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Mayor's memo

The 2026 budget and our path forward: Prioritizing what matters most

By Mayor Tim Busse

ach year the City Council approves a budget to fund City services such as Public Safety, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation. This year, like many other organizations in Minnesota and around the country, the City of Bloomington is facing budget challenges. City staff are navigating these challenges by looking for ways to prioritize what matters most like the services that have the greatest impact on the community.

What's driving the budget pressure?

- Expiring funding sources.
- Rising costs of goods and services.
- Aging infrastructure and facilities.

Shifting to Priority-Based Budgeting

To navigate these pressures, the City is implementing Priority-Based Budgeting—a set of government finance best practices to help:

- Evaluate all City programs based on outcomes and community value.
- Align resources with the *Bloomington. Tomorrow. Together.* strategic plan priorities.
 - Increase transparency and accountability.
 - Make data-driven, strategic decisions.

What you need to know

- We're committed to understanding the impacts of these budget decisions on the community.
- We'll use resident feedback, data and new tools to make strategic, sustainable decisions.
- Final decisions rest with the City Council, with guidance from City staff and the new budgeting model.
 Stay informed at blm.mn/budget.

Final budget decisions will be made by the City Council on December 22.

BUDGET MILESTONES • JUNE-DECEMBER 2025

June-August
City staff to gather community input

August 18
Study session to discuss the 2026 tax levy and budget

September 8
City Council to set
preliminary 2026 Levy

November 24
Study session to discuss final
2026 tax levy and budget

December 8 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing **December 15** Study session to discuss the final 2026 tax levy and budget

December 22 City Council to approve final 2026 tax levy and budget

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT UNDERWAY

Finance staff have been at a variety of community events this spring and summer. They have been able to talk to residents about the 2026 budget and priority-based budgeting. In May, nearly 200 people stopped by the budget table to learn more. Staff report a great response from residents about using a new, strategic approach to budgeting.

"People were interested in how we're working to realign resources and evaluate programs and services more thoughtfully," Deputy Finance Officer Kari Carlson said.

Finance staff will be at the Farmers Market on August 2 to share information about the 2026 budget and priority-based budgeting.

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CELEBRATE THE NEW CITYWIDE CREATIVE PLACEMAKING PLAN

Bloomington's new citywide Creative Placemaking plan sets a bold vision to strengthen our community through arts, culture and design. Built on input from more than 4,000 residents and led by local artists, the plan aims to make public spaces more vibrant, inclusive and connected through music and events, art, food and creativity.

Come celebrate the plan that honors diversity and amplifies community voices Wednesday, July 16, 4-6 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza's Black Box Theater, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. The event will include brief remarks, food, mini performances, creative activities and music.

Attendees are also invited to view the Cindy Fuerstenberg exhibit in the Atrium Gallery and enjoy music, food trucks and beer at the Midweek Music & Market on the Civic Plaza lawn from 5-8 p.m. For all the details, visit blm.mn/cpcelebration.

A closer look at Bloomington's Assessing Division

Through expertise and strong community relationships, assessing staff plays a vital role in Bloomington.

The Assessing Division is responsible for fairly and accurately valuing every property in the city each year. This includes detailed reviews of 20% of all properties, analysis of all property sales and examination of all permit activity to ensure accurate and current assessments.

Beyond state-required work, staff are committed to public outreach and take pride in helping residents understand the complex property tax system and available tax relief programs. Staff communicate with residents before property visits, share updates online, publish an annual assessment report (view report at blm.mn/assessmentreport) and present to City Council and at community events.

The assessing team also supports a wide range of City functions. They provide analysis and data to various internal and external partners, perform tax calculations and delinquent tax reporting, support special assessments, report on bankruptcies and assist residents and local business owners with requests.

Learn more about assessing at blm.mn/assess.



COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CREEKSIDE BEFORE JUNE 1 CLOSING

ore than 100 people gathered to celebrate the legacy of Creekside Community Center in May. Attendees painted rocks, shared memories and took photos to mark the moment. Thanks to the staff who made this farewell event so special.

