

Keep Us In Mind

As you prepare your plans for end of year giving, please remember that the **Franklin Initiative** has an endowment with the **Community**



Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. Your

contribution will help support our Graduation Coach

Initiative, dedicated to helping at-risk students stay in school

and graduate. Additionally, your support will help students in

Monroe County connect to real-world learning

opportunities through programs such as the Reality



Store®, Career-Speakers Bureau, Life Sciences Care Fair and Mock

Interviews. We appreciate your support and wish you and your

loved ones a happy holiday season.

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Mark Your Calendars

With the holidays coming up quickly, our **Business After Hours for December** is being held earlier than usual this month. Our December Business After Hours is scheduled for this **Thursday, December 5 at MarDon Salon.**

Hosting a Business After Hours is a great way to market your business! Only two months remain available to host a Business After Hours in 2014. These months are:

November & December

Please email Carol Kelly at ckelly@chamberbloomington.org or call 812-336-6381 for more information about hosting a Business After Hours in 2014.



Holiday Hours at The Chamber

OPEN: December 23, 26 & 27

CLOSED: December 24 & 25

OPEN: December 30, January 2 & 3

CLOSED: December 31 & January 1

New Hires & Promotions

Whikehart Named New Deputy Mayor - John Whikehart has been named City of Bloomington Deputy Mayor by Mayor Mark Kruzan. Whikehart recently retired as Chancellor of the Ivy Tech Community College after 12 years. He previously was Ivy Tech Executive Director for Administration for 10 years, and Director of Staff for Indiana Senate Democratic Leader Frank O'Bannon beginning in 1988. Whikehart will take office January 16. He succeeds former Deputy Mayor Maria Heslin who returned to the private sector earlier this year.

Sims Named Director of Human Resources Department - Doris Sims has been appointed Director of the City of Bloomington's Human Resources Department. She previously served as the Assistant Director and Director of the department, then known as the Personnel Department, from 1986 to 1996. Sims replaces the departing Daniel Grundmann who is leaving the post for a job at SPEA. Department of Human Resources Assistant Director Ginger Thomas has been appointed Interim HR Director for the remainder of the year.

McCann Named Executive Director of Girls Inc. - Girls Inc. of Monroe County is thrilled to introduce the new Executive Director, Kristi McCann. She comes to Girls Inc. of Monroe County with a passion for serving the girls of our community to have the skills to be successful in today's society. An experienced non-profit and for-profit professional, her strengths include leadership, fundraising and relationship cultivation, community building, and education background. She embodies our mission and leads by example, inspiring all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold.

Awards & Designations

Peter Swerling Award presented to Lustre - Nichole Lustre was awarded the prestigious Peter Swerling Award by Technology Service Corporation's (TSC) president, Mr. Mike Syracuse. It is awarded to an employee who has made a significant contribution to the growth and success of the company. Lustre is experienced in systems engineering for module-level space qualified flight hardware, EO/IR, radar,



Thursday, Dec. 5
5:30-7:30 p.m.

MarDon Salon
124 E. Kirkwood Ave.



Airbrush makeup applications at event - get ready for the holiday season!

20% off all Aveda Products & Aveda Holiday Gift Sets during event!

Buy \$100 MarDon Gift Certificate at event and get a free \$25 Gift Certificate! Some restrictions apply.

Great Prizes!

Gift Certificate for Spa Day *courtesy of MarDon*

Gift Certificate *courtesy of Andrew Davis*

Gift Certificate *courtesy of FARMBloomington*

Gift Certificate *courtesy of Grazie*

Gift Certificates *courtesy of Piacé Boutique*

Gift *courtesy of Jankos Little Zagreb*

Gift Certificate *courtesy of Truffles Restaurant*

Gift Certificate for Golf Lessons *courtesy of Josh Maxwell at the Bloomington country club*

Gift Certificate *courtesy of Julie Helton at Excel Performance*

Gifts *courtesy of Chicos*

Holiday Delights provided by FARMBloomington



Register Now!

