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MIDWEEK MUSIC AND MARKET RETURNS

Make your midweek marvelous. Wednesdays at the Midweek Music and Market feature local produce and artisan foods, including tasty, freshly prepared dishes from food trucks and vendors. Complimentary lawn games, giveaways and free live concerts complete the experience. New this year, Northstar Tavern will be offering beer and wine sales at the market.

Join in the fun, Wednesdays, July 10 – 31, 4 – 8 p.m., and August 7 and 14, 4 – 8 p.m., in the east lot at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Relax to the sounds of live musical performances from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit the Market’s Facebook page at [blm.mn/fbookfarmers](https://www.facebook.com/blm.mn/fbookfarmers) or call 952-563-8877.

ON COURSE FOR A RENEWED COMMUNITY

It’s a new dawn at Dwan. As the 50th anniversary of the golf course approaches next year, it’s clear Dwan Golf Club could use some TLC.

Just like any home or business, after a few years (or decades), much-loved and much-used amenities need a refresh. The City is continuously working to make Bloomington even better with improved and enhanced facilities and amenities for you and your family. Among the projects in the early stages of consideration are improvements to Dwan Golf Club.

This City-owned 18-hole golf course, located south of Old Shakopee Road between Xerxes and France Avenue, is in need of updates to its buildings and grounds. Opportunities for refurbishments and upgrades can be found throughout the 4,500-square-foot clubhouse building.

“The Dwan clubhouse has been in use for decades and is in perpetual need of repair,” General Manager Peter Kurvers said. “The restroom facilities are inadequate, and the ongoing expense to repair structural deficiencies and restore equipment could make replacement the most cost-effective option in the long term.”

Overall, to keep the aging building a fully functional community asset, improvements are needed to address energy efficiency and ongoing mechanical failures. The building’s structure has deteriorated from cracks and holes in the foundation. The bathrooms need refurbishing to comply with accessibility requirements and to fix worn cabinetry and hardware. The kitchen requires new equipment for the grill, fryer and coolers.

Guests to Dwan Golf Club—whether longtime golfers, neighboring residents or visitors from afar—can’t help but take notice of the need for modernization. For example, many tournaments or golf events held at Dwan are forced to go elsewhere for the customary dinner and social hour due to the small size and limited capacity of the current clubhouse.

“A new clubhouse, new bunkers and expanded food service options are essential to be competitive with other golf courses around the Twin Cities,” said Kurvers.

With upgrades, the golf course and clubhouse would be a greater community asset. As an affordable, welcoming facility open to the public, Dwan Golf Club makes a positive impact on all residents, whether or not they play golf. In a recent survey of Bloomington residents, 82 percent of respondents said Bloomington’s park and recreation facilities and trails are important to their quality of life and 91 percent said they are important to the value of their home.

Dwan Golf Club, located in Bloomington’s southwestern hills above the Minnesota River Valley, is among the many recreational spaces the City provides. For more information, visit [blm.mn/dwan](https://www.blm.mn/dwan) or call 952-563-8702.





MAYOR’S MEMO

THE BENEFITS OF THREE-LANE ROADS

By Mayor Gene Winstead

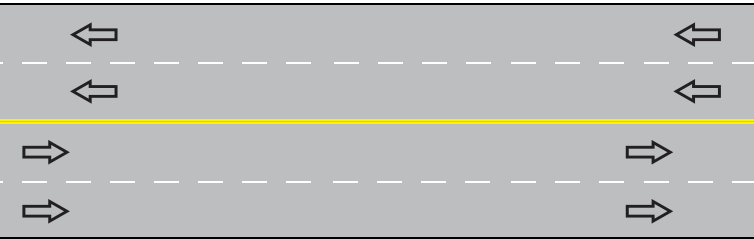
Sometimes, three really is better than four. Three-lane roadways have many benefits over their four-lane cousins and are a good option when daily traffic volumes total 15,000 vehicles or less. Three lanes promote traffic calming by reducing speeding. Overall, safety improves. Studies show accident rates decrease. With left-turning vehicles removed from the driving lane and paths, rear-end crashes are reduced by around 20 – 45 percent.

With fewer lanes to cross, pedestrians have safer and more comfortable experiences crossing streets. A three-lane roadway creates a larger buffer between the sidewalk and moving traffic. Bicyclists gain a dedicated space for a bike lane or shoulder on both sides of the road.

