



HOPE ON THE HORIZON

CORPORATE REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

By Mayor Tim Busse

COVID-19 proved challenging for the City’s 2020 budget. Lodging and admission tax revenues were \$7 million less than pre-pandemic revenue, but people have been visiting our city and staying in our hotels again.

While we are still lower than 2019 revenues, 2021 lodging and admissions were higher than expected and we are projecting continued improvement in 2022 and 2023 with a full recovery projected by 2025. New business, development and redevelopment signal a sign of hope. Companies are building and reinvesting in their businesses and in the community. Businesses are coming to Bloomington and staying in Bloomington. We believe the city has one of the strongest economic development track records in the region.

Responsible fiscal management builds the foundation for the City to provide effective, innovative programs and services to keep quality of life high in Bloomington.

In 2021, the City continued robust public engagement in the budget planning process. Finance staff created a new webpage with videos, links to presentations and articles with extensive information on the budget planning process. You can check it out at blm.mn/budget. City staff also held four public engagement budget events where residents could learn about and provide feedback on the preliminary budget. We offered prizes to incentivize people to participate, including coming behind the scenes with me during a Council Minute taping, a ride-along with the Fire Chief and more.

After considering all the input residents provided, the City Council set the 2022 tax levy at \$68.3 million, an increase of 2.75%. This levy funds 68% of the City’s 2022 general fund budget. The remainder of the proposed budget is supported by

lodging and admission taxes, license and permit fees, grants and program revenues.

The average 2022 tax levy increase for 15 similar metro area cities was around 5%. At 2.75%, Bloomington’s levy increase was the lowest among those 15 cities. Most of the new spending was an investment in public safety. The \$1.15 million in additional expenses was for new staffing costs for police and fire.

This was the 10th year in a row that the National Community Survey™ was conducted in Bloomington. According to the 2021 National Community Survey, 97% of respondents gave favorable reviews to Bloomington’s fire service and 8 out of 10 gave police services and animal control high ratings, which was higher than the national benchmark. Nine in ten residents rated the overall quality of life in Bloomington as excellent or good. Eighty-eight percent of respondents rated the overall customer service provided by City employees as excellent or good, the highest rating ever in this category. Ninety-one percent of respondents are pleased with the city as a place to live.

About two-thirds of respondents gave positive scores to the sense of community in Bloomington. A total of 732 residents answered the random sample poll, which was performed between April 20 and June 8, 2021, by the National Research Center of Boulder, Colorado. For more information and complete survey results, visit blm.mn/2021survey.

You’ll find detailed information about the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2021 inside this report as well as a summary of the services the City provided to residents and stakeholders in the last year.

BEHIND THE THEME

The Corporate Report to the Community is an overview of the financial results from fiscal year 2021. Each year, the City develops a theme and uses it in the design of the annual *State of the City* address, *Budget Book* and *Corporate Report*. This year, City staff chose the theme *Hope on the Horizon*. During the *State of the City* address Mayor Tim Busse and City Manager Jamie Verbrugge told the story of how City staff, local nonprofit organizations and residents have navigated two years of challenges, paving the way forward with hope on the horizon. To view this year’s *State of the City* address, visit blm.mn/2021soc. You can also find digital versions of this *Corporate Report* and the annual *Budget Book* online at blm.mn/financialreports.

THROUGHOUT THIS REPORT

The monthly expenses for City services described in this report are based on a median-valued home of \$307,200 with monthly property taxes for City services of \$91.06 in 2021.

