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# BRIEFING

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## MAYOR'S MEMO: VOLUNTEERS HELP MAKE BLOOMINGTON REMARKABLE

Every year, Volunteer Appreciation Week gives us a chance to pause and say something we should probably say more often: Thank you. In 2026, we'll celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week April 19 - 25, and I hope you'll join me in recognizing the people who quietly and consistently make Bloomington an enduring and remarkable place where people want to be.

Across our city, volunteers give their time and talents in ways both visible and behind the scenes. They serve on boards, commissions and advisory groups, helping shape thoughtful decisions about our future. They coach youth sports, plant flowers in our parks, coordinate or contribute to mutual aid efforts, support the Bloomington Farmers Market, usher at arts performances and lend their expertise to public health and safety efforts. They step forward when there's a need, often before anyone needs to ask.

Volunteering is a cornerstone of civic life. It's how neighbors become partners and how ideas turn into action. The impact is measurable in programs delivered, dollars saved and services expanded, but it's also deeply human. Volunteers create connection. They build trust. They remind us that local government works best when community members are part of the work.

Bloomington is resilient because our residents care enough to get involved. I'd like to thank every volunteer who has given an hour, a season or many years of service. You make this city better.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, there's a place for you. Visit [blm.mn/volunteer](http://blm.mn/volunteer) to learn more.



## THE FUTURE OF BLOOMINGTON STARTS NOW

The City of Bloomington is updating its comprehensive plan, Bloomington 2050, that will guide how the city grows, connects and thrives over the next 20 years. The community-driven process begins this spring with a community survey and a soon-to-be-announced community kickoff series. The Bloomington 2050 effort will continue through 2028.

The City updates its comprehensive plan every 10 years. Bloomington 2050 is the City's long-term blueprint, shaping decisions about housing, transportation, land use, climate resilience, parks and open space and community

infrastructure. This update comes at a pivotal moment. By 2050, Bloomington is expected to welcome around 13,000 new residents, bringing the population to more than 103,000. Planning now helps ensure growth is thoughtful, investments are smart and community priorities lead the way.

"This is more than a planning process," said Planning Supervisor Dakota Kastenday. "It's an invitation for the community to dream big and help shape our shared future."

Take the survey, learn more and get involved at [blm.mn/2050](http://blm.mn/2050) or email [2050@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:2050@BloomingtonMN.gov).



### WATCH THE 2026 STATE OF THE CITY ONLINE

This year, the State of the City theme, Bloomington in Tune, is a reminder that when we listen, collaborate and move together, our community is at its strongest.

Mayor Tim Busse presented information about the work that the City accomplished over the last year as well as what's coming up at the 2026 State of the City on March 12.

Every day, Bloomington's neighbors, workers, businesses, nonprofit partners and City staff contribute their talents, each playing an essential role in the rhythm of the city. As the community moves along to that shared rhythm, we are advancing the priorities of the community-based strategic plan, *Bloomington. Tomorrow. Together.*, with the mission of cultivating an enduring and remarkable community where people want to be.

You can watch the video of the address on the City's YouTube channel at [blm.mn/sotc2026](http://blm.mn/sotc2026).

### BIG CHANGES ARE FLOWING AROUND NINE MILE CREEK

Exciting things are happening along Nine Mile Creek. Design work for the Nine Mile Creek Corridor Renewal Project is complete, and construction will begin this spring. To prepare for upcoming infrastructure and park improvements, necessary tree removal took place in February and March. The process focused on younger, less desirable species to promote a healthier forest over the long term, allowing sunlight to support native plants on the forest floor, reducing erosion and giving room for remaining trees to grow stronger.

A groundbreaking event will be held later this spring. The project includes enhancements at the Harrison, Moir and Central parks corridor, along with construction of the new Veterans Memorial at Harrison Park, 1701 W. 100th St.

This renewal project will improve park spaces, restore natural areas, and enhance the overall creek corridor for the community to enjoy for years to come.

