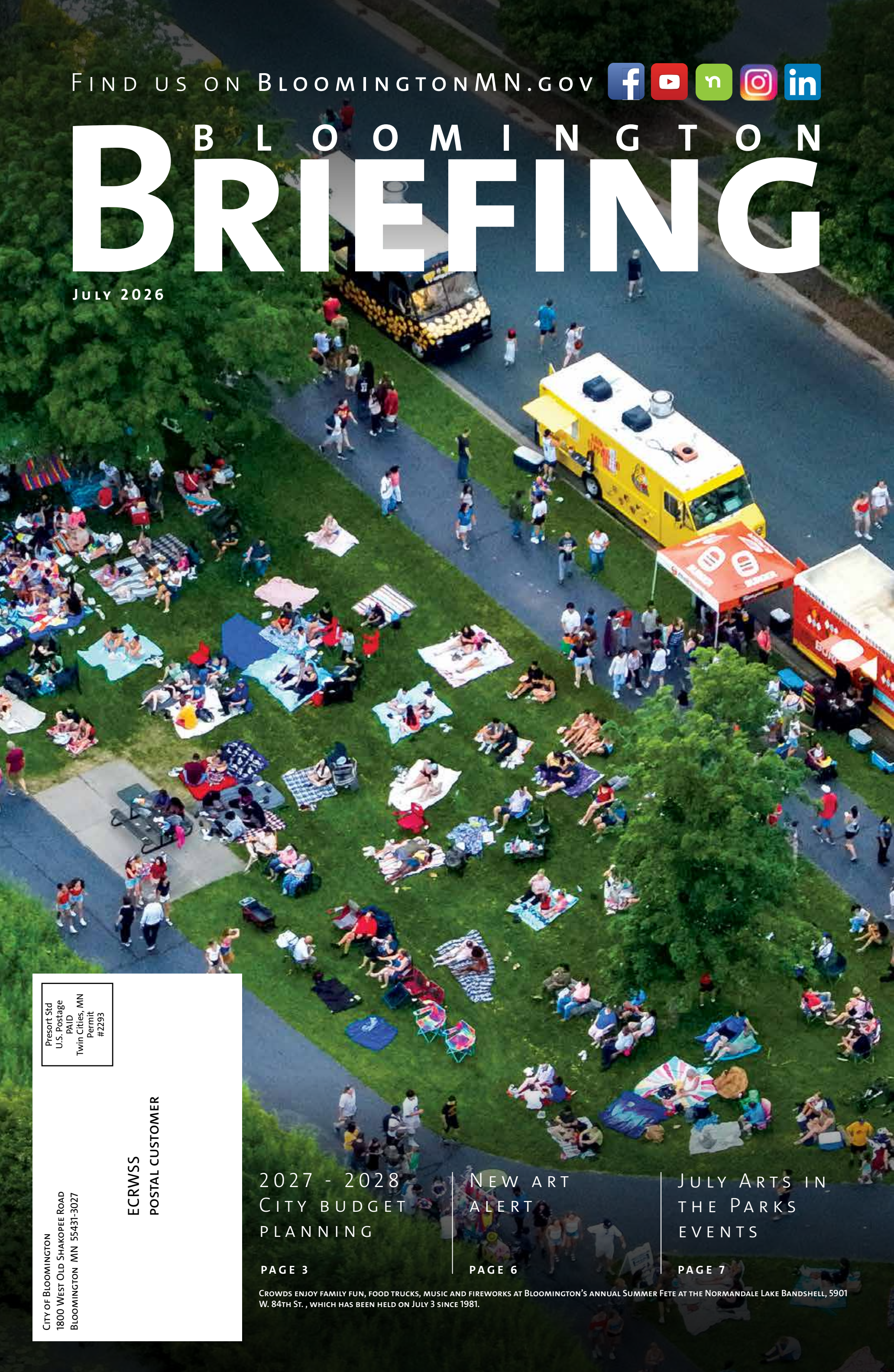


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## MAYOR'S MEMO

### BLOOMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES EVOLUTION

By Mayor Tim Busse

**A**s you may know, the City is in a years-long process to evolve the Bloomington Fire Department into a department served by a combination of full- and part-time firefighters.

