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THESE WILDFLOWERS BLOOM EACH YEAR ALONG THE TRAIL NEAR NINE MILE CREEK. TAKE A STROLL AND ENJOY THE SEASONAL SHOW—THE TRAIL IS ACCESSIBLE AT MOIR/CENTRAL PARK, 10320 MORGAN AVE. S.





## MAYOR’S MEMO

### MANY MILESTONES AHEAD FOR BLOOMINGTON FORWARD PROJECTS

By Mayor Tim Busse

Now that summer is winding down, we’re at the precipice of quite a few milestones in the three Bloomington Forward projects. Bloomington voters approved a new half-percent sales tax in 2023 to provide \$155 million for the enhancement and protection of the Nine Mile Creek corridor and Moir and Central parks, construction of a new community health and wellness center and renovations to the Bloomington Ice Garden. We’ve made a point to provide updates on these projects regularly. So here’s the latest.

#### BLOOMINGTON ICE GARDEN

The Bloomington Ice Garden closed for construction in March. Since then, many improvements have been made, including updated rink viewing areas that are ADA accessible, a new concessions area, and new locker rooms and restrooms. The BIG team has also partnered with Creative Placemaking staff to begin work on a mural designed by Adam Turman that will be installed in the BIG entrance. BIG will reopen this fall before the hockey season begins. To learn more, visit [bloomingtonforward.org/big](https://bloomingtonforward.org/big).

#### NINE MILE CREEK CORRIDOR AND MOIR/CENTRAL PARK RENEWAL

The Nine Mile project team continues to develop technical design details moving the design phase of the Nine Mile Creek restoration and Moir Park renewal forward. One notable addition to the project is the Bloomington Veterans Memorial being built at Harrison Park, 1701 West 100th St., which is being carried out by the nonprofit Bloomington Remembers Veterans. A community engagement event to share design information and request feedback on playground concepts for Moir Park is scheduled for August 12 at Moir Park. For more information, visit [bloomingtonforward.org/9mile](https://bloomingtonforward.org/9mile).

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Creekside Community Center closed in June and senior programming has moved to Logan Lodge, 9930 Logan Ave. S. and Bloomington Civic Plaza. Since then, crews have been doing abatement work in the Creekside building. Demolition of the Creekside building is expected to begin in October. Learn more at [bloomingtonforward.org/chwc](https://bloomingtonforward.org/chwc).

## SKATE SCHOOL RETURNS TO BIG THIS FALL

Skate School classes will resume at Bloomington Ice Garden following current renovations. Classes begin in early October. Registration opens August 18.

Lessons are open to Bloomington residents and nonresidents. Skaters of all ages and experience levels can build their skills in a safe, fun environment.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Saturdays, with a new adult class added on Wednesdays. All classes take place at Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 W. 98th St.

For more information, visit [blm.mn/big](https://blm.mn/big), call 952-563-4626 or email [rgelecinskyj@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:rgelecinskyj@BloomingtonMN.gov).

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# BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 4

Mark your calendar and get involved to help guide Bloomington’s future. Bloomington’s next City Council election is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Voters will help shape the future of the city by electing leaders to the following positions:

- City Council At Large
- City Council District I
- City Council District II

For more information on filing or voting, visit [blm.mn/vote](http://blm.mn/vote).

### THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Candidate filing opened Tuesday, July 29, 8 a.m. and closes Tuesday, August 12, 5 p.m. The last day to withdraw is Thursday, August 14, 5 p.m.

## HOW TO COMPLETE A RANKED CHOICE BALLOT

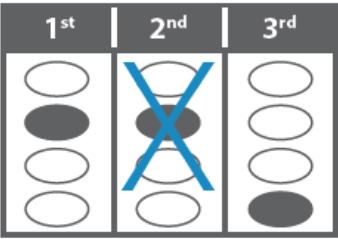
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Choose your top candidate. This is your 1st choice candidate and will be the vote that is considered first.

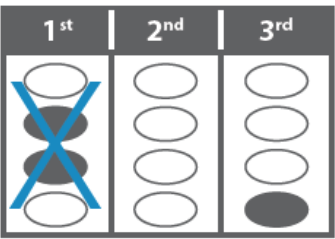
**STEP 2:**  
If you have a 2nd choice (not required), you may select another candidate.

