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A rendering of what the gymnasium in the new community health and wellness center could look like.

MAYOR'S MEMO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER MILESTONES

By Mayor Tim Busse

It's an exciting time for the new community health and wellness center.

The City Council approved the schematic design in mid-April, moving the project into the design development phase. During this phase, the project team will refine the design with more detailed drawing and cost estimates and move toward design finalization, which is the last step before the construction process begins.

Now that we have moved into design development, we know there will be spaces for aquatics, indoor play, exercise, an indoor walking track, group fitness classes, a café and many multi-purpose rooms that can be used for things like senior and other community programming. The new center will provide an inclusive gathering space for the entire community, welcoming people of all ages, interests, and abilities with something for everyone to enjoy.

As we're thinking about the future of the center, another milestone is also approaching. Creekside Community Center is

closing on June 1. This facility has served our community well for more than 60 years and we know many have enjoyed their time there.

During the transition to the new center, 95% of Creekside programming will be continued at the City facility across from Civic Plaza on Logan Avenue and at the Bloomington Center for the Arts. These programs will transition to the new center when it opens in 2027. The new center will also bring new opportunities. Along with the new amenities, there will be an expanded range of programs and activities tailored for youth, families, adults and seniors. With the demolition of Creekside slated to start at the end of summer 2025, we know many will be saying goodbye to a longstanding gathering place. My hope is that there is excitement for something new and unique in Bloomington for people of all ages.

Be sure to visit bloomingtonforward.org for the most up-to-date information on this and the other two Bloomington Forward projects.

VETERANS MEMORIAL MOVING FORWARD AT HARRISON PARK

A veterans memorial will be built to honor and recognize veterans at Harrison Park, 1701 W. 100th St. The City and Bloomington Remembers Veterans, Inc. worked together to come up with a wonderful setting for the memorial that offers a serene site, ample parking and high visibility along with a solution that will result in construction efficiency and cost savings.

The memorial will be incorporated into the ongoing Nine Mile Creek Corridor renewal project, which includes site improvements at that location such as parking lot reconstruction, stormwater management and gathering spaces.

Funding for the memorial includes a \$350,000 DEED grant; \$275,000 in City funds allocated across design, construction, and future maintenance; and \$320,000 raised by Bloomington Remembers Veterans, with \$100,000 available for construction. Memorial construction is planned alongside the Harrison Park renewal, with a goal of completion by Veterans Day 2026.

Bloomington Remembers Veterans is accepting donations. For more information, visit bloomingtonveteransmemorial.org.

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This is a rendering of what the Veterans Memorial could look like.