Residents are encouraged to watch for more details in the coming weeks, including information about the groundbreaking event and other restoration updates at [bloomingtonforward.org/9mile](http://bloomingtonforward.org/9mile).

## HOME SWEET HOME FAIR APRIL 25

Bloomington residents are invited to the free, family-friendly Bloomington Home Fair on Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Hosted by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, this welcoming event is designed for both current and aspiring homeowners looking to learn, plan and connect.

The Home Fair brings together City resources, trusted vendors and local experts ready to help with home improvement, maintenance, financing and long-term planning. Whether you are tackling a to-do list, dreaming up

upgrades or just starting to explore homeownership, you can get practical information and one-on-one guidance tailored to your needs.

Beyond resources, the Home Fair is a fun community event, featuring food trucks and children's activities, making it easy for the whole family to attend. Come for the advice, stay for food and fun, and leave with ideas and connections to help you care for and invest in your home.

For more details, including vendors and seminars, visit [blm.mn/homefair](http://blm.mn/homefair).

### FREE RESOURCES FOR BUSINESS OWNERS LOOKING TO LEASE OR BUY

Leasing or buying commercial space is a big step, but the City is committed to helping businesses succeed and offers free resources for business owners looking to lease or buy commercial space, as well as property owners planning to renovate or redevelop.

Before you sign on the dotted line, the City can arrange a pre-lease meeting with staff from Building and Inspections, Fire, Planning and other departments. These meetings help you understand whether a space is in compliance, if your business is allowed at that location, what updates may be needed to prepare the space, which permits are required and how to ensure the space is safe and suitable for use.

A quick conversation can help you avoid costly surprises, delays or getting locked into a space that doesn't work. Save time, money and stress by getting clear answers upfront.

Call or email the City at [business@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:business@BloomingtonMN.gov) or 952-563-4706.



“Being a youth commissioner on the Human Rights Commission has shown me that our voices truly matter. Serving is a powerful way to stand up for what you believe in, connect with your community, and help create real, positive change.”

*Youth HRC Member Amari Musignac*



“Serving on a board or commission is more accessible than people think, and it truly matters. The Planning Commission gives residents a real voice, and I've seen public input change outcomes.”

*Planning Commission Chair Phil Koktan*

## HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE AND HELP SHAPE BLOOMINGTON'S FUTURE

Want a voice in the decisions that shape Bloomington? Serving on a City board or commission is a significant way to get involved in local government. Board and commission members advise the City Council, bring community voices forward and help turn ideas into action.

The City is currently seeking applicants for the Planning Commission and to fill young adult seats (ages 16-23) on the Human Rights Commission, Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission and Sustainability Commission.

No prior experience required, just a willingness to serve. Learn more about openings and how to apply at [blm.mn/boards](http://blm.mn/boards).



## BIG SAVINGS FOR SMALL GARBAGE CARTS: 2026 PAY-AS-YOU-THROW RATES ARE HERE

**B**loomington's updated Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) garbage rates are officially here for 2026, and smaller carts now mean bigger savings.

Currently, garbage carts are available in 35-, 65- and 95-gallon sizes. The PAYT system continues to charge less for smaller garbage carts, but in 2026 the price differences between cart sizes widen significantly. A new every-other-week service option for the smallest (35-gallon) cart is also available, offering an even lower-cost choice for households that generate very little trash.

These changes follow a comprehensive rate study and resident engagement in 2024. The goal is to encourage waste reduction and keep future costs down by diverting more material into recycling and organics. Garbage disposal fees are rising much faster than recycling and composting costs, so strengthening PAYT now helps protect residents from steeper increases later.

Here's what the new rates mean for you:

Downsizing pays off. Switching from a 95-gallon to a 65-gallon cart, or from a 65-gallon to a 35-gallon cart, could save nearly \$10 per month.

Smaller carts, bigger savings. Choosing the 35-gallon cart with every-other-week pickup saves about 30% compared to 2025 rates.