**STEP 3:**  
If you have a 3rd choice (not required), you may select another candidate.

### BALLOT ERRORS



Voting for the same candidate in more than one ranking has the same effect as voting for that candidate once.



Do not vote for more than one candidate in the same ranking.

### HOW VOTES ARE COUNTED

On election night, all first-choice votes are counted. If no candidate has more than 50% of the votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is eliminated. Voters who picked the eliminated candidate as their first choice have their second-choice vote counted instead. This process repeats until one candidate has a majority.



## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

The City Council considered changes to sidewalk snow removal operations at its July 14 meeting. The Council chose not to move forward with any changes on snow removal at this time and City crews will continue to plow the sidewalks. There was consensus on the council that the current system for plowing sidewalks is not meeting the City’s standards for efficient, effective, and high quality service delivery and there was support to continue to the conversation. Thank you to everyone who weighed in.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2026 BUDGET

Each year the City Council approves a budget to fund City services such as Public Safety, Public Works, Parks and Recreation and more. There will be an opportunity to learn more about the 2026 priority-based budget process on Monday, August 18, 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Priority-based budgeting is a government finance best practice that helps Bloomington evaluate programs based on community needs, align resources with strategic priorities, improve transparency, and support data-driven decisions. Attendees will hear a presentation from Deputy Finance Officer Kari Carlson and have the opportunity to participate by providing feedback, then hear City Council discussion afterwards. Learn more at [blm.mn/budget](http://blm.mn/budget).

## GET TO KNOW LOCAL CANDIDATES

The League of Women Voters Bloomington will host candidate forums this fall to help voters learn about candidates running for office. Three City Council seats for District I, District II and At Large, and four school district seats are up for election this year.

Forums will take place in September and are free and open to the public. Dates and locations will be posted on the City’s elections website at [blm.mn/vote](http://blm.mn/vote) after candidate filing closes in mid-August.

Forums let voters hear directly from candidates on local issues. Beginning in early September, five-minute video statements from candidates will also be shared on the City’s YouTube channel.

The League of Women Voters is nonpartisan, never endorsing or opposing any candidate or political party, and encourages informed, active participation in government.



## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON NAMED A TOP 200 WORKPLACE

The City of Bloomington was recognized as one of Minnesota’s Top Workplaces for 2025, ranked at 45 among organizations with more than 500 employees. The award, presented by the *Minnesota Star Tribune* and Energage, highlights organizations that prioritize employee engagement, communication and a strong workplace culture.

The rankings are based entirely on feedback from employee surveys, which evaluate key areas such as alignment, execution and connection. This achievement reflects the City’s ongoing commitment to creating a supportive, inclusive and forward-thinking work environment where employees can thrive.

“We are honored to be recognized as one of Minnesota’s Top Workplaces,” said Bloomington Mayor Tim Busse. “This reflects the dedication and passion of our staff, who serve the community with integrity and excellence every day.”

More than 5,000 organizations were invited to participate in the survey and more than 149,000 employees shared their views. Learn more about careers with the City of Bloomington at [blm.mn/jobs](http://blm.mn/jobs).





GET A FREE HOME ENERGY SQUAD VISIT THIS SUMMER

Residents can schedule a free Home Energy Squad visit. This service normally costs \$50 but is free thanks to a special offer from the City and Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

During the visit, energy professionals will install energy-saving items such as LED bulbs, high-efficiency showerheads or smart thermostats, if eligible.\* They will also perform an insulation inspection and blower-door test for homes that qualify.

After the visit, you will receive a report highlighting upgrades to help you save the most energy and money. You'll also have access to the free Energy Advisor Service, which connects you with trusted contractors, rebates and financing options.

Learn more and schedule your visit at [mncee.org/hes](https://mncee.org/hes).

*\*Conditions apply for smart thermostat installation.*

NEW THIS MONTH: SOMALI LANGUAGE HEALTHY LIVING AND SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

Sustainability, Solid Waste and Public Health staff have enjoyed connecting with Bloomington residents at the Healthy Living and Sustainability Fairs. August is the last chance to stop by and get practical tips to reduce waste, save energy and access free health resources. For the first time, there will be a Somali language Healthy Living and Sustainability Fair with in-person professional interpreters available on August 12, 3-5 p.m. at Oxboro Library, 8801 Portland Ave S. Free giveaways including compost bins, LED nightlights and reusable water bottles available while supplies last.