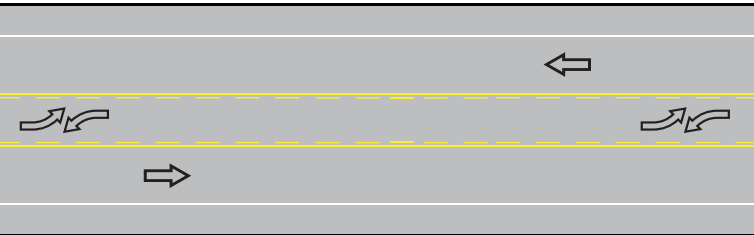
We have experience with this kind of configuration in Bloomington. A three-lane roadway is not just about accommodating bicycles. That’s a secondary outcome. This is primarily about safety. People benefit when we move vehicles away from the curbside and sidewalk.

“Over the past decade, the City has converted more than 10 miles of four-lane, undivided roadways to three-lane, cross-sections with very positive results,” Civil Engineer Amy Marohn said. “We hear from pedestrians that they feel more comfortable walking on sidewalks with separation from vehicles. The before and after data we have collected shows speeding is reduced on each of these roadways.”

BEFORE - FOUR-LANE ROAD



AFTER - THREE-LANE ROAD



HOW TO DRIVE ON A THREE-LANE ROAD

For your well-being and the safety of others on the road, know how to drive on a three-lane street. Let the rules of three-lane driving pave the way. Drive safe. Be safe.

- The center lane is shared by traffic in both directions for making left turns and is marked by parallel solid and dashed yellow lines accompanied by white arrows on the pavement.
- Travel a maximum of 200 feet in the center turn lane and only as part of a left turn maneuver.
- Do not pass in the center turn lane.
- If a transit bus, garbage truck or other vehicle stops along the curb and encroaches into the through lane, you can drive into the center turn lane to go around the stopped vehicle—but only when you have checked that no other vehicles are in the center turn lane.
- If you are entering the three-lane roadway from a side street or driveway, you can turn into the center turn lane and enter through that point.

TAKE THE LEAD IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The City will host Learn to Lead, a leadership program for Bloomington residents this fall. Make a difference in your community through civic engagement. Become empowered as a community leader volunteering on a nonprofit board, commission or community group. Applications will be available in August. For more information, visit blm.mn/leadership or call 952-563-8733.

GET READY, GET SET, GET COUNTED

Your count matters.

Participating in the U.S. Census 2020 benefits your family, your neighborhood and your community. Being undercounted affects us all, and may jeopardize political representation and allocation of financial resources. Help us spread the word and increase response rates; join the City’s Complete Count Committee. Learn more about the City’s Census 2020 at blm.mn/census2020 or call 952-563-8733.



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HYLAND GREENS REIMAGINED

Hyland Greens Golf and Learning Center could become the new golf headquarters of Minnesota. In May, the City Council approved a memorandum of understanding for Hyland Greens Golf and PGA REACH Minnesota.

The two parties are interested in formalizing discussions to potentially reimagine the existing Hyland Greens course, driving range and outdoor practice facilities. The plan would also construct a new building that would house several golf organizations, serve as a new clubhouse, event center and home of the Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame, and include a

classroom and indoor golf training areas. The agreement authorizes City staff and the PGA REACH Foundation to begin working on a possible partnership, and marks the start of an extensive planning and fundraising stage. In addition to fundraising, the City will look into operating and lease arrangements with PGA REACH. Next steps will include an open house (date to be determined) to present more information and to answer questions from Bloomington residents. Hyland Greens, 10100 Normandale Boulevard, is celebrating its 56th year and is open to the public. For information, visit blm.mn/pgamou.

DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT AT HYLAND GREENS

Kids, gear up your golf games and aim for qualifying wins at the national Drive, Chip and Putt competition. On July 26, Hyland Greens Golf and Learning Center, 10100 Normandale Boulevard, will host a local qualifier for the free nationwide junior golf development competition. Children ages seven to 15 are welcome to participate. The top three qualifiers in each age division will advance to the sub-regional qualifier at Braemar Golf Course in Edina, Sunday, August 11. For more information, visit blm.mn/jrdrivechip.

NEW LOCATION FOR FOOTGOLF AT HYLAND

A footnote for FootGolf fans: Hyland Greens Golf and Learning Center’s FootGolf course has moved to the former driving range property along Normandale Boulevard. This change will eliminate timing conflicts with regular golfers and increase overall visibility for the facility.