The reason for the change is, of course, improved public safety. The men and women in BFD do an outstanding job, but they are very busy and staffing shortages continue to be the main reason why response times are not where we want them to be.

When I say busy, I mean in 2025, BFD responded to more than 11,700 calls for service, including 19 structure fires and thousands of medical emergencies. So far in 2026, call volume is already up another 4% with about 70% of calls being medicals. The need for service is citywide.

When talking about fire calls for service, response time is crucial. The goal is for the first fire unit to arrive on scene within seven minutes and 30 seconds after receiving a call, and to do that 90% of the time. Currently, response times are around nine minutes, with some cases taking even longer due to staffing shortages.

To address these challenges, BFD Chief Ulie Seal and Deputy Chief Jay Forster presented a long-term staffing plan to the City Council in June that would expand full- and part-time staffing, consistently staff six fire stations, and improve emergency response across the community. The capital improvement plan includes reconstruction of Fire Station 4, 4201 W. 84th St., and reconstruction of three other fire stations.

This fire department transition is a heavy financial lift for Bloomington. It is also very important that we do this.

A big thanks to our firefighters, paramedics, inspectors and support staff for their dedication and service to our community every single day.



## THE EVERYDAY POWER OF BEING NEIGHORLY

**A** safe, welcoming community grows from the everyday ways neighbors look out for one another and show they care. Simple gestures like saying hello or bringing a neighbor's trash bins up from the curb can help build trust that keeps a neighborhood connected.

Neighborliness also strengthens safety. Exchanging contact information helps residents alert each other if a package is left out or a garage door is open. Checking in during heat waves or storms, helping carry groceries, or welcoming new neighbors with a friendly note all create a sense of belonging. Even small efforts, like sharing tools or inviting the block to a casual neighborhood cleanup, bring people together.

So, consider sharing your extra garden produce, sweeping leaves or snow from a shared sidewalk, or offering to watch a pet. When neighbors care, the whole community feels more positive, resilient and connected.

### NEIGHBORS WATCHING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS

Want to help make Bloomington an even stronger community? The Neighborhood Watch program empowers residents to work with the Bloomington Police Department to prevent crime and strengthen community connections.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the nation's most effective crime prevention programs. Neighborhoods with active watch groups typically see crime rates decrease by 16 to 20%. Participants receive crime alerts, learn how to recognize and report suspicious activity, and build relationships with neighbors.

The program, led by volunteer block captains who serve as liaisons between residents and the Police Department, is open to everyone. Starting a watch group is simple and begins with gathering neighbors and developing a communication plan.

Active groups may qualify for Neighborhood Watch signs and all groups are encouraged to participate in National Night Out in August each year.

Learn more at [blm.mn/NeighborhoodWatch](http://blm.mn/NeighborhoodWatch).



## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON NAMED A 2026 USA TODAY TOP WORKPLACE

The City of Bloomington was named a 2026 USA TODAY Top Workplaces winner, a national recognition based on feedback from employees about workplace culture, communication and organizational values.

This is the City's second consecutive year on the national list. The City of Bloomington was also recognized as a USA TODAY Top Workplaces winner in 2025.

The City is one of 408 organizations in the U.S. with 500 to 999 employees to earn a place on this year's list. The recognition is based on results from an employee survey conducted by Energage, a survey platform used by workplaces to understand employee experiences. The survey provides insight into how employees view leadership, engagement and alignment with the organization's community-based mission.

"This recognition reflects the experiences of our employees and their commitment to serving the community," said Equity and Workplace Culture Administrator Lauren Reynolds. "Creating a workplace where people feel valued, respected and included is essential to the City's mission. We will continue to use employee feedback to strengthen our culture and support staff across all departments."

For more information about the Top Workplaces program, visit [topworkplaces.com](https://topworkplaces.com).