The final fair will take place on August 13, 2-4 p.m. at Penn Lake Library, 8800 Penn Ave. (phone interpretation only). For more information, visit [blm.mn/libraryfairs](https://blm.mn/libraryfairs).

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EARTH ACTION HERO: SEAGATE CHAMPIONS SUSTAINABILITY

Seagate Technology is working toward a more sustainable future—thanks in large part to passionate employees like Alex Schilling, pictured above. Through the Seagate Environmental Alliance, a company-wide initiative, Seagate empowers employees to take action in support of its environmental goals, both at work and in their communities.

At Seagate's Bloomington campus, Schilling plays a key role as event coordinator and external communications chair. He helps lead impactful initiatives such as campus cleanups, an international trash audit and participation in Bloomington's monthly plastic-free and trash-free events.

The alliance also hosts guest speakers to share community sustainability efforts and opportunities. One of Schilling's standout contributions was leading a green space audit of the campus to identify opportunities for improvement—work that will continue with a follow-up audit this year.

“This work matters to me because I love the outdoors, and I know what’s at stake if we don’t act,” Schilling said. “Seagate recognizes its responsibility to consider how our actions impact the community.”

Seagate's commitment to sustainability is strengthened by the dedication of employees like Schilling who work together to make a lasting, positive impact.



JOIN THE STOP FOOD WASTE CHALLENGE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

Food waste is a major issue, but small changes can have a big impact. The Stop Food Waste Challenge offers a chance to act, reduce waste and help create a more sustainable future. By participating, you'll learn simple, effective ways to cut waste, save money and support your community. Follow these tips to help reduce your food waste:

- Buy only what you need.
- Think twice before throwing food away.
- Always make a shopping list.
- Think First In, First Out so you use older items first.
- Store food correctly.
- Make a weekly menu.
- Freeze extras, preserve food for later use.

Together, we can build a more sustainable future one meal at a time. The challenge runs through August. Join the City of Bloomington team and sign up today at [stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org](https://stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org).





2024 Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award honorees, members of the Bloomington Freedom to Read Club, Mayor Tim Busse and HRC Chair Anita Smithson.

## NOMINATE A BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMPION

**D**o you know a person or organization that ensures the people of Bloomington have equal opportunities in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services or education? Nominate them for the annual Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award.

The award is presented by the Human Rights Commission to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to ensuring the rights of people in Bloomington.

Omar Bonderud was the first chairperson of the Human Rights Commission when it was formed in 1968. Since 1974, Bloomington’s Human Rights Commission has recognized 41 local people and organizations with the award.

Nominations are due by August 29. For more information on how to apply and to view previous awardees, visit [blm.mn/bonderud](http://blm.mn/bonderud), email [humanrights@bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:humanrights@bloomingtonmn.gov), or call 952-563-8733.



Last year’s Hatch winner Scramblin’ Egg.

## HATCH BLOOMINGTON VOTING OPEN

**T**he Top 10 Hatch Bloomington semifinalists have delivered their pitches, and now it’s your turn to help decide who moves forward.

From Tuesday, August 5, until Monday, August 11, 11:55 p.m., you can vote for your favorite pitch, helping to determine the Top 3 finalists.

The Top 3 pitch round is scheduled Wednesday, September 3, 5-8 p.m., at Civic Plaza. After the pitch round, the final round of community voting will remain open through Tuesday, September 9.

The City is grateful to Stearns Bank and Bloomington Minnesota Travel and Tourism for sponsoring Hatch Bloomington.

For more information, visit [hatchbloomington.com](http://hatchbloomington.com).



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SHINES

**D**espite the heat, Bloomington’s Juneteenth Celebration was a joyful success, drawing crowds to honor Black freedom, culture and excellence. Hosted by Mychael T. Rambo, the event featured live performances from NUNNABOVE, Known MPLS, Step with Soul, Unstoppable Dance Company and spoken word by Brother Ase, with DJ Phoenix keeping the music going.

City staff shared vital services, while vendors showcased local food, art and crafts. Attendees also accessed health resources including mental health support, heart health education and blood pressure checks.

The event blended celebration with connection and empowerment—making this Juneteenth one to remember.

