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SOUTH LOOP DEVELOPMENT TAKING SHAPE

There are big changes happening in the South Loop District. Work begins again this spring on a variety of street construction projects. These transportation updates pave the way for new construction and make the district more attractive for development, as evidenced by the many new hotels and businesses proposed or under construction in the area. *See map above and descriptions at right.*

Here's an update on what's taking place in 2015 and beyond.

Lindau Lane construction work will be winding down with the completion of a plaza over Lindau Lane, sidewalks and landscaping. To complete work safely at the 28th Avenue and Lindau Lane roundabout, the road will be closed along with portions of 30th Avenue between Old Shakopee Road and American Boulevard.

An art installation combining sculpture and landscape will be installed in the center of the 28th Avenue and Lindau Lane roundabout. *See story on page 3.* Construction should be completed on Lindau Lane by late summer 2015.

Construction of utilities and roads around Bloomington Central Station in the area of 33rd Avenue, East 81st Street and East 80th Street will continue through the summer. Construction should be complete by fall 2016.

Local street wayfinding signs will be installed throughout the South Loop District this summer. Wayfinding helps direct motorists to their destinations using electronic signs to indicate what roads to take or where to find available parking. (Think of the electronic signs around Target Field.) Construction should be complete by fall 2015.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SOUTH LOOP.



1. MOA Phase 2B (preliminary)
Mix of retail, office and hotel



2. MOA Phase 1C (underway)
JW Marriot Hotel, retail and office



3. Radisson Blu (completed)
Opened 2013



4. MOA transit station upgrade
(proposed)



5. AC Hotel by Marriot (proposed)



6. Marriot TownePlace Suites
(underway)



7. Bloomington Central Station
Hyatt Regency Hotel (underway)



8. Bloomington Central Station
IndiGO (underway)

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MAYOR’S MEMO

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

By Mayor Gene Winstead

This past February, I had the pleasure of participating in the 19th Annual Diamond Service Awards. Considered the Academy Awards of the hospitality industry, the Diamond Service Awards, sponsored by the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau, was first introduced in 1997 to recognize outstanding service in hotel, restaurant and retail businesses. Housekeeping, front desk personnel, wait staff, dishwashers, retail staff and others are nominated by their managers. To recognize the importance of food safety, the City of Bloomington joined the Diamond Service Awards in sponsoring the first Food Safety Award in 2001. Receiving a Food Safety Award is both a source of pride and a symbol of excellence in food safety. Food establishments are nominated by the City’s Environmental Health inspectors and interviewed by industry peers.

The 2014 Food Safety Award winners, pictured above from left to right, include:

- Overall Food Safety Award: **Radisson Blu at Mall of America**
- Full Service Hotel: **Paul Lynch, Radisson Blu at Mall of America**
- Large Restaurant: **Kerry Stanton, American Girl at Mall of America**
- Fast Food/Cafeteria Service: **Troy Brown, Wendy’s on West 80th Street**
- Limited Service and Pizza Carryout: **Danielle Beauchene and Tim Van Blaricom, Domino’s on Bloomington Ferry Road**
- Retail Grocery: **Joel Walker, Cub Foods on France Avenue**

Since the mid-1960s, the City has maintained a food safety program to protect public health and meet consumer expectations for cleanliness. Environmental health specialists routinely inspect restaurants and other food facilities. Restaurant and food service workers do a great job working in conjunction with Environmental Health to make Bloomington hospitality the best.



SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY

Mayor Gene Winstead was presented with the 2015 Spirit of Hospitality Award at the 19th Annual Diamond Service Awards Gala. The award is presented annually by the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau to an individual or company that has made a significant contribution to the travel and hospitality industry. Throughout his nearly 16 years serving as mayor and 40 years as a Bloomington resident, Mayor Winstead has helped facilitate the growth of the hospitality industry in Bloomington. He is on the board of the Airport Foundation, working to enhance travelers’ experiences, and has served on the boards of the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and Bloomington Port Authority, among others.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

A variety of road construction projects designed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety will take place throughout Bloomington this spring and summer.