The cost is still \$9, but now it includes unlimited play. For each daily FootGolf green fee paid, guests can play as many holes as they want. In addition, advance tee times are no longer available. FootGolf will be accommodated on a walk-in basis only, although reservations may be considered for large groups. FootGolf is open daily from 8 a.m. until one hour before sundown.

FootGolf combines regular golf and soccer, with players kicking soccer balls into holes over a shorter course. Gameplay takes half the time of traditional golf and no expensive equipment is required. For information, visit blm.mn/hyland or call 952-563-8868.



RECRUITING AND HIRING A MORE DIVERSE WORKFORCE

The City continues to make progress on the Council’s strategic priority of advancing equity and inclusion. The City’s creation of a full-time Racial Equity Coordinator staff position moves this priority forward. The Racial Equity Coordinator will be responsible for integrating race and equity principles into all operations, projects and services of the City through the application and integration of best practices, training and development of City staff, and tracking and measurement of outcomes. Applications for the job are now

being accepted. To learn more, or to apply, visit blm.mn/hr or call 952-563-8710. The City is also making progress in recruiting and hiring a more diverse workforce. Of the more than 100 individuals hired for full-time City positions since January 2016, 24 percent identify themselves as persons of color. Having a workforce that reflects the community we serve builds connections, enhances trust and expands perspectives, which ultimately results in better service to all residents.



FRANCE AVENUE TRAIL PROJECT

Using the pedestrian and bicycle trails along the west side of France Avenue is about to get safer and easier. About three miles of trail along the corridor will be constructed to meet today’s standards for multiuse trails, making them wider with improved intersection crossings. A boardwalk crossing over Nine Mile Creek will be constructed to move people off the existing shoulder.

The current bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the west side of France Avenue are a patchwork of sidewalks, narrow trails and paved shoulders. Navigating them requires weaving and there is little separation between trail users and traffic.

Construction on this project began in June. It will be completed in cooperation with Hennepin County. The City of Bloomington applied for and received a federal grant through the Metropolitan Council’s regional solicitation process, which will fund a portion of the project cost. The remainder of the cost will be funded by the City.

For more information, visit blm.mn/franceavetrail or call 952-563-4870.

HYLAND LAKE PARK RESERVE CLOSURES

This summer some areas of Hyland Lake Park Reserve will be closed during interior road and parking lot construction. Work will occur inside the park, northwest of Hyland Lake.

During the first phase, April 1 – July 15, all park areas will remain open, except reservation picnic sites, some parking lots and some trail segments

During the second phase, July 15 – October 25, limited parking will be available with park access from the Operations Center Road on East Bush Lake Road. Areas that will be closed include the boat launch rental and fishing pier, general picnic areas, play area, reservation picnic sites, Sumac Knoll Group Campsite (closed weekdays only), visitor center and restrooms.

Three Rivers Park District manages and maintains Hyland Park Reserve. For information, visit blm.mn/3riversparkdist or call 763-559-9000.



BRING A TOTE, GET A TOTE AT THE MARKET

You’ve heard of ride share. How about bag share? Recycling sustainability is in the bag at the Bloomington Farmers Market this season. The new tote bag recycling program lets you put your unwanted tote bags to good use. Donate your extra machine-washable tote bags at the Market information booth. Be sure to take one if you forget your own bags at home—you’ll be helping us eliminate plastic bags from the Market.

Donated tote bags will be available for free to visitors attending the regular Saturday Farmers Market and the Midweek Music and Market. For more information, visit the Market’s Facebook page at blm.mn/fbookfarmers or call 952-563-8877.



WATER LESS FOR MORE SUSTAINABILITY

The Bloomington Sustainability Commission offers this tip: Water only when needed and not on rainy days. Our summers are getting wetter, so you might not need to water your lawn and garden during wet periods. Water only when it hasn’t rained for at least seven days. For information about sustainability or to sign up for E-Subscribe, visit blm.mn/sustain.



**EARTH ACTION HERO
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE CONSERVES TWO TIMES OVER**

Ever heard a rusty patched bumblebee buzz? They’re endangered, but making a comeback in reestablished native pollinator plants at Bush Lake with the help of Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) volunteers. Bloomington has two such chapters—Bush Lake, 7515 Izaak Walton Road West and the Minnesota Valley Chapter, 6601 Auto Club Road—a rarity for any city.

