



Rainbow Connection

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LGBTQ Town Hall Tuesday, 7:00, PM April 4, Normal



Equality Illinois and Prairie Pride Coalition are partnering to present an LGBTQ Town Hall meeting at 7 PM, Tuesday, April 4 in the community room of the Normal Public Library, 206 W. College Ave.

Equality Illinois' CEO Brian C. Johnson will lay out a vision for LGBTQ equality across the state and will seek audience feedback. The Prairie Pride Coalition will also discuss its upcoming events and projects and seek input from the local community.

Attendance is free, but registration is encouraged. To register, go to <http://www.equalityillinois.us/townhalls2017/>.

PRIDE 19th Charity Drag Show March 31



PRIDE at ISU will present their 19th Annual Charity Drag Show March 31 from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM in the Brown Ballroom at Bone Student Center, Illinois State University, 100 N. University Street, in Normal, Illinois.

This event will be hosted by Sharon ShareALike and will feature Monica Beverly Hillz.

Tickets at www.ticketmaster.com

LGBTQ Awareness Training for Law Enforcement Officials March 30 and 31

The Prairie Pride Coalition, Equality Illinois, and the Minority and Police Partnership (MAPP) are joining forces to provide LGBTQ awareness training for local law enforcement officials on March 30 and 31 at Heartland Community College.

The training is identical to that given to Chicago Police Department law enforcement officials last year. All training sessions will be facilitated by Anthony Galloway from Equality Illinois.

The training is part of PPC's continuing commitment to enhance and make safer the environment for the LGBTQ community in Bloomington/Normal.

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Equality Illinois Hosts EqualityCon May 6 in Springfield

Equality Illinois and a number of sponsoring organizations will host the annual EqualityCon on Saturday, May 6 at the State House Inn, 101 E. Adams St. in Springfield.


EqualityCon brings together our state's LGBTQ community and allies, progressive advocates, civic leaders, and community groups to train and share insights on how to make Illinois and the nation more just and equitable.

The conference schedule has yet to be finalized but session topics include a legislative update, foster and adoption options for LGBTQ people, fundraising 101, starting a gay/straight alliance, partner violence, advocating to elected officials, and police violence against LGBTQ communities. The day will open



with a greeting from Springfield Mayor James Langfelder.

Cost to attend the conference is \$25 but Prairie Pride Coalition has a fund established to help pay for registrations. If you are interested in using one of our paid registrations please contact us at info@ppc-il.org.

Enjoy. 

Voices of Pride Festival of New Plays May 5-7, Bloomington


New Route Theatre and Prairie Pride Coalition are finalizing details of the second annual Voices of Pride Festival of New Plays to be staged May 5, 6, and 7 in the Smart Auditorium at the Chateau in Bloomington.

The three-day festival will feature staged readings of four new LGBTQI-themed plays submitted by playwrights from around the country. The four were selected from a large number of submissions collected earlier this year.


A discussion session will follow each staged reading and at least two of the playwrights will be on hand to answer questions from the attendees.

A cash bar will be available throughout the play festival and playgoers will have the opportunity to dine between plays at nearby Tony Roma's in the Chateau. Out of town visitors can also take advantage of reduced hotel room rates offered as part of the play festival.



Final details will soon be shared on the PPC Facebook page and through an e-mail blast to the PPC e-mail list. In the meantime, please make plans to join us and experience these four outstanding productions! 

Your Normal LGBT Film Festival

As part of Your Normal LGBT Film Festival #7, Prairie Pride Coalition (PPC) and The Normal Theater have presented Hurricane Bianca and Women Who Kill. Due to low audience numbers at those films it has been decided to not have a third screening. Thank you to those who have supported the Festival over the last seven years. If an especially promising LGBT film presents itself, there may be future screenings but, perhaps as a result of changing viewing patterns, it seemed like it was a good time to stop having a regularly recurring festival. - PPC 



PPC begins Area LGBTQI+ Business and Resource Directory

The Prairie Pride Coalition will soon begin soliciting entries for our Bloomington/Normal Area LGBTQI+ Business and Resource Directory.