## BANDIT SIGNS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

**S**igns that pop up on lawns and at street corners—sometimes called “bandit signs”—are generally not allowed, per Bloomington’s City Code. If one shows up, please remove it. These signs often appear near property lines, and they tend to multiply quickly. Here’s what you need to know to keep your neighborhood looking sharp:

**When signs are allowed:**

On-site commercial signs are only allowed with a City with a City permit and within specific size and placement rules.

**Never allowed:** On someone else’s property; within 10 feet of the curb or intersection; on poles, traffic signs, trees or other natural features; in parks or public areas.

**Okay with permission of the property owner:** Contractor signs during active work; garage sale signs during sale (maximum of four signs and up to seven days per year); other signs not related to sales; real estate open house signs; election signs (46 days before to 10 days after).

For more information, see City Code 21.304.13(c) by visiting [blm.mn/code](http://blm.mn/code), call 952-563-8934 or email [envhealth@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:envhealth@BloomingtonMN.gov).





GET READY FOR SCHOOL WITH ROUTINE VACCINES

As you prepare to send your children back to school, routine vaccinations are a great tool to keep kids healthy, in school and ready to learn.

Unsure about which vaccines your child needs? Review vaccine recommendations for each age at [blm.mn/vaccines](http://blm.mn/vaccines).

Bloomington Public Health can help you and your family get immunized—even if you don’t have insurance, have partial insurance or don’t have a primary care clinic. Learn more at [blm.mn/ph](http://blm.mn/ph) or by calling 952-563-8900.



MIDWEEK MUSIC & MARKET NEARS THE END OF THE SEASON

Come out to soak up the summer vibes and celebrate community before the season slips away. The final stretch of Midweek Music & Market events are Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 5-8 p.m. in the east lot at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

Enjoy live music, tasty eats from local food trucks, and a wide variety of goods from farmers market vendors in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Don’t forget, Saturday morning farmers markets continue at Civic Plaza through October 18. Find more details at [blm.mn/market](http://blm.mn/market) or call 952-563-8877.



SUPPORTING NEW PARENTS, ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME: MEET NATALY GOMEZ

As a City of Bloomington WIC peer breastfeeding counselor, Nataly Gomez offers more than guidance. She brings heartfelt encouragement to new mothers navigating the challenges of breastfeeding. And she takes pride in being a trusted resource in the Spanish-speaking community. A single teen-mom who completed high school against the odds, she now uses her own life experience to connect with and uplift others.

A Bloomington resident for the past 13 years, Nataly finds deep purpose in her role, helping clients discover what works best for them and their babies. “Breastfeeding isn’t easy,” she said. “But you’re not alone. We’re here to support you and build your confidence.”

Outside of work, Nataly enjoys crocheting, gardening, painting and baking. Inspired by her three children Mia, Edgar and Melanie, and supported by her husband Edgar, and their dog Lyla and cat Jules, Nataly is a true example of strength, compassion and community. Her message to all: “Never hesitate to ask for help.”

Peer breastfeeding counselors are available to participants of the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program, known as the WIC program. Learn more at [blm.mn/wic](http://blm.mn/wic).

CALLING ALL SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS: DISCOVER RESOURCES AT WELCOMING WEDNESDAYS

Whether you’re launching a startup or growing an existing business, Welcoming Wednesdays is your gateway to success. Welcoming Wednesdays offers a chance to connect with valuable local resources, ask questions and get expert advice tailored to small business success.

Held the second Wednesday of each month from 12-2 p.m. at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, this free event offers direct access to guidance, tools and networking opportunities.

Hiromi Yokoi, an experienced business advisor with NextStage, pictured at right, is serving as this year’s host.

“Small businesses are the backbone of Bloomington’s economy,” said Assistant Port Authority Administrator Barb Wolff. “Welcoming Wednesdays provide a direct connection to the resources, support and community that help entrepreneurs thrive.”

For more details, visit [blm.mn/welcomingwednesdays](http://blm.mn/welcomingwednesdays).

Free professional headshots for small-business owners at the August 13 event.

BLOOMINGTON BUSINESS FORUM DEBUTS OCTOBER 1

Join us for the first-ever Bloomington Business Forum, Wednesday, October 1, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the Masonic Heritage Center, 14111 Masonic Home Dr. This free event is designed for all businesses including startups, small enterprises and growing firms.

