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MAYOR'S MEMO: PRELIMINARY BUDGET APPROVED

In September, the City Council approved the preliminary 2027 tax levy and general fund budget with an increase of 6.64% over 2026.

According to state law, the preliminary levy is the maximum amount the City can collect through property taxes for the coming year. The Council can lower that number but can't raise it before final approval.

It likely won't surprise you that 82% of the proposed budget increase goes to the five core services that cities provide: police, fire, public works, parks and recreation and community development. And to put an even sharper point on that, 48% of the proposed budget increase will go to police and fire.

Keeping Bloomington safe, plowing the streets, providing the best water in Minnesota, maintaining our parks and green spaces, and supporting our business community—Bloomington residents have made it clear that they value these services and have high expectations when it comes to the delivery of these services. The proposed budget reflects those values and expectations.

And it's one more step in the journey. Many Council meetings from now to December will include budget discussions. Please tune in at blm.mn/youtube if you'd like to better understand the process and hear the thoughtful conversations about the most important work we do as a Council.

HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2027-2028 BUDGET

- Attend the opportunity for public comment at the November 16 City Council study meeting.
- Attend the City's public hearing about the property tax levy and budget on Monday, December 7.
- Visit the City's budget web page at blm.mn/budget.
- Tune in Monday evenings on BTV 859 HD/BTV 14 SD or the livestream of City Council meetings at blm.mn/btv-live.
- Share your thoughts about the 2027-2028 budget online at blm.mn/budget.



The 2026 Bloomington Leadership Program cohort celebrates their graduation in front of the *WEMural*, at the corner of American Boulevard and 30th Avenue South.

BLOOMINGTON ENGAGED OPEN HOUSE – JOIN US

Looking for a way to get more involved in your community? Stop by the Bloomington Engaged Open House on Saturday, October 17, 9 – 11 a.m., in the Civic Plaza Rehearsal Hall during the final outdoor farmers market of the season.

Meet City volunteers, board and commission members, Bloomington Leadership Program alumni and City staff. Hear their stories, ask questions and discover the many ways you can make a difference in Bloomington. You can also learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, board and commission openings and the annual leadership program.

Enjoy free coffee and pastries while exploring opportunities to connect with and serve in your community. Learn more about the open house at blm.mn/engaged. Explore volunteer and civic engagement opportunities anytime at blm.mn/connected.

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ART IS POPPING UP ALL OVER BLOOMINGTON

The South Loop just got a little more colorful! Four new hand-painted utility boxes are bringing original artwork to the district as part of a Creative Placemaking pilot program.

Take a stroll and check them out at:

- 2400 E. 82nd St., near the Element Hotel: Artist Briana Williams.
- 86th Street and Old Shakopee Road: Artist Kelly Frankenberg.
- 3600 American Blvd., near Park 'N Fly: Artist Kevin Zaid Martinez.
- 8199 26th Ave., near the Element parking ramp: Artist Taylor Lund.

The Otocast app can help you discover even more public art around Bloomington. Learn more at blm.mn/placemaking.

The City is seeking experienced artists to create a large-scale mural on the new community health and wellness center at 98th and Penn and 98th and Newton. The \$200,000 project will celebrate health, connection and belonging. Learn more, including details on how to apply, at blm.mn/CHWCmural.

READY TO OPEN? START WITH THE RIGHT PERMIT

Opening, expanding or remodeling a business in Bloomington? Before construction begins or you move into a commercial space, make sure you know whether your project requires a building permit.

Many commercial improvements, remodels, occupancy changes and other alterations require permits and inspections. These reviews help ensure your space meets building, fire, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and accessibility codes.

Getting the required permits before work starts can help you avoid unexpected costs, project delays and disruptions to your opening schedule. Even if the space was previously occupied by another business, permits may still be needed depending on the work being completed or how the space will be used.

The City is committed to helping businesses succeed. If you have questions, City staff are ready to guide you through the permitting process and help keep your project on track.

For more information, contact the business assistance team at business@BloomingtonMN.gov or 952-563-4706.

WE MEAN BUSINESS: HERBAL ALCHEMY

Phoebe Nguyen began making her own skincare products 25 years ago out of necessity after her baby developed hives from a bubble bath. Today, you can find the oat bath soak she developed for her child at her retail store Herbal Alchemy at Mall of America, where she offers handmade products with a therapeutic focus.

"I wanted to help other kids that were going through the same things as my children did," she said. "Eventually, I made a lot of skincare products to help resolve certain types of issues."

Customers from all over come to Herbal Alchemy seeking treatment for ailments from headaches to cramping to nausea.