STAY CONNECTED WITH 50+ PROGRAMS AT LOGAN LODGE

reekside Community Center closed at the beginning of June to make way for the new Community Health and Wellness Center. Logan Lodge, 9930 Logan Ave. S., is the temporary location for many 50+ programs. The new space opened June 16 and will host activities including card groups, needleworking, crafting programs and more.

To stay up to date on special events and other program news, sign up for The Penn Post, a free monthly mailer delivered right to your home. Each issue includes schedules, event details and important updates for participants.

Learn more or sign up for the mailer at blm.mn/adultprograms.





TOP 25 HATCH BLOOMINGTON SEMIFINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The competition was fierce, the ideas were innovative and now the Top 25 semifinalists are ready to take the next step! This year's Hatch Bloomington drew a wave of visionary entrepreneurs, creative problem solvers and passionate community members, all determined to make Bloomington an even better place to live and work.

These semifinalists showcase a dynamic mix of startups, nonprofit initiatives and innovative solutions to local challenges.

Want to see the groundbreaking ideas? Visit hatchbloomington.com to learn more. Stay tuned for the Top 10 announcement.



CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

To improve winter walking conditions and better align with other City snow removal operations, the City of Bloomington has hosted conversations about adjustments to its sidewalk snowplowing route since March via Let's Talk Bloomington, virtual open houses and in person events.

To achieve completion times comparable to street plowing, certain sidewalk plowing routes on low-volume residential roads would be shortened and the existing ordinance requiring property owners to clear adjacent sidewalks would be enforced.

To read more about the project, visit blm.mn/sidewalk-snow. The City Council will discuss the proposed route reduction at one of its July meetings. Questions?
Call 952-563-8765.



Power up your HOME: FREE ENERGY WORKSHOP

ooking to boost your home's efficiency and cut energy costs? Join experts for an informative and engaging home energy workshop on Wednesday, August 7, 6:30–8 p.m. at the Black Box Theater, Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

Enjoy a free, light dinner while experts share practical tips on home energy efficiency, electrification and solar power to help you make smarter, more sustainable choices for your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect and power up your home for a brighter future! RSVP today at blm.mn/homeenergy.

Questions? Contact Sustainability Specialist Jamila Boudlali at jboudlali@BloomingtonMN.gov or 952-563-8732.

GET FREE RESOURCES AND TIPS AT HEALTHY LIVING AND SUSTAINABILITY FAIRS

Explore simple ways to live healthier and go green at Bloomington's Healthy Living & Sustainability Fairs on July 23 and August 13, 2-4 p.m., at Penn Lake Library, 8800 Penn Ave. S.

Join Bloomington Public Health and Sustainability experts for practical tips on reducing waste, saving energy and accessing free health resources. Plus, score free giveaways like compost bins, LED bulbs and reusable water bottles while supplies last.

Whether you're looking to make eco-friendly upgrades to your home or discover community health services, these fairs offer valuable tools and insights to help you make sustainable choices.

Let's build a healthier, greener future together. For more information, visit blm.mn/libraryfairs.

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COME ONE AND ALL TO NATURE FEST: OLAS DE VIDA

ature Fest: Olas de Vida is back for its third year, promising an unforgettable outdoor experience on Saturday, July 26, 1-5 p.m. at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center.

This free event brings nature, culture and community together. Hosted by Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota Valley Refuge Friends, City of Bloomington,

Indigenous Roots, the Minnesota Zoo and Huellas Latinas, Nature Fest invites visitors to explore, engage and be inspired through hands-on activities, storytelling, dynamic performances and eye-opening conservation demonstrations.

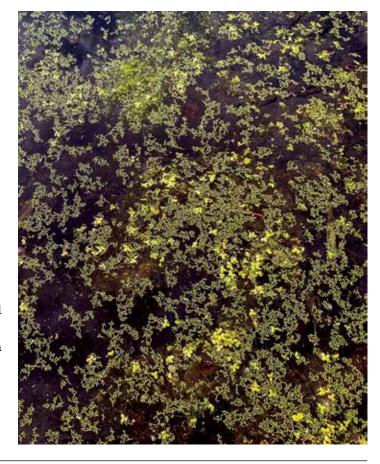
Get ready for a day of discovery where nature takes center stage. Mark your calendars now, because this adventure is one you won't want to miss! Details at blm.mn/naturefest.