### IT'S A WRAP FOR HATCH APPLICATIONS

The application window for the 2026 Hatch Bloomington Loves Local program has officially closed, and excitement is building for the next phase of the competition.

City staff are now reviewing applications to identify the Top 25 businesses for the judging panel. Between July 14 - July 20, judges will evaluate submissions before announcing the Top 10 on July 22. Those finalists will pitch their businesses to judges and the public on July 29.

On August 5, up to five Bloomington businesses will be selected to receive a portion of the \$100,000 to help them grow, refresh or take their next step.

"We know small businesses are a vital part of Bloomington," said Bloomington Mayor Tim Busse. "The applications we received this year speak to the breadth and dynamic nature of our business community."

Originally launched as a single winner pitch competition, Hatch Bloomington evolved in 2026 to invest directly in up to five existing Bloomington-based small businesses.

Follow Hatch Bloomington excitement at [hatchbloomington.com](https://hatchbloomington.com).



City Finance staff are on hand at events to answer community questions.

### 2027 - 2028 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT HAS BEGUN

Finance staff have been at community events this spring and summer talking to residents about the 2027 - 2028 budget. New this year, the City is shifting to a two-year budget cycle. This provides time for decision-makers to assess programs and services and make data-driven decisions about resource allocation. This new approach will ensure the investments being made are impactful and aligned with the community's needs and values.

If you don't catch the Budget Team at a community event this summer, you can still share your priorities for the 2027-2028 budget. Share comments online at [blm.mn/budget-engagement](https://blm.mn/budget-engagement) or write in the section below and mail to: Budget Team—Finance Department, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431. Learn more at [blm.mn/budget](https://blm.mn/budget).

**What would you like the City Council to understand about your priorities for city spending and services?**

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**Where do you live in Bloomington? Do you rent or own your home?** \_\_\_\_\_



### BUILDING BETTER SERVICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The City broke ground on a new fleet facility in April, marking a major step forward in strengthening essential services for residents. A fleet assessment completed in 2019 identified significant space and staffing challenges in the current garage, which can no longer support larger equipment or the growing number of electrified vehicles.

To meet these needs, in 2022 the City purchased property next to the current Public Works building to construct a modern fleet garage that will feature larger bay areas, updated lifts, natural lighting, additional service bays and improved locker rooms and rest areas. These upgrades will make room for more technicians, enhance safety and improve core service levels for residents.

The project also reserves more than 21,000 square feet of roof space for a future solar installation. Completion is expected by August 2027.

### CITY GRANTS AIM TO BOOST SMALL BUSINESSES IN WAKE OF RECENT CHALLENGES

Many neighborhood businesses faced unexpected financial and operational challenges during recent immigration enforcement actions. In response, the City's Port Authority launched the Small Business Assistance Grant Program to help local entrepreneurs weather the disruptions and stay rooted in the community they serve.

Through the program, eligible businesses received up to \$10,000 in rent or mortgage support. As of June 2026, 22 Bloomington businesses received \$172,000 in funding from this grant.

This effort highlights the City's ongoing commitment to strengthening its business community and supporting economic resilience.

For details, contact Assistant Port Authority Administrator Barb Wolff at [bwolff@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:bwolff@BloomingtonMN.gov) or 952-563-4706. Look for stories from grant recipients about the impact of this assistance in future issues of the *Briefing*.



## SUMMER SERIES CONNECTS RESIDENTS TO SUSTAINABILITY

This summer, residents are invited to explore simple ways to live healthier and more sustainably through a new series of community events.

The Healthy Living and Sustainability series will bring together staff from Solid Waste, Sustainability and Public Health for engaging, family friendly outreach in community spaces throughout Bloomington.

These events will provide opportunities to connect with resources, ask questions and discover practical tips for reducing waste and supporting wellbeing.

Each event will feature hands-on activities, helpful information, and connections to City services that support everyday sustainable choices.

Mark your calendar:

**Wednesday, July 15, 4 – 7 p.m.**

Bryant Park Shelter, 1001 W. 85th St.

