

# BLOOMINGTON BRIEFING



JUNE 2016



## SUN'S OUT, CLUBS OUT

With summer in full swing, Hyland Greens and Dwan golf courses are great places to soak up the sun. Starting June 6, you can tee up your next day at Dwan online. Using the new online registration system, Dwan members can reserve tee times with their member numbers. Nonmembers can also reserve tee times online using their names and phone numbers. To schedule your next tee time, visit [dwan.golf/tee](http://dwan.golf/tee). For more information, call Golf Course Manager Rick Sitek at 952-563-4526.



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## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES BEGIN THIS FALL

Bloomington is starting a program that reduces the number of garbage trucks on collection day, minimizes wear and tear on roadways and, in most cases, saves households money.

Beginning October 3, all residential garbage and recycling collection will be coordinated through the City instead of individual haulers. All seven licensed haulers in the city have formed a consortium called Bloomington Haulers, LLC. This coordination will provide one hauler per neighborhood, rather than the four or five haulers currently serving each neighborhood.

The City is working with the consortium to ensure the transition to the new system is as smooth as possible for residents. Until the new system starts, residents can choose their own haulers. When the system launches, any individual agreements or costs under the present open collection system are required to come to an end. The haulers must reimburse households for services yet to be received between October and December.

Bloomington will join the ranks of more than 72 percent of cities nationwide that have implemented organized garbage and recycling services.

In 2017, the spring cleanup will continue at a reduced

cost, saving more than \$168,000 annually. The City will continue to communicate any changes regarding the program through bimonthly utility bills and the *Briefing*.

In the meantime, visit the City's website at [blm.mn/garbage](http://blm.mn/garbage) and sign up on E-Subscribe to receive updates. If you have questions, contact Public Works Project Coordinator Jennifer Nguyen Moore at 952-563-4659 or [jnguyenmoore@BloomingtonMN.Gov](mailto:jnguyenmoore@BloomingtonMN.Gov).

### Timeline

Here is a timeline of what is scheduled to happen this summer and fall in the implementation of the program.

- July: Program details will be communicated to Bloomington households who live in fourplex units.
- Late August: Specific policies will be communicated. Those policies will include: opt out, summer cabin dweller/snowbird and doorstep service.
- September: Garbage, recycling and yard waste carts at households will be exchanged with any revised hauler carts. Some households may have the same hauler and may not have their carts exchanged.
- October 3: Citywide organized solid waste collection begins.

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Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Public Works is protecting City equipment and using technology to do it. Staff recently turned their attention to improving the software used to schedule maintenance for more than 800 City vehicles. With the upgrade, technicians are able to get necessary information immediately, making service to the vehicles more efficient and cost effective.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE SUSTAINING CITY STREETS

This summer, more than 28 miles of Bloomington roads will get a fresh sealcoat. Streets are selected through the Public Works' Pavement Management Program, which uses a database of all city streets to evaluate areas where maintenance is most needed. Improvements are general maintenance expenditures covered by the General Fund Sealcoating is expected to begin in June. Signs will be posted 24 hours before scheduled maintenance in areas where sealcoating will occur. No parking is allowed on the streets during maintenance. It is safe to drive on the sealcoat once the aggregate has been rolled and compacted. After the sealcoat is in place for 24 hours, street sweepers will collect excess rock.



## BLOOMINGTON WATER COMES OUT ON TOP AGAIN

Bloomington's tap water came out on top in another blind taste test at the City's 2016 Home Improvement Fair. The taste test included two samples: name-brand bottled water and the City's water. The City's water was voted as the best in taste and odor (or lack thereof) by 56 percent of participants. They described it as fresh, clean, "best-ever" and a great value. These results are similar to those of the annual Minnesota Section American Water Works Association taste test where Bloomington was named "Best in Glass" in 2015.

## HELP DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF BLOOMINGTON

The City will soon begin updating Bloomington's comprehensive plan. This summer and fall, opportunities will be available for residents and businesses to help describe Bloomington's future. Every decade, Minnesota law requires the City to complete an update to its comprehensive plan to align with the Metropolitan Council's regional development strategy. The plan establishes a vision and guides future land uses and investments in City services such as parks, community facilities, transportation, and sewer and water systems. Watch for additional information on the City's website, Facebook and Twitter. To learn more, contact Senior Planner Julie Farnham at [jfarnham@bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:jfarnham@bloomingtonmn.gov) or 952-563-4739.