Pavement Management Program

The crown jewel of all Bloomington’s construction projects remains the Pavement Management Program. A number of Bloomington streets, including Lyndale Avenue from 82nd Street to 86th Street and 90th Street from Lyndale Avenue to Wentworth Avenue, will be reconstructed. For a complete list of local street construction, visit the City’s website.

Pedestrian and bicycle trail improvements

Several trail improvements start this summer, including the long-awaited rehabilitation of the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge over Long Meadow Lake. This two-year project will reopen the historic bridge, providing a river crossing connection to Burnsville, Eagan, Dakota County and beyond. In addition, many crosswalk enhancements are in the works to make pedestrian crossings safer near American Boulevard, Bush Lake Beach, Kennedy High School, Valley View Middle School and Oxboro Library.

What else is going on?

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services will oversee a sanitary sewer project on the east end of 90th Street. Hennepin County will conduct road work on portions of France Avenue and Old Shakopee Road. Centerpoint Energy will be busy with the next phase of a project that will impact many streets in Bloomington, including Lyndale Avenue, East 100th Street and Logan Avenue at 98th Street. Finally, Three Rivers Park District will lead a trail project that will connect a new trail along Old Cedar Avenue north of 86th Street through Richfield and up to Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis.

For more information on these and other projects, visit the City’s website.

MAKING LEFT TURNS SAFER

Flashing yellow left-turn arrows signal to motorists when it is safe to make a left-hand turn. They keep motorists safe during heavy traffic and reduce delays when traffic is light. According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, national studies have demonstrated that drivers find flashing yellow left-turn arrows more understandable than traditional yield-on-green signal lights.

What the arrows mean:

Solid red arrow: Drivers intending to turn left must stop and wait. Do not enter an intersection to turn when a solid red arrow is being displayed.

Solid yellow arrow: The left-turn signal is about to change to red and drivers should prepare to stop to complete a left turn if they are legally within the intersection and there is no conflicting traffic present.

Flashing yellow arrow: Drivers are allowed to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and to any pedestrians in the crosswalk. Oncoming traffic has a green light. Drivers must wait for a safe gap in oncoming traffic before turning.

Solid green arrow: Left turns have the right of way. Oncoming traffic has a red light.



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Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.



BLOOMINGTON THEATRE AND ART CENTER CHANGES NAME

As of July 1, Bloomington Theatre and Art Center will change its name to Artistry. BTAC Executive Director Andrea Specht said that the new name will help audiences, artists and other stakeholders understand all that BTAC encompasses as a nonprofit arts organization based in Bloomington Center for the Arts with activities throughout the Twin Cities.

“BTAC has grown 45 percent over the past five years,” Specht said. “The name change and rebranding will further broaden the organization’s audience base in Bloomington and beyond.”

BTAC serves an audience of more than 70,000 people per year with theater productions, exhibitions and arts education programs. In 2013, the organization received a substantial National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” grant to work with the City of Bloomington on creative placemaking planning and demonstration projects in the South Loop District.



ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS IN THE SOUTH LOOP

This spring, two new art installations will be unveiled in the South Loop.

James Brenner will design and install a sculpture in the roundabout at the intersection of Lindau Lane and 28th Avenue near Mall of America. Brenner will also design the landscape surrounding the sculpture.

Erik Pearson, the artist who painted the Bloomington Civic Plaza mural, will create a mural reflecting the connections of science, technology and nature at Cypress Semiconductor bordering the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge at the Bass Ponds parking lot.

For more information about these projects, visit the City’s website.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SOUTH LOOP.

SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE

Are you looking for ways to give back to your community? Consider serving as an election judge. The Bloomington City Clerk’s Office is seeking eligible residents to work as election judges on August 11 and November 3 in one of Bloomington’s 32 precincts. Adults and students ages 16 and older are encouraged to apply. Training is provided. For more information, visit the City’s website or call 952-563-8729.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: ELECTION JUDGES.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

Bloomington’s Citizen Alert system sends time-sensitive emergency notifications directly to your home phone, cell phone via voice and text alerts, and email. To sign up for Citizen Alert, visit the City’s website and click on the Citizen Alert icon on the home page, then follow the prompts.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: CITIZEN ALERT.

FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINARS

The Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority will host three home improvement seminars this summer on Thursdays, June 18, July 16 and August 27. Seminars take place at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, at 7 p.m. Visit the City’s website for details.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: SEMINARS.



IMPROVE YOUR HOME, SAVE MONEY

Apply for a home improvement loan with the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority and improve the quality of your home and neighborhood. Loans of up to \$35,000 are available to Bloomington homeowners with no monthly payments. Upgrade your siding, windows, doors and roof. Loans accrue interest for 10 years at 4 percent and do not have to be repaid until you sell your home. Income limits and equity requirements apply. Visit the City’s website to apply.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HOME IMPROVEMENT.

SHELLY PEDERSON IS ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Bloomington City Engineer Shelly Pederson was named 2014 City Engineer of the Year by the City Engineers Association of Minnesota at the organization’s annual conference in January. Pederson is the first woman in Minnesota to receive the prestigious award.

“It’s a well-deserved award,” CEAM President Klayton Eckles said. “Shelly is one of the best, most dedicated engineers in the state and her extensive involvement in regional issues has benefited all Minnesotans.”

As Bloomington’s city engineer, Pederson is responsible for the delivery of an aggressive capital improvement program, including \$26 million of projects in 2014. She has worked collaboratively with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Hennepin County and other agencies on many regional projects, including the TH 169/I-494 and I-494 and I-35W interchanges.

Pederson, who oversees a staff of 31, has been Bloomington’s city engineer since 1999.

The City Engineers Association of Minnesota is the premier professional association for engineers in Minnesota.

FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE

The City of Bloomington recently received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. This prestigious national award recognizes conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports. In order to receive the award, a governmental unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report that conforms to the program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

The City has received the award for 14 years.

CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Be sure you're prepared by setting your materials at the curb before 7 a.m. on your pickup day. To prevent people from stealing copper and releasing hazardous chemicals into the air, **please do not set appliances on the curb until the morning of your collection day.** Remember, trucks will go through only once.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: CURBSIDE CLEANUP.

QUESTIONS?

CALL 952-563-8760.

To receive Curbside schedule reminders, visit the City's website, click on *E-Subscribe*, and sign up for email updates.

PREPARE FOR THE CLEANUP

- Items must be boxed or bundled with twine. Plastic bags are not acceptable. Note, containers and all their contents will be disposed of if on the curb.
- Seniors or residents who are disabled:** If you require assistance, contact your Neighborhood Watch block captains – or call Human Services two weeks in advance of the pickup for volunteer availability, 952-563-4944 or TTY 952-563-4933.

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- General junk:** Boxed or bundled with twine – under 100 pounds per item.
- Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied with twine. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter – larger rolls are hard to handle.
- Appliances:** Water heaters and softeners, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, dishwashers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, water coolers, refrigerators (remove doors or tie securely shut), etc. **Limit TWO appliances per house. DO NOT set out appliances until morning of pickup.**
- Unusable furniture:** Disassemble or tie down hide-a-way sofa beds so they cannot open when handled.
- Construction materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. **NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.**
- BUNDLED brush:** Branches must be smaller than three inches in diameter and five feet in length, tied with twine and put in bundles that can be carried by one person or they will not be picked up. Brush piles must be no more than what can fit in a standard-size pickup truck.
- Mattresses/box springs.**
- Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Large scrap metal items that do not fit in the trunk of a car (swing sets, barbeque grills, bikes, treadmills, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.) Drain all fluids and remove tires. Smaller items should be taken to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 West 96th Street.

NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- Small scrap metal.
- Tires and batteries.
- Tubs, sinks and toilets.
- Construction items:

Contractor materials, railroad ties, concrete, bricks and shingles (asbestos).

- Electronic goods:** TVs and computers.
- Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents, fluorescent tubes, propane and other household chemicals.
- Organic materials:** Leaves, grass clippings, sod, stumps, logs and food waste.
- Recyclable materials:** Newspapers, cans, glass, corrugated cardboard, boxboard and plastic bottles.

For tips on how to properly dispose of items not accepted at the curb, call 612-348-3777 or visit the *A to Z How-to-Get-Rid-of-It Guide* on Hennepin County's website at www.hennepin.us, keywords: Get rid.

