

Workers Memorial Day



Invites You to Attend

Workers Memorial Day Ceremony

(to honor workers killed or injured on the job)

Monday; April 28, 2014; 5:30 p.m.

(Rain or Shine)

at Building and Trades Park

619 W. Howe St.

Bloomington

Program will include

Dedication of Interpretive Sign

Recognition of Donors

Speakers include representatives from

Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association

Bloomington Parks and Recreation

Mayor Mark Krusan

Indiana Occupational Safety Standards Commission

White River Central Labor Council

Labor songs provided by The Locals

Moderator: John Clower

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Building & Trades Park

In the late 1800s, this property was the site of a limestone mill and quarry. It was the property of the Henley Stone Company in 1895, and became the South Side Stone Company in 1901. The quarry closed in 1920. At that time, one of the quarry holes filled with water and "The Blue Hole" became a neighborhood swimming hole. The park was established in 1949. Its name acknowledges the support of the building and trades unions.

Hazards and unsafe working conditions existed within many historic industries. The late 1800s and into the 1900s gave rise to workers' movements and the formation of labor unions.

Woman soldering, date unknown.

1913 Sanborn Map showing South Side Stone Company location.

South Side Stone Company showing water-filled quarry hole.

The quarry hole was filled in the late 1940s and the site developed into a park.

The Prospect Hill neighborhood grew adjacent to the quarry and near the Showers Brothers Furniture Company to accommodate workers.

Workers Memorial Day was founded in 1969 on the belief that all workers have the right to a safe workplace. Observed every year on April 28, Workers Memorial Day honors those who were injured or lost their lives on the job. The day serves as reaffirmation of the commitment to the protection of workers' rights.

Nearly every amenity and improvement in Building & Trades Park is the result of partnerships with union members, neighborhood residents, community volunteers, and other organizations who recognize the park's rich history and who are proud to support future park improvements.

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