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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

National Night Out provides an opportunity to gather and enjoy a summer evening with neighbors, good food and information on ways to keep their communities safe. Bloomington's 38th annual National Night Out event is Tuesday, August 2.

"National Night Out is always a highlight for the department and it's one of my favorite events of the year," Crime Prevention Specialist Katie Zerull said. "Police officers and firefighters are looking forward to getting back out there visiting parties and meeting residents."

For more information or to register your National Night Out party, visit blm.mn/nno or call 952-563-4900. Party registration closes July 24. The chalk drawing contest also returns this year with prizes given for the most creative piece, best overall and most representative of National Night Out.



NEW FIRE STATION 4 CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Construction at Fire Station 4, 4201 West 84th Street, continues to move along. Demolition of Station 4 was completed in March. Work began in April for the new fire station. As of this writing, the foundation and basement walls have been poured. Construction on the new station is expected to be completed spring 2023. Crews anticipate that the sidewalk in front of Station 4 will remain closed to pedestrian traffic for safety. Signs are posted to notify pedestrians of the closure.

Once completed, the new fire station will be a two-story structure with a partial basement totaling approximately 25,578 square feet. The building will include three bays, office space, a training room, living accommodations and firefighter health and safety resources. Station 4 served the community for more than 50 years and reached the end of its useful life.

To provide continuous fire coverage and adequate response time for the service area at Station 4, the Bloomington Fire Department is staffing Stations 1 and 6, with 24-hour, three-person duty crews. Recently, the outdoor warning siren was relocated to Wanda Miller Park, which is across the street from Station 4.

For more information on the project, visit blm.mn/letstalk or contact Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Deb Williams at dwilliams@BloomingtonMN.gov or 952-563-4535.



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MAYOR’S MEMO

INCLUSION AND BELONGING IN BLOOMINGTON

By Mayor Tim Busse

The City has been vocal and active in its support of the LGBTQ+ community in Bloomington. We’ve issued a Pride proclamation for the past six years. The Pride flag has flown in June recognizing Pride. In recent years, Bloomington has sponsored a booth at the Twin Cities Pride Festival held at Loring Park in Minneapolis. Bloomington’s involvement there was very well received and I know because I worked in the booth. While I was working in the booth, the question kept coming up about when Bloomington was going to have its own Pride festival. Last year, the City and community partners put on its first Pride festival with live entertainment, a story walk, arts and crafts, food trucks and more.

I was absolutely thrilled by the feeling of community at Bloomington’s first Pride celebration. It was unbelievable. The weather was great and there were huge crowds—we anticipated that about 500 people would attend, but it was close to 2,000. I’m very much looking forward to our second Pride celebration coming up on Saturday, August 13, 4 - 8 p.m., on the east lawn at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. There will be live entertainment, kids activities, food trucks and more at the event. You can watch a recap of the 2021 Pride celebration on the City’s YouTube account at blm.mn/pride-recap-21.

More than five years ago, the City Council identified strategic priorities that would guide us and City staff in our work. The City Council clearly determined that equity and inclusion were important strategic priorities for Bloomington. That means the City has acknowledged that equity and inclusion are vitally important to the future success of this community. Equity and inclusion are on that list with other priorities, like providing high quality City services, focused renewal of our neighborhoods and aging commercial centers, and environmental sustainability. Equity and inclusion are significant strategic priorities. That is why Bloomington has had an active and engaged Human Rights Commission since 1968. That is why in 2017 the City Council adopted a racial equity vision statement that reads: “The City of Bloomington will act courageously to advance racial equity. We will be a vibrant, safe and healthy place where people of all races thrive.” That is why we have a Community Outreach and Engagement Division that thoughtfully and creatively engages and connects with traditionally underrepresented populations within our city. And that is why we celebrate Pride in Bloomington.

When we talk about equity and inclusion there is a definite intersection between LGBTQ+ rights, racial inequity, gender inequity, housing issues, transportation inequality and a host of other issues. It all interconnects in many ways. We can’t pretend it doesn’t. So, yes, it is appropriate for the City to prioritize equity and diversity, and to work to create an environment where everyone is welcome, respected and valued. One thing that makes Bloomington such a fantastic place to be is that so many people are willing to invest their time, their resources and their courage in community activities and they do so in positive, inspiring and uplifting ways. That’s how you create a welcoming environment. A big thank you goes out to our Community Outreach and Engagement staff, the community planning committee, Parks and Recreation and the Human Rights Commission for helping the City celebrate Pride. And an enormous thank you to everyone who joined us last year and to those who plan to join us this year at Bloomington’s Pride celebration.

Visit blm.mn/pride for more information about the event and the other ways the City has celebrated Pride.

LEARN MORE ABOUT JUST DEEDS AT AN EVENT IN BRYANT PARK

The City is participating in the Just Deeds Coalition, which assists property owners with discharging discriminatory covenants from property deeds. Connect with neighbors and learn more about Just Deeds and how to discharge discriminatory covenants at a community event on Tuesday, August 9, 6 – 8 p.m., at Bryant Park, 1001 West 85th Street. There will be food, speakers, discussion circles, kids activities and more. Bring your own chairs. For more information, visit blm.mn/justdeeds.