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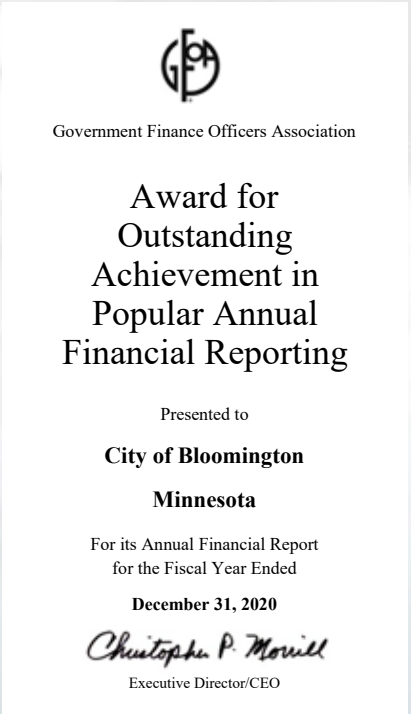
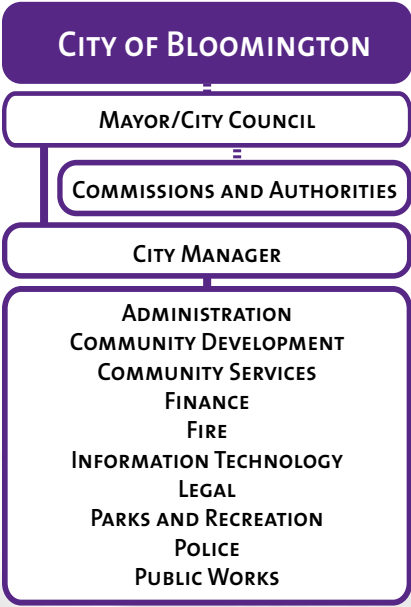


CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Bloomington’s Charter provides for a council-manager government. The stability of our organization is reflected in the City having only three city managers in the last 50 years. The City Council and mayor, who serve part time, are elected by the people, exercise legislative power and determine overall City policies. Advisory boards and commissions gather information and advise the City Council on specific issues.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Port Authority are component units of the City that are responsible for redevelopment and housing.

Policy development and day-to-day operations are directed by the council-appointed city manager. The city manager oversees the 10 departments that carry out the services, activities and policies of the City of Bloomington.



PUTTING YOUR 2021 TAX DOLLARS TO WORK



WHAT THE OWNER OF A MEDIAN-VALUED HOME PAID IN 2021

Residents receive a variety of City services at a reasonable price. The cost of City services in 2021 for the owner of a median-valued, single-family home in Bloomington with an assessor’s market value of \$307,200 was \$91.06 per month. Public safety services such as Police and Fire account for \$44.27 of the \$91.06 per month cost. Property taxes also fund services such as Environmental Health, Engineering, Park Maintenance, Public Health, arts, and cultural events. The tax cost per month of \$91.06 was the amount required for tax support after allocating grants, program fees, lodging and

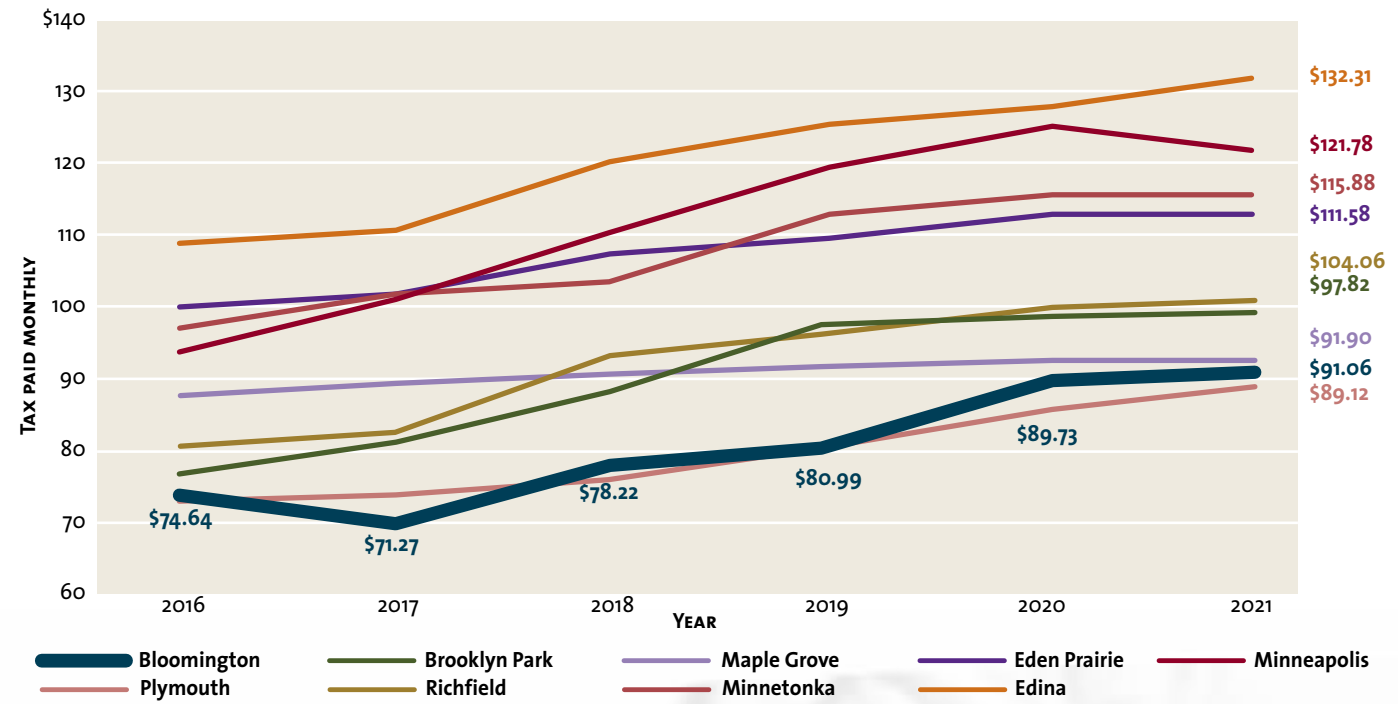
admission taxes and other non-property tax revenue to the appropriate services.

