

**Bloomington Celebrates  
Disability Awareness Month during March 2022  
and  
Community Accessibility Month during April 2022  
(As of March 7th)**

The months of March and April offer Bloomington a time to consider ways in which our community is a welcoming one to people with disabilities. During March, Bloomington and communities across Indiana celebrate Disability **Awareness Month**. In April, the City of Bloomington's Council for Community Accessibility celebrates Accessibility **Awareness Month**. A wealth of activities will be occurring in Bloomington and on the IU campus over these next two months. Individuals with disabilities, family members, service providers, faculty, and other community members are encouraged to participate.

## **MARCH ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Horse Riding Session | PALS**

Ride a horse in a safe and fun environment. Sign up on our website [palstherapy.org](http://palstherapy.org) or using this link <https://givebutter.com/MonthlyRidingSessions>. It will be from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

The event will take place at 7644 W Elwren Rd, Bloomington, IN 47403. For more information, the phone number is 812-336-2798.

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**"Way to Go" | Bloomington Transit**

Travel Training Bloomington Transit hosts free monthly travel training sessions for individuals and groups. The purpose is to teach people of all abilities to learn and navigate the city bus system. Sessions are held each month. This class will be held at 10:30 at the Transit Center located at 301 South Walnut St. It will last for at least one hour with the option of going longer as needed. Alternative class dates and times can be arranged to better fit participants schedules. Interested persons or groups must RSVP. For more information and to RSVP contact Eli McCormick, Customer Service Manager, at [mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com](mailto:mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com) or 812-336-7433.

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**People & Animal Learning Services Volunteer Training | PALS**

People & Animal Services (PALS) is offering a volunteer training for individuals interested helping with horse care and in participating in PALS therapeutic equine programs. Responsibilities include barn chores: cleaning stalls, dusting, raking. Lesson help: leading horses and/or side-walking for our clients during riding sessions. Volunteers have the opportunity to work closely with PALS horses and clients, learn about therapeutic equine programs, and help groom, and care for horses and help with barn chores. No horse experience necessary! Individuals with disabilities are welcome to volunteer too. This training is held at the barn so dress accordingly. For more information and to sign-up go to the website [www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org), or contact

[volunteer@palstherapy.org](mailto:volunteer@palstherapy.org). It will be from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The event will be at 7644 W Elwren Rd, Bloomington, IN 47403. Their phone number is 812-336-2798.

## **APRIL ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Disability Awareness Month Open House | PALS**

Meet our horses, tour the facility, and meet the instructors. The open house will be from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The event will take place at 7644 W Elwren Rd, Bloomington, IN 47403. Their phone number is 812-336-2798.

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Monroe/Owen Transitional Council Webinar |  
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Monroe County Community Transition Council will host a webinar on Vocational Rehabilitation, BDDS, Group Homes and Supported Living, ARC- guardianships & Trusts, and student disability services in college. This is set for April 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 1:00pm. The zoom link for the event will be posted on our website at [www.monroectc.org](http://www.monroectc.org). There will be a drawing for prizes for the attendees! For more information, contact Jennifer Robinson's email at [jrobinso@mccsc.edu](mailto:jrobinso@mccsc.edu)

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Spring Fun Show | PALS**

Come watch clients show the horsemanship and riding skills they have learned, in a fun show! The show will be from 10:00am – 3:00pm. The event will be at 7644 W Elwren Rd, Bloomington, IN 47403. Their contact number is 812-336-2798.