As part of a continuing effort to make Bloomington/Normal and McLean County a more welcoming environment for LGBTQI+ people, the directory will publicize businesses and resources that are inclusive, supportive and respectful of members of our community.

Any business, sole proprietor, organization, agency, or service provider is invited to be a part of the directory. There is no charge to be included in the directory, but we do require that any establishment listed display a supportive static cling decal near its physical entrance and display



the image on the establishment's web site and/or Facebook page. Such identification will help members of our community identify and support you in your efforts!

Anyone wanting to sign up to be included in the directory can do so via

an online registration link that we will post on our PPC Facebook page and web site in early April. An e-mail blast will also go out to our e-mail list.

Once the directory is compiled copies will be available for free at local businesses and other outlets. An electronic database of the directory will also be available via our web site at ppc-il.org.

The directory is an important step in embracing the many businesses, organizations, agencies, services and other establishments that celebrate the LGBTQI+ diversity found in our community. We also hope it will raise our visibility and the profile of the local LGBTQI+ community. 🏳️‍🌈

Pioneer Stonewall Activist at ISU April 5-6

Transgender activist Miss Major Griffin-Gracy will speak the day after a free screening at Illinois State University of a documentary about her life and work.

The documentary Miss Major! will be screened at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at Capen Auditorium in Edwards Hall. Griffin-Gracy will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 at Capen.

Both events are free, open to the public, and are sponsored by University Program Board and ISU Pride.

Griffin-Gracy is an advocate for transgender individuals with a focus on transgender women of color. Known as Miss Major, she was a leader in the 1969 Stonewall Riots that became a turning point for the LGBTQ community. For over 40 years, Miss Major has been an activist and mentor for the transgender community, and continues

today through her documentary and speaking events.

The film Wednesday will explore the life of Miss Major and her activism of the last 40 years, including the Stonewall Riots. On Thursday, Griffin-Gracy will speak about her own experiences, as well as her work as a transgender activist. 🏳️‍🌈





Several pieces of legislation are moving forward in Springfield; we encourage you to contact your legislators to express your support for their passage.

Hb1785 passed out of committee and now goes to the House floor for a vote. The bill, commonly called the Birth Certificate Modernization Bill, would modernize the standard for a person to change the gender marker on their birth certificate. The bill is an initiative of a coalition including Equality Illinois, the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, Illinois Safe Schools Alliance, Howard Brown Health Center, Lambda Legal, and AIDS Foundation of Chicago. HB 1785 would move Illinois into the 21st century by aligning the standards in statute with modern standards of medical care for transgender individuals. The federal government and fourteen other states have adopted a similar standard.

<http://www.equalityillinois.us/about-us/press-releases/hb1785/>

<http://www.aclu-il.org/house-committee-advances-house-bill-1785/>

SB 1761, a bill that would curtail use of a panic defense in murder cases, passed out of committee and now heads to the House floor for a possible vote. These panic defenses are based on the premise that a defendant accused of a violent crime against another party justifies the assault on the grounds that the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity is to blame for the defendant's violent reaction. The so-called "gay panic defense" and "trans panic defense" are rooted in the stigmatization of LGBTQ people. The panic defense was first used in Illinois in 1972 and most recently in 2009. In 2013, the American Bar Association adopted a resolution urging governments to curtail the availability and effectiveness of the panic defenses.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1761&GAID=14&GA=100&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=104743&SessionID=91>

For the latest legislative updates, check out the Equality Illinois website www.equalityillinois.us or refer to the organization's Facebook page.

To find the status of any Illinois legislation, go to this link and enter the bill number in the window to the left.


<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/> 



The McLean County Voter Engagement Coalition (MCVEC) is a non-partisan coalition dedicated to educating, motivating, and mobilizing voters to the polls. They are reaching out because they need your help empowering the voters of the Bloomington-Normal Community!