2015 CITYWIDE CURBSIDE CLEANUP SCHEDULE:

- APRIL 11—EAST OF PORTLAND AVENUE
- APRIL 18—PENN AVENUE TO PORTLAND AVENUE
- APRIL 25—FRANCE AVENUE TO PENN AVENUE
- MAY 2—NORMANDALE BOULEVARD TO FRANCE AVENUE
- MAY 9—WEST OF NORMANDALE BOULEVARD



PUBLIC WORKS IS SERIOUS ABOUT RECYCLING

What do tires, TVs, batteries and fluorescent lamps have in common? They were all items recycled by Bloomington Public Works in 2014. Since the early 1980s, Public Works has made a concerted effort to recycle a variety of items from batteries and tires used in City vehicles to discarded TVs and scrap metal found around the city.

"The majority of the items we recycle come from our daily operations, including oil and brass from water meters," Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Jim Eiler said. "A small percentage of items collected, mostly TVs, come from illegal dumping."

Last year, Public Works boosted its recycling efforts by putting recycling containers alongside trash carts in Bloomington parks. More than 100 single-sort recycle carts were placed at 74 locations throughout the park system in parking lots, picnic areas and trailheads.

Where do all the recycled items the City collects end up? According to Eiler, many items go back to the original supplier to be reused. Extra concrete and asphalt left over from street maintenance is recycled and reused. In some cases, the City will receive compensation for returning used materials.

"The City consumes products and materials as part of providing services, just like any other business," Eiler said. "Reusing those materials is always our first choice, followed by recycling. We do our best to avoid sending items to a landfill."

Public Works is currently exploring options for implementing organics recycling in City buildings.

HERE'S A LOOK AT JUST A FEW OF THE ITEMS PUBLIC WORKS RECYCLED IN 2014:

- 10 appliances
- 109 pounds of household batteries
- 135 vehicle batteries
- 357 tires
- 2,300 gallons of oil
- 2 tons of brass from water meters
- 3.6 tons of aluminum
- 46 tons of scrap metal

SAVE THE DATE!

Public Works will host an open house in honor of Public Works Week, Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., at the Public Works building, 1700 West 98th Street.

For more information, visit the City's website.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: PW OPEN HOUSE.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

The Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation, with support from Human Services, will hold the 2015 Bloomington Citywide Garage Sales Thursday, May 28–Saturday, May 30. Pick up your garage sale signs at Creekside Community Center on Tuesday, May 26, 3–7 p.m. Lists will be available to potential shoppers for \$3 at Haller and Associates in Heritage Plaza Shopping Center, 10510 France Avenue South, beginning Tuesday, May 26 and on the City's website beginning Wednesday, May 27.

For more information, visit the City's website or call the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation at 952-831-3798.



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission (HRC) was established to aid and advise the Bloomington City Council in ensuring that the human rights of residents are safeguarded. The Bloomington City Council approved the 2014 Human Rights Commission Annual Report and the 2015 work plan in January. Visit the City’s website for more information on how you can get involved.

Three new commissioners were appointed to the HRC in February: Jared Leese, a leasing and marketing coordinator at Stuart Companies, Jessica Kietzman, a project execution lead at Emerson Process Management and Johnathon McClellan, a firefighter with the City of Minneapolis.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: HRC.

MR. CIVIL RIGHTS: THURGOOD MARSHALL DOCUMENTARY

Join the Bloomington Human Rights Commission for a screening and panel discussion of “Mr. Civil Rights:Thurgood Marshall and the N.A.A.C.P.,” Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

The film tells the story of Thurgood Marshall’s early life in the years leading up to the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court ruling to desegregate America’s public schools. To register, call 952-563-4944.

HOLOCAUST PHOTO EXHIBIT COMING

In partnership with Tolerance Minnesota and the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Bloomington Human Rights Commission will host Transfer of Memory, a special exhibit, featuring photos of Holocaust survivors living in Minnesota. The exhibit will be on display at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, May 5–May 25.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: MEMORY EXHIBIT.

