



## BLOOMINGTON PEN PAL PROGRAM

Writing letters is a great way to connect with friends and make new ones!

The **Bloomington Pen Pal Program** is designed to connect older adults in the community with Bloomington high school students. With in-person activities reduced and social distancing the norm due to the pandemic, letters are a great way to alleviate isolation and loneliness and stay connected as a community.



Participants of all ages will benefit by lifting each other's spirits, enjoying a safe activity that can be done from home, and engaging with and learning from members of the community you might not usually interact with. ***Get ready to connect with a new generation as a pen pal!***

### PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Participants must commit to sending a minimum of four (4) letters. Letter replies must be sent within 2 weeks of receipt of original letters.

### SUGGESTED LETTER TOPICS

Hobbies, interests, goals, dreams, favorite memories, stories, jokes, riddles, advice, and things you have in common (maybe surprisingly sometimes). Other than always being respectful, there really are no restrictions on what your letters can include.

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Interests and Hobbies:

Send completed forms via postal mail to: City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Attn: Pen Pal Program, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431, or return via email to [parksrec@bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:parksrec@bloomingtonmn.gov). **NOTE:** *Contact information is not shared with other participants or made public. All letters will be distributed through the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department.*

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