## FOSTERING NEIGHBORHOOD UNITY

The 33rd annual National Night Out will take place on **Tuesday, August 2**, in neighborhoods around Bloomington. National Night Out is an opportunity for residents to send a powerful message about neighborhood unity, awareness, safety and police-community partnerships. For more information, visit [blm.mn/nno](http://blm.mn/nno) or contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Katie Swatosh at 952-563-8808.

## CITY CEMETERY TO EXPAND

The Bloomington City Cemetery will expand this year following the development of a master cemetery plan and the voluntary acquisition of one residential property to the north. Along with the expansion come new burial options with a freestanding columbarium alongside a landscaped walkway, *at right*, as well as cremation burial lots. Presales may become available after June 1.



## BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

**K**nown as the Rhubarb Kings of the Midwest in the 1930s and early 1940s, the Pahl family has roots dating back to the early years of Bloomington. The Pahls pioneered a growing method that enabled them to produce rhubarb through the colder months. They shipped about 80 tons of rhubarb to states all over the Midwest each winter, which earned them a nickname fit for farming royalty. Pictured here is Martin Pahl and his son in front of their truck loaded with produce—including several baskets of their famous rhubarb—heading to market in 1926.



### HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINARS

**T**he Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority will host three home improvement seminars this summer on **Thursdays, June 9, July 14 and August 11, at 7 p.m.**, Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

#### JUNE 9—DECORATIVE CONCRETE TO ENHANCE CURB APPEAL

Whether you install new customized, colored or stamped concrete or stain your existing, Kelly's Concrete will talk about the features, benefits and costs.

#### JULY 14—KITCHEN REMODELING

Whether it's a design or a complete remodel project, experts from DreamMaker Bath and Kitchen will walk you through the remodeling process to achieve your goal.

#### AUGUST 11—MAKING SMART ENERGY INVESTMENTS – HOME EFFICIENCY AND SOLAR OPTIONS

Thinking about investing in solar? Stacy Boots Camp with Center for Energy and Environment and Trevor Drake with Great Plains Institute will discuss the many options available to you, such as rooftop and community solar gardens and efficiency measures that should be considered in making smart energy investments.

### KEEPING IT FRESH

**M**uch like the farmers of Bloomington's past, area farmers and growers will soon pack up their fresh produce and head to market at Civic Plaza. The Bloomington Farmers Market draws thousands of visitors each week and offers a chance to meet your local farmers. Visit the market on **Saturdays, June 11 – October 15, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, in the east lot at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.



### BLOOMINGTON POLICE: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ONE CUP AT A TIME

**D**rinking a cup of coffee is a common daily ritual. Now, it can be coupled with getting to know your area police officers a little better. The Bloomington Police Department is inviting community members to have a cup of coffee with their officers at Coffee with a Cop. There are no agendas, speeches or specific topics. Just informal conversations about what matters to residents.

The event is new to Bloomington, but it originated in California in 2011. Coffee with a Cop was created by the Hawthorne Police Department of California in an effort to better understand the needs of the community they served. It was a hit with the community and officers alike.

Less than three years after its creation, Coffee with a Cop events had been hosted in more than 2,000 communities in 49 states and is one of the most successful community-oriented policing programs across the country. Upcoming Coffee with a Cop events are planned **Mondays, July 11, September 12 and November 14, 2 – 4 p.m.**, at Baker's Square, 611 West 98th Street. More summer events may be announced.



### PUBLIC HEALTH LOOKING TO IMPROVE SUPPORT FOR MOMS

**B**loomington Public Health is gathering information about how mothers choose to feed their infants. If you live or work in Bloomington and have a child five years of age or younger, take a few minutes to complete a short online survey by June 30 from links at [blm.mn/publichealth](http://blm.mn/publichealth).

### PRACTICE SAFE CYCLING

**S**ummer is in full bloom in Minnesota, which means more traffic on the roads not only from motor vehicles, but pedestrians and bicyclists, too. Here are tips about sharing the road safely from MnDOT's Share the Road program.