DUCKWEED: TINY PLANT, BIG SURPRISES

eet duckweed—the world's smallest flowering plant and one of nature's overachievers. These tiny green dots float on still waters like ponds and marshes, often forming a bright green blanket on the surface.

- Three types: In Minnesota there are two species of true duckweeds with two and three oval shaped leaves (fronds) and a single root that hangs beneath. There is also a separate, single leaf species called watermeal.
- Mini blooms: Though rare, duckweed can produce the tiniest flowers in the plant kingdom.
- Fast grower: It can double in size in just two or three days, making it one of the fastest-growing plants on the planet.
- Animal favorite: Ducks, fish and frogs love duckweed for food and shelter. It's like a floating buffet.
- Small but mighty: It may be small, but duckweed can quickly take over a pond. Limit nutrient runoff, join Adopt-a-Drain and plant a native buffer along shorelines to help keep ponds balanced and healthy. Visit blm.mn/adopt-a-drain.

Next time you spot a green pond, look closer. You may be looking at duckweed, the little plant with a big impact.



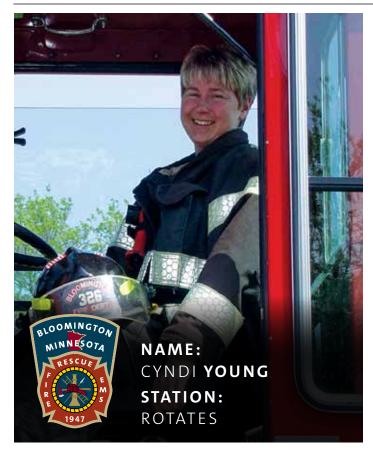




THANK YOU FOR VISITING POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSES!

In May, nearly 700 people attended the Public Works open house and around 800 stopped by the Police Department open house. Nearly 400 people signed up for the guided tours of BPD. Thank you for taking time to come learn more about City services and the staff who provide them.

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MEET THE FIREFIGHTER: CYNDI YOUNG

yndi Young has served with the Bloomington Fire Department for 19 years, beginning as an on-call firefighter at Station 2. She currently rotates through every station in the city. Her dedication to helping others also extends into her primary career in healthcare.

Supported by her husband—a former BFD firefighter—and their son, Cyndi balances work, family and fun with ease. Off duty, she enjoys outdoor adventures with her family and their three dogs, biking, fishing and hiking national parks. A passionate reader, Cyndi often finishes several nonfiction books a week.

Cyndi's long-standing commitment, team spirit and commitment to service make her a vital part of the Bloomington Fire family.

Cyndi's fire safety advice: Almost half of the fires in Bloomington occur in the kitchen. Make sure that you are paying attention while cooking and teach your children how to be safe in the kitchen.



BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINS FORCES WITH SAVE TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS

The Bloomington Police
Department is launching a new program in partnership with Suicide
Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE) to support residents following the loss of a loved one to suicide.

The LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) Team will provide immediate, in-person support at the request of Bloomington Police Dispatch. Trained volunteers, including suicide loss survivors, will help connect families with mental health, grief and other support services.

The program, the first of its kind in Minnesota, is expected to begin this summer.

"This program allows us to provide support and service to our community as survivors navigate traumatic situations they are likely not prepared for. We want our community to know we are here to walk alongside them," said Katie Zerull, BPD Outreach and Engagement.

For more information or to volunteer, visit save.org.



SUMMER EVENTS WITH BPD

Building trust and respect are at the heart of the Bloomington Police Department's mission. Check out these upcoming events intended to keep the community, and the police officers who serve them, connected.

Cops and Cones: Tuesdays, July 15 and August 20

Cops and Cones helps strengthen relationships over a favorite summer treat: ice cream! Join the BPD at the upcoming Cops and Cones events, 1-2:30 p.m. at Scoops Ice Cream, 7700 W. Old Shakopee Road, for games, prizes and fun!