**Wednesday, July 22, 2 – 4 p.m.**

Penn Lake Library, 8800 Penn Ave. S.

**Saturday, August 1, 12 – 2 p.m.**

Smith Park, 8149 Park Ave. S.

For more information, visit

[blm.mn/sustainability](http://blm.mn/sustainability).

## POWER UP YOUR HOME: JOIN BLOOMINGTON'S 2026 HOME ENERGY WORKSHOP

Discover how to make your home more comfortable, efficient and climate friendly at Bloomington's free 2026 Home Energy Workshop. Join us **Thursday, July 30, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**, at the Black Box Theater at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W Old Shakopee, for an evening of expert insights on home energy efficiency, electrification, and solar options. Doors open at 6 p.m., and a complimentary light dinner will be provided.

Whether you're curious about cutting energy costs or exploring clean energy upgrades, this event offers practical guidance for every homeowner. Register today at [blm.mn/homeenergy](http://blm.mn/homeenergy) and take the first step toward a smarter, healthier home. Need translation? Call 952-563-8732.

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Bloomington resident Jill Larsen, *above*, has been tagging monarch butterflies since 2019.

## EARTH ACTION HERO: BLOOMINGTON BACKYARD BECOMES LAUNCHPAD FOR MONARCHS

Bloomington residents like Jill Larsen and her son, Craig Larsen, an interpretive ranger with the National Park Service, show how small actions can make an extraordinary impact.

Since 2019, they have been tagging monarch butterflies through the University of Kansas, tracking their remarkable migration. Monarchs have been tagged across the city, from the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge to neighborhood yards. In 2025, one of their tagged butterflies was found in Mexico.

With guidance from Bloomington elementary school teacher Jody Gray, the family also began raising monarchs at home in 2024, watching them grow from egg to butterfly before release. Their yard, filled with milkweed and native plants, supports pollinators of all kinds.

"I love that Bloomington is concerned with sustainability of our natural resources," Larsen said.

Larsen, a longtime Bloomington resident, captures the spirit of Bloomington: a community where people lead with purpose and work to support a healthy natural environment that benefits everyone, even bugs.

### MONARCHS IN THE CITY: WHY YOUR YARD MATTERS

Bloomington is taking action to protect monarch butterflies. Through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, led by the National Wildlife Federation, the City joins communities working to restore habitat and support pollinators.

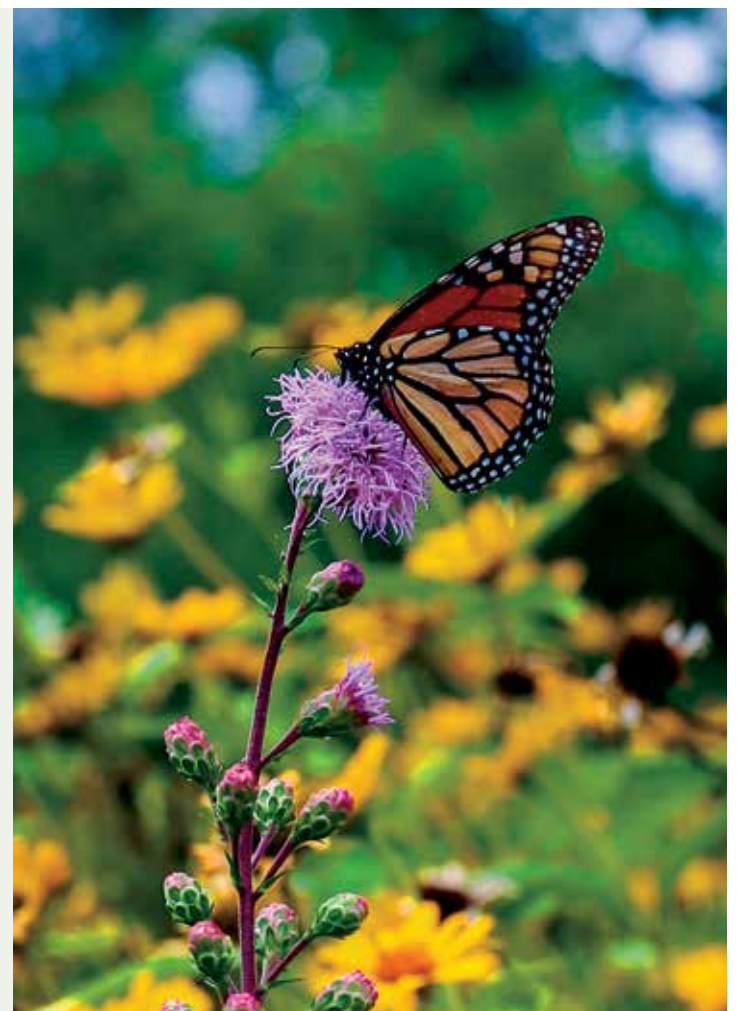
In urban landscapes, monarchs brighten summer days and help pollinate flowering plants that keep parks, yards and green spaces healthy and bright. Their presence signals a thriving environment.