Staying with the largest cart costs more. A 95-gallon weekly cart now costs about 32% more under the new structure.

Households that usually have modest trash volumes can downsize and still handle occasional extra waste by setting out extra bags for \$6.24 each (including taxes). For many residents, this approach costs less overall than keeping a larger cart year-round.

About 30% of household trash is compostable and all homes already pay for access to organics recycling.

Learn more about the 2026 rates and service options at [blm.mn/garbage](http://blm.mn/garbage) or change your cart size at [blm.mn/carts](http://blm.mn/carts).

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## SAVE THE DATE AND JUMP-START YOUR GARDENS WITH FREE COMPOST

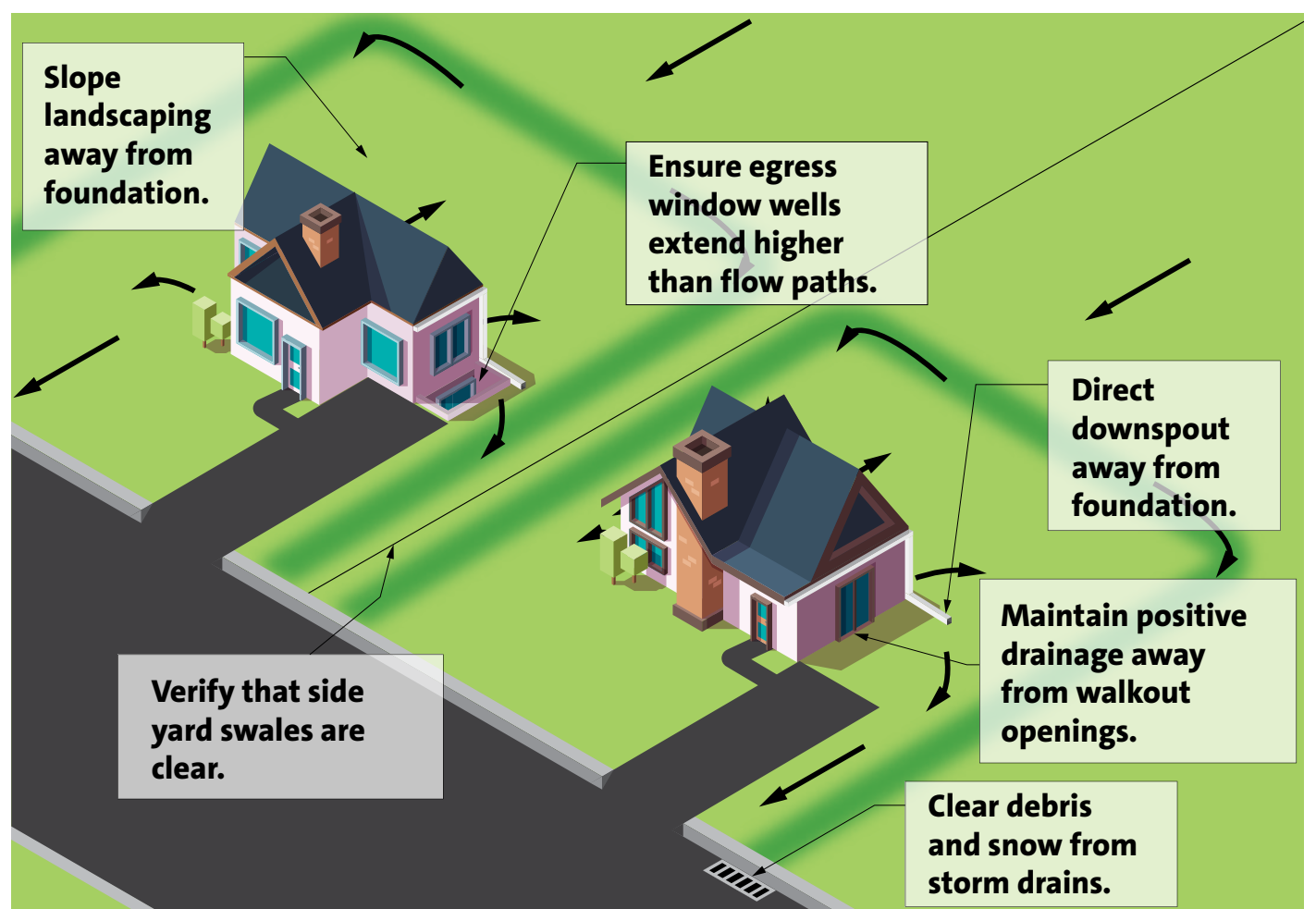
**T**he 2026 Compost Giveaway is set for Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Western Maintenance Facility, 10500 Hampshire Ave. S. To claim your compost, RSVP by Wednesday, April 29 at [blm.mn/compost](http://blm.mn/compost).