MONTHLY COST OF UTILITIES

Based on an average monthly water and sewer usage of 5,500 gallons and medium garbage and recycling carts, the monthly cost of utilities for a home in Bloomington was \$85.78 in 2021. Utility services in 2021 included water, sewer, storm water, curbside cleanup and garbage and recycling.

Note: Utility bills are mailed bimonthly and averaged \$171.56 per two-month billing cycle in 2021.

CITY PROPERTY TAX ON MEDIAN VALUE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME



BLOOMINGTON RANKS WELL IN SERVICE COST COMPARISON

The City continues to meet the needs of its residents while constantly looking for ways to improve quality and keep costs affordable. In a 2021 comparison of eight Hennepin County peer communities with more than 20,000 residents, the monthly cost of City services for a single-family home in Bloomington ranked second lowest at \$91.06. The graph above illustrates the cost-effectiveness of Bloomington services in terms of what the owner of a median-valued home paid in the metro area in 2021. Bloomington is very cost competitive even when compared to newer communities such as Plymouth and Maple Grove that are undertaking infrastructure renewal that Bloomington began almost 20 years ago.



YOUR 2021 PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR

Your single-family residential tax dollar is divided among several governmental entities. As the graphic at left shows, for every dollar of taxes paid, 31 cents was spent on City services. The actual amount of taxes owed is based on a property’s market value, tax law and the levy. The levy for all local governmental entities is spread across properties within each entity’s respective boundaries using tax capacity, a function of market value and property type. While the City sets a total property tax dollar amount to be levied, as all local Minnesota jurisdictions do, the portion each property pays is solely a function of the State of Minnesota property tax law based on market value and tax classification. A Bloomington homeowner with a median valued home paid \$3,520 in property taxes in 2021. Of that, \$1,092.68, or \$91.06 per month, went to the City for services. The remaining \$2,427, or \$202.33 per month, went to other taxing districts.



DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES

In the 2021 National Community Survey, overall customer service by Bloomington employees had a record high rating of 88% respondents calling it excellent or good. A key question on the survey is how respondents perceive the value of City services for the taxes they pay. Sixty-six percent of those polled said the value of City services for taxes paid was excellent or good. Safety-related services, mobility and drinking water were standouts in 2021.

SAFETY-RELATED RATINGS ARE STRONG

Virtually all residents—96%—reported feeling safe in their neighborhoods during the day. Ninety-seven percent gave favorable reviews to fire services and 94% rated ambulance/EMS services favorably.

At least 8 in 10 survey respondents reported high levels of satisfaction with police services and animal control—which was higher than the national benchmark—fire prevention and education, and emergency preparedness. Eight in ten also gave excellent or good ratings to the overall feeling of safety in the city. Compared to 2020, Bloomington residents in 2021 were more likely to give positive scores to fire services, fire prevention and education, and emergency preparedness.