Both have origins in the early 20th century when Bloomington had hunting lodges for city dwellers to take a respite. IWLA evolved into conservation. Today, efforts are still going strong with wilderness and wetland protection, water quality monitoring and conservation-based community events, to name a few.

For some public outreach efforts, the Bush Lake Chapter partners with the Bloomington Sustainability Commission. Events cosponsored with the City include the Winter Fete Ice Fishing and Bloomington Kid’s Fishing Fair.

While the Izaak Walton League chapters have memberships with yearly dues, some events are free and open to the public. The Minnesota Valley Chapter has a free public-access hiking trail that leads down to the Minnesota River Valley Trail. It’s easy to get in step with nature here. For information, visit blm.mn/iwla-bushlake or blm.mn/iwla-mnvalley.

**SHARE YOUR OPINION
TAKE THE ORGANICS RECYCLING SURVEY**

Interest in organics recycling continues to grow. Bloomington’s two drop-off locations have operated for 15 months and more than 1,000 residents have signed up to use them.

Today, the City and Sustainability Commission are inviting all Bloomington residents to participate in a five-minute survey. Every resident is encouraged to complete this short survey, whether or not you currently participate in the organics drop-off program. The information gathered will be used to evaluate the current organics recycling drop-off program and guide future changes. We value your feedback and want to ensure our programs reflect what residents support.

Visit blm.mn/organicssurvey to take the survey or to find other information. If you would like a survey mailed to you, call Public Works at 952-563-4659.



PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERS ON SWEET PROJECT

At Success Academy, learning is sometimes more of a treat than a task. This spring, students learned about the process of making maple syrup by tapping five maple trees.

“I have a passion for exposing students to sources of food,” said School Administrator Magdy Rabeaa. “It’s very important to understand the science behind it.”

Students and teachers boiled the sap they collected down to three gallons of syrup. Then they planned a pancake breakfast to enjoy their work.

Public Health Specialist Joan Bulfer has been working with Success Academy for about a year now that started with using a SHIP grant to help them establish a school garden. This time, Bulfer suggested whole-wheat pancakes for their breakfast to increase nutritional value.



BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

DRIVING IN TO SUMMER

During the dog days of summer, nothing beats a burger or a sub and a thick milkshake or ice-cold pop completes the experience. In the '50s and '60s, Bloomington's classic American restaurants typified the times with quick meals that became symbolic of the era.

The beloved restaurants served a slice of Americana. Maybe you visited one of these local hot spots for hamburgers, fries and other A&W mainstays. Or maybe you enjoyed one of the "succulent subs" that were touted as the best sandwiches around town. Submarine sandwiches loaded with meat, cheese and other edible cargo amassed a loyal crew. Oh buoy!

In the age before social media, a summer night's entertainment was cruising to a drive-in—not just for the food but to see who else would be there.



ARTISTRY DIRECTOR TURNS ANOTHER PAGE

Executive Director and Chief Advancement Officer Andrea Specht can take a bow for her performance at Artistry. Under her direction, the organization achieved best-in-show-status for artistic programming with award-winning theater productions, art exhibitions, arts education and more. Receiving the 2018 Omar Bonderud Award was among the many Artistry successes of Specht's tenure.

"For as much as I've poured into our organization over nine years, I've gotten as much or more back," she said.

Still, Specht heard a calling to continue her contributions in a new role. Before her departure, she was honored with a donor luncheon and community reception, and a special fund was raised for Artistry in her name by the organization's board of directors.



COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Are you interested in raising chickens? The City Council is considering amendments to the City's chicken standards with a public hearing tentatively scheduled for July 15. The chicken standards were first adopted in 2010. Since then, many metro cities have adopted chicken standards that provide good examples of what works. Following the example set by other metro cities, the potential amendments will reduce coop and run setback requirements, increase the number of permitted chickens from four to six and allow additional screening options.

These changes would allow about 95% of single-family properties in Bloomington to raise chickens if desired. For more information, visit blm.mn/chickens. Questions? Contact Planner Michael Palermo at mpalermo@Bloomingtonmn.gov or 952-563-8924.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE DRAWS RECORD CROWD

From neighborhood roads and sidewalks to tap water, chances are your day begins and ends using services from Public Works. The department maintains Bloomington streets, water quality and much more.

During the open house held in May, more than 800 visitors got a chance to see what Public Works does firsthand. From floor to ceiling, indoors and outdoors, the event displayed the essential quality-of-life services Public Works provides. Think boom trucks, snowplows, traffic signals, pro-grade mowers and fire hydrants, to name a few. Highlights included an excavator demonstration, snowplow, tractor and sweeper rides, Utility mini-golf and family water plant tours.