REFLECTIONS FROM A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Holocaust survivor Dora Eiger Zaidenweber will share her family’s story on Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Together with her mother, she survived a labor camp and was liberated in 1945 from Bergen-Belsen. Zaidenweber will also discuss her book “Sky Tinged Red,” based on the translation of her father’s notes from his time as an intake scribe in Auschwitz. To register for this free event, call 952-563-4944 or email reservations@BloomingtonMN.gov.

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

To register for Human Services activities, call 952-563-4944 or 952-563-4933 TTY, email reservations@BloomingtonMN.gov or visit the City’s website.

Programs and events take place at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, unless otherwise noted.

KITE DAY

Enjoy a fun afternoon with high-flying kites, live music, kite races and more at Kite Day. This free event will take place on Saturday, May 16, 1–4 p.m. at Valley View Play Fields, 90th Street and Portland Avenue. Free kites will be provided to children under age 18 while supplies last.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: KITE DAY.

EXPLORE THE TWIN CITIES

Human Services field trips are a fun and affordable way to explore the Twin Cities. Trips depart from and return to Creekside Community Center.

- April 7 – Gerten’s Greenhouse and Garden Center, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Cost is \$15.
- April 21 – Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch will be available for purchase. Cost is \$15. Registration deadline: May 14.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program is looking for volunteers to help local seniors with leaf raking and yard cleanup this spring. Call 952-767-7894 for more information.



CELEBRATE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Celebrate Older Americans Month this May with Human Services. Take charge of your health, get engaged in your community and make a positive impact in the lives of others.

- May 1, 10 a.m. – Coffee Talk: May Day Flower Arrangements. Make your own flower arrangements to take home.
- May 4, 11:30 a.m. – Enjoy lunch while traveling down the Mississippi with Steven Marking as he performs “My Mighty Mississippi,” featuring songs, storytelling and visual imagery. Reservations required by Wednesday, April 29.
- May 14, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. – Attend a free hearing test and consultation or have your hearing aids cleaned and checked.
- May 21, 1–3 p.m. – Learn about alternative pain treatment, including acupressure as well as traditional surgical and nonsurgical options at an arthritis seminar presented by Allina Health. Registration required.

KEEP HEALTHY AND FIT

Human Services offers a wide range of 50+ fitness classes from Latin dance to chair yoga. Additional opportunities this spring will include the Walking Club and Flower Club. To learn more, call or visit Creekside.

BE PART OF A LEAGUE
SUMMER SAND VOLLEYBALL

Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for Adult Co-Rec Summer Sand Volleyball. Matches will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning Wednesday, May 27, at Dred Scott Playfield, 10820 Bloomington Ferry Road.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: VOLLEYBALL.

BORN AGAIN JOCKS

Join the Born Again Jocks’ summer golf league, beginning May 4 at Dwan Golf Club. For more information, contact Joe Wilson at 952-881-7731.



ADAPTIVE SOFTBALL

Competitive and recreational adaptive softball leagues for adults 19 and older and youth ages 10–18 begin June 15. Adult leagues play Tuesdays, June 16 – August 11, and youth leagues play Mondays, June 15 – August 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m., at Tarnhill Park, 9650 Little Road. Cost to play is \$60 and includes a team shirt and photo.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: ADAPTIVE.



STEP TO IT CHALLENGE

Do you want to get in shape this spring? The Step to It Challenge, a four-week, friendly competition beginning May 3, is a great way to get moving. More than 20 Twin Cities communities will compete. Track your daily activities online for a chance to win prizes and be honored by Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins at a Twins home game during the 2015 season.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: STEP TO IT.



MINI-VIEW

Mini-View is a great summer program full of fun games, songs, stories, swimming and more.

- Dates: Monday – Friday, June 15–August 21 (No Program June 29 – July 3)
- Times: 9 a.m.–4p.m.
- Location: Valley View Elementary, 351 East 88th Street.
- Ages: Grades Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1.
- Cost: \$125 on or before June 5; \$130 on or after June 8. Sack lunches provided.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS.

CAMP KOTA AND KOTA KIDS

One of Bloomington’s longest running programs is back again for another summer! If your kids love meeting new people, challenges, learning about nature, singing crazy songs and having fun, then Kota and Kota Kids is for them!

