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SUNSHINE AND SUMMERTIME

Get to know the people behind the badge while having fun with your friends and neighbors this summer at the 35th annual National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 7**. It is one of Bloomington Police Department's biggest events and it's all about bringing police and community members together and building neighborhood relationships. National Night Out promises a fun evening outside with neighbors and the opportunity to meet local police officers and firefighters. National Night Out makes neighborhoods a safer, better place to live because neighbors knowing neighbors is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime. For more information, visit blm.mn/nno or call Crime Prevention Coordinator Katie Chase at 952-563-8808.

MNDOT APPROVES I-494, I-35W IMPROVEMENTS REMOVING TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS, IT'S GOOD BUSINESS

For more than a decade, the City has advocated for an update to the I-35W and I-494 interchange to reduce traffic delays and improve safety. It's the busiest and most congested in the state, carrying nearly 500,000 vehicles daily.

In April, MnDOT awarded \$204 million toward I-35W and I-494 improvements across Bloomington, Edina and Richfield through its Corridors for Commerce program. The grant funds will be allocated as detailed below:

- Complete phase 1 of the I-494/I-35W turbine interchange, northbound to westbound directional ramp—\$70 million.
- Add MnPASS lanes in both directions on I-494 from France Avenue to Trunk Highway 77 eastbound and from Trunk Highway 77 to I-35W westbound—\$134 million.

This funding marks a key step in improving transportation infrastructure in the south metro.

"These projects will ease frustration for hundreds of thousands of commuters and improve commerce for the region by updating an interchange that has been in dire need of improvement for many years," Bloomington Mayor Gene Winstead said. "Thank you to the governor, MnDOT and legislators who helped make funding for Corridors of Commerce possible."

A number of governmental agencies and civic organizations worked diligently for years to help provide awareness and funding for these projects, including: state legislators along the I-494 and I-35W corridor, numerous chambers of commerce, the I-494 Corridor Commission, the 35W Solutions Alliance, neighboring cities and Hennepin County. Construction could start as early as fall 2021.



SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- The connection from Old Cedar Avenue bridge to Old Shakopee Road, the river trail connections, the trailhead and connect to the Nokomis – Minnesota River Regional trail will be completed by the end of this construction season.
- The medians on Normandale Boulevard and the bike path on the west side will be completed by early July.
- MnDOT will work to complete the westbound on-ramp at East Bush Lake road and I-494 in cooperation with the City. This will take the entire construction season and should be complete in early 2019.

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GET CREATIVE: ATTEND A PAINTING PARTY

Make your mark on the mural coming to Wright's Lake Park, at 8501 17th Avenue South. GoodSpace Murals, Artistry and the City are hosting community painting parties on **June 12, 23, 25 and 30**. From brainstorming design concepts to putting paint on canvas,

community members were involved in the creation of the mural from start to finish. The mural is one of the City's neighborhood emphasis projects in the area and creative placemaking efforts in partnership with Artistry. Organizers hope the mural will discourage graffiti and highlight the new regional bike trail

while bringing new art and a sense of identity to Wright's Lake Park. The mural will face Wright's Lake Park alongside State Highway 77/Cedar Avenue and be installed in August. For more information, including party times and locations, visit blm.mn/placemaking or call 952-563-8744.

FORWARD 2040 WHAT DO YOU THINK?

See what Bloomington's future holds and tell us what you think about it. A draft of the City's comprehensive plan, Forward 2040, is now available for public review and comment at blm.mn/forward2040draft. The comprehensive plan sets the 20-year vision for the City to guide future land uses and investment in City services.

You can also make your mark on Forward 2040 in person at community engagement events this summer. Find the dates and locations of these events at blm.mn/forward2040. They will also be sent via email to E-Subscribers. To gather more feedback, the Forward 2040 draft will also be distributed to surrounding cities and government agencies. For more information or to sign up to receive project updates via email, visit blm.mn/forward2040.