"It's great to see more and more residents showing up every year," Civil Engineer Amy Marohn said. "The open house gives Public Works employees the opportunity to connect with the people we serve year-round and teach them about what we do."

See a video about the event at blm.mn/pwvid or find more information at blm.mn/pwoh or call 952-563-8760.





STAY COOL AT THE POOL

What could be better than spending hot, sunny days staying cool at the pool? The Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, 201 90th Street East, has a zero-depth entry pool, interactive play areas, water slides, diving boards, and a renovated bathhouse and concession stand. Tot swim and lap swim are scheduled Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. The pool is open through August 19 and weekends through Labor Day, from 12 – 8 p.m., on weekdays, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., on Saturdays, and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sundays.

Halfway half pay at BFAC

Season passes are half price for one day only in the middle of July, about halfway through the season. This year the halfway half pay sale is on Tuesday, July 16. City staff started this practice to help those with busy travel or activity schedules enjoy the pool for half the summer at a fraction of the cost. You can purchase season passes at BFAC during regular open hours, listed above.

Bob the Beachcomber at BFAC

Take in some fun family-friendly tunes when Bob the Beachcomber, a hometown Bloomington native, puts on a show at the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center on August 4, 2 – 4 p.m.

ENJOY SAND, SUN AND SONGS AT THE BEACH

Bush Lake Beach is a local summer favorite for soaking in the sun, swimming and having fun with friends and family. Now you can catch a concert there, too. Music at Bush Lake Beach will be hosted by Bob the Beachcomber, a Bloomington native, who will perform a show for families and children on July 7, 4 – 8 p.m. at the 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 9 – August 19, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., daily with lifeguards on duty beginning at 11 a.m. Season parking permits for Bush Lake are now available for purchase. Cost is \$40 for the season (June through August) or \$8 daily.



SKATE BIG IN JULY

Even during the hottest summer days, the Bloomington Ice Garden (BIG) is a cool place filled with activities and events on ice. Did you know BIG will hold nine hockey tournaments this summer?

Take a break from the heat. Join one of BIG’s associations, sign up for skating lessons, come to open skating or developmental hockey. Enjoy summer hockey clinics, hockey school, figure skating club sessions or summer skate school.

BIG, 3600 West 98th Street, has a lineup the whole family can enjoy. For 40 years, BIG has held a summer ice dance weekend. Also, look for synchronized figure skating and seminars, along with a collegiate synchronized seminar sponsored by the Twin Cities Figure Skating Association.

For costs and schedules, visit blm.mn/BIG or call 952-563-8841.

ICE CREAM AND POLKA PARTY AT CREEKSIDE

A little polka and a little ice cream make a lot of fun! Adults 50 and older are welcome to beat the summer heat at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, with a free ice cream sundae and polka music, Thursday, July 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

After your sundae, dance and be entertained by the lively music of lifelong accordion player, Frank DiCapo. Ice cream sundaes provided by The Estates at Bloomington and entertainment sponsored by the Music Performance Trust.

Reservations are required to attend. Call 952-563-4944 or email CommunityCenter@bloomingtonmn.gov.



AT YOUR SERVICE: MARK MORRISON

Before starting at the City, Recreation Supervisor Mark Morrison had been on archeological digs, worked at a museum in Hawaii and led a couple historical societies back here on the mainland. Then 16 years ago, he found a job where he could use his variety of experience in one place.

Morrison is in charge of planning many of Bloomington’s best-known, most fun-filled events. One example is Summer Fete—the biggest fireworks display in the state—that attracts about 40,000 people a year. The 2019 event had a record number of food vendors at 23. The Arts in the Parks series is another large production with daily events spanning the summer.

But it’s not all fireworks and food trucks. He also has a hand in restoring local native prairie lands to what they were 150 years ago and has led many invasive species removal events, such as busting buckthorn, in Bloomington.

History is also a big part of the job. Morrison oversees the Pond House’s activities, serves as the City’s liaison to the Bloomington Historical Society and leads one of the largest living history festivals in Minnesota—River Rendezvous. The event shows what life in the area would have been like in the 1800s and draws more than 8,000 students from as far as Northfield.

“One of the things I enjoy most is seeing people coming out to our events and having a good time,” Morrison said. “We work to keep it fresh—we’ve always designed our events with creative concepts in mind.”