Free three-hour parking in lot behind MarDon

Thank you to this Presidents Level Member who helps to support The Chamber at one of our highest levels.

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RF and space systems, and sensor technologies. She is currently supporting Navy Depot Stand-up requirements at NSWC Crane where she is a go-to leader that solves the hard problems, taking troubled projects and applying her array of technical, communication and management skills to correct the problems.

VIPS Receives Grant from The Glick Fund - Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) in Indiana is honored to announce that the Glick Fund has awarded VIPS a grant for \$47,000. The Glick Fund, a fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, was established by Eugene and Marilyn Glick in 1998 to support a variety of causes. Part of the funding provided by The Glick Fund will enable VIPS to provide an 18-month training of Project VIISA (Visual Impairment InService in America) to qualified candidates. Project VIISA is a highly specialized program of early intervention for young children with blindness. For more information, visit the VIPS website at www.vips.org.

BEAD and Visit Bloomington Win Award - The Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District (BEAD) and Visit Bloomington are recipients of the 2013 Arts Destination Marketing Award which was presented jointly by Americans for the Arts and Destination Marketing Association International. The award recognizes destination marketing organizations and local arts agencies that work collaboratively to market their community as a travel destination. The award acknowledges Bloomington's deliberate and highly focused strategy to leverage the significant arts and cultural assets in the community including arts and cultural sector-focused

visitor guides, promotional grant program, partnered marketing and one-on-one event and attraction consulting, networking facilitation and training.

Opportunities & Events

Holiday Pet Supply Drive to Benefit Animal Shelter

- The City of Bloomington Animal Shelter has announced the launch of its annual pet supply drive to be held between the Thanksgiving and New Year's holidays. The Shelter requests donations of items such as canned dog and cat food, toys, treats and bedding in order make the animals' stay at the shelter more comfortable while they await adoption. Donations of bedding are especially important as we head into the colder months. The shelter can use any kind of bedding including blankets, comforters, rugs, towels, sheets and pillowcases. For more information or questions regarding donations, please contact the Shelter at 812-349-3492.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank Awarded Hussman Foundation Grant

- Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB) Director Julio Alonso has announced an opportunity for the food bank to garner additional support. HHFB was notified last week that it was awarded a \$20,000 Hussman Foundation Hunger Relief Challenge Grant. The Hussman Foundation awarded grants to 11 Feeding America network food banks, including HHFB. The food bank must raise \$20,000 in donations from new or increased donors and the Hussman Foundation will match them, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000.

CASA Has Critical Shortfall of Advocates - Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), an organi-

Zation that advocates for abused and neglected children, today launched the "End the Child Waitlist" campaign—an initiative focused on raising funds to provide an advocate for every child in need. The organization is currently focusing on the End the Waitlist campaign with the hope of raising an additional \$20,000 during November and December of this year. The funds raised will be used to recruit, screen, train and supervise advocates. The CASA makes recommendations to the court on behalf of the child. Call Kristin Bishay, Executive Director at 812-333-2272 or kristin.bishay@monroecountycasa.org.

Kick Off the Holidays - Ladies, come join the Boys & Girls Club Auxiliary for the Annual Holiday Auction Dec. 5 at 8:30 a.m. at Bloomington Convention Center. RSVP to bgcauxiliary@hotmail.com. In addition, everyone can come join the Clubs for the 5th Annual Winter Art Show on Dec. 6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Showers Atrium, City Hall. Art work will be for sale and there will be a performance from the youth choir!

Customer Appreciation Sale at Cashland – Cashland will be holding a Cashland customer appreciation sales event on Friday, Dec. 6 from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. at 2506 W. Third St. This is your opportunity to go and see all of the many items they have at their Bloomington location.

Special Events at Vibe Yoga - Acoustic Flow with Haley will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Root Chakra Activation with Kristen will be held Sunday, Dec. 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater – Saturday, Dec. 7 – Another Round 18th Annual Winter Concert; Sunday, Dec. 8 – BCT presents It's a Wonderful Life.

Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools Holds Online Auction - The Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools is hosting its second annual online fundraising auction, "Reading, Writing & Bidding!" through December 9. The auction can be found at




Date: Wednesday, Dec. 11
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Place: Kilroy's Sports - on the patio
Theme: Ugly Holiday Sweaters

Please bring 3 canned goods or non-perishable items to donate to Hoosier Hills Food Bank

[Register Now!](#)







Ribbon Cutting

Blayza Healthy Beauty
421 E. 3rd St., Suite 6



Friday, December 13
12:00 p.m.

www.biddingforgood.com/fmccs<<http://www.biddingforgood.com/fmccs>> or through www.mccsfoundation.org.<<http://www.mccsfoundation.org>> All proceeds go to support educational opportunities for students and teachers in Monroe County Community Schools.

Bob Daves & Associates Announces Course - Bob Daves & Associates announces a "Free" 21 Laws of Leadership Mastermind Course, based on the book by John C. Maxwell. It will be a 7-week course and is limited to 10 members of the class. The class begins on Dec. 9 at 7:00 p.m. This is a teleseminar so no travel is required. For more information and to register, go to <http://ow.ly/rcW5C>. This is an idea course for people that are just getting started as a leader or to brush up on the basics of leadership. For more information call 561-740-7404, 812-606-0739 or e-mail bob@bobdavesassociates.com

Bloomington Human Rights Commission Seeks Award Nominations - The Bloomington Human Rights

Commission (BHRC) is seeking nominations for its annual Human Rights Award. Nominees should be individuals or groups who have made specific, significant contributions to improving civil rights, human relations or civility in our community. The recipient(s) will be honored at a public ceremony. Nominations are due by Dec. 9. The nomination form is available by contacting the Human Rights Commission by phone or by visiting the city's web page at www.bloomington.in.gov. For a nomination form or for more information, please contact the Bloomington Human Rights Commission at 812-349-3429 or human.rights@bloomington.in.gov.

What Art Has To Do With Problem Solving -

I.D.E.A.S. Network encourages creativity seekers and innovation enthusiasts to mingle and discover how "art" is involved in everyday problem solving. When: December 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Venue, 114 S. Grant Ave. Using "innovative thinking techniques", Creative Action Coach Ladi Terry, entices attendees to initiate, develop, evaluate, activate and sustain their own techniques. Creative Indiana is a non-profit organization dedicated to Unleashing the Power of Creativity to Innovate. Contact ladi@successworkonline.com. Event Partners: Gayle & Bill Cook Center for Entrepreneurship, Absolute Marketing & Research, Future Problem Solvers Program, The Venue, My Sister's Closet and Success Work!

City of Bloomington Announces Video Contest - The City of Bloomington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission invites elementary, middle and high school students to submit an original video that addresses the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Videos posted by the Dec. 13 deadline and acceptable to the Commission will be available for public viewing and voting. The winning video may be shown at the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on Jan. 20, 2014. To enter, go to bloomington.in.gov/mlk and follow the on-line submission process. For more information contact Craig Brenner at brennerc@bloomington.in.gov or 812-349-3471.

Christmas Open House - We have a lot to be thankful for during this holiday season because of our friends, neighbors

Oh. Don't Forget...

**Share your
good news!**

Promotions.
New Hires.
Awards.

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and clients. In that spirit, we invite you, your family and friends to join us for our Christmas open house as we say "thank you" to our clients, friends and community. The party is hosted by Dean Newell and will take place Tuesday, Dec. 17 from Noon-6:00 p.m. at 1913 S. Liberty Dr.

Bloomington Innovation Lunch & Learn – Join Coltrain Group and LBMC as they host a Lunch & Learn on Dec. 17 at the Monroe County Public Library, Rm. 1B from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., featuring Jeff Nelsen and his "Fearless Performance" methods. Giving your best performance before an audience or clients isn't always easy, but with the right skills and insights you can consistently deliver. Join internationally renowned speaker Jeff Nelsen, and expert facilitators Michele Mattoon and Jim McKean for this two-hour exploration of your business performance potential. Coltrain Group provides consulting, training, and assessment services in the areas of Company Culture, Strategic Planning, and Collaboration.