"I love being here in Bloomington because we get so many tourists from different parts of the country and the world," she said.



LEAD THE WAY IN BLOOMINGTON

Want to make a difference in your community and learn more about how Bloomington works? Apply for the 2027 Bloomington Leadership Program.

This eight-week program brings residents together to explore leadership, civic engagement and community connections. Participants learn from City staff and community partners while gaining insight into how local government works, community participation and more.

The program is open to Bloomington residents 18 and older who can attend at least six of eight sessions. The 2027 program runs February 4 – March 25.

Past participants say:

"I feel more motivated to find ways to get involved in community activities, plus I have made new connections with people looking to do the same thing!"

"I plan to be more involved, more informed, and more intentional in how I show up and serve within my community."

Apply by November 20 at blm.mn/leadership or call 952-563-8733 (MN Relay 711) to request a paper application.

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TAKE A SEAT AT A BOARD OR COMMISSION TABLE

Want to make a difference in Bloomington? Serving on a City board or commission is a great way to share your perspective, connect with your community and help shape decisions that affect residents and impact our community.

Openings vary throughout the year and currently include opportunities with the Housing Redevelopment Authority Board, pictured above, and Port Authority Commission. Learn more and apply at blm.mn/boards.

Questions? Contact the Communications and Engagement Department at 952-563-8733 or outreach@BloomingtonMN.gov.





BUTTON UP YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

Cooler days are coming, and a few simple steps can help your home stay comfortable and energy efficient all winter.

Start by checking your thermostat. Adjusting the temperature when you are sleeping or away can help reduce energy use. If you have a heat pump, keep the thermostat at a steady temperature for best efficiency.

Look for drafts around doors, windows, outlets and other areas where materials meet. Caulk or weatherstrip gaps to keep warm air inside. Replacing old incandescent bulbs with LEDs can also reduce energy use, while unplugging electronics when they are not in use can prevent energy waste.

For personalized advice, Bloomington residents can schedule a reduced cost Home Energy Squad® visit. Experts can identify energy saving opportunities and install products that can improve your home's efficiency.

Schedule a visit at mncee.org/hes or call 651-328- 6220. Find more seasonal energy saving tips at CUB Minnesota, blm.mn/seasonal-tips.

COME CELEBRATE A NEW HOME FOR ORGANICS

Bring your organics and celebrate! Bloomington's newest organics drop-off site opens Saturday, November 7, at Wright's Lake Park (8501 17th Ave. S.) Join the grand opening celebration, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Be among the first to use the new drop-off, create compostable art and enjoy seasonal treats.

The new site, located in the park's parking lot, will be open during park hours for residents to drop off bagged organic material. Thanks to a Hennepin County grant, the site features a roof and an accessible user door for easier access to the dumpsters.

The new location makes it easier for Bloomington residents to keep food scraps and other organic material out of the trash. Learn more about the new drop-off at blm.mn/organicsdropoffs.

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EARTH ACTION HEROES: LEADERSHIP THAT MAKES A LASTING SPLASH

The Bloomington Leadership program is about more than building connections. It's about inspiring people to make a difference. For 2026 graduates Maddie Johnson, *pictured in the back row first on the left*, Tenzin Gakyi, *front row second from right*, and Jenny Krueger, *back row third from left*, that inspiration turned into action along the banks of Nine Mile Creek.

After meeting through the program, the trio combined their passion for the environment with a desire to give back and partnered with Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to organize a community cleanup. Together with family, friends and fellow Leadership Program graduates, they rolled up their sleeves and removed litter at one of Bloomington's most valuable natural resources.

"I know how important it is to maintain the natural ecosystem," said Johnson. "After meeting incredible community leaders through the Bloomington Leadership Program, I felt motivated to plan an event that had a tangible impact."

Ready to become an Earth Action Hero? Join Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's Grate Drain Race by adopting a storm drain and helping keep trash out of local lakes and creeks through November 30. Learn more and sign up at ninemilecreek.org.

SWEEPING SEASON IS HERE

Clean streets help keep Bloomington moving safely while protecting local waterways. Each spring and fall, City crews sweep and flush more than 342 miles of streets and bike lanes, improving air quality and reducing pollutants that can reach stormwater systems. Research by the U.S. Geological Survey shows that streets, when cleaned of leaf litter prior to a storm, can significantly decrease nutrient loads in stormwater runoff.

Spring sweeping typically begins in early April. Fall sweeping is completed in October. Crews work two shifts, Monday through Thursday, 5:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The City alternates sweeping start and finish points each year, so every area gets a turn.