Only organics recycling participants are eligible to receive free compost that is made by the facility that processes our residential organics. Not signed up for organics recycling? Get started at [blm.mn/organics](http://blm.mn/organics).

### BUILD THE URBAN CANOPY BUY AND PLANT A TREE THIS ARBOR DAY

**Y**ou can help build Bloomington's urban canopy by ordering a tree for your yard through the City's annual Arbor Day tree sale. Bloomington residents can pre-purchase affordable bare-root trees that will be delivered during the first week of May. Trees are selling quickly. Visit [blm.mn/treesale](http://blm.mn/treesale) to see what trees are still available and place an order.

Now in its 18th year, this program helps the City maintain its Tree City USA designation and has added more than 3,000 trees to Bloomington's urban forest. Residents may purchase a maximum of five trees per household.



## AS SNOW MELTS, FOLLOW SIMPLE STEPS TO PREVENT SPRING FLOODING

**S**pring brings localized flood risks for Bloomington homes. Frozen ground can't absorb rain, while melting snow and ice can create dams that trap water near foundations or block storm sewer inlets. Spring rains then push excess water into an already stressed system.

A little prevention goes a long way. Clear snow and ice to create a path for meltwater to flow away from your home—not pool against it. Keep street storm sewer inlets free of debris and make sure roof gutters and downspouts are clear and direct water at least six feet from your foundation. Test sump pumps and consider battery backup to protect basements during power outages.

As snow melts, take note of problem areas. They're often easiest to fix in summer, but easy to forget by next winter. Common landscape features, like rain gardens, can be a useful tool in collecting melt water.

To learn more, visit [blm.mn/water-and-you](http://blm.mn/water-and-you).



## LITTLE GEAR AND BIG SMILES AT COMMUNITY BABY GEAR SWAP

Looking for baby gear without the price tag? Visit the Baby Gear Swap and bring your reusable bags on Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Black Box Theater at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

This free community event invites families and caregivers to take or share clean, gently used items for babies two years and younger. Everyone is welcome and all items are given and taken freely. You do not need to donate and every item is free.

The swap takes place alongside the Early Childhood Expo making it a great day to connect with resources that support young children and families.

New this year, donations can be dropped off in advance on Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Black Box Theater. Donations will also be accepted during the swap on Saturday until 12 p.m. Please bring only items from the accepted list. Learn more at [blm.mn/bgs](http://blm.mn/bgs).



## PET POO PICK-UP HELPS PREVENT WATER POLLUTION

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, pet waste is a leading source of nutrient and bacteria pollution in urban streams and waterways. Bloomington City Ordinance requires dog caregivers, whether the owner or handler, to clean up their pet's poo from all public or private property. This means everywhere, including your yards.

Why? Pet waste contains three types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus that deplete oxygen and encourage the growth of harmful algae, and disease-causing bacteria and parasites that can make water unswimmable and unfishable. The longer pet waste remains on the ground, the more pollutants seep out.

Be prepared. Keep waste bags on hand and pick up your pet's poo. For more information, call 952-563-8877.