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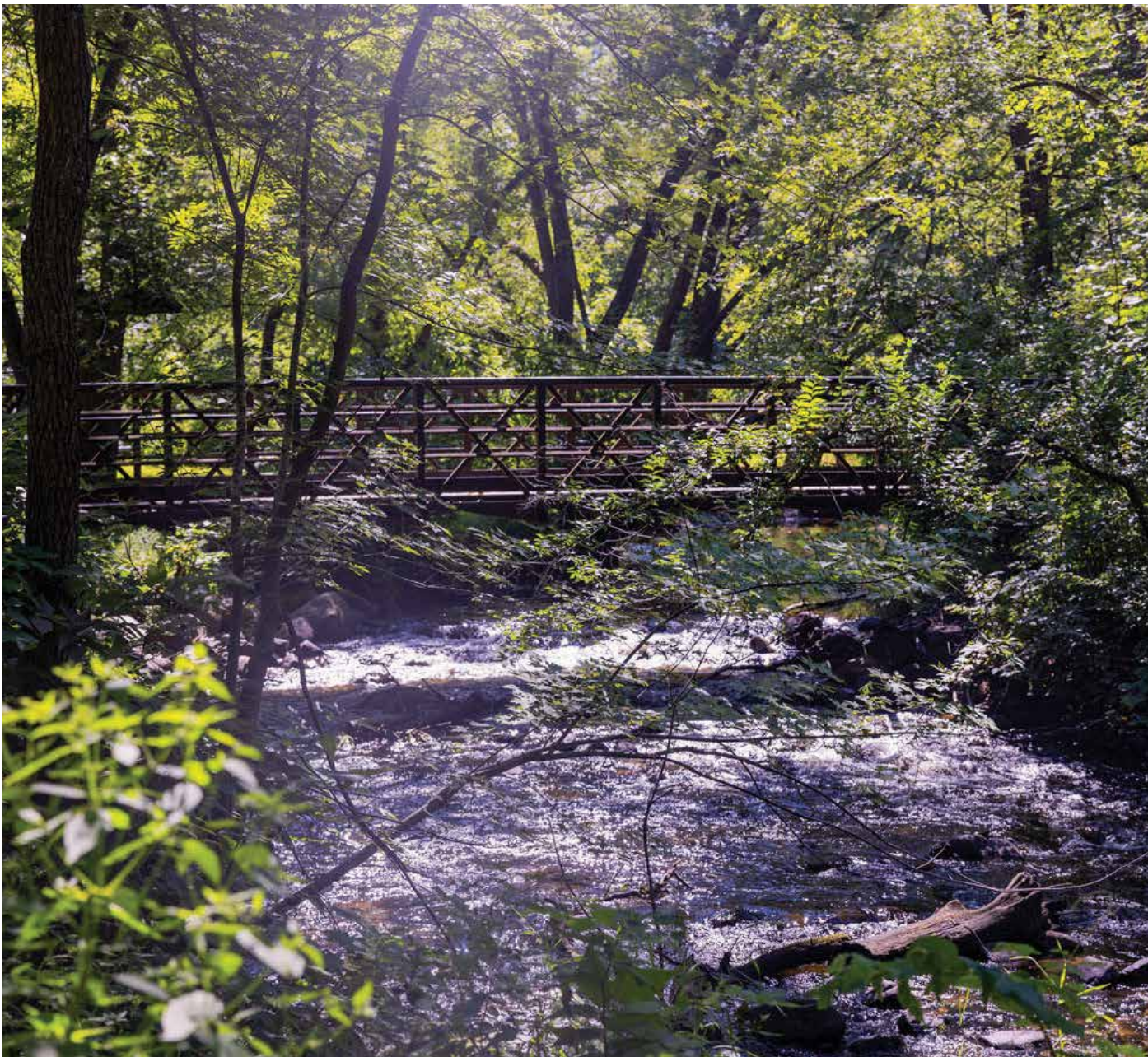
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NINE MILE CREEK CORRIDOR RENEWAL UPDATE

The Nine Mile Creek Corridor renewal project is a natural area restoration initiative aimed at preserving, restoring and enhancing public access to nature. Below is a timeline of completed and upcoming milestones leading up to the start of construction in spring 2026.

- March 2025: Phase three of community engagement to review the schematic design.
- April 2025: Schematic design review with the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, Sustainability Commission and City Council.
- May-August 2025: Moir Park design development, including public engagement for the playground design.
- May-August 2025: Progress toward 60% design completion, including permitting, internal plan review, and continued public engagement.
- September-December 2025: Advance to 90% design completion with ongoing internal plan review and permitting.
- January-March 2026: Finalize plans, obtain project bids and award the contract.
- Spring 2026: Begin construction.

For the latest project updates and community engagement opportunities, visit bloomingtonforward.org.

CITY CONSIDERING FRANCHISE FEE USE CHANGES

Since 2016, the City has used franchise fees to preserve and expand its Pavement Management Program and make trails and sidewalks accessible. Now the City is considering expanding the use of franchise fees to include retaining wall improvements and sustainability programs. Community feedback will be important in this decision. Let City staff know what you think about this potential change online at visit.blm.mn/franchise.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK CELEBRATES LOCAL BUSINESSES

Celebrate entrepreneurs and small-business owners during National Small Business Week May 4-10.

The City of Bloomington celebrates small businesses through programs, partnerships and policy initiatives. Staff in Community Development, the Port Authority and other City departments work to serve small business success. The City also has a dedicated Business Assistance Team that serves as a first point-of-contact for Bloomington's small business community.

For more information or to connect to resources and staff, visit blm.mn/business.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 2024 local business survey, 97% of Bloomington businesses rated the business climate as good or excellent.

Read more about how the City is supporting businesses of all sizes on page 7.