On April 1st, 2nd, and 4th, the YWCA will be hosting phone canvassing sessions to motivate voters to make their voices heard on April 4th. The MCVEC will also be provide needed information about polling places, early voting, same-day registration, etc. Volunteers will be provided with phone canvassing training, practice and a script to follow during their calls. All materials will be provided with the exception of a phone. You are asked to bring a (fully-charged) cell phone to make your calls. While it is not recommended, if you do not want your phone number shared with callers, you will be provided with instructions to keep your number from showing up on caller ID.

If you are invested in making sure every community member can make their voice heard during this upcoming local election, you are encouraged to sign up for a canvassing shift by following this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BA8A928A6F94-getout>

Related links: Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/193074777844770/>
League of Women Voters: McLean County Voter 

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2017



March 30-31 [Article page 1]
LGBTQ Awareness Training for Law Enforcement Officials
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May 5 - 7, [Article page 2]
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 Co-sponsored by Prairie Pride Coalition and New Route Theatre



Friday, March 31, 7 p.m. [Article page 1]
ISU Charity Drag Show
 Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center



Saturday, May 6 [Article page 2]
EqualityCon 2017
 Sponsored by Equality Illinois
 Springfield



Saturday, April 1, 6 - 8 p.m.
Adult Social (Do It Yourself Activity)
 YWCA on Hershey Road, Bloomington
 Dinner provided
 Hosted by Central Illinois Pride Health Center



Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m. [Article page 6]
ISU Lavender Graduation
 Prairie Room, Bone Student Center



Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday April 1, 2, & 4
[Article page 4]
McLean County Voter Engagement Coalition
 Phone canvas training and election day calling. Non-partisan.



Maybe a "Mark-your-calendar" event
Tuesday, May 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Youth Community Night



Hosted by the YWCA, with Central Illinois Pride Health Center & Project OZ
 Check the CI Pride Facebook & web pages.



Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m. [Article page 6]
IWU Lavender Graduation
 Turfler Room, IWU Memorial Student Center



Saturday, May 20
Springfield Pride Festival
 Downtown Springfield
www.springfieldpride.org



Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m. [Article page 1]
LGBTQ Town Hall
 Community Room, Normal Public Library
 Co-sponsored by Equality Illinois and Prairie Pride Coalition



RECURRING EVENTS

Fridays - Weekly
LGBTQ Youth Group
 First United Methodist, 211 N. School St., Normal



Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m. [Article page 3]
Miss Major! Documentary
 Capen Auditorium, ISU



Thursdays - Weekly
Bingo at 9 PM, a the Bistro
Karaoke at 10 PM, a the Bistro
 316 N. Main Street, Bloomington



Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. [Article page 3]
Appearance and Presentation by Miss Major
 Capen Auditorium, ISU



Fridays - Weekly
Improv Attack, 8:30 PM at the Bistro
 316 N. Main Street, Bloomington



Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m.
Raise Funds and Party!
 Hosted by Black Lives Matter BLONO



2nd Mondays, 5:30 p.m. - Monthly
PFLAG of Bloomington-Normal
 Unitarian-Universalist Church
 1316 E. Emerson St., Bloomington, IL



Sunday, April 23, 4 p.m. [Article page 9]
Afternoon Tea Party
 The Bistro
 Hosted by Central Illinois Pride Health Center



2nd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:00 p.m. - Monthly
Stand Up for Social Justice - BloNo, IL
 front lawn of the BCPA, downtown Bloomington

Visit these organizations on Facebook for more details about their activities: Central Illinois PRIDE Health Center
 The Bistro • Prairie Pride Coalition • PFLAG Bloomington/Normal • Stand Up for Social Justice - BloNo, IL

Rainbow Connection SPRING 2017

Lavender Graduations IWU April 2 • ISU May 10

**Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2pm
in Turfler Room**



Lavender Graduation is a celebration that recognizes graduating students' contributions to IWU and the LGBTQ+ community. Lavender Graduation is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and guests to celebrate the accomplishments of IWU LGBTQ+ graduates for Spring, Summer, and Winter of that year. There is also a space for graduates to recognize the significant people in their lives who have helped them achieve their goals.