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Concerned residents are the best asset any police department has in fighting crime. The Neighborhood Watch program was developed to train and educate residents in ways to be involved, stay informed and work together with their neighbors to address concerns and find solutions. If you want to get involved, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Katie Chase at 952-563-8808 or kchase@bloomingtonmn.gov.



NEW WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME

The City has partnered with GolfTrack Academy to bring golf lessons, camps and private coaching to Hyland Greens Golf and Learning Center and Dwan Golf Course this summer.

GolfTrack Academy offers junior programs as low as \$25 per 60-minute

session and adult programs start as low as \$34 per 90-minute session. Each student receives one-on-one attention since there is never more than five students per session.

"We are excited to provide a valuable experience to every golfer at

Hyland Greens and Dwan Golf Club through authentic customer service," GolfTrack Owner and PGA Professional Kevin Lucken said.

For more information or to register, visit blm.mn/golftrack or call 612-242-4362.

WELCOMING A NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Maintaining and building a thriving community is a priority for the City and one that new Community Development Director Eric Johnson shares.

Johnson has an extensive background in urban development and redevelopment, housing, real estate and

community leadership and engagement. His experience ranges from federal and local government to nonprofits and private consulting. Most recently, he managed urban redevelopment issues for public, private and nonprofit sectors as the principal of his consulting firm, Urban Regeneration Advisors, and as part of a national consulting network, Tripp Umbach.

Johnson earned a doctorate degree in urban affairs and public policy from the University of Delaware, a masters of public administration from Minnesota

State University, Mankato and a BA from Washburn University. He is also an alumnus of the Harvard University Graduate School of Design Advanced Management Development Program in Real Estate.

Moving forward, Johnson wants to focus on bridging the perception of the east-west divide; emphasizing creative placemaking around the city; encouraging development of things the city doesn't already have, such as more community coffee shops; focusing on aging neighborhood commercial corridors and addressing affordable housing.

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



HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINARS

The Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority will host three home improvement seminars this summer.

June 12—Earn Your Remodel Investment Back When You Sell:

Find out about common home improvement myths, the drawbacks of over-improving and how to tell your renovation story when it's time to sell.

July 11—Keep Your Lawn Looking Great:

Pick up tips and techniques ranging from mowing to weed control that will keep your lawn looking great this summer.

August 8—What's New in Flooring: From carpet, hardwood and laminate to tile, vinyl and more, there's no limit to the flooring options available for your home.

Seminars will be held at 7 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.



BOOK 'EM IS BACK

Help prevent crime in your neighborhood and get some new reading material at the 26th annual Bloomington Crime Prevention Association's Book 'Em sale. It's the upper Midwest's largest used book sale, and it will be held **June 2 – 16**, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Saturday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., 7839 Southtown Center. A preview sale is scheduled **Friday, June 1**, 5 – 9 p.m. Funds generated are awarded as grants to Bloomington organizations for crime prevention activities. Admission to the preview sale is \$10 per person over 12 years of age or free with BCPA member card.



BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY MEDALIST CONCERT BAND CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

These Lincoln High School students played in the Medalist Concert Band in 1968 to help fill out the group in its early years. They aren't ones to toot their own horns, but the Medalist Concert Band has reached an important milestone in 2018—they've been playing music for 50 years. To celebrate, they're hosting a free band camp for Bloomington fifth graders, June 26 – 28, and an alumni band concert at Normandale Lake Bandshell on **Saturday, July 14**, at 4 p.m., with a picnic following the concert.

PARTNERING TO ADVANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

In May, the City Council approved an energy action plan for Bloomington that sets community-wide goals to reduce greenhouse emissions from energy use. The plan was developed by a team of community representatives through Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy program.

The plan calls for a 75 percent reduction in combined emissions from electricity and natural gas by the year

2035. To achieve this goal, the plan outlines near-term and long-term strategies to increase energy-efficient practices and renewable energy generation in commercial, residential and municipal sectors. The plan also includes strategies to reduce emissions from transportation.

The Partners in Energy team was approved by Council in 2017 and held five workshops to develop the

plan. The team includes members of the Bloomington Sustainability Commission; City staff; Bloomington residents; Bloomington Public Schools; staff from local businesses Donaldson, HealthPartners, Mall of America, OATI, Quality Bike Products; and other organizations.