MEET A FIREFIGHTER

Cody Mittelstaedt has been a Bloomington firefighter for three years. He serves out of Station 3.

Q: What is your day job?

A: I am a full-time student studying computer programming and I work duty crew shifts for the Fire Department.

Q: What do you do for fun when you're not working or volunteering?

A: I like to watch movies with my wife, play games with my kids and work on fixing up my house.

Q: What made you want to become a firefighter?

A: I was in the Army as an infantryman for four and a half years.

Firefighting seemed like a good fit to keep the things I loved about being in the Army while also giving me more freedom over my own choices.

Q: What do you like most about firefighting?

A: I really enjoy the training and education. It's a lot of fun getting to practice firefighter skills and getting to go talk to school kids about fire prevention.

Q: What would you say to someone considering becoming a firefighter?

A: It's absolutely worth it. I've loved every second of it so far.

PREVENTION IS KEY WHEN PREPARING TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL

With summer in full swing, back-to-school prep might be the last thing on your mind. Between stocking up on school supplies and meeting new teachers, vaccinations might not always make the top of the list. Public Health is making it easier for uninsured and underinsured families to get the vaccines they need before heading back to the classroom by hosting an immunization clinic August 28, 3 – 5:30 p.m.

"Bloomington's vaccination rates are above the state's average. Maintaining a higher level of coverage helps protect those who are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons," Public Health Program Manager Karen Stanley said. "It is important for all ages to be vaccinated in our community so that diseases that can cause serious complications and death can be avoided."

Bloomington Public Schools nurses often refer students who are uninsured or underinsured to Public Health. Public Health hosts immunization clinics twice a month year-round on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 3 – 5:30 p.m. Anyone needing their vaccinations can attend them—adults or children.

For more information, visit blm.mn/publichealth or call 952-563-8900.

NEW HANDS-FREE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT AUGUST 1

In an effort to make roads safer for all by preventing distracted driving crashes, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed the new hands-free bill on April 12, 2019.

What's allowed under the new law?

Minnesota's new hands-free law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions—but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone.

What's not allowed?

Drivers may not hold their phones in their hand or use their phone at any time for video calling, video live-streaming,

social media, gaming, looking at videos or photos, using non-navigation apps, reading texts, scrolling or typing on the phone.

What are the penalties?

The first ticket is \$50 plus court fees and the second and later tickets are \$275 plus court fees.

Can I ever hold my phone?

Yes. Handheld phone use is allowed to obtain emergency assistance, if there is a threat to life and safety, or when in an authorized emergency vehicle performing official duties.

For more information, visit blm.mn/handsfree.



PLAY IT SAFE THIS SUMMER

With warmer temperatures and longer days, July is prime time for kids to make the most of summer and play outside. The Bloomington Police Department suggests the following tips to help ensure that playtime is a safe time.

- Make sure your child is hydrated.
- Reapply sunscreen often; sunscreen should be a minimum of SPF 15.
- Never leave children or pets in a closed vehicle—even for a few minutes.
- Limit the time children play in the sun.
- Teach children to avoid passing by vacant lots, alleys or deserted construction sites. At night, stick to well-lit areas only.
- Walk through the neighborhood with children and show them safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take and safe places to go if there's trouble.
- Teach children to trust their instincts. Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable they should get away from the situation and tell an adult.



CAR SEAT CLINICS

Did you know that nearly 75% of child safety seats are installed incorrectly? Visit Bloomington Fire Department's car seat clinics to make sure your precious cargo is safe. Fire Department staff will check your child safety seat and make any adjustments necessary. Car seat clinics are held the third Wednesday of every month from 6 – 8 p.m. or by request, dependent upon firefighter availability, at Fire Station 1, 10 West 95th Street. To schedule an appointment, call 952-563-8930.



ENJOY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Each year, thousands of residents gather and enjoy a summer evening with neighbors, good food and information about keeping their communities safe. Bloomington's 36th annual National Night Out event is Tuesday, August 6.

"Last year police officers and firefighters visited many of the 360 parties that registered," Bloomington Police Crime Prevention Specialist Katie Chase said. "We look forward to seeing everyone this year!"

For more information or to register your National Night Out party, visit blm.mn/nno or call 952-563-4900. Party registration closes July 26. New this year is a chalk drawing contest with prizes given for the most creative piece, best overall and most representative of National Night Out.