#### For motorists

- Be patient when passing bicyclists. Slow down and pass only when it is safe. Allow clearance of at least three feet.
- Be on the lookout. Yield to bicyclists before turning.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted driving. Put away mobile devices, food and makeup.

#### For bicyclists

- Follow the law. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- See and be seen. Wear bright colors, reflective gear and use headlights and taillights.
- Communicate your intent. Look, yield to traffic and signal before turning or changing lanes.

- Be sure to check your tires, brakes and chain runs before getting out on the road. Ensure your helmet is properly fit. If you have any questions, talk with a local bike shop.

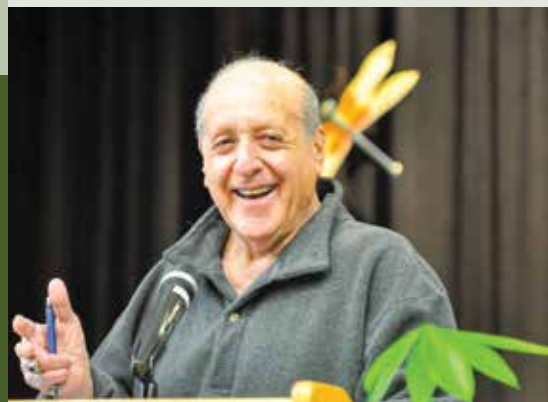
The City works with partner organizations, including the Bloomington Bicycle Alliance, to promote safe cycling.

### SAFE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

**H**ennepin County's recycling drop-off facilities in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park will now accept sharps—such as needles, lancets and syringes—from households. For a complete list of safe disposal options for sharps—including mail-in and destruction options—and instructions on how to recycle sharps, visit [www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/items/needles-sharps](http://www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/items/needles-sharps).

### BOOK 'EM IS BACK

**T**he Bloomington Crime Prevention Association will be conducting its annual used book sale **June 4 – 18, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at 1901 West American Boulevard. A preview sale is scheduled **Friday, June 3, 5 – 9 p.m.** Admission to the preview sale is \$10 per person over 12 years of age or free with BCPA member card.



**Jerry Neren, 2010 Pearl Poetry Prize winner and poetry contest organizer.**

### SEEKING POETRY

**D**o you have a penchant for poetry? Submit your original poems to Human Services' seventh annual poetry contest through July 1. The contest is open to people ages 50 and older and adults with a disability.

Participants may submit as many as two poems of any length. Poems can be written in free verse or traditional form. All poems must be original and unpublished. For more information and submission guidelines, contact Human Services at 952-563-4944, TTY 952-563-4933 or visit [blm.mn/poetrycontest](http://blm.mn/poetrycontest).

# ARTS IN THE PARKS

**M**ake it a summer to remember. Head over to your local Bloomington parks for the best in music, dance, food, film and family-friendly entertainment. For more information, or in the case of inclement weather, call Bloomington Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8878. To learn more, visit the City's website at [blm.mn/aip](http://blm.mn/aip).

## NORMANDALE LAKE PERFORMANCE SERIES

The following performances take place at Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Bring your appetite! There will be a variety of food and drink options at summer Blockbusters highlighted below with fork and spoon icons.

**TUE** June 14 **Minnesota Symphonic Winds**

Listen to concert band classics from a concert band many consider to be the finest in the state.

**THUR** June 16 **Celtic Solstice**

There's nothing like the fiddle-fueled, accordion-infused, celtic-cajun folk pop style of the **Sweet Colleens**.

**TUE** June 21 **The Percolators**

Since 1992, the Percolators have brought rock, blues, country, R&B and even an occasional polka to life.

**THUR** June 23 **Blues/Rock Bash**



The **Paul Holland Band** highlights classic blues and R&B like Stevie Ray Vaughan and Aretha Franklin.

**TUE** June 28 **Jazz on the Prairie Big Band**

These horns have been blasting the best of big band and swing since 1986!

**THUR** June 30 **Suburban Country**



Minneapolis native and vocal powerhouse **Devon Worley** fronts this unique band that has performed with some of Nashville's biggest acts.

**THURS** July 7 **British Invasion**

With retro dance music from the '60s and early '70s, **Revolver & The Secret Agents** is a British-Invasion style dance band with an American twist.