Remember, fall sweeping is not leaf collection. Residents are responsible for collecting leaves. Leaves should never be raked or blown into the street. They can clog storm drains and pipes, contributing to flooding and backups, create slippery conditions for drivers and interfere with snow removal when frozen.

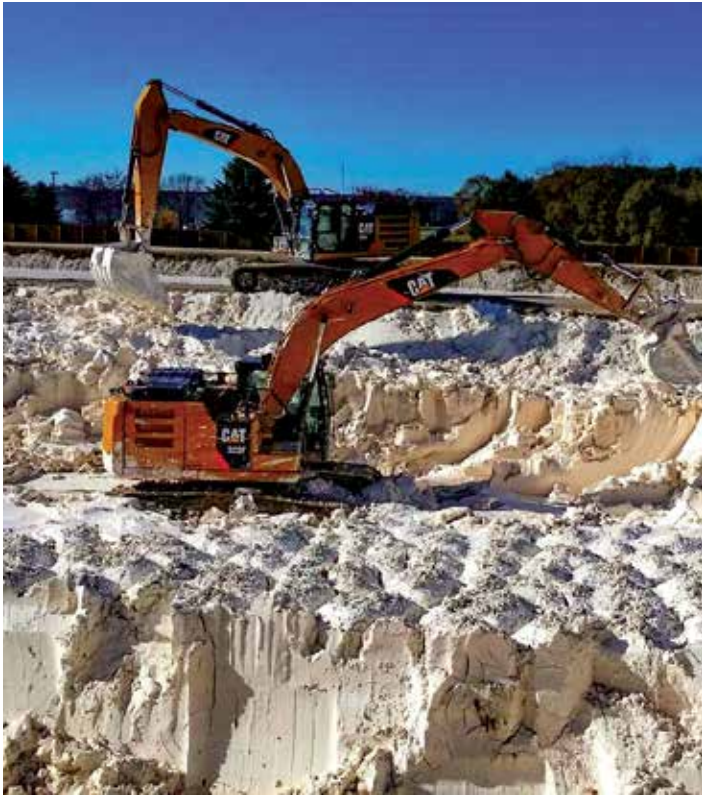
FROM DRINKING WATER TO HEALTHY FIELDS

What happens to the natural minerals removed during Bloomington's drinking water treatment process? They get a second life helping farmers grow crops.

Bloomington's Agricultural Liming Material, or ALM, is a byproduct of the drinking water treatment process. Made primarily of naturally occurring minerals, ALM can help neutralize acidic soils, improve soil pH, increase nutrient availability and support crop productivity

Over the past 10 years, Bloomington has provided an average of 15,321 cubic yards of ALM each year to farm fields across seven metro counties. The material provides participating farmers with a no-cost source of lime while helping reduce waste.

By putting these minerals to work in local agriculture, the City supports farmers and demonstrates how environmental stewardship can benefit the entire community. Learn more about how Bloomington is finding responsible ways to support the environment at blm.mn/sustainability.



WASTE LESS, SAVE MORE

Your next grocery trip could be the start of big savings. Join Bloomington's Save Food, Spend Less Challenge from October 1 - 31 and discover easy ways to stretch your food budget while reducing waste.

Hosted by Hennepin County and sponsored by the City of Bloomington, the free online challenge features more than 60 fun actions that help you shop smarter, plan meals, store food properly and make the most of every bite. The average family of four could save up to \$3,000 each year by wasting less food.

Join the Bloomington Challenge Team, then watch for details about a local Save Food, Spend Less event happening during the challenge. Learn more and sign up at blm.mn/savefood.



BLOOMINGTON POLICE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM SHOWS POSITIVE RESULTS

Early results for Bloomington Police Department’s brain health program show increased client well-being, high satisfaction, positive community reception and a meaningful reduction in barriers to accessing mental healthcare. Launched in 2023, the Bloomington Community Brain Health Services program was created in response to increasing mental health crises, provider shortages, long wait times for services and rising law enforcement involvement in crisis calls. The Bloomington model integrates licensed therapists and supervised graduate-level interns directly within the police department, offering up to 15 free sessions of therapy delivered in homes, schools, virtual settings and community spaces. The program was featured in a recent article in the journal “Forensic Scholars Today.” The article identifies challenges faced during program launch, from navigating legal and risk management requirements to addressing stigma and offers a roadmap for those seeking to integrate therapeutic services into public safety systems. Learn more at blm.mn/brain-health.