The Chamber's Franklin Initiative Seeks Nominations – The Chamber's Franklin Initiative is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Educators of the Year Awards. The ceremony will take place Wednesday, Feb. 19 from



Lots of updates on members, events, programming and important info you need to know...**now!** Be sure to share your business info on our wall, too!

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Check Out Our Newest Chamber Member!



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6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Monroe County Convention Center. Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 10. Nomination forms are available on our website at www.franklininitiative.com. Please contact Macy Hughes, Franklin Initiative Manager, at mhughes@chamberbloomington.org if you have any questions.

Other

PrimeSource Office Products Moves Office to 17th Street Plaza - Kathy Duncan, President of PrimeSource Office Products, Inc. announced she has moved the 16 year business to the 17th Street Plaza. PrimeSource is a woman owned business dedicated to delivering products and services that help their business customers control their spending and grow their business. With free next business day delivery, they deliver the supplies you need to run your business. For more information, contact Kathy Duncan at 812-333-7229 or visit their convenient online ordering solution at www.primesourceop.com.

Beams Features New O2 Lift - Beams Health and Wellness Spa is featuring the new O2 LIFT. This luxurious spa treatment infuses oxygen, plant derived stem cells, peptides and a high concentration of enzymatic botanicals into the skin leaving it luminous, refreshed and rejuvenated. It is recommended for all skin types and perfect for any holiday party or special occasion.

City of Bloomington Announces Theater Grant

Recipients - The City of Bloomington's Department of Parks and Recreation and BEAD announce that seven community projects will each receive subsidized use of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater for one day during 2014 through the Buskirk-Chumley Theater Grant Program. The following is a list of recipients: Center for Sustainable Living: "Trashion Refashion Show;" City of Bloomington Volunteer Network: "Be More Awards;" Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc.: "Bloomington Chef's Challenge;" TEDx-Bloomington: "What Goes Round;" Cardinal Stage Company: "2014 Holiday Show;" Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission: "Rosemary Miller Lecture Series;" The Burroughs Century: "We Are Here Because of You."

Indiana Realtors Indicate That October Has a

Strong Start - The number of existing, single-family homes sold statewide last month increased 3.7 percent when compared with October 2012. The median sale price of those 6,318 homes is \$121,000 – a three percent increase from the same month of last year. This is according to the monthly Indiana Real Estate Markets Report today released by the state's REALTORS. Year-to-date figures indicate 2013 poised to finish well ahead of last year.



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Our Next Issue & Policies

Our next issue of Membership Matters will come out on Dec. 10. Send your 100 word business updates to Carol Kelly at ckelly@ChamberBloomington.org.

In an effort to make Membership Matters more readable and to ensure submissions can be printed:

- All material should be submitted by the Friday before MM's release.
- Submitted content should be timely and relevant (ex. special events, awards/ recognitions, company announcements, relevant business-related news, etc.).
- Content should be written in the third person (avoid "I, we, us").
- Content should be informational or educational, not self-promotional, please.
- Event submissions will run for two weeks prior to the date of any event.
- Due to space limitations, we are unable to use photos or quotes.
- We want to promote your event, but direct solicitations for sponsorships will not be included in either publication.
- Our Membership Matters and BizNet Chamber Briefs are exclusive benefits for Chamber members.
- Although The Chamber will make every effort to include all relevant and timely member-submitted content, inclusion of content is at the sole discretion of The Chamber.
- Submitted content is subject to approval by The Chamber and submitted content is subject to edits and revisions without notification to or approval from submitter.
- Due to space limitations, please understand that not all submitted content will be published

When you submit your business news for Membership Matters, we'll automatically include your information in the next issue of BizNet if it's still timely. No need to resubmit!

