com) (812) 325-4611  
New Canasta Players always welcome. You can play on Monday or Friday! *We'll teach you to play!*

**Domino Group** - Janet Justus [jjustus24@gmail.com](mailto:jjustus24@gmail.com)  
(321) 276-6080

Will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the College Mall upper deck of the Food Court. We will meet at 12:00 PM for those who want to have lunch together at Azzip. At 1:00 PM the Games begin. The 13 games usually take 2 to 2 1/2 hours.

**Diane Vestal** - [DianeVestal@hotmail.com](mailto:DianeVestal@hotmail.com)  
(319) 233-0622

Will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at College Mall. Upper deck of food court (next to Ultra). We will meet at 12:00 PM for those who would like to have lunch together.

Play will start at 1:00. Will end around 3:00.

Poker Group





# Cards & Games

**4th Monday Bridge** Linda Burton  
[brtnlin@yahoo.com](mailto:brtnlin@yahoo.com) (219)-793-5498  
*Need more players!*

**3rd Friday Ladies Bridge** Linda Burton  
[brtnlin@yahoo.com](mailto:brtnlin@yahoo.com) (219)-793-5498

**Couples Bridge** Jane McHenry  
[jmchenry1955@gmail.com](mailto:jmchenry1955@gmail.com) (317) 385-2859  
Players Welcome!

Looking for a fun, social way to spend an afternoon or evening together? The Couples Bridge Club is restarting and welcoming new members of all experience levels.

Whether you're:

- Brand new to bridge
- A little rusty
- Or have played before and want to get back into it

This group is meant to be relaxed, friendly, and social. The focus is on enjoying the game, meeting new people, and having fun - not competition or pressure. No partner? No problem — couples are encouraged, but flexibility is built in as we grow the group.

If you're interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Jane McHenry (317) 385-2859.  
[jmchenry1955@gmail.com](mailto:jmchenry1955@gmail.com)

Come give it a try — we'd love to see you at the table!

**3rd Wednesday Bridge**--Connie Clark (479) 365-9270 [conclrk@gmail.com](mailto:conclrk@gmail.com)

**1st Tuesday Men's Bridge** Rich Weyand  
[weyand@rcn.com](mailto:weyand@rcn.com) *New members welcome!*

**3rd Thursday Men's Bridge** Rich Weyand  
[weyand@rcn.com](mailto:weyand@rcn.com) *New members welcome!*

**1st Wednesday Bridge**--Mary Rucker

We meet at 12:30. Please call Mary (812) 219-1636 if you have gotten a sub. You may also call the hostess with that information.

Sept 2. Wendy Teller (630) 240-2323  
6601 E Kerr Creek Road

Oct 4. Carol Anthony (812) 320-9832  
2480 W Amherst Road

# September 2026 Calendar

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| Sunday  | Monday                          | Tuesday                     | Wednesday                    | Thursday                                                         | Friday                              | Saturday |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
|         |                                 | September 1<br>Men's Bridge | Sept 2<br>1st Wed<br>Bridge  | Sept 3<br>Men's Brkfast                                          | Sept 4<br>1st FriCanasta            | Sept 5   |
| Sept 6  | Sept 7                          | Sept 8<br>LunchMovie        | Sept 9<br>Domino Grp         | Sept 10<br>Men's Brkfast                                         | Sept 11<br>TGIF                     | Sept 12  |
| Sept 13 | Sept 14                         | Sept 15                     | Sept 16<br>3rd Wed<br>Bridge | Sept 17<br>Men's Brkfast<br>Ladies Bunco<br>Men's Bridge         | Sept 18<br>3rd Fri Ladies<br>Bridge | Sept 19  |
| Sept 20 | Sept 21<br>3rd Mon<br>Canasta   | Sept 22<br>Domino Grp       | Sept 23                      | Sept 24<br>Men's Brkfast<br>International<br>Issues<br>Fun Lunch | Sept 25<br>Book Club 2              | Sept 26  |
| Sept 27 | Sept 28<br>4th Monday<br>Bridge | Sept 29                     | Sept 30<br>Book Club 1       |                                                                  |                                     |          |
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|            |                                    |                           |                                 | October 1<br>Men's Brkfast                                          | October 2<br>1st FriCanasta            | October 3  |
| October 4  | October 5                          | October 6<br>Men's Bridge | October 7<br>1st Wed<br>Bridge  | October 8<br>Men's Brkfast                                          | October 9<br>TGIF                      | October 10 |
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