April 2014 marked Illinois Wesleyan's first ever Lavender Graduation celebration! Lavender Graduation 2014 will be remembered as a time in IWU's history that was dedicated toward moving forward and improving the campus climate for LGBTQ+s.

**6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 10
at Bone Student Center in Normal.**



Lavender Graduation is a ceremony that seeks to celebrate the accomplishments and success of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) and allied college students. Since the first ceremony in 1995, Lavender Graduation has found its place in numerous higher education institutions across the United States. Regardless of what achievements have contributed to the LGBTQ community, any graduating student is welcome to participate. Illinois State University (ISU) is excited to bring this ceremony to campus!

These ceremonies are celebrations of the accomplishments and successes of our LGBTQIA+ students, which are separate from the traditional commencement ceremonies. We look forward to creating a unique space that celebrates the completion of degrees and certificates to graduates with the support of your families, friends, faculty and staff. If you need special accommodations to fully participate, contact Diversity Advocacy at (309) 438-8968. Please allow sufficient time to arrange. 🌈

Landmark U. S. Supreme Court LGBTQ Decisions

One, Inc. v. Olesen 355 U.S. 371 (January 13, 1958) is a landmark United States Supreme Court decision for LGBT rights in the United States. It was the first U.S. Supreme Court ruling to deal with homosexuality and the first to address free speech rights with respect to homosexuality

Romer v. Evans, 517 U.S. 620 (1996), is a landmark United States Supreme Court case dealing with sexual orientation and state laws. It was the first Supreme Court case to address gay rights since *Bowers v. Hardwick* (1986), when the Court had held that laws criminalizing sodomy were constitutional. The Court ruled in a 6–3 decision that a state constitutional amendment in Colorado preventing protected status based upon homosexuality or bisexuality did not satisfy the Equal Protection Clause.

Lawrence v. Texas, 539 U.S. 558 (2003) is a landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court. The Court struck down the sodomy law in Texas in a 6-3 decision and, by extension, invalidated sodomy laws in 13 other states, making same-sex sexual activity legal in every U.S. state and territory. The Court, with a five-justice majority, overturned its previous ruling on the same issue in the 1986 case *Bowers v. Hardwick*, where it upheld a challenged Georgia statute and did not find a constitutional protection of sexual privacy.

The United States Supreme Court as **Hollingsworth v. Perry**, who held that in line with prior precedent, the official sponsors of a ballot initiative measure did not have Article III standing to appeal an adverse federal court ruling when the state refused to do so. Proposition 8 was struck down, providing same gender marriages legal in California.

United States v. Windsor, 570 U.S. ____ (2013), is a landmark civil rights case in which the United States Supreme Court held that restricting U.S. federal interpretation of "marriage" and "spouse" to apply only to opposite-sex unions, by Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), is unconstitutional under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment; Justice Kennedy wrote: "The federal statute is invalid, for no legitimate purpose overcomes the purpose and effect to disparage and to injure those whom the State, by its marriage laws, sought to protect in personhood and dignity.

Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. ____ (2015) is a landmark United States Supreme Court case in which the Court held in a 5–4 decision that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. [Above all from Wikipedia.] 🌈

Annual Family Reunion Picnic DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Annual Family Reunion Picnic for PPC and PFLAG

Join us for this fun social event at the Underwood Park Shelter, 200 Jersey Ave. in Normal (West of S. Linden St. on the North side of the street). Fried chicken, soda, water, plasticware, and paper products will be supplied. Please bring something to share like: chips/crackers, dip; veggies; desserts; salads; etc. Some games will be provided; Feel free to bring other games like Apples for Apples.