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

National Night Out 2025 is taking place Tuesday, August 5. Preregister your party by July 26 at blm.mn/nno to get on the list for a police or fire visit. National Night Out is an annual community-building event celebrated nationwide to promote police-community partnerships and make neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. Get all the details at blm.mn/nno.

MEET K9 BLAZE, WHO HANGS UP HIS BADGE (BUT NOT HIS TOYS)

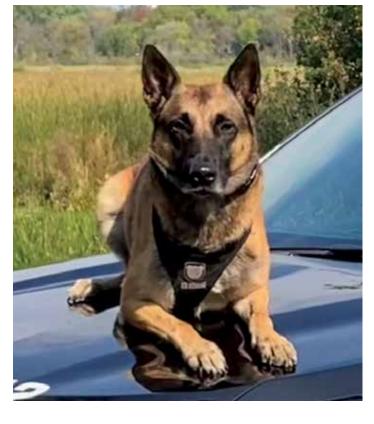
fter years of sniffing out suspects, winning awards, and making friends wherever he went, K9 Blaze officially retired in April when his handler, Officer Dave Mast, was promoted to Sergeant. This Belgian Malinois, born in 2018, graduated from the St. Paul Police K9 Academy in 2020 and served in Patrol and Narcotics Detection.

Blaze had an impressive career tracking down armed suspects, rescuing missing people (including a barefoot teen having a seizure during winter) and helping seize 25 pounds of meth for the DEA. He once found a suspect hiding underwater.

Blaze was also a champion, earning top honors at regional K9 trials. But beyond the badges and trophies, he was beloved for his signature hug—two paws on your shoulders, full lean-in.

Now retired, Blaze will spend his days off duty at home, chasing his favorite toys on a rope and enjoying well-deserved cuddles. You've earned it, good boy!

Happy retirement, Blaze.





SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

id you know you can sign up to receive emergency alerts about natural disasters, flooding, gas leaks, police activities and more on the City's website? It only takes a couple minutes to sign up and it could help you be prepared to endure emergency conditions should they arise. Sign up on the City's website at blm.mn/alerts.



"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" BRINGS SHOWERS OF CHEER TO THE STAGE

ften referred to as the greatest movie musical of all time, "Singin' in the Rain" returns to Artistry in a dazzling stage adaptation, bringing every unforgettable moment to life. From hilarious scenes to high-energy dance numbers and timeless Hollywood hits, this production is pure entertainment for theater lovers of all ages.

Opening night is Thursday, July 31, and the show runs through August 24, 7:30–9:30 p.m., at the Schneider Theater, Bloomington Center for the Arts, 800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Tickets range from \$34 to \$64 (all fees included).

Experience the magic, humor and charm that made this beloved musical a classic. Secure your tickets now at artistrymn.org and prepare to be swept away by hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade of music!

ADOPT A PARK

Bloomington is home to 97 parks and green spaces, miles of trails, dozens of fun, active, inclusive and engaging programs and events, and seasonal and year-round recreational facilities. The Adopt-A-Park program is a fun, educational and worthwhile way for you, your family, friends, group or organization to help make your local parks or favorite trails even safer and more beautiful than they already are!

You can volunteer to clean up and beautify a park or a stretch of trail, help plant and maintain park gardens, keep parks litter-free, and remove invasive plants with the guidance and support of Park Maintenance staff. Get all the details at blm.mn/adopt-a-park.

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CAMP KOTA: AN INVITATION TO UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

or more than 50 years, Camp Kota has been a summer staple for Bloomington youth, bringing outdoor adventure and unforgettable memories to Bush Lake Beach. Across four action-packed sessions each summer, campers dive into a world of fun—paddleboarding, archery, swimming, orienteering, group games and singing classic camp songs.

One of the most cherished traditions is the Thursday overnight, where second to seventh grade campers experience a true campout with tents under the stars, bonding with friends and sharing a heartwarming family sing-along and picnic before settling in for the night.