"Protecting monarchs shows the values we care about as a community," said Mayor Tim Busse.

Bloomington supports pollinators by building on existing efforts, including prairie habitat at Public Works, and new efforts, including the Nine Mile Creek Restoration project, which will restore about 50 acres of savanna, prairie and wet meadow habitat.

The City also partners with the Richfield Bloomington Watershed Management Organization to bring pollinator education into classrooms and host events like the Garlic Mustard Pull and Buckthorn Bust.

Join the effort by planting native flowers, limiting pesticides and sharing your efforts at [sustainability@Bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:sustainability@Bloomingtonmn.gov).



### HIDDEN GARDENS DO BIG WORK IN SMALL WATERS

Pond plants don't always get the attention they deserve, but they play a vital role in keeping Bloomington waters healthy and thriving. The plants found in Minnesota ponds and shallow lakes are more than greenery. They are natural helpers supporting balanced ecosystems.

Common submerged species include pondweeds, coontail, waterweeds and Eurasian Water milfoil. These underwater plants improve water clarity by taking up nutrients that would otherwise feed algae blooms. They also release oxygen, which

supports fish and other aquatic life.

Plants that emerge above the water, such as native cattails and bulrush, help stabilize sediment and provide habitat for birds, insects and amphibians. Floating plants like water lilies add shade and provide habitat for invertebrates and other wildlife.

Together, these plant communities create healthier, more resilient waters. While they may sometimes seem excessive, they are a sign of a functioning natural system. Next time you visit a pond, notice the hidden garden below.



## JOIN THE EFFORT TO HONOR VETERANS

**A** new Veterans Memorial is coming to Harrison Park, 1701 West 100th Street, to honor those who have served. The City of Bloomington has partnered with Bloomington Remembers Veterans Inc. to bring this vision to life. With thoughtful design, natural surroundings and construction efficiencies, the memorial is on track for completion by Veterans Day 2026.

Community members are encouraged to purchase a Veterans Memorial dog tag. Symbolic engraved dog tags will recognize veterans from all branches and eras, living or deceased, a Bloomington resident or not. Each tag is \$350 and directly supports the memorial's construction.

Purchasing a dog tag is a meaningful way to honor a veteran's service while helping create a lasting place of reflection for the entire community.

Visit [blm.mn/veterans-memorial](http://blm.mn/veterans-memorial) to show your support.



## PUBLIC HEALTH STEPS UP TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

**P**ublic Health continues to increase its presence in the community. Outreach increased from 94 events in 2024 to 147 in 2025, more than one per week, strengthening relationships and delivering faster support where it's needed most.

These stronger connections are making a difference. During the immigration enforcement surge, staff provided families with express food packs from VEAP during home visits, WIC appointments and immunization clinics. They also partnered with other City departments, including the Sustainability team to share food and essentials at a Utility Bill Skills Fair for residents facing both food and utility challenges.

Public Health will distribute Go Kits with hygiene essentials and infant health supplies to reach residents who need immediate support.