Watch for the announcement at Prairie Pride Coalition on Facebook or <https://www.facebook.com/PrairiePrideCoalition/> 🌈

HIV Undetectable = Untransmittable

RISK OF SEXUAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV FROM A PERSON LIVING WITH HIV WHO HAS AN UNDETECTABLE VIRAL LOAD

Undetectable Viral Load and HIV Prevention: What Do Gay and Bi Men Need to Know?

By JD Davids [Full article and endorsements are available at <https://www.preventionaccess.org/consensus>]

From TheBody.com Risk of HIV transmission is virtually eliminated when people living with HIV are consistently taking effective HIV medication, (known as antiretroviral therapy or ARVs). It's well-verified by research, and backed up by many years of real world observation: There have been no cases of transmission in couples where the HIV-positive partner was on meds and had "undetectable" viral load test results for at least six months. **But what does this mean for gay and bi men making decisions about sex, whether in ongoing partnerships, casual dating or anonymous encounters?**

What Does Undetectable Mean?

Viral load tests show how much HIV is in a person's blood, which is also related to how much HIV may be in semen (and other fluids that contain HIV). These tests can confirm that HIV treatment is working. We also now know they can show an elevated risk of HIV transmission. When people first get HIV, they have very high viral loads. But most people who consistently take daily ARVs are able to get and stay undetectable. The medication allows them to reduce their viral loads so much that the HIV can't be detected in specific, powerful blood tests. There is effectively no risk of HIV transmission if the positive partner has an undetectable HIV viral load, even if condoms or pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) are not used. The risk is as close to zero as science can prove.

As noted by Dr. Carl Dieffenbach, director of the division of AIDS at the U.S. National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a person living with HIV on effective treatment "is not capable of transmitting HIV to a sexual partner. With successful antiretroviral treatment, that individual is no longer infectious." People who have undetectable viral loads still have HIV. In the vast majority of cases, if they go off treatment, the level of virus will become detectable again. They can become resistant to the medication they're on if they are not able to take it consistently. In these cases, they can often become undetectable again if they switch to a different combination of medications.

What About Undetectable Viral Load and HIV transmission?

Across several large studies, no cases of HIV transmission have been reported in couples where the HIV-positive partner was on meds and had "undetectable" viral load test results for six months. The studies involved both heterosexual and same-sex male couples, though most of the data was in heterosexuals. Two studies are continuing to collect more information on male couples, to add more data. Although none of the studies looked specifically at transgender people, there is no particular reason why we would suspect the results would be different.

In one of the studies, known as HPTN 052, there was one transmission of HIV from a man to his female partner. However, he had not been on treatment long enough to become undetectable. You may see a statistic saying that treatment reduces transmission risk by 93 to 96%. That refers to this case, where a person was on treatment but not yet undetectable -- it does not refer to transmission from someone who was undetectable.

Rates of viral suppression vary around the world.

"Switzerland, Australia and the United Kingdom have the highest proportion of people living with HIV with undetectable viral load," reported Aidsmap in 2015. "In each of these countries, over 60% of the estimated population of people living with HIV have undetectable viral load... France reports that only 52% of people living with HIV are virally suppressed (compared to 61% in the United Kingdom and 52% in Rwanda), while 35% in British Columbia, Canada, 32% in sub-Saharan Africa and 30% in the United States are virally suppressed."

How Do People Know They Are Undetectable?

People with HIV who are in consistent care with access to lab tests will know their HIV viral load. And people who are in regular HIV care and who became virally suppressed are extremely likely to stay undetectable as long as they stay on their meds. However, some people do not know their viral load because they do not know they have HIV. Some of them may not know because they acquired HIV very recently. In these cases, it's likely their viral load may actually be quite high, and high viral load increases the risk

for HIV transmission to others. Thus, people who think they are HIV negative may actually have a detectable or even high viral load.