YOU'RE INVITED

Two of the City's largest departments are each hosting open houses on **Saturday, May 17**.



PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Public Works staff is throttling up to open its doors for this free open house 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 1700 W. 98th St. Get an insider's look at equipment and facilities and get to know the people who keep Bloomington infrastructure running. Enjoy equipment rides, demonstrations, interactive displays, snacks, prizes and other family fun.



POLICE OPEN HOUSE

Bloomington Police are opening its doors and providing a great opportunity to tour the department 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. You'll be able to check out equipment displays by the Emergency Response Unit, Bomb Squad, Drone Unit and K9 Unit in the parking lot on the east side of Civic Plaza. Representatives from throughout BPD will be on hand to lead department tours and to chat. There will be food trucks and games, too!



BOOK 'EM OFFERS SUSTAINABLE WAY TO REUSE BOOKS

Donate used books to the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association's 31st Annual Book 'Em sale until June 5. You can drop off your donations at the following community locations: Bloomington Civic Plaza, My Credit Union, Premier Banks, Normandale Village Outside Snips Salon and Normandale Chiropractic Health Center.

You can also drop off donations at the sales location, 10779 Hampshire Ave. S., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations will also be accepted at this location during the sale June 6-11.

Accepted items include books, DVDs, CDs, records, puzzles and games. BCPA will not accept mildewed books, encyclopedias, computer software or VHS or cassette tapes.

For more information, visit bcpamn.org, or contact the BCPA at board@bcpamn.org.



ADOPT-A-DRAIN

The drains on our streets collect water runoff. Once water enters the grated drains, the water and everything it collects along the way, moves through pipes directly into our surface waters including lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and wetlands. If too much debris enters along the way, drains clog and flooding can happen.

By volunteering just 15 minutes once or twice a month to pick up whatever is in the drain you adopt, you help the effort to keep our drains flowing and our surface waters clean.

In Bloomington last year, more than 471 Adopt-A-Drain volunteers adopted 800 drains and stopped more than 3,500 pounds of debris from entering water bodies in Bloomington.

To volunteer, visit Minnesota's Adopt-A-Drain program at mn.adopt-a-drain.org. Find your street and select the drains you want to adopt and report the estimated pounds of drain debris you collect.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR OPTIONS FOR BULKY ITEM DISPOSAL

In 2021, the City Council approved a new plan for handling bulky waste items in a more sustainable way. Curbside Cleanup is now held every other year, on even years only. The next Curbside Cleanup will be in 2026. Learn more at blm.mn/curbside. Check out the activities listed below that provide opportunities to reuse and recycle more and landfill less.

MONTHLY COLLECTION: REUSABLE AND RECYCLABLE BULKY ITEMS

Residents can schedule a pickup, and items will be picked up the first full week of each month on garbage and recycling day. Learn more at blm.mn/bulkies.

ANNUAL RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENT

This annual drop-off event is set for fall 2025. Drop off electronics, appliances, scrap metal, mattresses, bicycles and paper for on-site shredding. Some items are collected at no cost, and others for a fee. Learn more at blm.mn/drop-off.

YEAR-ROUND BULKY ITEM PICKUP

Curbside collection of bulky items, appliances and electronics is available year-round through your garbage hauler. To schedule a pickup, call Utility Billing at 952-563-8726. Fees apply. Learn more at blm.mn/garbage.

HENNEPIN COUNTY RECYCLING & PROBLEM WASTE FACILITY OPEN YEAR ROUND

Hennepin County's facility accepts electronics, batteries, tires, appliances, plastic film, cardboard, organics recycling and regular recycling year around. Learn more at hennepin.us/drop-offs.

For additional repair, donation and recycling opportunities visit blm.mn/donate. To learn more about the City's bulky item management services, visit blm.mn/bulky.

CELEBRATING DRINKING WATER WEEK MAY 4-10

For more than 40 years, the American Water Works Association and its members have used Drinking Water Week in May to turn attention to the vital role water plays in our daily lives. To celebrate the week, water utilities, organizations, government entities, advocates, schools and others throughout North America help consumers understand how water is protected, cleaned and delivered.

The City of Bloomington recognizes that high-quality drinking water is not only essential for public health but also for overall community well-being and economic growth. Safe water supports businesses and institutions, strengthens schools and healthcare systems, and enhances quality of life.