For more information about the energy action plan, visit blm.mn/sustainability.



KNOW THE CODE: LAWN MOWING

Summer brings sun, fun and growing grass. Stick to the City Code and mow your grass before it's eight inches high and before it goes to seed. The City will issue a notice if your grass is taller than that. If there is no change in seven days, the City will arrange for a contractor to mow your lawn and the fee will be assessed to your property taxes. Questions on the code? Visit blm.mn/code or call 952-563-8934.



LEARN ABOUT LAWN SUSTAINABILITY AND WATER CONSERVATION

Pick up tips on how to encourage a deep-rooting lawn and reduce your need for irrigation, fertilizers and frequent mowing. Learn simple ways to make irrigation more efficient and save money on your water bill. The Sustainability Commission will host a one-hour class in the Civic Plaza Council Chambers on **Saturday, July 21**, 10 a.m. The class is free, but registration is required. Register online at blm.mn/lawnandwater or call 612-618-8616.

TIRED OF MOWING YOUR LAWN? CHECK OUT THIS WORKSHOP

Learn about low-maintenance yard options at Nine Mile Creek's free no-mow lawn workshop on **Monday, June 25**, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Chanhassen Library, 711 Kerber Boulevard, Chanhassen. You'll learn everything

from how to assess your current lawn, to selecting the right seeds to maintaining your new no-mow lawn. This is a partnership of the Carver County Water Management Organization, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, and Riley

Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District. To register, visit blm.mn/nomow. Questions? Contact Carver County WMO Education Coordinator Madeline Seveland at 952-361-1026 or mseveland@co.carver.mn.us.

BLOOMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Refresh your grocery shopping routine at the Bloomington Farmers Market this summer. The market draws thousands of visitors each week and offers a chance to meet your local farmers. Visit the market on **Saturdays, June 9 – October 20**, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the east lot at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. For details, recipes and other fun facts, visit the market's Facebook page at blm.mn/fbookfarmers.



arts *in the* Parks

Make it a summer to remember. Head 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 Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8878 or visit the City's website at blm.mn/aip.

NORMANDALE LAKE PERFORMANCE SERIES

The sounds of summer echo throughout the Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road, with the Twin Cities' most sought after musicians and bands. **Shows begin at 7 p.m.** and are free to the public. Bring your appetite! You'll find a variety of food and drink options at the events marked with fork and spoon icons.

JUNE

12 TUE **Continental Ballet**
Come experience the art of classical dance with Bloomington's own Continental Ballet.

14 THUR **Celtic Solstice**
Twin Cities-based **Legacy** plays traditional Celtic tunes and pub-style songs in a way that sets it apart, offering a balanced selection of songs and dance tunes.

19 TUE **Jazz on the Prairie Big Band**
Check out some of the best big band, swing and jazz music in the Twin Cities.

21 THUR **Classic Rock Bash**
The **Rockin' Hollywoods** are a legendary local group playing the best of the '50s and '60s.

26 TUE **Bloomington Choral**
Local musicians will fill the park with the sound of great choral music.

28 THUR **British Invasion**
The **Sensational Sleepers** play the most authentic British Invasion sounds in the Twin Cities.

JULY

10 TUE **Everett Smithson Band**
Enjoy hot movin' music from up and down the Mississippi River, including Zydeco (swamp rock), blues and funky roots music of all kinds.

12 THUR **'80s Music Explosion**


A highly energetic party, **Time Machine** performs songs that are recognizable and are meant to pack the dance floor.

14 SAT **Medalist Concert Band 50th Anniversary Event**
Food, fun and great music marks the 50th anniversary of one of the finest community bands in the country.

17 TUE **St. Louis Park Community Band**
The St. Louis Park Community Band is one of the best in the state.

19 THUR **Latin Music Night**


Everyone has to dance to **Salsa del Soul's** swaying sounds from all over the Caribbean!