With the theme *Business Friendly, Growth Ready*, the forum invites you to explore Bloomington’s welcoming ecosystem and connect with resources to assist your business. Network with City leadership, staff and community partners ready to support your goals through streamlined services, grants, training and more.

Learn more and register for this free event at [blm.mn/businessforum](http://blm.mn/businessforum).





BLOOMINGTON  
BUSINESS FORUM

we mean business





## PLANNING FOR A HEALTHIER URBAN FOREST

The City of Bloomington is developing its first Urban Forest Master Plan to guide tree management for the next 20 years. The plan will analyze the city’s tree canopy, assess tree health and diversity and identify areas for improvement. It will also explore policies that support effective and responsible tree planting and provide strategies to address climate change, invasive pests and storm damage.

The data collection and community engagement will take place throughout 2025. The final plan delivery is expected in early 2026.

Public engagement is crucial in shaping the plan. Learn more and get involved at [blm.mn/urbanforest](https://blm.mn/urbanforest).

## AT YOUR SERVICE: BLOOMINGTON EMBEDDED SOCIAL WORKER

Bloomington Police embedded Social Worker Kristin Jones *pictured at right*, plays a key role in connecting residents with the help they need, especially when a police call involves mental health, substance use or other support needs.

“Some people don’t know our services exist,” Kristin said. “But we’re here, and we’re ready to help.”

For nearly three years, Kristin has worked with the Bloomington Police Department’s Community Services Unit. Backed by a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy and years of experience in clinical settings, she now brings that expertise into the field. Her approach is rooted in compassion, flexibility and resourcefulness—traits Kristin says are essential for anyone in her position.

“I saw this role as a way to work with a wide variety of community members and support police officers,” Kristin said. “And it offers a chance to normalize mental health conversations and expand access to care.”

When Kristin is not working, she enjoys visiting her son in the Coast Guard, cheering on her daughter’s dance team, and soaking up every bit of sunshine Minnesota offers.



## MEET FIREFIGHTER FRITJOF ENGBRETSON

Fritjof Engbretson has served the City of Bloomington for more than three years, first part-time, and full-time since April 2024. He enjoys ongoing training in fire suppression, search and rescue, and medical response as an EMT.

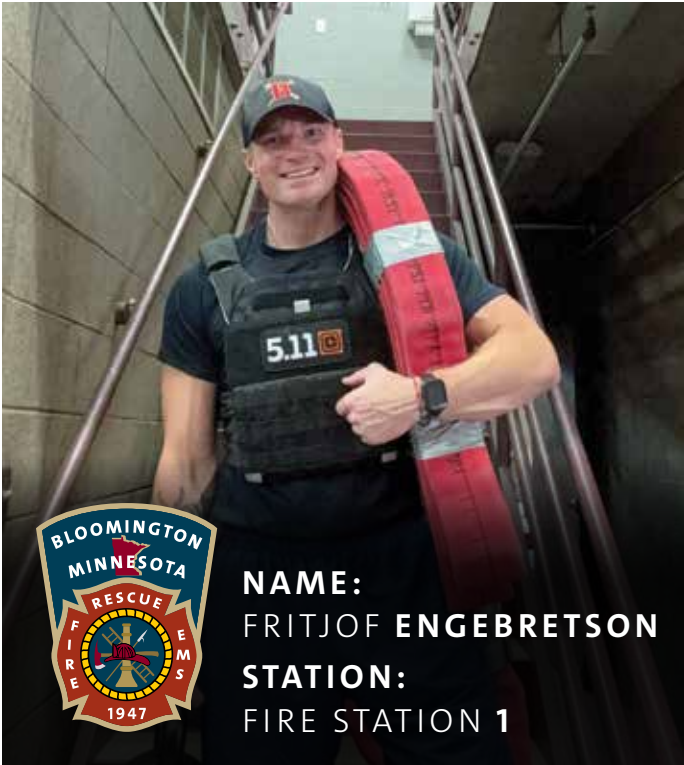
“I have a strong passion for helping others, whether it’s a medical or fire emergency,” Fritjof said. “The structure and teamwork in the fire service remind me of the military.”

His family, friends and loved ones are proud of his career choice and are constant supporters, even understanding the demanding and challenging 24-hour shifts that he works.