DID YOU HEAR?

In late 2024, the City of Bloomington was awarded "Best in Glass" in a tap water taste test hosted by the Minnesota section of the American Water Works Association. This marks the third time Bloomington has been recognized for providing the best tasting tap water in the state.

Watch for the results when Bloomington, representing the state of Minnesota, heads to Denver, Colorado for the national competition and conference in June.

BE AN ECO-HERO: JOIN THE MAY ORGANICS CHALLENGE!

To celebrate International Compost Awareness Week, the City is hosting activities in May to encourage organics recycling.

Play BINGO! Complete activities for a chance to be featured as an Earth Action Hero in the *Briefing*. Get your BINGO card at blm.mn/organics-challenge.

Compost Giveaway: Residents participating in organics recycling can take home three bags of compost Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the City's Western Maintenance Facility. RSVP by May 7 to reserve your compost at blm.mn/compost.

Organics 101: Get your organics questions answered during a virtual lunch-and-learn on May 2 or an in-person workshop on May 13.

Visit blm.mn/organics-challenge to learn more and join the challenge today!





Left to right: Mayor Tim Busse, Dispatch Supervisor LaVae Robinson, Public Safety Telecommunicator Sarah Heitz and Deputy Chief Damon Bitney.

HONORING OUR LIFELINE: TELECOMMUNICATORS

Last month, the City celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week with a City Council proclamation recognizing the dedicated professionals who answer the call when emergencies strike. The City’s 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first point of contact in crises, providing service 24/7.

In 2024, the City’s 911 center handled 142,614 phone calls and entered 79,832 computer-aided dispatch events, expertly coordinating police, fire and emergency medical responses.

These behind-the-scenes heroes are highly trained professionals who make quick, life-saving decisions every day.

Their voices guide residents through tough moments, and their actions ensure first responders arrive quickly and informed.

A big thank you to the Bloomington telecommunicators for their skill, compassion and dedication!

INSTAGRAM APPRECIATION

Bloomington Police Officers Sam Davern and Chris Wegner posted their own message of appreciation for telecommunicators on BPD’s Instagram page. Watch it at blm.mn/tele-ig.

MEET A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: ALEX NAJAFALIPOUR

Public Health Nurse Alex Najafalipour began working for Bloomington in September 2024 after more than six years at Allina Health. He also has more than eight years of ample customer service and hospitality experience.

“I wanted to begin a new chapter of my health care career in Public Health, and I knew that Bloomington would be a great place to start,” said Najafalipour. “I was so happy when this opportunity came up. I enjoy helping others, and I am inspired to help residents!”

Najafalipour holds two bachelor’s degrees—one in kinesiology and one in nursing. He hopes to pursue a master’s degree in public health. Away from work, Najafalipour enjoys spending time with his wife Kelsi, their pets Minne and Charlie, and cooking. He is also an avid sports fan and a musician.

NAJAFALIPOUR’S HEALTH ADVICE

Public Health has a wealth of information and is available on weekdays to speak about available services and refer individuals to the right places.



LEARN MORE ABOUT BUILDING SAFETY PRACTICES

Each year, May is designated as Building Safety Month across the country. Bloomington Building and Inspections would like to remind residents why it is important to obtain permits for their construction projects by answering some frequently asked questions.

Why should we obtain a permit? When a permit is issued, the City can review the project plans for compliance with the Minnesota State Building code to ensure the project design meets minimum life safety standards. Once plans are approved and construction begins, inspectors also visit the job site to ensure that the installations of construction materials and methods are complying with approved plans and code requirements.

Can we pull the permit or should our contractor? If you hire a licensed contractor, they apply for the permit because they are responsible for the work. The State of Minnesota Department of Labor has a recovery program if a contractor fails to perform. Without the contractor listed on the permit, the recovery fund cannot be used. See more information here blm.mn/recovery-fund.

What if we already started a project without a permit? The Building and Inspection Division understands you may not have realized a permit was needed. If you contact them as soon as you realize this, they will be able to help you through the process of getting a permit.