- Dates: July 13–17, July 20-24, July 27–31, August 3–7 (Kota Kids do not attend camp on Friday of each week)
- Times: 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Location: 9140 East Bush Lake Road
- Ages: Grades K–1 for Kota Kids; grades 2–7 for Camp Kota
- Cost: \$155 Kota Kids per week; \$185 Camp Kota per week.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: CAMP KOTA

DON’T WAIT IN LINE

Avoid opening weekend lines and purchase your Bush Lake Beach season parking pass or Bloomington Family Aquatic Center season pass at the Parks and Recreation counter at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT

Don’t miss the annual Spring Egg Hunt for kids ages eight and younger, sponsored by the Bloomington Optimist Club and Bloomington Parks and Recreation, **Saturday, April 4**, at Normandale Lake Bandshell, 5901 West 84th Street. Activities begin at 10 a.m. The hunt begins at 11 a.m.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: EGG HUNT.

VISIT THE BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, 201 East 90th Street, features a zero-depth entry pool, interactive play areas and water slides, diving boards, and a renovated bathhouse and concession stand.

- When: June 6 – August 23 and weekends through Labor Day.
- Weekdays: 11 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Sundays: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Holidays: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

BUSH LAKE BEACH

You don’t need to go up north to find a lake to enjoy. You can have a picnic lunch, build a sand castle with the kids, practice your backstroke or just relax and soak up the sun right in your own backyard at beautiful Bush Lake Beach, 9140 East Bush Lake Road. A daily pass or seasonal parking permit is required for entrance to East Bush Lake Park, June 1 – August 31. East Bush Lake Park is staffed June 6–August 23, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., daily with lifeguards on duty beginning at 11 a.m. Season parking permits for Bush Lake Beach are now available for purchase. Cost is \$35 for the season (June through August) or \$7 daily.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: BUSH LAKE BEACH.





A SUMMER TO REMEMBER THE VIEW

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 15–August 21.
(No program June 29–July 3.)

Time: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Location: Valley View Middle School,
8900 Portland Avenue South.

Ages: Grades 2–5.

Cost: \$125 on or before June 6; \$130 on or after June 6.
Sack lunches provided.

PLAYGROUND PARTNERSHIP

Enjoy a variety of games, sports, and arts and crafts at Westwood Park, 3490 West 109th Street, or Smith Park, 8155 Park Avenue South.

Dates: June 29–July 2 and August 24–28
(No program July 3.)

Time: 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Ages: Grades 2–7.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: **PLAYGROUND PARTNERSHIP.**

SUMMER ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 15 – August 21.
(No program June 29–July 3.)

Time: 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Locations: Brye, Kelly, Poplar Bridge, Running, Sunrise,
Smith, Tarnhill and Westwood parks.

Ages: Grades 2–7.

Cost: \$115 on or before June 5; \$120 on or after June 6.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: **SUMMER ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS.**

GALAXY SUMMER OF SERVICE

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 15 – August 21.
(No program June 29 – July 3.)

Time: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Location: Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland
Avenue South.

Ages: Grades 6–8.

Cost: \$200 for summer; \$50 per week. Sack lunches
provided.

MINI’S AT MOIR

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 15–19, June 22–26,
August 10–14 and August 17–21

Times: 9–11:30 a.m. or 12:30–3p.m.

Location: Moir Park Shelter 2, 10320 Morgan Avenue South

Ages: Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1

Cost: \$85 per session

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: **SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS**

KNOW A HEALTH CHAMPION?

Recognize a resident, organization or business that has made a difference in improving the health of residents. To nominate a health champion, call Public Health at 952-563-8903. The Advisory Board of Health will select and notify the award recipient at the end of April.



OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Bloomington Parks and Recreation Manager Randy Quale and Recreation Supervisor Ann Mosack were recently honored by the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA).

Quale received the Clifton E. French Distinguished Services Award that recognizes professional members who have provided outstanding service to the parks and recreation field and the MRPA.