WHAT IS A CITY COUNCIL LISTENING SESSION?

The City Council holds a 30-minute listening session before each regular City Council meeting. This time is for community members to speak with the Council about their priorities and concerns.

Community members are encouraged to register to speak by contacting the Council secretary at 952-563-8782 or by sending an email to councilsecretary@bloomingtonmn.gov no later than 2 p.m. on the meeting date. You will be asked to provide your name and a summary of the subject on which you wish to speak with the Council. Each speaker or group will have up to 10 minutes to talk with the Mayor, City Council and City staff.

Listening sessions are held in the Chadwick Conference Room on the second floor of Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. For more information, visit blm.mn/listening.

ATTEND A TOWN HALL FORUM

Join Mayor Tim Busse for a town hall forum on Tuesday, July 19, at the Normandale Lake Bandshell, 5901 West 84th Street, at 7 p.m. You will be able to ask Mayor Busse questions and learn about ongoing and upcoming City projects at the event. This summer and fall, Councilmembers will host additional town hall forums to connect with constituents. For more information, including dates, times and locations visit blm.mn/townhall719 or call 952-563-8782.

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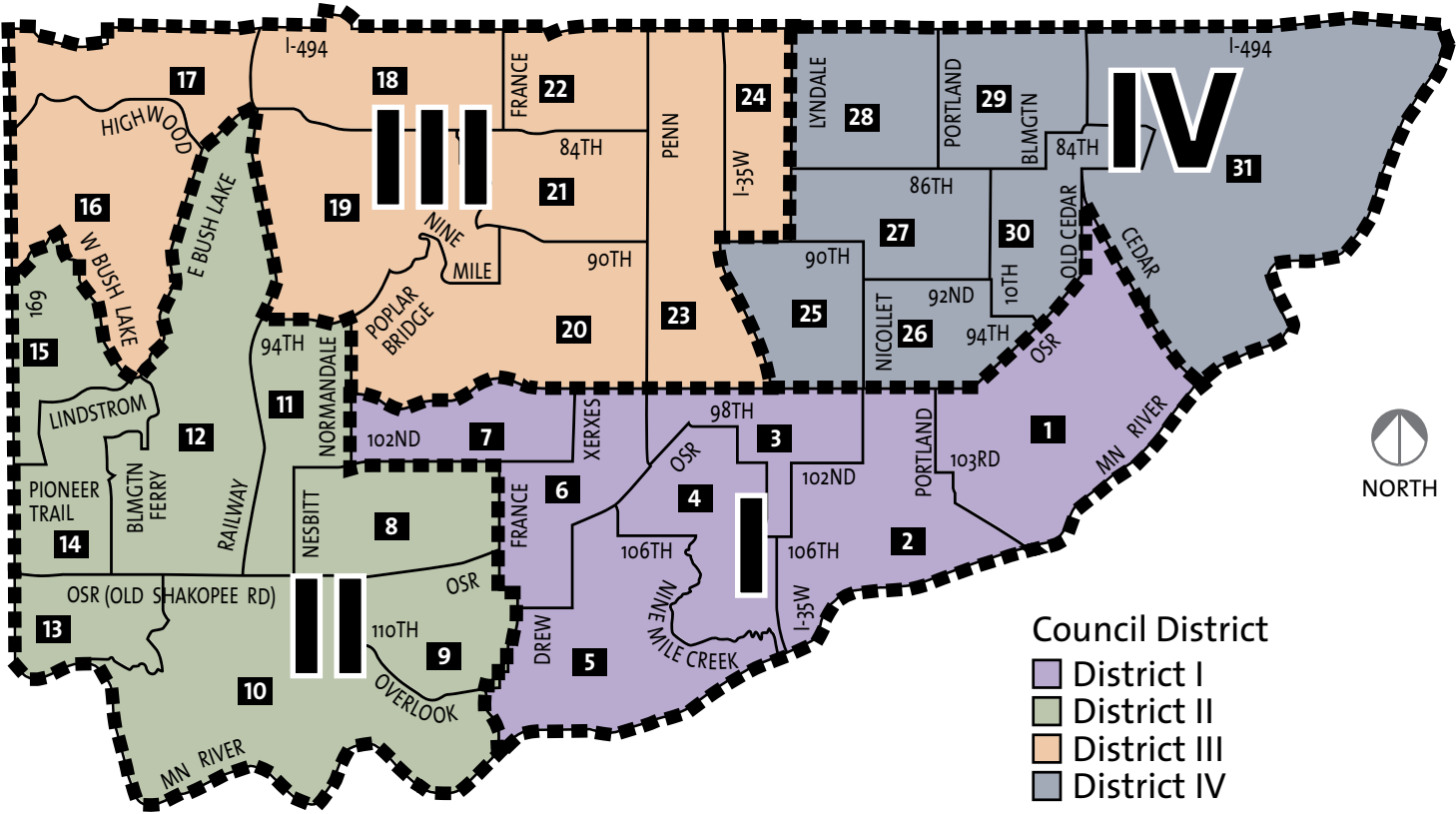
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REDISTRICTING: CHECK YOUR POLLING PLACE