MEET THE OFFICER: DEPUTY CHIEF BEN CALHOUN

After 25 years with the Bloomington Police Department, Deputy Chief Ben Calhoun has built a career around serving the community, embracing new challenges and staying connected to the people around him. Calhoun recently stepped into his role as deputy chief, overseeing the Support Services Bureau, Investigations Bureau and Administrative Commander. During his BPD career, he has served as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, investigations sergeant and commander in several roles. He also spent 14 years with the Emergency Response Unit. “Good communication, patience and listening are essential skills for an officer,” he said. He credits his family and colleagues for supporting him throughout his career. Calhoun holds a bachelor’s degree and completed the Northwestern Staff and Command School. He said he chose law enforcement because of his commitment to the community and the variety of opportunities the profession offers. Away from work, Calhoun enjoys the outdoors and helps coach his daughter’s hockey team.



FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSES ON OCTOBER 10

Climb aboard one of our fire trucks during the annual Bloomington Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at any of the City’s six fire stations. To celebrate this year’s theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower,” we will share information on how to safely charge devices with lithium-ion batteries to reduce the risk of fire and related hazards. Visitors of all ages can enjoy a live demonstration, chat with the firefighters and even spray a fire hose. Additional kid-friendly activities include coloring sheets, taking pictures for the photo wall and meeting Sparky the Fire Dog. Kids will receive a free T-shirt, bag and other giveaways. Find fire station locations at blm.mn/fire.

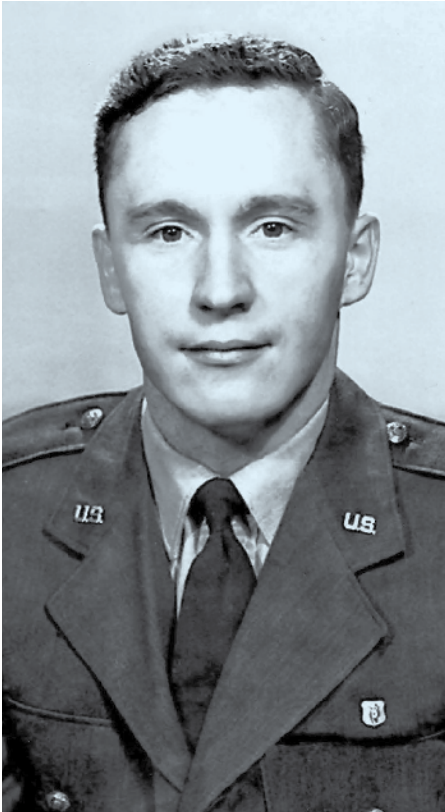
PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM THE FLU

Cold and flu season is approaching. The best way to protect yourself and others from severe flu and hospitalization is to get an annual flu shot. Did you know? The 2024-2025 flu season in the U.S. was the most severe season since 2017-2018. It also had the highest number of people who were sick with the flu in the past decade. The flu vaccine is estimated to have prevented 240,000 hospitalizations last year. If you have private health insurance, check with your primary care provider or local pharmacy for flu shot options. Bloomington Public Health will host several community flu shot clinics for individuals with limited access to flu shots. Schedule your flu shot today at one of our community clinics at blm.mn/clinics. If you need help making an appointment, please call 952-563-8900 and select the option for flu vaccinations.



BLOOMINGTON POLICE RESERVES NEED YOU

The Bloomington Police Department is seeking new volunteers to join the Bloomington Police Reserves, an essential team that supports public safety across the city. Reserve Officers come from all backgrounds: some are exploring careers in law enforcement, while others simply want to make a meaningful difference in their community. Reserve Officers assist sworn officers with non-criminal duties, from business and park checks to helping motorists, supporting public safety programs, directing traffic at special events and aiding in searches or emergency responses. Applicants must be at least 20 years old, meet basic eligibility requirements and commit to about 10 hours monthly. New volunteers receive comprehensive training through an in-house academy and ongoing monthly sessions. Uniforms and equipment are provided at no cost. To learn more or to apply, visit blm.mn/bpd-programs.



George Fischer, US Air Force, 1960 - 63

HONOR A VETERAN IN YOUR LIFE

Recognize a veteran by adding their photo to the Annual Veterans Photo Wall, presented on an online gallery and on-site in the Civic Plaza lobby through November. Submit your photos online at blm.mn/vet-photos. When uploading a photo, you will be asked for the service member’s name, military branch and years of service. In addition, you can share a story about the veteran to be included with their picture. You can also honor a veteran in your life with a symbolic dog tag on the new Veterans Memorial at Harrison Park 1701 W. 100th Street. Learn more about purchasing a dog tag at blm.mn/veterans-memorial. If you have any questions, call 952-563-8733 or email outreach@BloomingtonMN.gov.