MOBILITY RANKS HIGH

At least eight in ten National Community Survey™ respondents gave excellent or good reviews to the ease of travel by car in the city, street cleaning and snow removal. At least 7 in 10 were pleased with traffic flow on major streets, ease of walking, traffic enforcement, street lighting and sidewalk maintenance. Respondents’ ratings for traffic flow, street cleaning and snow removal were higher than those given in other benchmark communities across the country.

Only about half of residents gave favorable marks to the ease of travel by public transportation, which was similar to the national benchmarks, but a decline from 2020 to 2021. Residents were also less likely in 2021 than in 2020 to have used public transportation instead of driving, but more likely in 2021 to have walked or biked instead of driving. These shifts in alternate transportation ratings could be due, at least in part, to closures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

DRINKING WATER DRAWS ACCLAIM

Respondents gushed with praise for Bloomington’s drinking water. This year’s approval rating of 93% was the highest ever since the survey began in 2012. The City’s drinking water ranked second among the nearly 300 cities and counties polled nationwide.

It’s not only well-loved by residents—it’s safe, too. Each year Bloomington water meets or exceeds every federal and state water safety requirement. Bloomington’s water supply has been in strict compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and Minnesota Department of Health regulations since monitoring requirements were established in 1991. Every three years, MDH requires extensive sampling and testing for lead or copper in the City’s drinking water. These tests were last conducted in 2020.



SURVEY SAYS...

A majority of residents remain pleased with the quality of life in Bloomington, according to the recent National Community Survey™. Here are a few highlights provided by survey respondents in 2021:

90% Would recommend Bloomington to others.

91% Said Bloomington is an excellent or good place to live.

90% Rated quality of life in Bloomington as excellent or good.

87% Plan to remain in Bloomington.



HIGH POINTS OF HOPE: BIPOC BUSINESSES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Over the past year, a video series called “Bloomington Collective: Stories of Solidarity” featured some of the many thriving Black Indigenous and People of Color-owned businesses in our community. Some of the businesses highlighted so far are Agape African Market, Mhiripiri Gallery, Luro Boots and Action Hair Salon.

“We have always felt, and always known, that Bloomington has been kind to us. Bloomington is not buildings, it’s the people. We are full of gratitude for the way they received us,” said Rex Mhiripiri, artist, and owner and curator of Mhiripiri gallery at 9001 Penn Avenue South, who is pictured above with his wife Julie.

To watch all the features in the Bloomington Collective series, visit blm.mn/storiesofsolidarity.



BLOOMINGTON’S FUTURE IS BRIGHT

There is a lot to look forward to in Bloomington. After two challenging years with a global pandemic, hope is on the horizon. From providing public health services and partnering with local nonprofit organizations to planning for park improvements and new public art installations, there were many successes.



BUSINESS IS BOOMING

Many new businesses set up shop in Bloomington last year—Lab Team Assistants, Bell Bank, FastSigns, Smack Shack, Blue Sun Soda Shop, Nine Mile Brewing, Mallard’s Restaurant, Pink Tea and Cuatro Milpas just to name a few. While it does not represent all new businesses, 27 businesses joined the Chamber of Commerce in 2021.

The City partnered with Morris Leatherman Company to conduct a local business survey. Ninety-two percent of the businesses that took part in the survey rated the business climate in Bloomington as excellent or good. The business owners and managers gave the City high marks for its attitude and responsiveness to local businesses.

An overwhelming 99% of those surveyed said the City should focus on retaining and growing existing businesses. Eighty-four percent of respondents were in favor of a public-private business incubator that would assist startups and existing businesses with resources. In 2022, the City received a \$250,000 McKnight Grant to conduct the predevelopment work for a new City-led Small Business Development Center that would support and uplift small business activity. It will be in the old Fire Station 3, at 2050 86th Street East.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS BEING PRESERVED AND CREATED

In 2021, 569 units spanning four developments were under construction and at varying stages of leasing. Of these new units, 303 have rents that are affordable to households with incomes that fall between 30-60% of the area’s median household income. The remaining 266 units are market rate rents.