Where do I go to get a permit? You can obtain building and trade permits online at blm.mn/portal or you can stop by Civic Plaza at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. and staff will help guide you through the online process at the Building and Inspection Division customer service counter.

For more information on permits visit the City’s website at blm.mn/building-inspections.



TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

Bloomington Public Health recently conducted a comprehensive Community Health Assessment focused on mental health to understand and address its biggest health needs. After gathering both quantitative data (statistics, reports) and qualitative data (community insights from surveys, focus groups and conversations), the assessment confirmed mental health is a top priority. This result echoes national and regional trends and aligns with input from community partners.

Key themes in the assessment included:

- Mental health crises and distress.
- Substance use and misuse including opioid use and related deaths.
- Social isolation and the need for connection.
- The prevalence of mental health problems within the community.
- Significant barriers to accessing mental health services, particularly difficulties navigating and connecting with available resources.

Next, Public Health will engage community partners and residents to refine priorities and collaboratively develop targeted goals and strategies to improve mental health outcomes. Visit letstalk.bloomingtonmn.gov/community-health-assessment to learn more and get involved.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Help is only a call, text or chat away.

People we care about—family, friends, neighbors—who have mental illness need help. May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and Bloomington Public Health wants residents to know that help is available.

If you or someone you know needs support for a mental health or suicidal crisis, please call, text or chat 988 or visit the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988lifeline.org. Free and confidential support is available 24/7.

Learn more about Public Health services at blm.mn/ph.



DISCOVER DANCE AT SCHNEIDER THEATER

Witness ballet, hip hop, jazz and modern dance at the Schneider Theater in June. The showcase brings together local dance companies to present a variety of contrasting styles on one stage.

Performances take place Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$16, with free admission for children 5 and under. For more details, visit blm.mn/bcatix.

BFAC EXPANDS HOURS, ADDS NEW FEATURE

Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, 201 E. 90th St., will have expanded hours for the 2025 season. From June 9 - August 24, it will be open Sunday - Friday, 12-7 p.m. and on Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

A new "No Wake Zone" on weekday mornings from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. will provide a space for relaxation and leisurely swimming. Other amenities already in place include a zero-depth entry, play features, water slides, diving boards, an aqua climbing wall, a bathhouse with token lockers and a concession stand with an updated menu for 2025.

Season passes are available online. Purchase on or before May 1 for \$6 off per pass or between May 2 and June 6 to save \$2 per pass. Daily admission is \$10 for ages 2 and older with a \$5 twilight rate after 4 p.m. Learn more at blm.mn/bfac.

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An aerial shot of the Bryant Park site taken last winter.

PROGRESS CONTINUES AT BRYANT AND TRETBAUGH PARKS

Construction is progressing at Bryant and Tretbaugh parks. At Bryant Park, 1001 W. 85th St., crews have completed earthwork (electrical, plumbing and stormwater) and are now focusing on building the new park shelter and dredging the pond. The park will feature an inclusive playground and new amenities like tennis and basketball courts with completion expected by this fall.

At Tretbaugh Park, W. 90th St., the City's first dedicated bike skills course is under construction, featuring a paved all-wheel track and a gravel mountain bike course. Work was paused during the winter but has resumed and is expected to be completed this year.

Both parks will offer new recreational opportunities for residents. For more details, visit blm.mn/park-improvements.

SERVING UP FUN WITH TENNIS PROGRAMS

May is National Tennis Month, and Bloomington youth and adults are invited to get their game on!

Tennis participation is surging. The United States Tennis Association today confirmed that tennis participation in the U.S. has surged to a new high of 25.7 million players. Get in on the play. Bloomington Parks and Recreation offers in-house adult leagues, adult tennis lessons and youth tennis programs and lessons. So, serve up some summer fun and register today at blm.mn/adultsports or blm.mn/youth-programs.

Join us for a FREE Try Tennis event on Saturday, May 17, 4-6 p.m., at Valley View tennis courts, 9000 Portland Ave., for free youth and adult tennis lessons. Lessons for children ages 5-10 will occur from 4-5 p.m. and ages 11-16 from 5-6 p.m. Adults can participate at any time. No registration required. Bring a water bottle and tennis shoes. Racquets are available.

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KICKIN OUR 15 YEAR ROCK-IVERSARY!