ADAPTIVE RECREATION: DANCE YOUR SOCKS OFF

Dance Your Socks Off launches on Friday, October 16, 7 - 9 p.m., with a Halloween dance at Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Ave. S. Get your monster mash on and show off your spooktacular costume.

The event is a great way for adults (18+) with disabilities to meet new people, win door prizes and enjoy a fun night out in an inclusive, welcoming atmosphere. The dances are held on the third Friday of each month through April 2027. Some future themes include Tropical Beach Party, Flannel Ball and Winter Dance. View the full schedule at blm.mn/adaptive-rec under “Drop-In Programs.”

Registration is not required. The entry fee is \$6, cash-only at the door and includes one free beverage ticket. Additional beverage tickets can be purchased for \$1 each.



TRIP TO THE HISTORY THEATER FOR ‘BEYOND THE RAINBOW’

Bloomington will offer residents age 50 and older a trip to the History Theatre in St. Paul for a performance of “Beyond the Rainbow,” a musical tribute celebrating the life and legendary career of Judy Garland. The production features beloved songs and follows Garland’s journey from Grand Rapids to Hollywood fame and her iconic 1961 Carnegie Hall comeback concert. Following the performance, participants will enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, dessert and a beverage at Keys Café. The trip costs \$126 per person.

To register for the outing call 952-563-4944 or visit blm.mn/adultprograms. Adults of any age with a disability are also welcome to join. To make a request for reasonable accommodation, call 952-563-8733, MN Relay 711 or email accessibility@BloomingtonMN.gov.

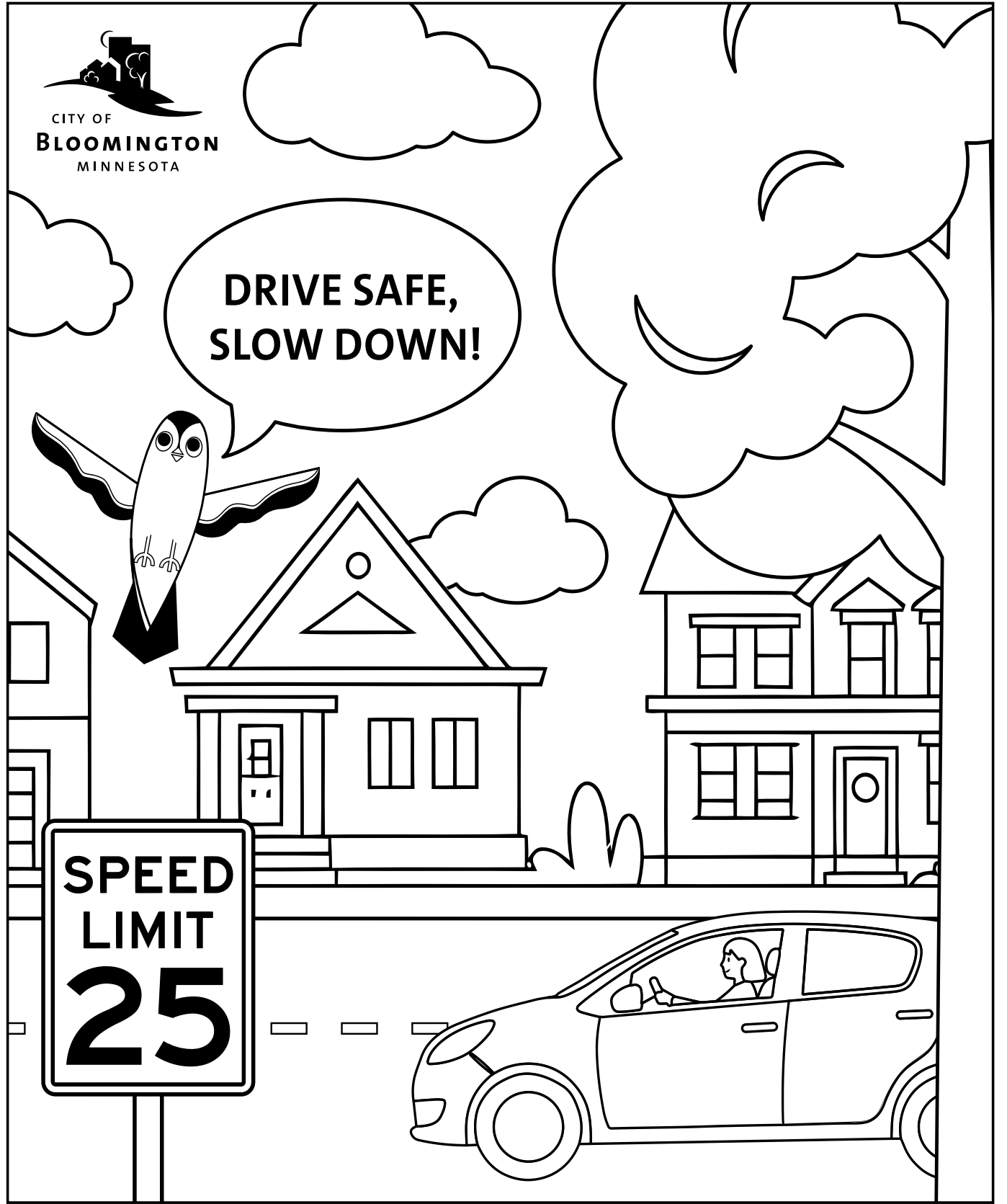
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FOUR CHEERS FOR BLOOMINGTON PARKS