“This Council has made it a priority to remove the barriers for people who want to live in this community,” Mayor Tim Busse said. “We want Bloomington to provide housing that people can afford. That includes our first-year teachers, people in the hospitality industry and health care workers.”

Each decade, the Metropolitan Council sets affordable housing goals for cities across the Twin Cities. The City of Bloomington is now a little more than 77% of its way to meeting the 2030 affordable housing goals identified by the Metropolitan Council. These goals include preserving naturally occurring affordable housing and developing new affordable units.



COMMUNITY VOICES ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF BLOOMINGTON’S FUTURE

Over the past year, residents, City staff and City Councilmembers worked together on core planning, action and measurement teams to shape the future of their community with the City’s new strategic plan *Bloomington. Tomorrow. Together.* Community members made up more than half of each strategic planning team.

The process included understanding who and what Bloomington is, forming a unifying mission statement and strategic objectives, developing action-planning priorities for implementation and identifying measurements for success.

The work resulted in a set of core values, mission, strategic objectives and strategies that will guide the organization over the next five years. The mission is “To cultivate an enduring and remarkable community where people want to be.”

It describes Bloomington as unique, special and distinct—a noteworthy community with a rich history that stands on its own merits and attracts people because of these attributes.

The City Council adopted the *Bloomington. Tomorrow. Together.* plan in April. To learn more, visit blm.mn/btt.

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INCLUSION AND EQUITY ARE PRIORITIES

Being an inclusive and equitable community was a strategic priority in the City's One Bloomington strategic plan that charted the organization's work from 2017 through last year. The City's work surrounding inclusion and equity will continue and there were many related projects and initiatives that came to fruition in 2021. The City held its first-ever Pride celebration last summer. The event had live music, a story hour, arts and crafts, yard games, food vendors, a storyboard walk and more.

In 2021, the City Council adopted an ordinance that prohibits the practice of conversion therapy on minors and vulnerable adults in Bloomington. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the physical and psychological well-being of minors and vulnerable adults from exposure to the serious harms caused by conversion therapy.

The Human Rights Commission began studying this issue at the request of the City Council in 2020 and in January recommended the Council adopt an ordinance based on their research. A significant number of major medical, mental health and child welfare professional associations have denounced and rejected conversion therapy as ineffective, unreliable, and unsafe. The conversion therapy ordinance went into effect on January 3, 2022.

The City Council also passed a resolution condemning the use of discriminatory covenants and joined the Just Deeds Coalition. Primarily used in the 1950s, discriminatory covenants were tools used by real estate developers and others to prevent those who were Black, Indigenous, and People of Color from buying or occupying property in certain areas. The City has discharged discriminatory covenants on all City-owned parcels that had them. Read more about discriminatory covenants and Just Deeds on page 2 of the *June Briefing*.

A PATH FORWARD FOR BLOOMINGTON PARKS

A Park System Master Plan was adopted last year to provide a clear action plan and guidance for improvements to Bloomington's parks, trails, facilities, recreational programs and green spaces.

The plan involved extensive community engagement to determine the community's desires for one of Bloomington's greatest assets—its park system. The plan is a blueprint for planning and completing park improvements, program planning and budgeting to serve the needs of a dynamic and ever-changing community.

Next steps include planning for park service areas and evaluating specific racial and economic equity objectives in Bloomington's 97 highly diverse parks.

NEW FIRE STATIONS ARE BEING BUILT AND UPDATED

Changes are underway at Fire Station 4, at 4201 West 84th Street. This fire station has been serving the community for over 50 years and has reached the end of its useful life. The station lacks adequate space for equipment and doesn't meet the health and safety needs of the firefighters.

The new fire station will be a two-story structure with a partial basement totaling approximately 25,578 square feet. The former Station 4 was 4,429 square feet. The new building will include three bays, office space, a training room, living accommodations and firefighter health and safety resources.

Construction is now underway on the new Station 4 and is anticipated to be complete in the spring of 2023. Construction on the new Fire Station 3, at 2301 86th Street East, was completed in 2020. Stations 2, 5 and 6 will also need to be replaced in the future. The City will provide opportunities for engagement throughout the construction process of these public safety facilities.



