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Loud sounds have hidden health risks



When using power tools, lawn equipment or other machinery, wear properly fitted earplugs or earmuffs from the start, rather than waiting until the noise becomes uncomfortable. PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

Noise pollution a serious but often forgotten hazard

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The human body is remarkably good at getting used to the environment around it. You’ve probably experienced this if you’ve ever gone to a matinee and emerged from the dark theater into sunshine. Your eyes sting, so you squint and shield your face until they adjust to the bright sunlight. • In the same way, the body can grow accustomed to constant noise. With repeated exposure to traffic, leaf blowers, construction, loud music, crowded restaurants, fitness classes and sporting events, you can become accustomed to loud environments. Over time, what once seemed unusually loud may barely register.

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Hearing damage is only part of the story. Noise acts as a stressor, activating the autonomic nervous and endocrine systems and affecting heart rate, blood pressure and other physiological processes.

‘This does take a person’s liberty away’

Amendment asks Indiana voters to rewrite pretrial detention rules

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Indiana judges may soon have the ability to deny bail for more defendants they believe pose a danger to the public.

Defendants are guaranteed the right to bail under the Indiana constitution except in cases of murder or treason — even when a judge believes the defendant may reoffend while awaiting trial. Hoosiers will vote this fall on a proposed constitutional amendment years in the making to rewrite these rules, so judges could deny bail to any defendant if the state proves they cannot be safely released.

Supporters say the amendment is needed to detain defendants who repeatedly commit violent crimes while on bail, while critics worry it jeopardizes due process rights for defendants who may spend months in jail without a conviction.

Two successive general assemblies approved the proposed amendment: in 2023 and 2026. Now it goes to the people on the Nov. 3 ballot.

What does the amendment say?

The amendment would preserve the right to bail for all offenses other than murder or treason — unless the defendant poses a “substantial risk to any other person or the community.”

Those offenses would not be eligible for bail if “the proof is evident or the presumption strong” of their guilt. The state would then need to prove “by clear and convincing evidence” no other release conditions would “reasonably” protect public safety.

Defendants are entitled to an attorney and a hearing if the state asks to deny them bail, as well as the right to appeal the court’s decision.

A companion bill adopted earlier this year directs courts to consider the evidence against the defendant and nature of the offense — did it involve drugs, alcohol or an act of violence?

Judges should consider the arrestee’s character, health, family ties,

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND

Blues, boogie woogie, classical and more for music-lovers

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Another weekend full of musical options begins with classical music by Friday Musicale on, of course, Friday. But there’s more in store for music-lovers of

all genres — with indie folk, reggae, country, blues, boogie woogie and khazones, the spiritual music heritage of Yiddish speaking Jews.

It’s not just music, however, with 10 area artists opening their studios for people to visit and a free afternoon of play at WonderLab.

Whatever you prefer, it should be a delightful weekend in Bloomington.

Classical music by Friday Musicale

Friday Musicale will offer classical music on piano, organ, flute along with vocalists beginning at 1:15 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 9, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 3800 E. Third St. Flutist Deb Wehman, pianist Vicki King, organist Linda Storm, soprano Lisa Kurz, pianist Marilyn Gillquist and Diane Rivera will perform selections from Saint-Saens,

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