Bloomington Parks and Recreation is celebrating four 2025 Awards of Excellence from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, recognizing the creativity, dedication and collaboration of City staff, community partners and volunteers. The awards highlight a range of work across Bloomington’s parks and programs.

The Data-Driven Park Maintenance and Operations Plan was recognized for improving quality and consistency across the park system. Logan Lodge earned recognition for providing exceptional programming for active older adults while the community health and wellness center was under construction. The Indigenous Art Fair was honored for celebrating Indigenous culture and building strong community partnerships.

And a volunteer effort at Dred Scott Park also received an award for improving ballfields through a partnership with The Toro Company and Bloomington Blast softball. Congratulations to everyone who helped make these achievements possible! Check out Bloomington’s award-winning Parks and Recreation at blm.mn/parks.



Name _____ Grade _____

Email _____

JOIN IN THE FUN AND COLOR YOUR WAY TO SAFER STREETS

Calling all K–5 artists! Grab your crayons, colored pencils or markers and help us spread the word about an important message: Drive safe. Slow down.

We’re inviting Bloomington students in kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in our Drive safe. Slow down. coloring contest. You can print out the coloring sheet from the City’s website at blm.mn/coloring.

After you’re finished coloring your entry, take a photo and email it to communications@BloomingtonMN.gov. The deadline to enter is Monday, November 2. Winners will be announced on the City’s Facebook page Monday, November 9.

Winning artists will be featured on the City’s Facebook page, in the *Briefing* and their artwork will be showcased in the Civic Plaza lobby, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, for a month.



BRING YOUR KIDS TO THE TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Join Parks and Recreation for its annual Halloween Trick or Treat Trail on Sunday, October 25, 2 - 5 p.m., at Normandale Lake Park, 5901 W. 84th St. More fun than scary, this free outdoor event is recommended for children preschool age through fifth grade. Wear your favorite costume to meet more than a dozen community organizations offering treats, music and more along the trail. No registration required. For more information, visit blm.mn/halloweenparty.



LESSONS IN RESTORING BLOOMINGTON'S OAK SAVANNAS

What happens when a landscape gets wild again? Bloomington's Nine Mile Creek restoration is making room for native plants, healthy trees and a greater variety of wildlife.

Natural Resources Specialist Wade Yunker said the restored oak savanna at Parker's Picnic Area, 10401 Columbus Road, offers a glimpse of what is possible. Once covered by buckthorn, the hillside now supports native grasses and vegetation that help stabilize the slope. Prescribed burns and ongoing buckthorn management also help restore natural processes that historically kept these ecosystems in balance.

The lessons from Parker's help guide restoration along the Nine Mile Creek corridor, where a larger landscape includes a mosaic of habitats, rolling hills and knolls and diverse plant communities.

"Nature isn't just one thing," Yunker says. "There's a vast variety of species. It's all connected."

Bloomington residents Heidi and Dan Niziolek have seen the benefits of restoration firsthand and support the City's work. They know restoration takes time. After restoring a pond near their home, they started Bloomington Neighbors Nurturing Nature to encourage others to care for natural spaces.

"It's going to feel a little different for a while," Heidi said. "But what you're going to gain is so much better."

Visit blm.mn/oaks to view an Instagram reel featuring Natural Resources Specialist Wade Yunker.

A NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS COMING TO BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

In January, Bloomington Parks and Recreation will begin using Rec, a new online registration system, to make it easier to sign up for activities, reserve facilities and discover programs.

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of the *Briefing*, including what to expect and how to use the new system. For the latest updates, visit blm.mn/parksrec.

FIND OR REFRESH YOUR CREATIVE SPARK AT THE BCA

Looking for a fun way to try something new, sharpen your skills or simply make time for creativity? Bloomington Center for the Arts and local arts organizations offer classes for a variety of interests and experience levels.