In March 2022, the Bloomington City Council approved its Councilmember districts and precinct boundaries based on the population count of the 2020 Census. *See page 2 to view the Councilmember who represents each district.* As population grows and changes, it is important that district boundaries are distributed evenly, and that the population of each district is equally represented. The new precinct boundaries will go into effect for the primary election on August 9. Voters should visit mnvotes.org to find their polling place location before heading to the polls. *See page 8 for a full list and map of polling precincts.*

ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING AVAILABLE NOW

Absentee and early voting for the August 9 primary election began June 24. To request a mail-in absentee ballot, voters can complete an online application at mnvotes.org. Mail-in ballots must be received by August 9.

In-person early voting is available at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended hours are offered Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Monday, August 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have questions or are a voter with special circumstances, contact the City Clerk’s Office, 952-563-8729.



HOW TO CONTACT THE CITY

Keep this list handy or add some of these phone numbers to your cell phone contacts.

Emergency and first responders: Use for medical emergencies, reporting a crime or a fire, reporting a missing person, and lost animals or animal rescues.

Emergency number.....9-1-1

Nonemergency dispatch number952-563-4900

Animal Control952-563-4942

To request police and accident records..... 952-563-8597

Traffic tip line.....952-563-4798

Nonemergency fire inquiries 952-563-4801

Fire prevention services..... 952-563-4801

Fire inspections 952-563-8933

Business owners: Use for license applications, permits and fees.

Business licensing 952-563-8728

Business resource center 952-563-8920

Homeowners: Use for billing questions, garbage and recycling collection, to make payments, or to notify of a move.

Utility billing division..... 952-563-8726

Meter reading line..... 952-563-4971

Garbage, recycling, and organics collection 952-563-8726

Bulky and electronic waste 952-563-8726

Time-of-Sale Inspection.....952-563-8930

Pet licensing952-563-8728

Noise, weeds or property issues..... 952-563-8934

City maintenance: Use for roads and trails condition, report pothole, report malfunctioning streetlights or broken signs, and get information about urban forestry or tree sale.

City maintenance952-563-8760

Snow emergency hotline 952-563-8768

Community services: Use for resident services.

Community Outreach and Engagement.....952-563-8733

Job information hotline.....952-563-8705

Passport..... 952-563-4923

Voter registration.....952-563-8729

Parks and Recreation: Use for latest events and programs, to register for programs, to check facility hours, reserve a park shelter or request use of an athletic field.

Reserve a park shelter 952-563-8877

Creekside Community Center..... 952-563-4944

Bloomington Family Aquatic Center.....952-563-4634

Bloomington Ice Garden 952-563-8841

Bloomington Center for the Arts 952-563-8881

Dwan Golf Course952-563-8702

Farmers Market612-965-2403

Weather line.....952-563-8878

Public health: Use for assistance with immunizations, nutrition and emergency preparedness.

Public Health Center952-563-8900

Immunizations and flu shots.....952-563-8900, option 3

Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC).....952-563-8993



BE SAFE WHILE USING FIREWORKS

Summer brings cookouts, pool days, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. Fireworks that explode or shoot into the air are illegal in Minnesota.

Fireworks don’t have to be big to cause damage. Did you know that more than 30% of fireworks injuries are from sparklers? An average of 73 hospital visits happen each year in Minnesota due to fireworks injuries. Approximately 40% of those injuries are among children.

Here are some safety tips to follow from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety if you choose to use Minnesota-legal fireworks this summer:

- Point fireworks away from people and animals.
- Use fireworks in an open area away from trees and houses.
- Extinguish and dispose of spent fireworks in a bucket of water. Do not try to relight a dud.
- Always use caution around fireworks.
- Make sure children are supervised.

BUDGET PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR 2023

Summer is the season for grilling out, lake weekends and municipal budget planning. Throughout the summer and fall, Budget Manager Kari Carlson and other City staff will be learning from residents about what is important to them in planning for the 2023 budget. Learn more and share your priorities at these events:

- Budget, Beats and Treats on Thursday, July 14, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at the Normandale Bandshell, 6101 West 84th Street – Blockbuster Concert.
- Budget and Block Parties on Tuesday, August 2, during National Night Out neighborhood visits.
- Budget at the Market on Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Farmers Market.
- Budget and BFD on Saturday, October 15, at the Bloomington Fire Department Open House, 10 West 95th Street.

Learn more about the budget planning process on the City’s website at blm.mn/budget or call 952-563-8790.