## SIGNS OF A SAFER STREET: SLOW DOWN, DON'T WING IT

**A** simple yard signs send a powerful reminder that safer streets start with slower speeds so, join the effort! Bloomington residents can pick up free yard signs promoting the City's 25 miles per hour neighborhood speed limit to encourage drivers to slow down and protect people walking, biking and driving in residential areas.

Signs are available at the Information Desk in Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. They will also be distributed at community events throughout the city.

Bloomington lowered speed limits on local streets to 25 miles per hour in August 2024 unless otherwise posted. Research shows slower speeds reduce both the likelihood and severity of crashes, making neighborhoods safer for everyone.

Drivers are encouraged to watch for posted speed limits and help keep Bloomington streets safe for all.



## MEET THE FIREFIGHTER: DRIVEN TO HELP OTHERS

**V**eronica Vasina, "V" for short, has been bringing energy, strength and heart to her role as a Bloomington firefighter over the past year. In addition to responding to emergencies, she's on the wellness and safety committee and is training for the peer support team.

V holds a degree in exercise physiology with a minor in coaching. She is fully certified in firefighting, EMT, CPR and AED, and holds multiple CrossFit and strength coaching certifications. She also serves the Minnetonka and Shoreline fire departments and coaches fitness, gymnastics and diving.

Driven to help others, V thrives in high pressure, team focused environments that demand resilience and quick thinking. She credits her family, especially her mother, Heather, and husband Joe, for their support.

Off duty, V stays active outdoors and unwinds with a good book or a game of fetch with her cat, Puff.



**NAME:**  
VERONICA VASINA  
**STATION:**  
FIRE STATION 5

**V's Fire Safety Advice:** Create a fire escape plan with two exits per room, choose a meeting spot and practice regularly.



## CHILL IN THE PARK

**J**oin Bloomington Police for an summer hangout! Meet your local officers, enjoy free freezies and giveaways. A family-friendly event focused on community, conversation and fun!

Mark your calendar:

**Thursday, July 23, 4 – 5 p.m.**

Cedarcrest Park, 8700 Bloomington Ave. S.

For more information, visit [blm.mn/chillinthepark](http://blm.mn/chillinthepark).



## NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS TO ROLL INTO HYLAND PARK RESERVE

Mountain biking enthusiasts will soon have a new destination to explore in the Hyland Bush Anderson Lakes Park Reserve. Staff from Three Rivers Park District are in the final design phase for a singletrack mountain bike trail designed to provide a high-quality riding experience while protecting the park reserve's natural resources.

The effort follows a 2025 cooperative agreement in which Three Rivers began operating several park units previously managed by the City of Bloomington. After evaluating the area, staff concluded the park reserve could support a destination style mountain bike trail.

A general trail location was identified, and design work is being finalized. Project goals include preserving natural habitats, minimizing impacts to neighbors and other park users, protecting cross country ski infrastructure and creating trails for riders of all skill levels.

The trail would use existing park amenities, including parking, restrooms and drinking water. Residents can subscribe for project updates through Three Rivers Park District at [letstalkthreerivers.org/hyland-singletrack-trail](http://letstalkthreerivers.org/hyland-singletrack-trail).

## KNOW THE CODE: DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

Bloomington City Code regulates solicitors. Regulated solicitor activities include going place-to-place advertising or selling a product or service. The City requires these individuals to be licensed by the City Clerk's Office. Solicitors are required to comply with City Code, including:

- Operating between the hours of 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Carrying a valid city solicitation license and identification card.
- Obeying signs banning trespassing or prohibiting solicitors.

Should you encounter a solicitor who is not complying with City Code, please email [businesslicensing@Bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:businesslicensing@Bloomingtonmn.gov) or call 952-563-8728 with information about the person and what they are soliciting. If you encounter someone who is aggressive, please call 911.