Creative Journaling with Heidi Jeub: October 7 – 28 or January 6 – 27. Cost is \$150.

Pastels with Charlene Ridlon: October 19, 26 and November 2. Cost is \$150.

Introduction to Abstract(ish) Art: February 1, 8 and 22 and March 1. Cost is \$175.

Music Together: September 16 – November 25 (no class November 11). Cost is \$205. Free sample class September 9.

Artist Open Studio: various dates September – December. Cost is \$20 per session.

Register for any BCA Education offering at blm.mn/webtrac, or contact Center for the Arts Assistant Manager Siri Hellerman at shellerman@BloomingtonMN.gov.



HARVESTING AND GROWING OUR COMMUNITY GARDENS

Since summer, Bloomington Community Gardens have overflowed with flowers, pumpkins, sweet corn, tomatoes, zucchini, herbs and beans. Due to the enthusiastic response to the Community Garden program, the City has preliminary plans to add up to 80 additional garden plots for the 2027 season, giving even more residents an opportunity to cultivate their green thumbs.

Return garden plot renters can apply starting in February; new renters can apply starting in March. Each plot costs \$45 for Bloomington residents and \$57 for nonresidents. When you rent a garden plot, it is yours to use from late April to early October.

The garden sites are located at Brookside Park, Harrison Park, Smith Park and South Loop. Visit blm.mn/gardens to learn more about rental applications, fee assistance, site addresses and important dates.

OPEN GYM RETURNS

Community members can enjoy Open Gym sessions every Saturday, 3 - 6 p.m., at Substance Church, 6900 W. 115th St. Featuring a basketball court, the space fosters casual, unstructured play in a relaxed environment. Participants of all ages can shoot hoops, practice skills and stay active at their own pace.

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.



VOTE EARLY, YOUR WAY

Planning ahead for Election Day? Absentee voting began Friday, September 18, in the Greenburg Gallery at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Enter through the Bloomington Center for the Arts doors.

Voting hours are Monday through Friday, September 18 through October 30, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Additional hours are Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Tuesday, October 27, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sunday, November 1, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and Monday, November 2, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Beginning Friday, October 16, Minnesota's Early Voting period begins. Ballots cast during this period are placed directly into the ballot counter instead of sealed envelopes.

Visit mnvotes.gov to view your ballot, check your voter registration, request a mailed absentee ballot or find your Election Day polling place.



GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

You can hear directly from the candidates for MN Senate 50 and MN House 50A, 50B, & 51B in the videos on City's website at blm.mn/vote as well as the Bloomington League of Women Voters Bloomington website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

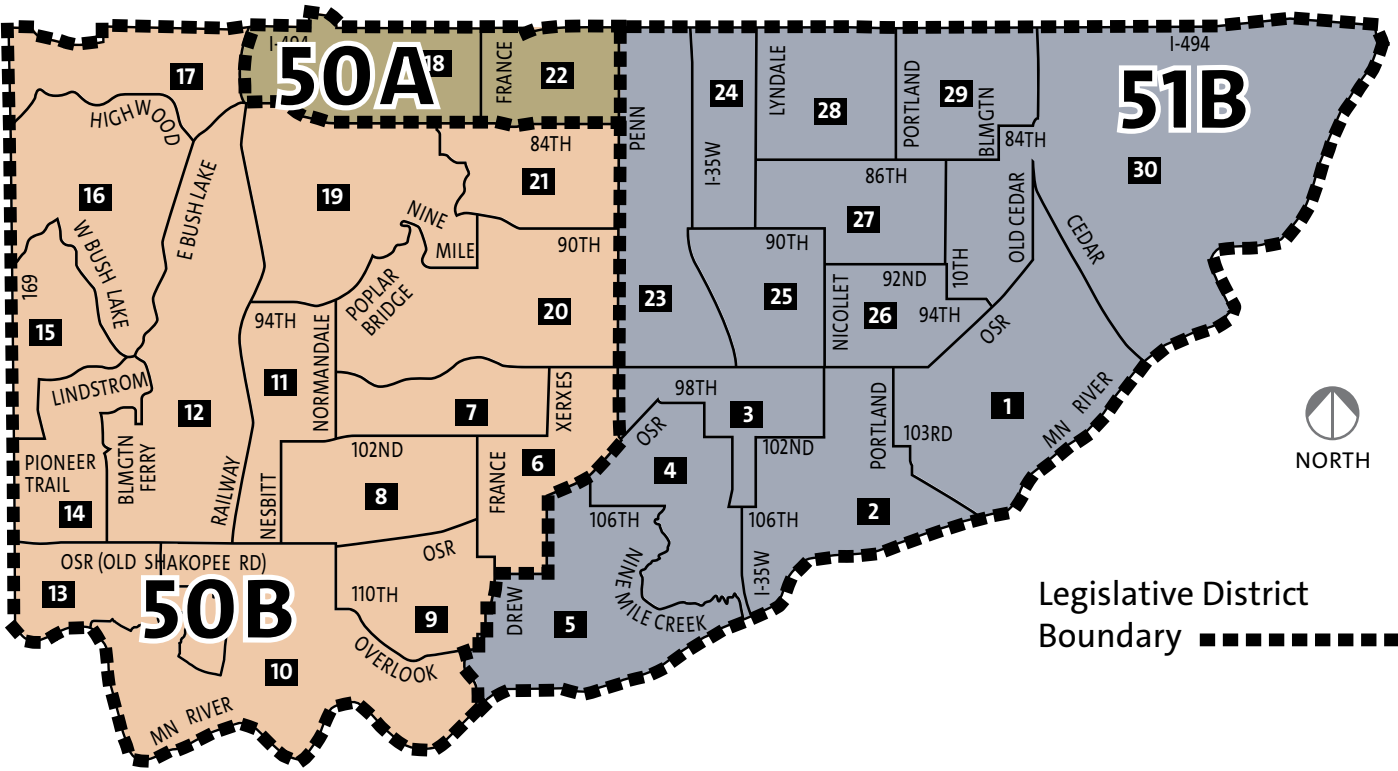
There are five-minute videos in which individual candidates address the viewers; and longform videos of September's Candidate Forums in which the candidates answer questions posed by LWVB and your friends and neighbors.