Ensuring great memories for all is Zoë Zarth, who grew up with the camp, first as a camper, then a Junior Counselor, then a Counselor, and now in her fourth summer as Camp Kota Coordinator.

"Camp Kota has been such an influential part of my life, and it's an honor to contribute to its tradition," said Zarth.

"It's has always been the highlight of my summers, and it's incredible to see the joy it brings to everyone."

Ready to make this summer one to remember? Camp Kota is waiting!

CAMP KOTA FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 2-7 IN FALL 2025.

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. East Bush Lake Park / Bush Lake Beach. Resident \$300; nonresident \$365.

- Session 1: July 7-11.
- Session 2: July 14-18.
- Session 3: July 21-25.
- Session 4: July 28-August 1.

For more information or to register, visit

blm.mn/youth-programs.

HAVE FUN AND UNWIND AT ADULT RECESS

Relive the fun of recess—this time without the kids. Join Bloomington Parks and Recreation for Adult Recess on Saturday, August 9, 5-9 p.m. at Valley View Park, 9000 Portland Ave. S.

Enjoy games, activities and time to unwind with friends, or meet new ones. Adult Recess is a chance to get outside, be active and have fun in a relaxed setting. The \$30 registration fee includes a T-shirt.

Register online at blm.mn/webtrac. Space is limited and registration closes August 1 or when full.

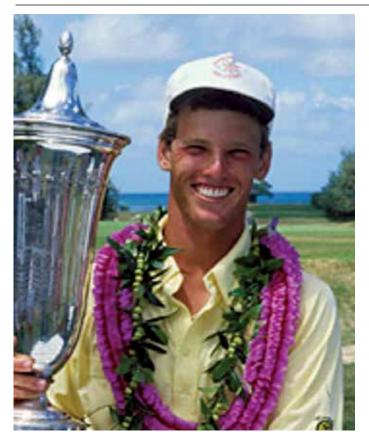


EXPLORE THE TASTES OF SUMMER AT BLOOMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Start your weekend with a stop at the Farmers Market running Saturdays through October 18, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy fresh foods, ready-to-eat foods, fresh plants, community tables, crafts, and live music that starts at 10 a.m.

Get all the details, including a list of musical performances at blm.mn/market.

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Sorenson's historic win began at Dwan

loomington native Jim Sorenson, pictured above left as a teen and at right today, began golfing at age four, using clubs his father Douglas modified. With his brother John and neighborhood kids, their Bloomington backyards became an improvised course.

That early passion led to hours at Dwan Golf Course as a teen, which led to Sorenson qualifying for the 1985 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. With John as his caddie and cheerleader, Sorenson's record-setting win in Hawaii still stands as the largest margin in the tournament's history.

"My mother had died earlier that year," Sorenson said.

"Seeing the pink plumeria flowers near the first hole each day inspired me to win for her."

One year later, Sorenson beat future five-time PGA Tour winner and British Open Champion Tom Lehman in the Minnesota Open and briefly pursued a pro career, though it didn't materialize.

Instead, he founded Momentus Sports, which develops training aids now used by athletes, including Tiger Woods.

Sorenson's daughter Claire, whom he says has "the purest swing I've ever seen," has never taken a lesson. His advice to golfers: "Forget the instruction. Play by feel. Let your mind see the goal, and your body will figure out how to make it happen."

Inspired yet? Dwan Golf Course is ready for the next champion. Make a tee time at blm.mn/dwan.



BLOOMINGTON CARES ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

healthy community is a strong community and in Bloomington, that's a top priority. Through Bloomington Public Health, eligible residents can access free or low-cost services that support wellness at every age and stage of life.

Here's how the City can help you stay healthy:

- Health screenings: Free blood pressure checks, low-cost TB skin tests and home assessments to identify asthma triggers.
- Immunizations: Flu shots and other vaccines for residents with no or limited insurance coverage.
- Support for older adults: Health concern assessments and helpful community resources.
- Pregnancy and parenting services: Expecting and current parents may receive personalized education and referrals, in-person and virtual home visits, growth and development screenings, nutrition counseling and breast/chestfeeding support, and food benefits for eligible families with children up to age five.
- Sexual and reproductive health education: Accurate and inclusive information for individual and groups.