Off duty, Fritjof enjoys time with loved ones (often around good food) and stays active with hiking, camping, snowboarding, sports and walking his dogs, Brizzy and Blue.

**FRITJOF’S FIRE SAFETY TIP**

Sleep with your bedroom doors closed to create a safer space in case of fire.



NAME:  
FRITJOF ENGBRETSON  
STATION:  
FIRE STATION 1



## LEARNING LINKUP RETURNS TO EMPOWER BLOOMINGTON FAMILIES

Join other Bloomington families on Saturday, August 23, 12-3 p.m., at Valley View Elementary School Playfields, 8900 Portland Ave. S., for the Learning LinkUp resource fair.

Explore booths from Bloomington schools, Normandale Community College, local businesses and City departments. Enjoy food trucks, inflatables, face painting, lawn games, stage shows, school mascots, the Bookmobile and the Mobile Health Hub.

“When we connect families to the resources they need, we’re strengthening our entire community,” said Amanda Crombie, community outreach and engagement coordinator.

Whether you’re new to Bloomington or a longtime resident, Learning LinkUp is a welcoming place to find support and get ready for the school year.

Learn more at [blm.mn/learning-linkup](https://blm.mn/learning-linkup).



## ENJOY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 5, Bloomington neighborhoods will come together for National Night Out, a party with a purpose, with the goal of building stronger communities one party at a time. This annual event strengthens communities by uniting residents, police and first responders to build a more connected, safer and welcoming city.

Whether it’s a block party, cookout or casual meetup, this is your chance to chat with neighbors, meet local heroes and create the lasting bonds that make Bloomington a great place to live.

Official event registration closed on July 24, but you can still join a neighborhood gathering, host an unofficial event, take a moment to interact with your neighbors or simply turn on your porch light.

Learn more at [blm.mn/NNO](https://blm.mn/NNO) for details.





### AFFORDABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FOR ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS

Internet Essentials from Xfinity is offering affordable, reliable home internet for qualifying households. Eligible programs include SNAP/EBT, Medicaid and the National School Lunch Program.

Choose the speed that fits your needs—up to 75 Mbps with Internet Essentials or up to 100 Mbps with Internet Essentials Plus. Equipment is included at no extra cost, and there are no cancellation fees. Data charges may apply.

To learn more or apply visit [xfinity.com/getIE](http://xfinity.com/getIE), call 1-844-963-0231 or stop by an Xfinity store.



### DRIVE SAFE, SLOW DOWN

In August 2024, the City reduced speed limits on local streets to 25 miles per hour, unless posted otherwise.

Driving slower is good for you and your neighbors. This change makes neighborhood roads safer by reducing the likelihood of crashes and injuries from crashes. It also increases safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The City was able to make this change to local streets after the state legislature granted cities the authority to change speed limits on roadways within their systems in 2019. Prior to that, the Department of Transportation was solely responsible for establishing speed limits on roadways in Minnesota.

Speed limits were also updated on larger roads in Bloomington except for those operated by Hennepin County. Counties were not granted the same permissions to set speed limits by the state. Learn more about the shift to slower speed on residential roads at [blm.mn/go25](http://blm.mn/go25).

#### GET YOUR FREE YARD SIGN!

Yard signs are available to help promote awareness of Bloomington’s 25 mph speed limit on residential streets. Stop by the Information Desk at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road to pick up your free yard sign. Signs will also be available at community events and at other locations around the city. The free yard signs educating the public about speed limits are temporary and are a permitted use if placed on the owner’s property. These signs should not be placed in the City’s rights of way which includes within 10 feet of the curb or intersection, or in public parks or public areas.

### 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](http://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

ALL SHOWS HELD AT 10:30 A.M.

**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 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s 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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#### 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.




**AUGUST 6**   
Vivian Hayes & the Hi-Praise



**AUGUST 13**   
Tuxedo Band



**AUGUST 20**   
Dred I Dread



**AUGUST 27**   
Six to Midnight

#### 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.

**AUGUST 5**  
City of Lakes Concert Band

#### 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.

**AUGUST 14**   
Blues and BBQ



**AUGUST 7**  
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.

**AUGUST 3 (5-8 P.M.)**  
Joe Flip and Ken Valdez  
Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave. S.

**AUGUST 10**  
ETC Summer Tours Little Mermaid Jr.  
Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Rd.