PUBLIC ART BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

South Loop's newest and longest mural was completed last year and many from the community gathered to celebrate it. The WE Mural is a tapestry of murals commissioned by the City and Artistry and curated and produced by Ua Si Creative featuring only BIPOC artists. The artists who created the WE Mural are Marlena Myles, Reggie LeFlore, Xee Reiter + Andres Guzman, Martzia Thometz, City Mischief Murals, featuring Thomasina Topbear and Tom Jay, and Ua Si Creative. You can find the mural at American Boulevard and 30th Avenue South.

"I am so grateful to all the artists, partners, staff and volunteers who dedicated themselves to the implementation and success of the WE Mural and Sunset Block Party," Creative Placemaking Director Alejandra Pelinka said. "Many people came together to make this possible, and it is inspiring to see what a positive impact the mural and event has had on the community."

The celebration provided an opportunity to view the completed mural, enjoy performances from Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli and the Somali Museum Dance Troupe, grab dinner from a food truck, see work from artist Christopher Lutter-Gardella, preview prototypes developed by the City's Racial Equity Strategic Planning committee and more. Check out a video recap of the event at blm.mn/sunsetblockparty.



ON THESE PAGES

The City of Bloomington reports financial year-end results in its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, a required financial document for government entities that must comply with accounting requirements set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. It consists of three sections: Introductory, Financial, and Statistical. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report goes into great detail and spans more than 200 pages.

This document, the *2021 Corporate Report to the Community*, is Bloomington's *Popular Annual Financial Report*, a user-friendly companion to the December 31, *2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. Both the reports are consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the guidelines established by the Government Accounting Standards Board.

The following pages show 2021 financial results for the City's annually budgeted funds, including the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, and Special Revenues Funds.

For a complete review of the financial position in all of the City's funds and component units (the Housing and Redevelopment Authortiy and Port Authority) for the year ending 2021, consult the *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* available online at blm.mn/financialreports.



HIGH POINT OF HOPE: HOMETOWN PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES

In 2021, Bloomington Public Health provided more than 20,000 COVID-19 vaccines to community members through 130 clinics. This included many mobile clinics around the community, at schools, Normandale Community College, laundromats, food distribution events and more. This work wouldn't have been possible without the incredible partnership among Bloomington Public Health, City staff, colleagues in Edina and Richfield, and members of the Medical Reserve Corps.

THE GENERAL FUND

The General Fund, which accounts for a majority of City services, is Bloomington's primary operating fund. It uses revenues such as property taxes, lodging taxes, admission taxes, permit revenues, license revenues, program income, and grant revenues to fulfill expense obligations.

	2021 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2021 FINAL BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
	\$33,534,156	\$33,513,342	\$32,591,961
POLICE AND FIRE	The Police Department works with the community to make Bloomington a safe place to live and partners with residents and businesses to address their diverse needs. The Fire Department protects the community by performing rescues, responding to fires, emergencies and hazardous materials incidents, and conducting fire code inspections and fire cause investigations.		
	13,853,325	13,089,141	11,922,837
PUBLIC WORKS	Public Works provides safe and efficient transportation routes and snowplowing services, maintains the City's streets, parks, vehicles and public facilities, and reviews the impact construction and development projects will have on local and regional infrastructure.		
	5,999,574	7,915,738	6,918,858
COMMUNITY SERVICES	Community Services offers community outreach and engagement programs, produces communication materials and provides public health services.		
	9,898,838	9,635,879	9,085,610
PARKS AND RECREATION	Parks and Recreation oversees parks throughout the city, provides a wide variety of recreational programs and manages Creekside Community Center, Bloomington Ice Garden, Dwan Golf Course, the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, Bush Lake Beach and the Center for the Arts.		
	9,414,183	9,355,547	9,343,162
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Community Development partners with the community to enhance Bloomington through planning, economic development and redevelopment activities. The department promotes health and safety by obtaining compliance with State and City codes.		
	2,542,461	2,569,753	2,486,919
ADMINISTRATION	Administration includes the City Manager's Office, Human Resources and the City Clerk's Office, which furnishes licensing, elections, records management and cemetery services to Bloomington's residents.		
	1,874,627	1,913,863	1,864,714
LEGAL	The City Attorney's Office prosecutes misdemeanors and advises the city manager, City Council, City departments, advisory boards and commissions on legal matters.		
	1,118,795	1,162,192	1,162,090
FINANCE	Finance provides financial management and services to departments. Financial services include accounting, audit, budget, cash management, investing, billing, accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, and risk management.		
	1,217,969	1,215,175	494,081
COUNCIL	Legislative power is vested in an elected, part-time City Council consisting of a mayor and six councilmembers. The City Council appoints community members to advisory commissions.		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	79,453,928	80,370,630	75,870,232
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	0	3,790,700	3,790,700
TOTAL	79,453,928	84,161,330	79,660,932