ALIVE & KICKIN RETURNS FOR REUNION TOUR

Alive & Kickin, Minnesota's premier seniors rock ensemble, returns to the Schneider Theater in June as part of the Bloomington Center for the Arts Performance Series. The group's 15th season, the Reunion Tour, features highlights from several past performances, blending rock, pop, gospel and Motown.

Founded in 2010 by Michael Matthew Ferrell, Alive & Kickin gives seniors a platform to share their voices through music and storytelling. The ensemble has performed for sold-out crowds at the Bloomington Center for the Arts for years and continues to bring its energetic performances to audiences across the region.

Performances run from June 5-8 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Senior ticket prices start at \$31.61 and adult admission at \$41.97. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit blm.mn/bcatix.



FIRST-EVER CITYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN ROLLS OUT

The City has long been committed to economic development. Now for the first time, a comprehensive economic development plan will support its efforts.

The plan was guided by a 14-member steering committee that included small-business owners, community members and representatives from larger employers and universities.

As part of the plan's development, a business survey was distributed to 400 Bloomington businesses last year. The survey revealed that Bloomington enjoys one of the strongest and most positive relationships with its business community in the metro area. Other survey insights showed that:

- Businesses expect value, and Bloomington's City services were ranked at the top of the metro area in terms of value.

- Ninety-seven percent of respondents rated Bloomington's business climate as excellent or good.
- The labor pool also ranked highly. Ninety-six percent found the quality excellent or good and 95% found the quantity was excellent or good.
- The top reasons businesses locate in Bloomington are customer base, space availability, location, proximity to home and quality of life.

"Bloomington is one of our larger cities, and they provide a lot to the state and local economy."

- Hennepin County Senior Planning Analyst, Ixchel McKinnie.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Bloomington has launched several initiatives to foster business growth:

The Site Facade Improvement program offers matching grants up to \$24,999 to help businesses enhance their building facades, signage, sidewalks, patios, lighting, landscaping and murals. Learn more at blm.mn/site-facade.

Welcoming Wednesdays is a monthly event to connect startups and entrepreneurs with free business resources. Learn more at blm.mn/welcomingwednesdays.

Elevate Hennepin provides free advising and other resources for new and established businesses looking to grow. Visit elevatehennepin.org.



CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS SUCCESS

Bloomington has seen many examples of local business successes over the last year.

Scramblin' Egg, founded by Grant Veitenheimer and Nick Peterson, is known for its exceptional breakfast sandwiches served from a food cart. The duo was the first winner of the Hatch Bloomington competition which provided support and \$100,000 to open a brick-and-mortar fast-casual, "egg-centric" restaurant at the Town and Country shopping center.

Gyropolis, known for its Greek family recipes made with organic produce, recently expanded at the corner of 90th and

Penn. The project, with support from the City including Tax Increment Financing and help applying for a DEED grant, allowed the restaurant to triple its size, install a new kitchen, and add 74 indoor seats and a 58-seat outdoor patio.

"I had a really good experience opening a business in Bloomington. I found the City officials super helpful, very responsive. And being on the committee, I can hopefully influence changes that make it even easier to navigate."

- Nine Mile Brewing President and CEO, Bob Countryman.

ENGAGING LARGE EMPLOYERS

A significant part of Bloomington's economic development strategy includes collaboration with large employers. Recently, the City hosted its inaugural CEO Summit, bringing together business and community leaders to discuss economic growth and innovation. Executives from major companies such as HealthPartners, Seagate, Toro and Mall of America attended, exchanging ideas and resources.

"The City is really here to serve us, and so the City can't do its work, can't meet its mission, can't solve the issues if they don't hear from the people who live here and the people who work here."

- Health Partners Senior VP of Government Community relations, Pahoua Yang Hoffman.

LOOKING AHEAD

Businesses have reported that the City is a strong partner for networking and collaboration, reinforcing the importance of ongoing engagement. This strategic plan is just the beginning. Bloomington will continue to support local businesses through programming, future summits and sustained collaboration.

With a clear roadmap, enhanced resources and strong community engagement, Bloomington is well-positioned for continued economic success.

Review the complete comprehensive economic development plan and learn more about the programs and partnerships that can help your business at blm.mn/port.