Watch these videos. Be prepared to cast your vote. Additional information is available for more races at VOTE411.org. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, volunteer organization that promotes informed voting and active citizenship.

VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION SHAPE BLOOMINGTON’S FUTURE

Your voice matters, and this fall you have the chance to help shape the future of our state and country. On Tuesday, November 3, Bloomington voters will elect: Governor and Lt. Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, State Senator and State Representative.

Check your polling place, view a sample ballot and find your district at blm.mn/vote.



Precinct/Polling location		Entrance/Parking	
1	Atonement Lutheran Church entrance 601 E. Old Shakopee Road	Southwest South lot	
2	Grace Covenant Church entrance 10201 Nicollet Ave. S.	Southeast East lot	
3	St. Luke's Lutheran Church entrance 1701 W. Old Shakopee Road	Northeast North lot	
4	Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 W. Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot	
5	Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 10715 Zenith Ave. S.	Main entrance North lot	
6	Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 W. Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot	
7	Crosspoint Church 9801 France Ave. S.	Main entrance (E) East lot	
8	Bloomington Covenant Church 10150 Xerxes Ave. S.	Main entrance (E) East and North lots	
9	Transfiguration Lutheran Church 11000 France Ave. S.	Main entrance (W) West lot	
10	MN Masonic Heritage Center 11411 Masonic Home Drive	Main entrance (W) West lot	
11	Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Blvd. S.	Northeast entrance (left doors) North lot	
12	Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot	
13	Founders Ridge 6600 Auto Club Road	Main entrance	
14	Bloomington Lutheran School 10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (S) South lot ADA: East side	
15	Hyland Visitors Center 10145 Bush Lake Road	West entrance West lot	
16	Peace Lutheran Church 8600 E. Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot	
17	Westwood Community Church 6301 Cecilia Circle	Main entrance (W) Main lot (W)	
18	St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Ave. S.	Main entrance (W) West lot	
19	The Church of St. Edward's 9401 Nesbitt Ave. S.	Southwest entrance, upper lot Southwest lot	
20	St. Michael's Lutheran Church 9201 Normandale Blvd.	Main entrance (E) East lot	
21	Penn Lake Library 8800 Penn Ave. S.	Main entrance	
22	Southtown Baptist Church 2600 W. 82nd St.	Main entrance (W) Northwest lot	
23	Bloomington City Hall 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road	West entrance West lot	
24	Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Ave. S.	Southwest entrance Southwest lot	
25	Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Ave. S.	North entrance North lot	
26	Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Ave. S.	Main entrance North lot	
27	St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 E. 90th St. (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot	
28	Unity South Church 7950 1st Ave. S.	Main entrance South lot	
29	Portland Avenue United Methodist Church 8000 Portland Ave. S.	Main entrance West lot	
30	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center 3815 American Blvd. E.	West entrance Visitor lot (W)	
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