Ready to get started? Visit blm.mn/ph or call 952-563-8900 to learn more and access services.

ATTEND THE LEARNING LINK-UP

The City is once again partnering with Bloomington Public Schools to host the Learning Link-Up on Saturday, August 23, 12-3 p.m., at Valley View Playfields, 8900 Portland Ave S

This fun, family-friendly event helps residents connect with City and school district resources.

New 24-hour naloxone access point at fairview southdale hospital

Health Fairview, in collaboration with the Steve Rummler HOPE Network, is making a significant stride in community health by offering a 24-hour Naloxone Access Point. Naloxone (Narcan®) is a medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, and anyone in Minnesota can carry and administer it.

What's available: Free naloxone kits (both nasal and intramuscular) and fentanyl test strips.

Location: MHealth Fairview Southdale Hospital, 6401 France Ave. S., Edina.

Why it matters: This is the first 24-hour access point in the Bloomington area, making it a vital resource in saving lives and strengthening community health by ensuring easy and around-the-clock access to life-saving medication.

Additional resources: For drug overdose prevention and free naloxone training, visit steverummlerhopenetwork.org. To learn more about how Bloomington Public Health is tackling the opioid crisis, visit blm.mn/opioids.





BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY: THE BAR-B-Q JOINT THAT HELPED PAVE THE WAY FOR MET STADIUM

leck Ellis, known for his popular Smoky Point Bar-B-Q restaurants, played a pivotal role in shaping Bloomington's history. Ellis wasn't just a restaurateur. He was deeply invested in his community, serving on several local boards and hosting meetings at his restaurants.

"My father was always community-oriented," said his daughter Pat Lambros in 2008. "He knew everyone in Bloomington and worked tirelessly to make it a better place."

Ellis opened a Smoky Point Bar-B-Q at 7800 Cedar Ave. S. near what is now the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport. In 1953, Ellis joined a group of community leaders on a trip to Milwaukee to study stadium designs. His suggestion to place the stadium near the Smoky Point Bar-B-Q not only benefited his business but also provided him with a short commute to his box seats at the games.

Metropolitan Stadium opened in 1956 and became home to the Minnesota Twins, the Minnesota Vikings and later the Minnesota Kicks soccer team. The site is where Mall of America now stands.



MONDAY MORNING KIDS' SERIES

ALL SHOWS HELD AT 10:30 A.M.

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.



ADDITIONAL EVENTS

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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ARTS IN THE PARKS

rts 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.

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.

JULY 15 JULY 8 JULY 22 **JULY 29 AUGUST 5**

City of Lakes Concert Bloomington Chorale Continental Ballet Jazz on Prairie Big Bloomington Symphony Orchestra Band 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 16







JULY 9

Joe Flip Band

Feel Good Inc.

AUGUST 13

Tuxedo Band

JULY 23

JULY 30

Lehto and Wright

Consolation Champ





AUGUST 27

AUGUST 20

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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.

JULY 10

Coyote Wild

AUGUST 6

Hi-Praise

Vivian Hayes & the



JULY 24 Salsa del Soul

JULY 17 Tuxedo Band



JULY 31 Tim Sigler Band

AUGUST 14

Blues and BBQ



AUGUST 7

JULY 20

Steve Clarke and the **Working Stiffs**

Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old

Shakopee Road

AUGUST 10

Gen X Jukebox

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.

July 6 (4-6 p.m.)

JULY 27

Shakespeare in the Park All's Well that Ends Well

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Road

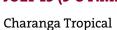
JULY 13 (5-8 P.M.)

Central Station Park, 8100

33rd Ave. S.

Joe Flip and Ken Valdez

33rd Ave. S.



AUGUST 3 (5-8 p.m.)

Central Station Park, 8100



ETC Summer Tours Little Mermaid Jr.

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Road



Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca with Mariachi Son de Morelos

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Road