Multiple Choices for HIV Prevention Today

Today, we have multiple methods of HIV prevention. Each can be used alone combined. Because of the power of antiretrovirals, there are two strategies that virtually eliminate risk of HIV transmission:

- People who are HIV negative can take PrEP.
- People who have HIV can become and stay undetectable.
- For anyone on PrEP, the HIV status of their sex partners (whether positive or negative, or detectable or undetectable) can be virtually irrelevant. They have already reduced their risk of HIV to near zero. In the United States, many people can get PrEP through their insurance or public programs; access to PrEP is increasing around the world but can still be quite limited.

Endorsements Updated as of March 25, 2017

[Organizational endorsements are available at <https://www.preventionaccess.org/consensus>]

RISK OF SEXUAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV FROM A PERSON LIVING WITH HIV WHO HAS AN UNDETECTABLE VIRAL LOAD • Messaging Primer & Consensus Statement

There is now evidence-based confirmation that the risk of HIV transmission from a person living with HIV (PLHIV), who is on Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) and has achieved an undetectable viral load in their blood for at least 6 months is negligible to non-existent. While HIV is not always transmitted even with a detectable viral load, when the partner with HIV has an undetectable viral load this both protects their own health and prevents new HIV infections.[i]

However, the majority of PLHIV, medical providers and those potentially at risk of acquiring HIV are not aware of the extent to which successful treatment prevents HIV transmission.[ii] Much of the messaging about HIV transmission risk is based on outdated research and is influenced by agency or funding restraints and politics which perpetuate sex-negativity, HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

The consensus statement below, addressing HIV transmission risk from PLHIV who have an undetectable viral load, is endorsed by principal investigators from each of the leading studies that examined this issue. It is important that PLHIV, their intimate partners and their healthcare providers have accurate information about risks of sexual transmission of HIV from those successfully on ART.

At the same time, it is important to recognize that many PLHIV may not be in a position to reach an undetectable status because of factors limiting treatment access (e.g., inadequate health systems, poverty, racism, denial, stigma, discrimination, and criminalization), pre-existing ART treatment resulting in resistance or ART toxicities. Some may choose not to be treated or may not be ready to start treatment.

Understanding that successful ART prevents transmission can help reduce HIV-related stigma and encourage PLHIV to initiate and adhere to a successful treatment regimen.

The following statement has been endorsed by:

Dr. Michael Brady – Medical Director of Terrence Higgins Trust and Consultant HIV Physician, London, UK
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Dr. Mona Loutfy, MPH – Lead author on Canadian consensus statement on HIV and its transmission in the context of the criminal law; Associate Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases, Women's College Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
Dr. Julio Montaner – Director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS; Director of IDC and Physician Program Director for HIV/AIDS PHC, Vancouver BC, Canada
Dr. Pietro Vernazza – Executive Committee, PARTNER; Author, Swiss Statement 2008, Update 2016; Chief of the Infectious Disease Division, Cantonal Hospital in St. Gallen, Switzerland



To Find an HIV Testing site Near You

For local Information on HIV Testing and prevention call **309.888.5478** or visit <http://health.mcleancountyil.gov/index.aspx?NID=98>

To find information on HIV testing sites in other locations visit <https://gettested.cdc.gov/>

Call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) to ask for free testing sites in your area.



Central Illinois Pride Health Center Tea Party April 23 4 PM

Afternoon Tea Party

A FUNDRAISER FOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRIDE HEALTH CENTER



SUNDAY, APRIL 23 | 4 P.M.

THE BISTRO 316 N. MAIN ST BLOOMINGTON

\$20 donation at the door, must be 21

Enjoy a great show and drink specials benefiting CIPHC!



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MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ELECTION DAY APRIL 4- PLEASE VOTE!

Be sure to vote on or before Tuesday, April 4th.

Here are the links to voting information for McLean County elections. Everyone in McLean County outside of Bloomington votes through the McLean County Clerk's office. The city of Bloomington has it's own Board of Elections Commission (bec). The sites contain information about voter registration, early voting, absentee voting, and polling places.

<http://www.becvote.org/wordpress/>

Board of Elections Commission for Bloomington, IL



<http://www.mcleancountyil.gov/elections>



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