

# Voice of the Highlands

A great place to call home!

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## Join us and be part of the growing conversation



Got Facebook? So do we! This is a great way to interact with fellow homeowners, post to everyone in the neighborhood, and stay up to date. Find us and "Like" us at [facebook.com/bloomingtonhighlands](https://facebook.com/bloomingtonhighlands)

## Open to the public: Board meetings



The Board of Directors is working extremely hard on behalf of the homeowners. This is evidenced by creating an annual budget, responding to homeowner inquiries, creating communication opportunities, and tackling administrative projects which have been neglected over the years. This is exciting work, and we want to invite homeowners to our Board meetings. This gives homeowners an opportunity to meet the Board, speak about issues, and learn about how the HOA functions. No need to wait for the next annual meeting!

For meeting dates/times/locations, visit our website [bloomingtonhighlands.com](http://bloomingtonhighlands.com) and look in the Upcoming Events section. Agendas are posted online prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!

## Treasurer resigns to spend time with newest baby; Board votes in replacement to tackle the job

Since the historic Special Meeting in the summer of 2017, Lucas Weeks served as a director and treasurer for the HOA. The hallmarks of his tenure were creating the 2018 annual budget and setting up the official HOA website. The Board of Directors appreciates the time and energy he gave in order to serve as a volunteer. With his sixth child on the way, he recently stepped down from the HOA to welcome the newest member of his family into the world. Best of luck to him and his beautiful growing family!

In the last newsletter, the treasurer position was advertised, and a handful of very qualified individuals reached out with great enthusiasm and interest. Ultimately, the Board voted Dan Brown to replace Lucas. As a retired engineer, Dan brings critical thinking and a friendly personality to the Board. Married to his wife, Laurie, for 49 years, they have three grown children. Moving to Bloomington from Milwaukee allows them more time with their grandchildren in the area!



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## Collaborative effort pays off, tree branches trimmed



The Highlands Subdivision is approaching twenty years of age. Visually, this is evidenced more so on the south end (initial building phases) which is home to many maturing trees. Low-hanging tree limbs protruding into the streets have been of great concern to homeowners, federal postal employees, bus drivers, and trucking companies driving in the neighborhood.

Many homeowners and Board members have put in work orders to the county to request trimming these tree limbs, and our work has paid off. Over the past few months, the Monroe County Highway Department has been tackling these branches as their schedule allows. Thank you for your help in this matter. It truly takes a village!



## Tempo continues managing role

As part of the Board of Director's fiduciary duty to the homeowners, three proposals were requested for property management based upon a revised contract the Board drafted. After hearing back from various companies, the Board unanimously selected Tempo Properties to continue services for us in 2018. With the new contract, the Board is saving homeowners THOUSANDS of dollars a year on property management fees! Their professionalism and outstanding service are a great fit with staff capable of handling all of our needs!

## Keep the sidewalks shoveled

Remember, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep driveways and sidewalks free of snow. Please do your part!

## Monroe County Health Department offers free radon testing

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. You can't see or smell radon. Testing is the only way to know your level of exposure. Nearly 1 out of every 3 homes in Indiana is estimated to have radon levels (greater than 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L)).

For more information or to request a free home test by MCHD, visit

<http://www.co.monroe.in.us/tsd/Community/HealthDepartment/EnvironmentalProtection/Radon.aspx>