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## ART ALERT: CREATIVE KALEIDOSCOPE OFFERS NEW VIEW

A new installation, the Garden Kaleidoscope by Wisconsin-based metal sculptor Robert Anderson, was installed on the northwest side of Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, this spring. Each kaleidoscope offers a unique, interactive view of the multi-color flowers in the planter making a dynamic living display. The garden element will be planted seasonally by the Bloomington Community Garden Club.

## NORMANDALE BREAKS BARRIERS WITH NEW PRESIDENT PAKOU YANG

Normandale Community College has started an exciting new chapter with the appointment of Dr. Pakou Yang as its next president. Dr. Yang has already led the college as interim president since June 2025, strengthening relationships with students, faculty, staff and community partners along the way.

Her appointment in April 2026 is also a historic moment. Dr. Yang is the first Hmong American president of any college or university in the U.S., a milestone that reflects both her remarkable leadership and a growing commitment to inclusive excellence across higher education.

With more than 20 years of experience across Minnesota State, Dr. Yang is known for bringing people together, boosting student success and encouraging innovation in and beyond the classroom.

The City of Bloomington celebrates this achievement and remains committed to fostering a community where diversity is valued and leadership that reflects our vibrant population continues to thrive.



## GAME, SET, MATCH FOR A BLOOMINGTON LEGACY

For Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator Marcia Bach, right, tennis has always been more than a sport. Since moving to Bloomington in 1970 and beginning as recreation supervisor and then assistant manager, her goal has been clear: to bring people together and strengthen the community. Working part time now, Bach has served Bloomington for more than 30 years, helping to support one of the most active tennis communities in Minnesota.

When the tennis program in Bloomington started in the 1970s, participation expanded quickly under Bach's leadership and coordination. Courts at Valley View and Dred Scott Playfields filled with players. Lessons launched in 1973 grew into popular league play. Programs, such as the singles and doubles ladders, thrived and the women's single ladders and women's and men's leagues continue now after five decades.

Though Bach left the City to serve as executive director of the USTA Northern (1987-2003) and as tennis in parks coordinator for the national association (2003-2008), she continued to support tennis in the community. And she remains a long-time volunteer for the USTA.

"I have been a recreational player since elementary school, but my passion is as a community advocate for the sport, especially in Bloomington," Bach said.

In June, the Valley View Tennis Courts were renamed the Marcia Bach Tennis Courts, a lasting tribute to her impact on the game and the community.



# 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.



## TUESDAY PERFORMANCE SERIES

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



**JULY 14**  
Continental Ballet



**JULY 21**  
Bloomington Symphony Orchestra



**JULY 28**  
Steve Clarke and the Working Stiffs

**AUGUST 4**  
Minnesota State Band

**AUGUST 11**  
Jazz on the Prairie Big Band

## MIDWEEK MUSIC AND MARKET

Music, food trucks, a beer garden, and vendors from the Bloomington Farmers Market-everything you need to enjoy your Wednesday evenings 5 - 8 p.m. at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.



**JULY 15**  
Joe Flip Band



**JULY 22**  
Feel Good, Inc.



**JULY 29**  
Dred I Dread

**AUGUST 5**  
Consolation Champ

**AUGUST 12**  
Anti-Skip Protection

**AUGUST 19**  
Jordan Johnston and the Elevation

**AUGUST 26**  
Ross William Perry



## MONDAY MORNING KIDS' SERIES

All programs begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be at Valley View Park, 9000 Portland Ave. S. unless otherwise noted.

**July 13: Wiggle Jiggle, and Jam**  
Family fun the puts the "move" in music.

**July 20: Dazzling Dave**  
Check out this amazing yo-yo master.

**July 27: Rachael Kroog**  
Be ready to have fun and dance along.

**August 3: In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater**  
Join us for a morning of puppets, puppet stories, and puppet play.

**August 10: Continental Ballet performance for kids**  
At the Normandale Lake Bandshell, 5901 West 84th Street, Bloomington.

## THURSDAY BLOCKBUSTERS

Don't miss the Thursday Blockbuster events at the Normandale Lake Bandshell, featuring the best in Twin Cities music, food trucks, and beer garden. Food and beverage service begins at 6:30 p.m. and shows start at 7 p.m.