## COMMUNITY GAINS TO CLIMATE GOALS: HIGHLIGHTS IN BLOOMINGTON'S YEAR IN SUSTAINABILITY

Bloomington is building a more sustainable future by taking action where it matters most: protecting the environment while improving quality of life for residents. The City's second annual sustainability report highlights progress made in 2025 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve water quality, protect natural resources and reduce waste.

Over the past year, Bloomington expanded energy efficiency programs, added electric vehicles to its fleet, planted trees, restored native prairie, conserved water and strengthened recycling and organics efforts. Sustainability worked with community partners and across City

departments, partnering with Public Health, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Equity, Inclusion and Workplace Culture, to ensure environmental progress supports community health, affordability and equity.

These efforts earned state and national recognition, including GreenStep Cities awards and honors for resident engagement and innovative energy programs. While there is more work ahead, the report shows momentum toward a healthier, more resilient community.

Explore the full 2025 Sustainability Report to learn more about the City's actions, achievements and ways to get involved [blm.mn/sustainability](http://blm.mn/sustainability).



## HEADSETS AND HEART: HONORING OUR TELECOMMUNICATORS

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 12 - 18, 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 2025, the City's 911 center handled 128,021 phone calls and entered 80,798 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 callers 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!

## READY. SET. ACTION! HONORING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 6 - 12 marks National Public Health Week, and this year's theme, Ready. Set. Action!, is a call to recognize how public health touches our lives every day.

From protecting drinking water and preventing disease to supporting families and expanding life expectancy, public health plays a vital role in keeping our communities safe, resilient and thriving.

Each year, Bloomington Public Health serves nearly 180,000 residents across Bloomington, Edina and Richfield.

The public health workers doing this work are more than professionals. They are our neighbors, friends, family members and coworkers who show up every day to promote, protect and improve community health.

During National Public Health Week take a moment to express gratitude and support for the people, policies and practices that help everyone live healthier lives.

To learn more about Public Health services in Bloomington, visit [blm.mn/ph](http://blm.mn/ph) or call 952-563-8900.

## PRACTICE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Turn every day into Earth Day with free sustainable commuting resources from Commuter Services.

Using sustainable transportation modes such as taking a bus or train, riding a bike, carpooling or vanpooling, walking, and even working from home reduce greenhouse gases. Commuter Services has resources to help you lower your carbon footprint whenever you're on the go, whether for work or everyday travel.

Taking a sustainable trip looks different for everyone. Commuter Services offers webinars and brochures on how to get started with bike commuting, information about discounted transit pass programs, a whole website on working from home available at [tctelework.com](http://tctelework.com) and even tips on how to safely walk to work.

Resources are free. Visit the Commuter Services website, [commuter.org](http://commuter.org), to learn more, or request resources by visiting [commuter.org/free-resources](http://commuter.org/free-resources).

A transportation management organization serving Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Minnetonka, and Richfield, Commuter Services assists residents, employers and commuters in making conscious, sustainable decisions.



## BUNDLED BRUSH NO LONGER ACCEPTED DURING CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Beginning this year, bundled brush and yard waste will no longer be accepted during Curbside Cleanup.

Most households already have yard waste service, and bundled brush was rarely set out during Curbside Cleanup. Full-season yard waste subscriptions remain widely used, and residents can also set out bundled brush during the yard waste season for an on-call fee.

Removing yard waste from Curbside Cleanup helps control program costs for all residents. Learn more at [blm.mn/yardwaste](http://blm.mn/yardwaste).



## IF YOU MISS THE CLEANUP

### BULKY ITEM PICKUP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE MONTHLY

Households with City garbage and recycling service can schedule a monthly curbside pickup for certain bulky items at no additional cost. This service is included in the Bulky Item Management fee on your utility bill.

All collected items are either recycled or reused by being donated locally through Bridging to support families in need or resold through the Better Futures Reuse Warehouse in Minneapolis. Because of this, items must meet specific condition guidelines to be accepted.