Mosack received the MRPA’s Horizon Award that recognizes up-and-coming parks and recreation professionals who have displayed outstanding leadership skills.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS PERFORMANCES THAT ARE SURE TO ENTERTAIN



The Nature of Things: The Seasons

The Bloomington Chorale performs Hayden’s *The Seasons* followed by the hits of Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney and other artists of the era.

Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 11, 4 p.m.
Adults \$15, Seniors \$11, 15 and under \$11
(Add \$1 to ticket price at the door)



Medalist Concert Band Water Music

The Medalist Concert Band offers a vivid portrayal of the many moods of water, plus enjoy the Earl C. Benson Concerto Competition winner.

Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m.
Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12



Bloomington Civic Theatre Carousel

Carousel has captivated audiences around the world with songs including “You’ll Never Walk Alone” and “If I Loved You.” Don’t miss this multiple Tony Award-winning show.

April 24 – May 17
Adults \$34, Seniors \$31, 25 and under \$27



Bloomington Civic Theatre God of Carnage

This Tony Award-winning comedy strikes at the heart of bourgeois civility, revealing the savagery beneath high society’s polished facade.

May 21 – June 14
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.
Sundays, 2 p.m.
Adults \$24, Seniors \$22, 25 and under \$19
Black Box Theater



Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band

Together since 1967, Bloomington’s own Barbary Coast takes its authentic Dixieland jazz around the world and brings it back home again! You won’t want to miss this fabulous performance.

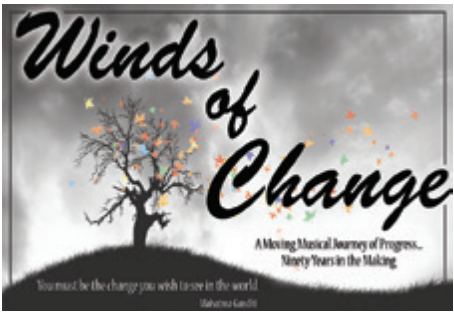
Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.
Adults \$29, Seniors \$26, 25 and under \$22



NOTE-able Singers Night and Day

The NOTE-able Singers perform songs from a wide range of eras and styles, including Cole Porter’s “Night and Day” and the Beatles’ “Good Day Sunshine.”

Saturday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m.
Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, 5 and under free



Alive & Kickin Winds of Change

Alive & Kickin performs a captivating blend of stories set to music. Created and led by Ivey Award-winning Artistic Director Michael Matthew Ferrell and Co-creator/ Musical Director Jason Hansen.

June 5 – June 14
Adults \$29, Seniors and Students \$26

BOX OFFICE

Order tickets by phone:
Call 952-563-8575 • Online: Go to
www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/bloomington

In person: Office hours vary. Call 952-563-8575 for current hours.

Programs, artists and prices subject to change. Orders received less than 7 days prior to the performance will be held for pick up at the box office.

All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.



CHECK OUT THESE SWEET RIDES

Vehicle Day is Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., at Southdale Shopping Center parking lot in Edina. Here’s your chance to get an up close and personal look at the vehicles you see around town. City employees will be available to answer questions.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: VEHICLE DAY.



TIME TO PRACTICE YOUR SWING AND KICK!

Ready to hit the greens again? Hyland Greens Golf Course, 10100 Normandale Boulevard and Dwan Golf Club, at 110th Street and Xerxes Avenue South, have you covered.

Visit Hyland Greens Golf Course’s expanded driving range and practice facility and practice your swing close to home. The driving range has 36 all-grass hitting stations. Want to try something new? Last spring Hyland Greens opened the state’s first fully accredited FootGolf course. FootGolf is a sport that combines the best of soccer and golf.

Dwan Golf Club boasts 5,485 yards of treelined fairways that are a golfer’s dream. Don’t take our word for it: visit the City’s website and take a tour of the course before you go.

For more information, contact General Manager Rick Sitek at 952-563-8702 or visit the City’s website.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: DWAN.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Check out the City’s redesigned website. The City worked with Minneapolis-based Electric Citizen on the redesign to accommodate the growing needs of visitors and staff.

Top 3 features of the new website:

- Mobile friendly – provides an optimal viewing experience regardless of the size of your screen.
- Accessible – offers an improved experience for people using assistive technology.
- Emergency alerts – provides a way to display site-wide alerts for emergencies, breaking news and other important messages.