**JULY 9**  
Rhino



**JULY 16**  
Devon Worley Band



**JULY 23**  
Hitchville

**JULY 30**  
The Jimmys

**AUGUST 6**  
Salsa del Soul

**AUGUST 13**  
Good for Gary



## SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday Funday offers free, family-friendly live entertainment and food. This series is a great way to spend Sunday afternoons in the summer. Events take place from 6 - 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at locations throughout the City.



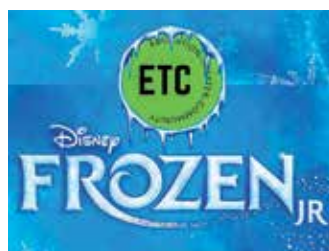
**JULY 12**  
Tropical Zone Orchestra

Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave S.



**JULY 19**  
Medalist Concert Band

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road



**JULY 26**  
ETC Summer Tours (Frozen Jr.)

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th St. and Chalet Road

**AUGUST 2**  
Alma Andina

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road

**AUGUST 9**  
Global Jazz Collegium

Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road



## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

**AUGUST 8**  
**On The One Music Festival**  
Central Station Park,  
8100 33rd Ave. S., 3 - 9 p.m.

The Fifth Annual On the One Festival features rising stars in Twin Cities Urban Eclectic, Hip Hop, Afro Beats and Neo Soul.



## ENJOY LOCAL PARKS AND TRAILS THIS SUMMER

**B**loomington has an abundance of opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, with 97 parks and green spaces and more than 50 miles of trails throughout the city. Discover some of these locations below.



### GIRARD LAKE PARK

This 0.8 mile loop of natural trail around Girard Lake, 8401 France Ave. S., makes for a lovely summer stroll with scenic surroundings.



### HYLAND LAKE PARK RESERVE

This park reserve spans more than 2,600 acres with many options for walking and recreation, including: Richardson Nature Center, 8737 E. Bush Lake Road; West Bush Lake Park, 9401 W. Bush Lake Road; East Bush Lake Park/Beach, 9140 E. Bush Lake Road; Normandale Lake Park, at West 84th Street and Chalet Road; and Tierney's Woods, 8200 W. Bush Lake Rd.



The City broke ground on Nine Mile Creek corridor restoration construction in May.  
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### POND DAKOTA MISSION PARK

At Pond Dakota Mission Park, 401 E. 108th St., you can look over a tree-framed bluff across 12,000 years of human history where native peoples and Euro-American settlers made their home in the river valley. Learn about local history and take a hike.



### MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge hosts more than 46 miles of trails. There are many different access points with a variety of scenic backdrops, including: Bloomington Education and Visitor Center, 3815 American Blvd. E.; Old Cedar Avenue Bridge Trailhead, 9551 Old Cedar Ave. S.; Lyndale Ave./Sorenson Landing, 11135 Lyndale Ave. S.; Bloomington Ferry Road Trailhead, 11255 Bloomington Ferry Road; and Bass Ponds Trailhead, 2501 86th St. E.

### NINE MILE CREEK CORRIDOR RENEWAL PROJECT PROGRESSES

Construction is moving along in the Nine Mile Creek corridor on restoration work along with Harrison Park and the Veterans Memorial. With Harrison Park and its trail access point now closed, and other trailheads throughout Moir/Central Park set to close late summer or early fall 2026 for the start of major renewal work in the corridor, you may be seeking alternative places to walk and hike.

Visit [bloomingtonforward.org/9mile](https://bloomingtonforward.org/9mile) for the latest project updates and trail closures.

### ENTER PARKS VIA PUBLIC ENTRY POINTS

Please do not cross through privately owned property to access the Nine Mile Creek corridor. It is illegal, and there are multiple public entry points for the areas that are currently open, like Moir Park, 10320 Morgan Ave. S. During construction, different areas of the park will be closed for your safety. Please respect "trail closed" signs where they are posted.