

Courtesy Bloomington in Bloom
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At a recent Bloomington City Council meeting, Mayor Krusan announced the winners of the Fall Commercial Property Contest on behalf of "Bloomington In Bloom" project. All winning properties were in the city limits. There was one winner within each of the eight categories.

There are four multi-family classifications.

1. The winner of the front door entryway is 1047 Sassafras in Meadowood. This front yard features an abundance of blooms.
2. The small multi-family/less than 10 units winner is at 1003 S. Rogers. It showcases great curb appeal all the way to the street.
3. The winner of the classification of large multi-family/11 units or more is Hillside Terrace, 702 E. Hillside. Hillside Terrace features colorful blooms throughout the entire property.
4. The winner of the multi-family entrance area is Burnham Rentals for the property at the corner of Indiana and Third. It is a formal entrance garden with clipped shrubbery marking the entrances.
5. The winner of the not-for-profit category is WonderGarden at WonderLab, 308 W Fourth. Recently, WonderGarden opened a new garden gate to the B-Line trail. This garden is maintained by staff and volunteers. It is open to the public.
6. Bryan House in the center of the Indiana University campus and won the municipal/publicly owned category. The Bryan House garden can be found at the end of a winding lane leading to a mature shade garden that incorporates colorful potted plants. Bryan House is the official home of the President of Indiana University.

The commercial category is divided into large and small installations:

7. The winner in the small category is German American Bank, 2614 E. Third. This landscape features a very colorful mix of trees, shrubs and flowers.
8. Fountain Square Mall is the winner of the large commercial classification. The signature window boxes featuring "Wave" petunias or impatiens and vinca are a downtown landmark of their own.

There were seventy nominations in this first year of the Commercial Property Contest. To see a list of the nominees and photos of the winners and runners-up visit www.bloomingtoninbloom.org. The Bloomington in Bloom project was spearheaded by the Bloomington Board of Realtors Community Grants Committee and is a cooperative and community collaborative effort with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. The goal is to successfully compete in the America in Bloom® designation competition in June 2010.

America in Bloom® is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to promoting nationwide beautification and personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements.

The Bloomington In Bloom community project judging will be based on seven categories: floral displays, tidiness, landscaped areas, urban forestry, heritage, community, turf and groundcovers, and environmental effort. Additional details regarding America in Bloom® is available online at <http://www.americainbloom.org>.