BE CAUTIOUS AROUND ALGAE

Harmful algae can be found everywhere in Minnesota, but it prefers warm, nutrient-rich water such as many of the small waterbodies in Bloomington. Certain varieties of blue-green algae produce toxins that can make you or your pets sick, but you can’t tell if toxins are present by looking at it. There’s more than one kind of algae. The mat-forming, stringy looking “filamentous algae” is common but nontoxic. When in doubt, be cautious and avoid contact with algae. Though often referred to as algae, blue-green algae are not algae at all, but a class of bacteria called cyanobacteria.

Report potential harmful algae blooms to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at 651-757-2822. For more information on harmful algal blooms visit blm.mn/bgalgae, call 952-563-4870 or email engineering@BloomingtonMN.gov.

GET INTO ORGANICS RECYCLING

The City’s Curbside organics recycling service is off to a strong start. The service started the second week of March and 4,913 households are signed up for the service. That’s more than 22% of households in Bloomington. Carts are delivered with a welcome packet that helps you get started composting right away. The packet includes a starter set of 10 compostable plastic bags, a reference guide magnet and a home set-up tip guide that will help you set up your kitchen for collecting organics. All organics collected at the curb are turned into compost, which is used to add valuable nutrients back into the soil. When compost is added to the soil, it reduces the need for fertilizers and pesticides and increases water retention, allowing for more efficient water use. Composting reduces greenhouse gas emissions at landfills and increases energy efficiency at garbage incinerators. Ready to get started? For more information, visit blm.mn/organics.



Winners from left to right: Amgalan Nyamdechinchin (1st place, elementary school), Audry Fortner (1st place, middle school) and Lauren Wallace (1st place, adult)

EARTH ACTION HEROES: ORGANICS RECYCLING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



The City of Bloomington teamed up with the cities of Richfield and Edina to hold a poster contest about organics recycling. The theme was “Return To The Earth: A Compost Story!” MN GreenCorps Member Jane Peuser said they wanted a theme that showed the process of organics recycling. “We wanted participants to creatively express an understanding of the full cycle that organics go through to be turned into compost,” Peuser said. “And that composting is a way to repurpose organic material and divert waste from landfills.” Congratulations Bloomington residents! The contest winners in their own words: Amgalan Nyamdechinchin: “My poster has a cardinal, a hummingbird, a peony, a hibiscus and a person hugging the earth. I want people to look at this and see it has a good environment, which composting can help us do. Composting can be very good for the earth. I just want people to notice how composting can help the environment.” Audry Fortner: “I wanted to submit a poster, because I enjoy creating art. I also care about doing what’s right for our environment.” Lauren Wallace: “This work is an illustration of the way food waste can become a valuable source of nutrients for the Earth through composting. A variety of natural food scraps are whimsically pictured at the top of the poster as if they are slowly falling and returning to the Earth. The bottom depicts fresh grass springing up as a result of composting, with worms playfully interacting with this new life.”



WATER IN THE URBAN ECOSYSTEM

One factor adversely affecting Bloomington’s waterbodies is the way urban development has changed the movement of water. Urbanization has increased impervious surfaces or “hardscapes” such as streets, parking lots, sidewalks and roofs. Hardscapes prevent rainfall from being absorbed into the ground and can lead to increased water volumes and transport of nutrients—nitrogen and phosphorus—into storm drains and on to lakes, rivers and streams. Help by being water conscious. Let water get a chance to soak into the ground. This not only helps reduce the volume of water charging into water bodies, but it also reduces the amount of nutrients that the stormwater can transport. Direct your downspouts away from pavement. Aim them into the lawn or a rain garden. Doing this on your property alone might not seem like much, but if everyone did it, the effect would provide a substantial benefit to urban hydrology. Here are some other tips to reduce nutrients from reaching lakes, ponds, wetlands, and streams.

- **Avoid fertilizer.** The use of fertilizer creates abnormally high levels of nutrients across the landscape. Some of these nutrients will get washed into the water. Use sparingly and follow directions. Don’t fertilize before a rainstorm.
- **Pick up pet waste.** Animal waste contains nitrogen and bacteria that pollute our local waters when it rains. You can help by picking up after your pet on walks and in your backyard.
- **Don’t blow lawn clippings and leaves into the street.** Lawn clippings and leaves are like small packets of nutrients. Once on the pavement, they are easily washed into storm drains. Either compost the leaves and grass on your property, in a pile or by mulching them into a lawn. Alternatively, you can join the yard waste pick-up program, and bag the leaves, grass, and other material for off-site composting.
- **Plant trees and other native plants.** Plants help reduce runoff by soaking up stormwater along with the nitrogen that often comes along with it.

For more ideas on how to help, visit blm.mn/water-resources.



#BFD75 HISTORY: THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

A treasured and favorite Bloomington summer tradition was an annual softball tournament. When softball began to gain popularity in Minnesota in the 1950s, some of Bloomington’s firefighters joined local leagues to play. The idea to begin a softball tournament dates to 1959 with Rollie Rueger, Bob Eglund and Clarence Kelly.