Items accepted in any condition include mattresses and box springs, large appliances, bicycles, grills and metal items. Items accepted in good reusable condition include furniture, rugs, powered lawn or snow equipment (fluids removed), sinks,

toilets, cabinets, doors, windows, light fixtures, and certain building materials such as lumber, plywood, bricks, fencing, and scrap metal (quantity limits apply). Tools must be clean and in working condition.

Pickup weeks are marked in blue on the garbage and recycling calendar at [blm.mn/2026garbage](http://blm.mn/2026garbage). Requests must be scheduled by 4 p.m., at least two business days before your regular monthly pickup day.

#### Schedule your pickup

**By phone:** 612-353-5400 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

**Online:** [betterfuturesminnesota.com/curbside-collections](http://betterfuturesminnesota.com/curbside-collections)

To view the full list of accepted items and quantity limits, visit [blm.mn/bulkies](http://blm.mn/bulkies).

## WHAT IS ACCEPTED AT THE CURB



**Appliances: Limit of two.** Water heaters and softeners, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, dishwashers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, water coolers, refrigerators (remove door or tie securely shut). Do not set out until the morning of your pickup date.

**Unusable furniture: Limit of two items.** Tie down or disassemble hide-a-way sofa beds so they cannot open when handled.

**Mattresses or box springs: Limit of two items.**

**Household building materials: Pile size is limited to what fits in one level, standard-size pickup truck bed.** Includes building materials such as flooring, drywall, sheetrock, siding and untreated lumber. Lumber must be stacked and no longer than five feet.

**Other bulky items: Limit of four "other" items.** This includes any other bulky item not listed in categories above or to the right that cannot fit in a small garbage cart, including:

- Doors, windows, screens, cabinets.
- Large metal items like bikes, grills, lawn mowers, snow blowers, swing sets, treadmills; drain all fluids and remove tires.
- Carpet and pads: Roll and securely tie with twine. Keep under five feet in length and one foot in diameter.
- Garden furniture and décor that cannot fit in a small garbage cart.
- Home décor items like mirrors, lamps.
- Children's items like toys, sporting goods, car seats, strollers and furniture that cannot fit in a small garbage cart.

## WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB



### NEW IN 2026 - BUNDLED BRUSH

**NEW!** in 2026 - No bundled brush.

**No tires.**

**No batteries.**

**No tubs, sinks or toilets.**

**No extra heavy or bulky items:** Pianos, organs, etc.

**No electronic items:** Cell phones, computers, stereos, printers or TVs.

**No hazardous waste:** Fluorescent tubes, motor oil, paint, propane, solvents or other household chemicals. Take these items to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 W. 96th St.

**None of the following building items:** Contractor materials, bricks, concrete, railroad ties, shingles (asbestos) or treated wood.

**No organic materials:** Food waste, grass clippings, leaves, logs, sod or stumps.

**No loose cardboard:** Extra cardboard that can't fit in your recycling cart can be bundled and placed next to your recycling cart for pick-up.

**No recyclable materials:** Boxboard, cans, newspapers or plastic bottles.

**No small appliances like radios, clocks, coffee makers, or hair dryers.**

**No small metal items.** Take smaller items to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 W. 96th St.

**No small items that can fit in a small garbage cart.** These items should be disposed of throughout the year in the regular garbage that is processed at a waste-to-energy facility instead of landfilled during Curbside Cleanup.

This includes:

- Clothing, textiles, linens, bedding or pillows.
- Broken toys.
- Books and other entertainment.
- Other home and garden décor that can fit in a large garbage cart.



## WALKING CLUB RETURNS THIS SUMMER

**B**loomington Parks and Recreation invites residents ages 50 and older to join the annual Walking Club this summer. The free program offers a chance to stay active, meet others and explore Bloomington's parks and trails.

The group meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning May 5. A Parks and Recreation staff member leads one- to three-mile walks of varying intensity at locations throughout the city.

Participants may set their own pace and choose how far they would like to walk. Walkers may attend as many or as few sessions as they wish throughout the season.