WHICH OFFICES WILL HAVE A PRIMARY?

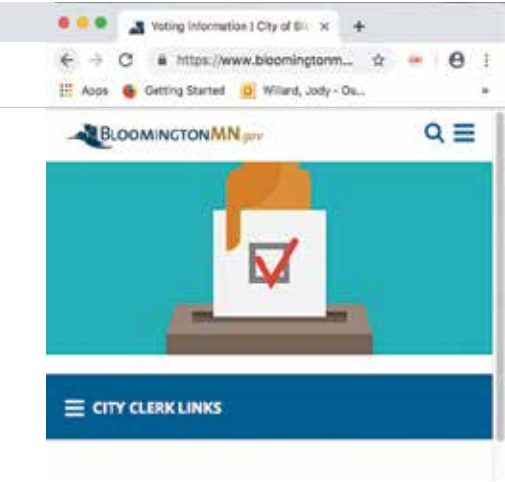
There will be a primary election for the mayor, councilmember at large and council district I seats. The following candidates are running:

Mayor

- Tim Busse
busseforbloomington@gmail.com
- Sharon Christensen
princesswriter55@gmail.com
- Dan Niziolek
dan4bloomingtonmayor@gmail.com
- Ryan Kulka
kulkaryan@gmail.com
- Rainer Einsmann
rjeinsmann@gmail.com

Councilmember At Large

- Jenna Carter
jennacartermn@gmail.com
 - Judy Gelina
jgelina@gmail.com
 - Larry James Hotchkiss
army6302@gmail.com
 - Brian “Clem” Clemens
brianjclemens@gmail.com
- ### Councilmember District 1
- Dwayne A. Lowman
dwayne.lowman1@gmail.com
 - Johnathon McClellan
john@mcclellanforbloomington.com
 - Al Noard
alnoard@yahoo.com



WHERE CAN I LEARN ABOUT CANDIDATES?

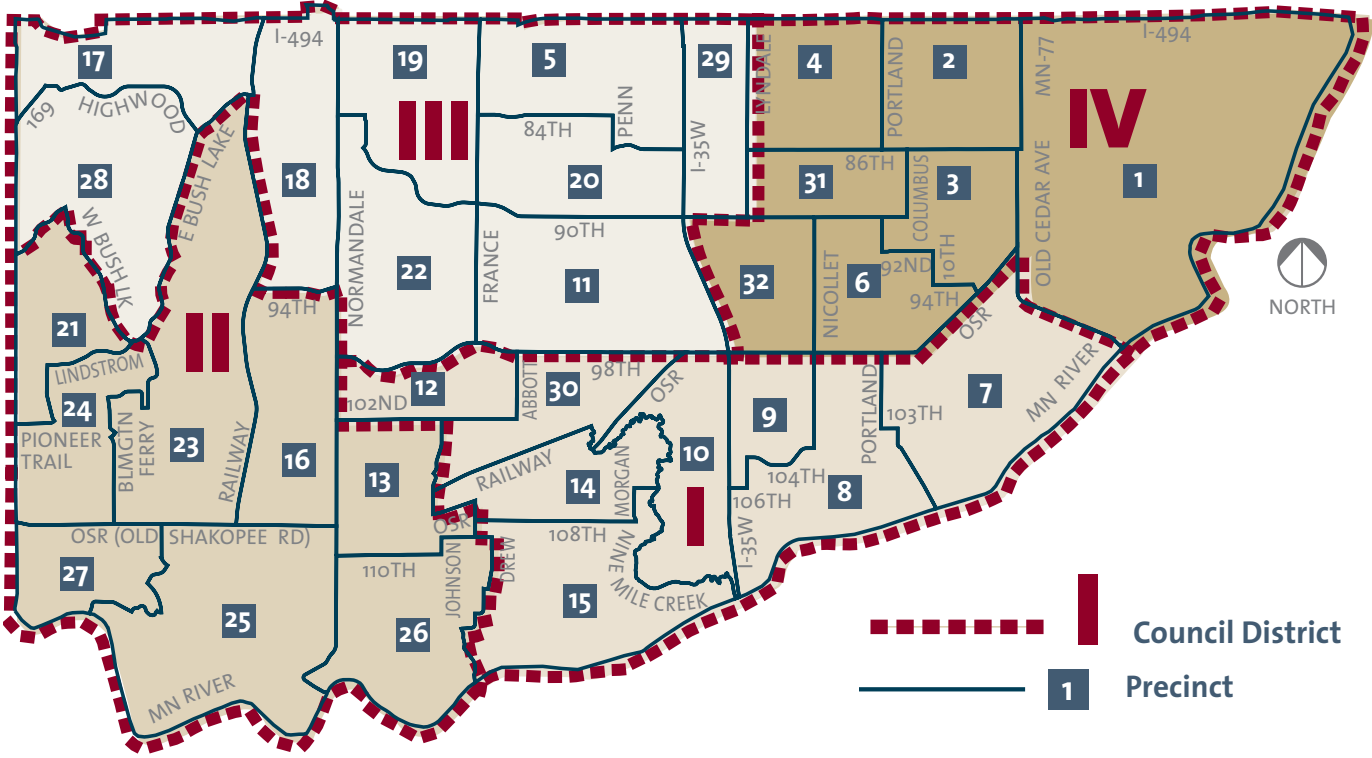
Wondering who would best represent you on the City Council or School Board? Voters can learn more about the candidates on the City and School District websites and at candidate forums on:

- **July 10** Mayoral and City Council Primary Candidates Forum in the Black Box Theater at 6 p.m.
- **September 17** Mayoral Forum and City Council Forum in the Civic Plaza Council Chambers at 6 p.m.
- **September 19** School Board Forum in the Civic Plaza Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit blm.mn/voting.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 13

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY. ALL POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE.



Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
1 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center 3815 American Boulevard East	West entrance Visitor lot (W)
2 Portland Avenue United Methodist Church 8000 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
3 Cedar Valley Church 8600 Bloomington Avenue South	West entrance Door 4 South lot Accessible entrance: Door 1, East lot
4 Unity South Church 7950 1st Avenue South	Main entrance South lot
5 Southtown Baptist Church 2600 West 82nd Street	Main entrance (W) Northwest lot
6 Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance North lot
7 Atonement Lutheran Church 601 East Old Shakopee Road	Southwest entrance South lot
8 Grace Covenant Church 10201 Nicollet Avenue South	Southeast entrance East lot
9 Nativity of Mary Catholic Church 9900 Lyndale Avenue South	Main entrance Door 9 South lot
10 St. Luke’s Lutheran Church 1701 West Old Shakopee Road	Northeast entrance North lot
11 Bloomington City Hall (Bloomington Civic Plaza) 1800 West Old Shakopee Road	East entrance East lot
12 Crosspoint Church 9801 France Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East lot
13 Bloomington Covenant Church 10150 Xerxes Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East and North lots
14 Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot
15 Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 10715 Zenith Avenue South	Main entrance North lot
16 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Boulevard South	Northeast entrance (left doors) North lot
17 Hyland Hills Ski Chalet 8800 Chalet Road	Main entrance Main lot (E)
18 The Church of St. Edward’s 9401 Nesbitt Avenue South	SW entrance Upper level, SW lot
19 St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot

Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
20 St. Mark’s United Church of Christ 8630 Xerxes Avenue South	South entrance Southwest lot
21 Richardson Nature Center 8737 East Bush Lake Road 2019 Primary only	Main entrance
22 St. Michael’s Lutheran Church 9201 Normandale Boulevard	Main entrance (E) East lot
23 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot
24 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road (Same location as Precinct 23.) NEW POLLING PLACE	Main entrance (N) North lot
25 MN Masonic Heritage Center 11411 Masonic Home Drive	Main entrance (W)
26 Transfiguration Lutheran Church 11000 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
27 Bethany Church 6900 Auto Club Road	West entrance West and North lots
28 Peace Lutheran Church 8600 East Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot
29 Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Avenue South	Southwest entrance Southwest lot
30 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot
31 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 East 90th Street (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot
32 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance North lot

HOW CAN I CAST MY BALLOT?

Absentee voting starts 46 days prior to each election. Minnesota has “no excuse” absentee voting, meaning all eligible voters are allowed to vote early if they choose. There are three ways to cast your ballot in the 2019 elections.

1. In-person on Election Day at your polling place.
2. In-person with early voting at Civic Plaza.
3. By mail with absentee voting (early voting) with Hennepin County.

The absentee ballot voting process requires additional steps different from the Election Day voting process. All early voters must complete both an application to receive a ballot and a certificate when casting the absentee ballot. The form can be found online at blm.mn/earlyvoting.



VOTING INFORMATION: CALL 952-563-8729 OR VISIT BLM.MN/VOTING.