“At that time, the Bloomington Fire Department had probably one of the premier softball teams in the metro area, but they could never win a big tournament. They’d always come in second or third place,” retired firefighter, Pete Heger said. “They were good. So, they thought if they could have their own tournament, then they could finally win one.”

The first softball tournament took place at Legion Fields (which was then at 98th Street and Dupont Avenue), single elimination format. The event attracted 16 teams.

“And they came in second place,” Heger said. “It was still fun for the department.”

In 1962, the 4th annual softball tournament, the BFD made it to the finals, and lost in the championship. The event drew in 32 teams, making this the largest softball tournament in the state.

Since then, the softball tournament continued to grow. In 1969, the tournament pulled in 128 teams. For the first time, the tournament included a women’s division, and 16 women’s teams signed up. An admission fee was collected at 25 cents per game or \$1 for a tournament pass, but that was dropped as no one paid the fee.

By 1973, the annual tournament was held at two locations—Dred Scott fields and Valley View fields—with 164 teams. In its 35th year, the ever-popular tournament attracted 25,000 spectators over the three-day event.

In 1996, the tournament was handed off to the new sponsor, Knights of Columbus. “It was a lot of work. It took a lot of people to put on the event. We’d have to run stand-by crews to make sure the city was covered for emergencies,” Heger said. “Jeff Barnes, who had been the tournament director since 1980, worked with the new sponsor to continue the tournament.” The softball tournament continues to this day in Bloomington.



BUYER BEWARE: AVOID WATER TREATMENT SCAMS

The City has been alerted to scams involving water quality in order to sell water treatment systems. Beware of false claims, deceptive sales pitches, inaccurate water quality data and scare tactics used by some water treatment companies and plumbing services to sell expensive and unnecessary home water treatment systems.

The scam typically involves a homeowner being contacted through email, letter, or phone call about free water quality testing or plumbing services. The person might say they’re calling from the state or the county or they may be an actual plumber. Once they are in your home, they will conduct a water test that will indicate the water quality is questionable. The person will then begin a hard sell of a water softener or purification system at an excessive cost to the homeowner. Follow these tips to avoid being misled:

- If a company claims it is working with the city or a state agency, ask for the person’s name, the name of that agency, and follow up with that agency.
- Learn about the City’s water quality by reading the annual *Water Quality Report* at blm.mn/wqr.
- Don’t do business with door-to-door or telephone salespeople who claim your water quality is bad or want you to pay in advance.

Bloomington follows all federal and state standards for water quality and monitors our system on a regular basis to ensure high quality drinking water. If you believe you have been provided false or misleading information or subjected to unfair or high-pressure tactics during a sales visit, contact the Minnesota Attorney General’s office Consumer Complaints division at 651-296-3353, or report a fraud at blm.mn/FraudReport.

For more information about water quality or assistance with questions about water treatments, contact the water quality supervisor at 952-563-4904 or visit blm.mn/utilities-division.



MOST TARGETED VEHICLES

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| Chevrolet Express | Hyundai Tucson |
| Ford Econoline | Kia Sportage |
| Ford F250 | Mitsubishi Eclipse |
| Honda Accord | Mitsubishi Lancer |
| Honda CR-V | Mitsubishi Outlander |
| Honda Element | Toyota Prius |
| Honda Odyssey | Toyota Tundra |
| Hyundai Santa Fe | |

TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

Since 2020, cases of catalytic converter theft have risen significantly across the metro, including Bloomington. Bloomington Police are partnering with the Minnesota Department of Commerce on a pilot program to mark catalytic converters and prevent thefts. The program is funded through state grants.

The Catalytic Converter Pilot program provides a CatGuard label that is permanently applied to a vehicle’s catalytic converter, etching a unique code into the metal. This code is then registered in an accredited database connecting your unique code to your vehicle. The sticker is meant to break into pieces if anyone attempts to remove it.

“Once a catalytic is marked with a CatGuard label, the hope is that a thief notices the marking, realizes the catalytic converter is identifiable and chooses not to steal it. It also assists investigators with evidence of theft should a suspect be arrested with possession of a catalytic converter,” Crime Prevention Coordinator Katie Zerull said.

If you have one of the top 15 vehicles that are most targeted by catalytic converter thieves, *see sidebar above*, or you’ve already had a catalytic converter stolen, you can make an appointment at one of Bobby and Steve’s Auto World Bloomington locations to get your CatGuard label. There is no charge for the label installation, but an appointment is required.

To contact Bobby and Steve’s Auto World, call 952-831-8833 for the France Avenue location, or 952-881-1024 for the Normandale Road location.





SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR PARKS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission is accepting nominations for the 2022 Award of Excellence. This award recognizes the dedication and contribution of an individual in appreciation of their continuous community service towards the advancement of parks, arts and recreation programs and facilities in Bloomington. Nominate a deserving person by visiting blm.mn/parc-award. Applications are accepted through the end of the day on Monday, July 25. For questions, call 952-563-8877.