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

These funds account for revenues used for specific purposes including housing and community development, communications, public health initiatives and law enforcement activities.

		2021 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2021 FINAL BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FUNDING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	South Loop revolving fund	\$278,723	\$278,723	\$28,491	South Loop building permit surcharge
	Creative placemaking	629,000	581,900	544,906	Transfer from South Loop capital
COMMUNITY SERVICES	Communications	1,920,997	2,016,638	1,925,590	Franchise fees/other fund charges/property taxes
	Public Health special revenue		135,000	134,572	State grants
PARKS AND RECREATION	Park grants	160,707	194,207	57,626	State and federal grants
PUBLIC SAFETY	Public safety special revenue	2,220,957	2,902,053	2,768,468	Forfeited assets and grants and one-time reimbursement*/ property taxes**
ADMINISTRATION	Cemetery trust	203,687	207,787	207,747	Lot/niche sales
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		5,414,071	6,316,308	5,667,400	

* Used for specific police capital and operating expenses.
** If the City is required to fund Bloomington's Fire Pension Fund, the tax levy will generally be the funding source.



A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT—THREE TRIPLE-A RATINGS

Bloomington ranks with an elite few cities nationwide in holding three triple-A bond ratings. The City maintains its Aaa status from Moody’s, AAA from Standard & Poor’s and AAA from Fitch Ratings, the highest bond ratings awarded by these agencies.

Bloomington is one of only 40 cities out of more than 19,000 municipal governments in the U.S. that have achieved three triple-A ratings. Bloomington is currently the only Minnesota city to hold all three highest ratings. According to the agencies, our triple-A status reflects the

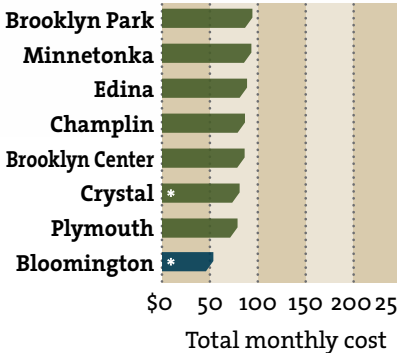
City’s conservative fiscal management, diverse economic base, central location, low unemployment rate that falls below state and national averages, and continued success in Mall of America tax increment district.

The City’s excellent bond ratings signal to current and potential investors that our financial future is strong and ensure that interest costs will remain low. They also signal to businesses and individuals that Bloomington is a financially healthy community.



WATER, SEWER, WATER SOFTENING

In 2021, the monthly costs to residents in eight cities for water, sewer and water softening ranged from \$95.56 in Brooklyn Park (including in-home, water-softening costs) to \$54.72 in Bloomington.



Costs are based on a single-family residence. Water and sewer rates are based on 7,500 gallons (average based on the 2020 Residential Water and Sewer Rate survey).
* Cities that soften water before distribution.



HIGH POINT OF HOPE: TOD POD

When the first round of pandemic restrictions began to ease in the late summer of 2020, Bloomington resident Tara Owens, not pictured, was looking for ways she and her daughter could get some safely distanced outdoor social time. Owens reached out to eight families she knew and asked if they wanted to start meeting weekly at Bloomington parks. She named the group the Tod Pod because many kids attending were toddlers. Through word of mouth, the group grew from eight families to 110. Josey Stafford and her daughter, above center, regularly attend Tod Pod meetings. “It’s invaluable to be around people going through the same experience, especially when social engagement has been limited or canceled,” Stafford said.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

These funds consist of utilities, recreational facilities, contractual police services and motor vehicle licensing. They are supported by user fees and in some cases also property taxes.