ARTS IN THE PARKS

Arts in the Parks offers musical performances that range from classical to rock and everything in between, plus live theater, kids entertainment and more. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit blm.mn/artsparks or call 952-563-8877.

Bring your appetite! To find events with a variety of food and drink options, look for the fork-and- spoon icon.



MONDAY MORNING KIDS' SERIES

June 9 – Todd'n Tina (Moir Park, 10320 Morgan Ave. S.)

Fun, goofy, and ridiculous music for the young ... and young at heart.

June 16 – The Bazillians (Valley View, 9000 Portland Ave. S.)

Catchy tunes about macaroni and cheese, a messy room, accidentally breaking the neighbor's window and other events in the daily life of a kid.

June 23 – Sticks and Tones (Moir)
A musical journey that blends the familiar with the unexpected.

June 30 – Acme Magic (Valley View)

The perfect combination of magic, comedy and audience interaction.

July 7 – Wiggle, Jiggle, and Jam (Moir)

Family fun that puts the move in music.

July 14 – Brodini Comedy and Magic (Valley View)

High-energy interactive entertainment that is sure to bring fun.

July 21 – Dazzling Dave (Moir)
Check out this amazing yo-yo master.

July 28 – Rachael Kroog (Valley View)

Be ready to have fun and dance along.

August 4 – Jolly Pops (Moir)

Programs including music, movement and fun learning through experiences.

August 11 – Bob the Beachcomber (Valley View)

Enjoy music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's with the rock and roll beach party band.



TUESDAY PERFORMANCE SERIES

The sounds of summer echo throughout the Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road, with Bloomington's best music and dance. All shows begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.



JUNE 10

NOTEable Singers

JULY 15

Continental Ballet

JUNE 17

University of Minnesota Alumni Band



JULY 22

Jazz on Prairie Big Band



JUNE 24

Medalist Concert Band

JULY 29

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra

JULY 8

Bloomington Chorale



AUGUST 5

City of Lakes Concert Band

MIDWEEK MUSIC & MARKET

Music, food trucks, a beer garden and a farmers market—everything you need to enjoy your Wednesday evenings 5-8 p.m. at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.



JULY 9

Joe Flip Band

AUGUST 6

Vivian Hayes & the Hi-Praise

JULY 16

Feel Good Inc.



AUGUST 13

Tuxedo Band



JULY 23

Consolation Champ

AUGUST 20

Dred I Dread

JULY 30

Lehto and Wright



AUGUST 27

Six to Midnight

THURSDAY BLOCKBUSTERS

Don't miss Thursday Blockbusters at the Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road. Food and beer service starts at 6:30 p.m. and shows start at 7 p.m.

JUNE 12

Chico Chavez Orchestra

JULY 17

Tuxedo Band

AUGUST 14

Blues and BBQ



JUNE 19

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International Reggae All Stars

JULY 24

Salsa del Soul

JUNE 26

Good for Gary



JULY 31

Tim Sigler Band

JULY 10

Coyote Wild



AUGUST 7

Gen X Jukebox

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

JUNE 7

Kites and Bites

Valley View Playfield, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Enjoy food trucks, music and kites at this free annual event at Valley View Playfield, 90th Street and Portland Ave. S.

AUGUST 16

On The One Music Festival

Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave. S., 2-9 p.m.

The fourth annual On The One Festival features rising stars in Twin Cities Urban Eclectic, Hip Hop, and Neo Soul.

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SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday Funday offers free, family-friendly live entertainment and food. This series is sure to be a fun way to spend summer afternoons. Events take place 5-7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at locations throughout the city.

JUNE 15

Hmong Music and Dance

Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road

JULY 20

Steve Clarke and the Working Stiffs

Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road

JUNE 22

John Philip Sousa Band

Pond Dakota Mission Park, 401 E. 104th St.

JULY 27

Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca with Mariachi Son de Morelos

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Road

JULY 6

Shakespeare in the Park All's Well that Ends Well

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Road

AUGUST 3 (5-8 P.M.)

Joe Flip and Ken Valdez

Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave S.

JULY 13 (5-8 P.M.)

Charanga Tropical

Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave S.

AUGUST 10

ETC Summer Tours Little Mermaid Jr.

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Road