RENT SPACE AT CREEKSIDE

Creekside Community Center offers rentable spaces for your next event. Take advantage of the convenient location, free parking and easy reservation process. Creekside's multiuse event spaces are perfect for intimate gatherings to community-wide events. Meeting rooms accommodate groups up to 45 people. The Minnesota Valley Room can hold up to 175 people. Rental includes tables and chairs, wireless internet access, and audiovisual equipment. To make a reservation or for additional information, contact Creekside at 952-563-4944 or Creekside@BloomingtonMN.gov.



Families gather for Midweek Music and Market.

MIDWEEK MUSIC AND MARKET KICKS OFF

Looking for something to do after work? Come hungry and join us for some fantastic music at the Midweek Music and Market, beginning Wednesday, July 13, 5 – 8 p.m., at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. It runs each Wednesday evening through August 24. There will be food trucks, lawn games and live music! Each week you can hear different local bands from diverse musical genres including country, jazz, blues, rock, folk and funk. Stock up on fresh produce from your favorite farmers market vendors. Other vendors will be selling everything from handcrafted items, soaps, baked goods, kettle corn, sauces, canned goods and maple syrup. You won't want to miss this family-friendly festival. Call 952-563-8877 for any questions.

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT BIG

Simple to plan, fun and memorable! Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street, is the best place to have an ice-skating birthday party as you get the entire sheet of ice to yourself and your guests. The party package includes one hour of private ice rental, private room rental, and free rental skates. For an additional fee, skating instructors can be hired to help your guests learn to skate. Food and beverage add-ons can be arranged through BIG Concessions. To make a birthday party reservation or get more details on special event options at BIG, call 952-563-8841 or send an email to BIG@bloomingtonmn.gov.



STAY COOL ON ICE SKATES AT BIG

Create cool memories this summer during open skate at Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street. Skaters of all levels are encouraged to skate during the open ice-skating time. Hockey players can keep up with their skills with extra practice time on a designated ice rink.

Open Skating is mainly for recreational skaters and families. No sticks or pucks are allowed.

When: Tuesdays and Sundays, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. No open skating July 3.

Cost: \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 17 or younger.

Adult Open Hockey is pick-up hockey for adult hockey players, 18 years or older. A helmet and mouth guard are required. Organized games are allowed.

When: Sundays, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. No open hockey July 3.

Cost: \$11 per person per session

Developmental Hockey is for hockey players of any age who want to work on their individual hockey skills. Players can spend time with a coach, parent or on their own. Helmet and mouth guard are required. No organized games.

When: Mondays and Fridays, 6 a.m. – 7 a.m. No open hockey July 1, 4, and 8.

Cost: \$11 per person per session

Skate sharpening is available for \$8, and skate rental is available for \$3. To learn more, visit blm.mn/BIG or call 952- 563-8841. Schedules are subject to change.



arts *in the* Parks

Arts in the Parks includes not only musical performances from classical to 90's, but also offers everything from moonlight movies to fireworks. All of our programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit blm.mn/aip or call 952-563-8878.

TUESDAY NIGHT NORMANDALE LAKE PERFORMANCE SERIES

7 P.M. AT NORMANDALE LAKE BANDSHELL, 84TH STREET AND CHALET ROAD

The sounds of summer echo throughout the Normandale Lake Bandshell with Bloomington's best music and dance.



July 12 204th Army Band



July 26 Medalist Concert Band

MIDWEEK MUSIC AND MARKET SERIES

5 – 8 P.M. AT CIVIC PLAZA, 1800 WEST OLD SHAKOPEE ROAD

Music, food trucks, a beer garden and a farmers market—everything you need to enjoy your Wednesday evenings. Music starts at 5:30 p.m.

July 13

Paul Holland
Blues Band



July 20

Everett Smithson
Band



July 27

Lehto
and Wright



August 3

Bossa
Soul



August 10

Tuxedo Band

August 17

Alma Andina

August 24

Southside Aces

THURSDAY NIGHT BLOCKBUSTER SERIES

FOOD SERVICE 6:30 P.M., SHOWS BEGIN 7 P.M. AT NORMANDALE LAKE BANDSHELL, 84TH STREET AND CHALET ROAD

Don't miss Thursday Blockbusters and the Evening Performance Series at the Normandale Lake Bandshell. Enjoy some of the best entertainment in the Twin Cities as well as food vendors to handle your dinner plans.

July 14

'90s Revisited
Flannel

July 21

Country Night
Hitchville

July 28

Blues and Bar-B-Q
The Jimmy's

August 4

Brazilian Jazz
Natania and Ticket
to Brasil

August 11

Classical Music
Bloomington Symphony
Orchestra

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SERIES

FOOD SERVICE AT 6 P.M., SHOWS BEGIN 6:30 P.M., AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN BLOOMINGTON

Join us for music, movies and theater on Friday nights at the Normandale Lake Bandshell, Wright's Lake Park and other locations throughout the city.