		2021 ACTUAL EXPENSES	2021 PROPERTY TAX SUBSIDY
PARKS AND RECREATION	Aquatics (Bush Lake Beach and Bloomington Family Aquatic Center)	\$865,518	\$515,000
	Center for the Arts	1,032,076	1,000,000
	Golf (Dwan Golf Course)	1,774,745	161,343
	Ice Garden	1,869,642	287,352
PUBLIC SAFETY	Contractual Police	696,612	0
PUBLIC WORKS	Solid Waste Utility	8,241,708	185,000
	Stormwater Utility	5,160,877	0
	Water	14,388,687	0
	Wastewater Utility	11,349,296	0
ADMINISTRATION	Motor Vehicle	261,695	0
TOTAL		45,640,856	2,148,695

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

These funds finance interdepartmental goods and services on a cost-reimbursement basis. Internal Service Funds are supported by interdepartmental user fees already included as expenses to other funds in this report.

	2021 ACTUAL EXPENSES
BENEFIT ACCRUAL	\$2,956,868
FLEET MAINTENANCE	6,838,059
FACILITIES AND PARK MAINTENANCE	12,183,117
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	5,824,951
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	10,216,124
PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT	1,582,249
SELF-INSURANCE	2,160,806
SUPPORT SERVICES	461,053
PERA PENSION*	(\$6,289,360)
TOTAL	\$35,933,867

*PERA Pension credit. Credit in 2021 is a result of a change in actuarial assumptions and investment performance of the State’s Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) liability attributed to the City of Bloomington.



ABOUT THIS REPORT

The City Council presents this corporate report of financial and related information to show how Bloomington’s City government performs. This report does not include Housing and Redevelopment Authority or Port Authority budgets.

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ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

The City of Bloomington reports financial year-end results in the more than 200-page Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This 2021 *Corporate Report to the Community* summarizes significant data from the 2021 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* and is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The report reflects the net tax cost by service expenditure developed by crediting related revenues against appropriate expenditures and allocating local taxes against the remaining balance.

The *Corporate Report* and *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* are both available online at blm.mn/financialreports.

Minnesota state law states that “a city or county with a population of more than 15,000 must annually notify its residents of the positions and base salaries of its three highest-paid employees.” For the City, 2022 titles and salaries are: City Manager—\$193,020; Public Works Director—\$191,783; Community Services Director —\$191,783; Chief Financial Officer \$191,783.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital project improvements are funded through a combination of reserves, property taxes, fees, federal grants, state grants, and debt. Capital projects that have expenditures of \$50,000 or more are included in the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan that is approved annually by the City Council at a public hearing. Individual project appropriations are then approved by the Council on a project-by-project basis. Here are some of the capital projects completed in 2021.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- New curtains and flooring for the Art Center: \$77,743.
- Dred Scott lighting projects: \$795,707.
- Dred Scott tennis courts: \$368,987.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Work on Fire Station 4: \$356,044 spent in 2021.
- New pumper trucks: \$795,946.
- Nine Police interceptors: \$300,801.

UTILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE

- Reservoir rehabilitation at 82nd Street and Penn: \$416,337.
- East Old Shakopee Road sanitary sewer capacity improvements: \$2,910,078.
- Bridge preservation project: \$1,309,477.

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Pavement Management Program is a funding and implementation plan for the repair, maintenance and reconstruction of Bloomington roads. It’s all about providing the right maintenance at the right time to maximize efficiency of road replacement and repair.

Funding is provided through state aid, assessments and franchise fees after needs are identified. In 2021, the Pavement Management Program expended \$9.5 million. These improvements include just over four miles of reconstructed streets and more than nine miles of overlaid streets.

MANAGING DEBT, MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Many community needs must be met by the City of Bloomington in a cost-effective manner, including street and infrastructure work, construction projects and equipment purchases. The ability to issue future debt at lower interest rates provides for our community’s upkeep and renewal without substantially increasing property taxes for debt service.



OUTSTANDING DEBT

The City’s outstanding debt on December 31, 2021 was \$78,286,793. The legal limit for Bloomington is \$445 million. More than 50% of Bloomington’s debt will be paid off in five years and more than 85% in 10 years—a sign of strong financial management.