CORRECTION

The wrong sources of Nine Mile Creek were printed in the December *Briefing*. The correct sources of Nine Mile Creek are Minnetoga Lake in Minnetonka and a ground source in Hopkins.



STREET MAINTENANCE BEGINS ANNUAL STREET CLEANING

Around this time of year, typically the first week of April (weather permitting), Street Maintenance launches its annual street-cleaning activities to rid streets of debris, dirt and sand left over from the winter. A clean sweep of all 342 miles of Bloomington streets takes four to six weeks.

The street sweeping program is part of the City’s Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program. Street sweeping not only beautifies the city; it prevents debris from entering the stormwater system and polluting nearby water bodies. Street sweeping is also a great value for homeowners. Owners of single-family, median-valued homes in Bloomington pay only 56 cents a month (out of their stormwater utility bill) for the two street sweepings. To see when your street will be swept, visit the City’s website.

Do not rake leaves or grass clippings into the street as they are a major source of pollutants for our water bodies and can clog pipes which can lead to back-ups or flooding.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: STREET SWEEPING.

POTHOLE PATROL

The City maintains 342 miles of pavement. The scheduled maintenance program includes crack sealing, sealcoating and overlay. Potholes are repaired by Street Maintenance laborers who remove, repair and patch damaged pavement. The City’s goal is to respond to all pothole notifications within 24 hours. Pothole repairs are prioritized by size, number and street traffic volume. To report a pothole, call 952-563-8760.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: POTHOLE.

ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN

We all play a role in keeping chemicals and other hazardous materials out of our stormwater sewers and away from our watersheds. Illicit dumping of substances such as detergents, paints, pet waste, motor vehicle fluids, sanitary sewer overflows and industrial chemicals into catch basins, drains or water bodies can degrade water quality and threaten aquatic and human health. Unlike sanitary sewers, storm sewer systems do not flow to a water treatment plant. Water, pollutants and any other debris that enter the storm sewer are deposited in the nearest water body. Remember: Only rain in the storm drain.

For more information, or to report a suspected illicit discharge, call Engineering at 952-563-4870 or Environmental Health at 952-563-8934. To watch a 30-second video on illicit dumping, visit Blm.mn/idde.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Pet waste left on the ground is more than smelly and unsightly. It pollutes our water and poses a health risk for pets and people. With an estimated 14,000 dogs living in Bloomington, all that waste adds up quickly. When not disposed of properly, pet waste washes into local storm drains and ponds causing problems with water quality as it decomposes. Help keep Bloomington water clean by picking up your pet’s waste and putting it in the garbage.

GROW SOME GREEN ANNUAL TREE SALE ADDS HUNDREDS OF TREES TO LANDSCAPE

Each year the City plants trees in parks and other public areas to ensure that Bloomington’s urban forest continues to grow. The City has planted more than 1,000 trees over the last few years. To increase the number of trees on private properties, Park Maintenance holds an annual public tree sale. Based on last year’s sales, 300 trees will be available for purchase this spring.

TREE ORDER FORM

Bloomington residents only. All trees are bare-root, one-and-a-quarter to one-and-a-half inches in diameter and cost \$50 each. *Trees are not guaranteed.*

Name

Phone

Address

Fill in number of each tree type desired. Maximum 5 trees total per household, \$50 each. Check must accompany order.

<div><div></div>Autumn Blaze red maple</div>	<div><div></div>American Sentry linden</div>	<div><div></div>Disease resistant American elm</div>
<div><div></div>Hackberry</div>	<div><div></div>Imperial honeylocust</div>	<div><div></div>Japanese tree lilac</div>
<div><div></div>American Sentry linden</div>	<div><div></div>Kentucky coffeetree</div>	<div><div></div>Prairie Fire crab apple</div>
<div><div></div>River birch</div>	<div><div></div>Snowdrift crab apple</div>	

Total trees

X \$50 ea. = \$

Total cost

Pick up trees at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road on **Saturday, May 2, 9–11 a.m.**
Send check and form to City of Bloomington, Park Maintenance,
1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN 55431-3027.