Walking supports physical health and overall well-being while providing time outdoors and opportunities to connect with others. Registration is required and is available online at [blm.mn/webtrac](http://blm.mn/webtrac).

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPO CONNECTS FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY AND CARE

**F**amilies with young children are invited to the Early Childhood Expo 2026, on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. This welcoming community event is designed to support early learning and healthy development for children from birth through age five.

The expo brings together trusted local programs and service providers, making it easy for parents and caregivers to explore resources, ask questions and discover options that fit their family's needs. From early learning opportunities to health and family support services, attendees will receive practical information to help children get a strong start. For more information, go to [blm.mn/ecexpo2026](http://blm.mn/ecexpo2026) or contact Amanda Crombie at [acrombie@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:acrombie@BloomingtonMN.gov) or 952-563-8736.



## SEASON PASSES AVAILABLE FOR BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

**S**ummer is approaching and the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center is preparing for the 2026 season. Located at 201 E. 90th St., the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center is open daily from June through August.

Season passes are now available for purchase online and are valid from June 6 through August 23. A \$6 discount is available on season passes purchased by May 1. Passes purchased by June 5 include a \$2 discount. Children under age 2 are admitted free. Learn more at [blm.mn/bfac](http://blm.mn/bfac).



## PARK SHELTER RENTALS NOW OPEN

**S**helter reservations at five Bloomington parks are now open for spring, summer and fall 2026. Park shelters are available to rent from mid-April through mid-October and provide space for family picnics, celebrations, work gatherings and other group events. Available rental locations include:

- Bryant Park, 1001 W. 85th St.
- Dred Scott Playfield, 10820
- Bloomington Ferry Road
- Smith Park, 8155 Park Ave. S.
- Valley View Playfield, 9000 Portland Ave. S.
- Wright's Lake Park, 8501 17th Ave. S.

Amenities vary by location. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents are encouraged to book early to secure their preferred date. Reservations can be made online or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department on the first floor of Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

Availability can be viewed online. For full details, visit [blm.mn/rentals](http://blm.mn/rentals).



## NEW BIKING CLUB LAUNCHES THIS SPRING

**B**loomington Parks and Recreation is offering a new Biking Club for residents ages 50 and older who enjoy riding in a group setting. The free program begins in May and meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

Group rides typically range from 8 - 12 miles and are led at a relaxed, social pace with breaks as needed. Meeting locations

and routes will vary throughout the season.

The Biking Club provides an opportunity to stay active, spend time outdoors and connect with others while exploring Bloomington and nearby trail systems. Participants may attend as many rides as they choose.

Registration online at [blm.mn/webtrac](http://blm.mn/webtrac).



### ENJOY AN OPEN GYM

Open gym time is now offered for community members to experience casual, unstructured play in a relaxed environment. Participants can play with friends, practice skills and move at their own pace.

All ages are welcome. Youth under 13 must be supervised by a parent or guardian. A signed liability waiver is required. The cost is \$5 per participant per visit with a maximum of \$20 per family per visit. For more details and upcoming dates, visit [blm.mn/open-gym](http://blm.mn/open-gym).

The open gym hours are Saturdays from 3 - 6 p.m., at Substance Gym, 6900 W. 115th St.



### INDIGENOUS ART IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Bloomington residents are invited to celebrate Indigenous creativity, culture and community at the 2nd Annual Bloomington Indigenous Art Fair, at Civic Plaza, Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This free, family-friendly event will showcase the work of more than 30 Indigenous artists, offering a wide range of traditional and contemporary art available for purchase. Throughout the day, attendees can enjoy vibrant music and dance performances, sample delicious fare from Indigenous food trucks and take part in hands-on art activities designed for all ages.

The Indigenous Art Fair is an opportunity to support local and regional artists, experience living cultural traditions and come together in the heart of the city for a meaningful day of connection and learning. Whether browsing artwork, enjoying live performances or simply soaking in the atmosphere, residents are encouraged to stop by and be part of this growing community celebration. Learn more online at [blm.mn/indigenous-art-fair](http://blm.mn/indigenous-art-fair).

# BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

## CHECK OUT THIS AMAZING LINEUP OF SHOWS

*Programs, artists and prices subject to change. All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.*

**SPRING AND SUMMER 2026 PERFORMANCE SERIES**

The Bloomington Center for the Arts Performance Series includes awe-inspiring live theater, dance, choral and instrumental concerts. Performances are held in the Schneider or Black Box theaters, located in the Bloomington Center for the Arts at the corner of 98th Street and West Old Shakopee Road. Free parking is available on site.

**BOX OFFICE**  
FOR EVENT TICKETS,  
VISIT [BLM.MN/BCATIX](http://BLM.MN/BCATIX)

VISIT [ARTISTRYMN.ORG/BUYTICKETS](http://ARTISTRYMN.ORG/BUYTICKETS)

**OFFICE HOURS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
WED - FRI: 12 - 5 P.M.  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
BLOOMINGTON BOX OFFICE AT  
[BOXOFFICE@BLOOMINGTONMN.GOV](mailto:BOXOFFICE@BLOOMINGTONMN.GOV) OR 952-563-8575.  
BOX OFFICE OPENS ONE HOUR PRIOR TO EACH PERFORMANCE FOR IN-PERSON SALES AND WILL CALL PICKUP

**BLM.MN/BCA**



**ARTISTRY:  
WHAT THE CONSTITUTION  
MEANS TO ME**

Heidi Schreck's boundary-breaking play breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans. In this hilarious play, she resurrects her teenage self to trace the relationship between four generations of family and the founding document that shaped their lives.

MAY 14 - JUNE 7  
SHOW TIMES VARY  
TICKETS \$32-50



**BLOOMINGTON CHORALE:  
MINNESOTA MUSIC - YOU  
BETCHA!**

Celebrate Minnesota music with composers like Stephen Paulus and Libby Larson, and artists like Owl City and Zach Sobiech. Guest conductor Jane Ramseyer Miller joins us. And yes, you'll hear Purple Rain!

MAY 15, 7:30 P.M.  
MAY 16, 4 P.M.  
TICKETS \$27 ADULT, \$22 SENIOR (60+),  
\$22 STUDENT (ALL FEES INCLUDED)



**MEDALIST CONCERT BAND:  
IF IT AIN'T GOT THAT SWING**

Inspired by Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)," this program celebrates jazz as the heart of American music for nearly a century. Featuring the winner of the 2026 Earl C Benson Concerto Competition.

MAY 17, 4 P.M.  
TICKETS \$21 ADULT, \$19 SENIOR (60+),  
\$19 STUDENT  
(ALL FEES INCLUDED)



**NOTEABLE SINGERS:  
SUMMER ROAD TRIP**

Hit the road with the NOTEable Singers in a high-energy Summer Road Trip show—music, dance, and fun from beach vibes to city lights!

MAY 30, 5 P.M.  
TICKETS \$27 ADULT, \$22 SENIOR (60+),  
\$22 STUDENT, KIDS UNDER 5 FREE  
(ALL FEES INCLUDED)



**ALIVE & KICKIN:  
A&K ACROSS THE USA**

A cross-country road trip of connective human stories and music of American artists: Neil Diamond, Semisonic, Taylor Swift and more!

JUNE 5, 1 P.M. AND 6 P.M.  
JUNE 6, 4 P.M., JUNE 7, 2 P.M.  
TICKETS \$42 ADULT, \$36 SENIOR (60+),  
\$36 STUDENT, GROUP RATES AVAILABLE  
(ALL FEES INCLUDED)



**ARTISTRY:  
IN THE HEIGHTS**

Playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda's fun musical tale of a shop owner dreaming of a better life.

JULY 30 - AUGUST 23  
SHOW TIMES VARY  
TICKETS \$42-72  
(ALL FEES INCLUDED)