July 8

BOB! The Music of Dylan

Bloomington Civic Plaza east lawn
1800 West Old Shakopee Road



July 22

Sawyers Dream
Normandale
Lake
Bandshell

July 15

Music and Movie in the Park

Wrights Lake Park
8501 17th Ave S



July 29, August 5 and 12

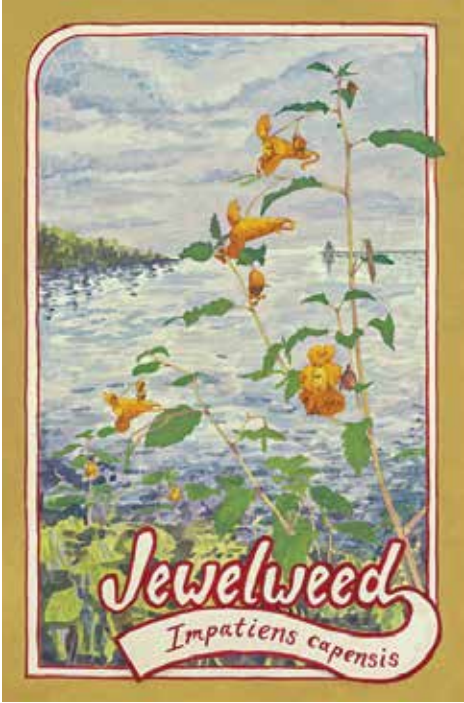
On The One Music Festival

A new three-night music festival at the Normandale Lake Bandshell featuring rising stars in the Twin Cities' R&B/Soul, Reggae, Afrobeat and conscious Hip-Hop music scene along with a touch of Spoken Word Poetry.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

August 26 Drive-in movie Cedar Valley Church parking lot, 9 p.m.

Bloomington Parks and Recreation in partnership with Cedar Valley Church, 8600 Bloomington Avenue South, is pleased to present a free drive-in movie. Movie will be chosen by community poll.



ART EXHIBIT "GROUNDED"

Come see how humans interact with, explore, and protect (or not protect) the natural environment.

"I make art that invites viewers to engage in small, concrete steps toward environmental sustainability and community engagement," Artist Katie Ries said.

Through prints, drawings, paintings, videos, and interactive installations, Ries and artist John Schuerman welcome us to contemplate our relationship with nature and reveal ways we can be both collaborators and stewards.

"As an artist I try to remain aware of both my humanity and my animal dependency on the rest of nature," Schuerman said. "I'm fascinated by both."

Presented by Artistry, the exhibit is on display July 15 – August 19 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, Inez Greenberg Gallery, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. For gallery hours, visit artistrymn.org or call 952-563-8575.

BALLET SUMMER CLASSES

The Continental Ballet Company is offering a summer course for ballet students interested in developing their technique. Students will improve their strength and skills, with a particular focus on pointe work. Classes will be at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in July, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call 952-563-8562 or send an email to cbcinfo@continentalballet.com.



Bring your appetite! You'll find a variety of food and drink options at events marked with a fork-and-spoon icon.



PRIMARY ELECTION IS AUGUST 9

The August 9 primary election is approaching fast. In Bloomington, the polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election. Offices on the ballot may include: governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state representative, county attorney and county sheriff.



REGISTER TO VOTE

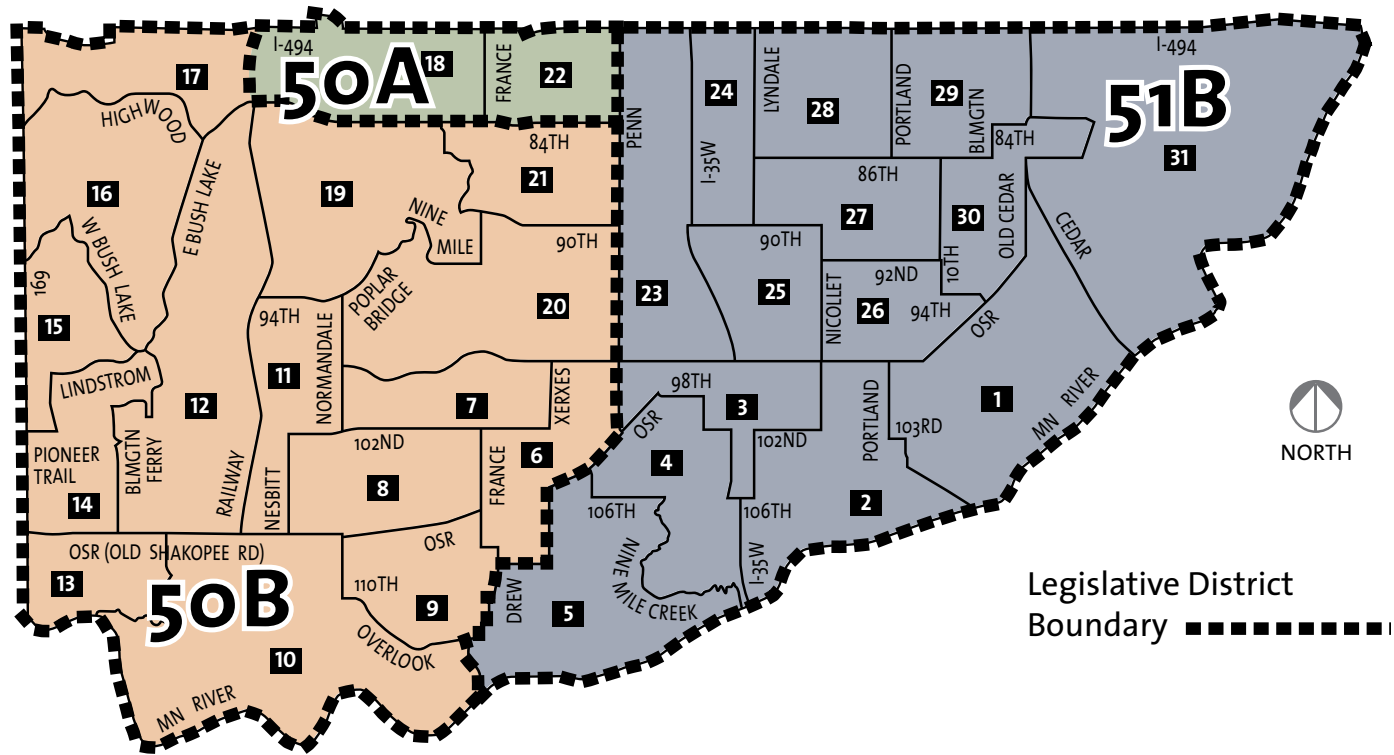
Voters can register to vote in the primary election by submitting an online application at mnvotes.org by July 19. Registration is also allowed in the polling place on the day of the primary election. Voters will need to provide proof of residence. To learn more about registering to vote on election day, visit blm.mn/voting.

SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE

The City is hiring election judges to staff its polling places for the general election on November 8. Election judges receive training, are paid for their time, and provide a vital service to their community. For more information and to complete an online application, visit blm.mn/voting or call 952-563-8729.

2022 ELECTION GUIDE

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 Atonement Lutheran Church 601 East Old Shakopee Road	Southwest entrance South lot
2 Grace Covenant Church 10201 Nicollet Avenue South	Southeast entrance East lot
3 St. Luke’s Lutheran Church 1701 West Old Shakopee Road	Northeast entrance North lot
4 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot
5 Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 10715 Zenith Avenue South	Main entrance North lot
6 Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot
7 Crosspoint Church 9801 France Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East lot
8 Bloomington Covenant Church 10150 Xerxes Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East and North lots
9 Transfiguration Lutheran Church 11000 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
10 MN Masonic Heritage Center 11411 Masonic Home Drive	Main entrance (W) West lot
11 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Boulevard South	Northeast entrance (left doors) North lot
12 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot
13 Bethany Church 6900 Auto Club Road	West entrance West and North lots
14 Bloomington Lutheran School 10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (S) South lot, ADA: East side
15 Hyland Vistors Center 10145 Bush Lake Road	West entrance West lot
16 Peace Lutheran Church 8600 East Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot
17 Westwood Community Church 6301 Cecilia Circle	Main entrance (W) Main lot (W)
18 St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
19 The Church of St. Edward’s 9401 Nesbitt Avenue South	SW entrance Upper level, SW lot
20 St. Michael’s Lutheran Church 9201 Normandale Boulevard	Main entrance (E) East lot
21 St. Mark’s United Church of Christ 8630 Xerxes Avenue South	South entrance Southwest lot
22 Southtown Baptist Church 2600 West 82nd Street	Main entrance (W) Northwest lot

Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
23 Bloomington City Hall 1800 West Old Shakopee Road	East entrance East lot
24 Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Avenue South	Southwest entrance Southwest lot
25 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance North lot
26 Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance North lot
27 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 East 90th Street (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot
28 Unity South Church 7950 1st Avenue South	Main entrance South lot
29 Portland Avenue United Methodist Church 8000 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
30 Cedar Valley Church 8600 Bloomington Avenue South	West entrance Door 4 South lot ADA: E entrance Door 1
31 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center 3815 American Boulevard East	West entrance Visitor lot (W)

The City of Bloomington does not discriminate against or deny the benefits of its services, programs, or activities to a qualified person because of a disability. To make a request for a reasonable accommodation, ask for more information, or to file a complaint, contact the Community Outreach and Engagement Division, City of Bloomington, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027; 952-563-8733, MN Relay 711.

HOW CAN I CAST MY BALLOT?

In the 2022 election, there are three ways to cast your ballot. Minnesota has “no excuse” absentee voting, meaning all eligible voters are allowed to vote early if they choose.

- By mail: Request to have a ballot mailed to you by completing an online absentee ballot application at mnvotes.org.
- Early in-person voting: Vote early Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.
- On Election Day: Vote in person at your polling place on Election Day. Visit mnvotes.org to check your voter registration status and polling place location.

The absentee ballot voting process requires additional steps different from the Election Day voting process. All early voters must complete an application to receive a ballot.



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