**TUES** July 12 **Riddle Brothers**

With strong ties to their southern heritage, the Riddle Brothers play an eclectic acoustic blend of pure Americana, folk and original songs.

**THUR** July 14 **Shake, Rattle and Roll**

Audiences of all ages will love **The Rockin Hollywoods** playing classic rock sounds of the '50s and '60s.

**TUE** July 19 **Dirty Shorts Brass Band**

This New Orleans style brass band plays everything from jazz to dixie to funk to blues to rock n' roll to gospel to swing.

**THUR** July 21 **Latin Music Night**

**Salsa de Soul** performs various styles of dance music from the Spanish-speaking regions of the Caribbean.

**TUE** July 26 **Continental Ballet Company**

Continental Ballet Company's mission is to enrich the community by preserving the art of classical ballet.

**THUR** July 28 **'80s Music Explosion**



A **Time Machine** show is a highly energetic party with songs that are recognizable and are meant to pack the dance floor.

**TUE** Aug 2 **Middle Spunk Creek Boys**

The Middle Spunk Creek Boys have brought the sounds of bluegrass to Minnesota for more than 45 years.

**THUR** August 4 **Blues and Bar-B-Q**

With smooth vocals and guitar playing, **the Groove Merchants** continue their longtime tradition of great blues shows that impress all audiences.

**TUE** August 9 **Brio Brass**

Brio Brass has delighted and entertained audiences throughout the Twin Cities metro area since 1999. Formed of more than 50 adult musicians, Brio Brass is a nontraditional, rockin' brass band!

**THUR** August 11 **Bloomington Symphony Orchestra**

Founded in 1963, this is one of Minnesota's premier community orchestras under the direction of Manny Laureano.

## SUMMER FETE IS BACK!



**B**loomington's annual Independence Day celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, July 3, 5 p.m.**, at Normandale Lake Park, 84th Street and Normandale Boulevard. This year, the main stage entertainment features The Castaways, Hornucopia and the Bloomington Medalist Band. The 84th Street Kid's Stage will once again feature several performers who are fun for the whole family. Fireworks will begin at dusk. To learn more, visit the City's website at [blm.mn/summer-fete](http://blm.mn/summer-fete).



## MONDAY MORNING KIDS' SERIES

**W**ake up to Mondays at Moir Park! Bring your families and friends out on select Monday mornings throughout the summer to enjoy music, dancing and lots of fun beginning at 10:30 a.m.

- June 13—Minnesota Zoomobile
- June 20—Bob the Beachcomber
- June 27—Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam
- July 11—Rachael Kroog
- July 18—Tricia and the Toonies
- July 25—Mike Monson
- August 1—Sticks and Tones
- August 8—Summer Break Storytellers



## MOVIES IN THE PARK

**T**he Moonlight Movies Series kicks off at Red Haddox Field, 9000 Portland Avenue South, before moving to Normandale Lake Park, 5901 West 84th Street. There is also a new Classic Director Series at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, featuring Alfred Hitchcock movies. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a movie under the stars on our 30-foot screen. Shows begin at dusk.

- June 11—The Sandlot (Red Haddox Field)
- June 15—Classic Director Series: Dial M for Murder (Civic Plaza)
- June 17—Kung Fu Panda 3
- June 24—Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2
- July 1—Minions
- July 8—Jurassic World
- July 15—Pitch Perfect 2
- July 20—Classic Director Series: Rear Window (Civic Plaza)
- July 22—Inside Out
- July 29—Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation
- August 5—The Peanuts Movie
- August 12—Viewer's Choice (Cast your vote at [blm.mn/viewers-choice](http://blm.mn/viewers-choice))
- August 17—Classic Director Series: The Birds (Civic Plaza)



## DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SANDCASTLE?

**G**rab your buckets and shovels and head to the annual sandcastle competition for some creative fun in the sun on **Sunday, June 26, 12 - 3 p.m.**, at Bush Lake Beach. The event will also feature a dance-off and many other fun activities for beach goers.

## JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA BAND

**T**he John Phillip Sousa Band will perform patriotic classics, **Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m.**, at the Gideon Pond House, Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 East 104th Street.