24 TUE **Eden Prairie Community Band**
An annual favorite, this band is made up of players from across the metro.

26 THUR **Bluegrass**
Multi-award-winning **Monroe Crossing** plays the best bluegrass anywhere.

31 TUE **The Percolators**
Audiences of all ages will love these classic rock sounds of the '60s.

AUGUST

2 THUR **Classical Music Night**

Founded in 1963, **Bloomington Symphony Orchestra** is one of Minnesota's premier community orchestras.

7 TUE **The Groove Merchants**
With talented musicians and smooth vocals, this band continues its tradition of great blues.

9 THUR **Blues and Bar-B-Q**
Blues and Bar-B-Q is the perfect combination! Enjoy local blues legends the **Lamont Cranston Band**.

MIDWEEK MUSIC AND MARKET SERIES

HELD 4 – 8 P.M., AT CIVIC PLAZA, 1800 WEST OLD SHAKOPEE ROAD.

11 JULY **Tuxedo Band**
The Twin Cities-based group features high-energy performances of classic and contemporary rock, country and pop.

18 JULY **Roe Family Singers**
The Roe Family Singers mix original and contemporary takes on old-time traditional and gospel tunes into fresh yet familiar music.

25 JULY **Blue Groove**
Listen to an award-winning bluegrass band.

1 AUGUST **Mill City Hot Club**
Listen to the best Twin Cities Gypsy Jazz!

8 AUGUST **Steve Clarke and the Working Stiffs**
Classic big band and crooner sounds are this group's specialty, headlined by the six-time Minnesota Music Award Horn Player of the Year.

15 AUGUST **Riddle Brothers**
Hear an electric acoustic blend of pure Americana, folk and original songs.

SUMMER FETE IS BACK!



Bloomington's annual Independence Day celebration is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 3, 5 p.m.**, at Normandale Lake Park, 84th Street and Normandale Boulevard. This year the main stage entertainment features Hornucopia and the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra. 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.



MONDAY MORNING KIDS' SERIES

Wake up to Mondays at Moir Park! Bring your families and friends to the park, at 10320 Morgan Avenue South, to enjoy music, dancing and lots of fun starting at 10:30 a.m.

June 11—Minnesota Zoomobile

June 18—The Bazillians

June 25—Rachel Kroog

July 9—Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam

July 16—Wonder Weavers Storytellers

July 23—Mike Monson

July 30—Acme Magic Factory

August 6—The Jack and Kitty Show

MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Moonlight Movies Series kicks off at Normandale Lake Park, 5901 West 84th Street.

Check out two special shows at Wright's Lake Park, 8501 17th Avenue South, in June and August. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a movie under the stars on our 30-foot screen.

Shows begin at 9 p.m. Popcorn and beverages will be available for purchase.

June 8—Spiderman Homecoming

June 15—Despicable Me 3

June 23—Moana (Wright's Lake Park)

June 29—Jumanji

July 6—Justice League

July 13—Pitch Perfect 3

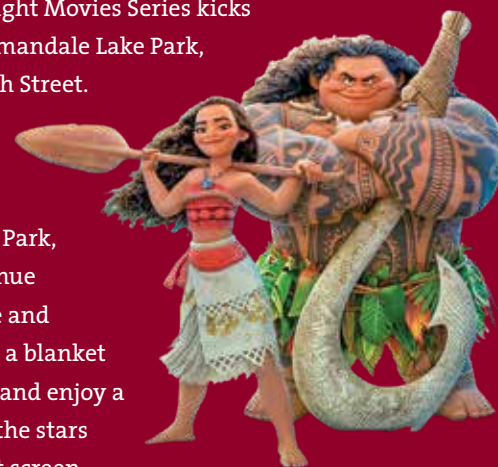
July 20—Cars 3

July 27—Beauty and the Beast (Live)

August 4—Coco (Wright's Lake Park)

August 10—A Wrinkle in Time

August 17—Star Wars the Last Jedi



SANDCASTLES

Grab your buckets and shovels and head to the annual sandcastle competition for some creative fun in the sun **Sunday, June 24, 12 – 3 p.m.**, at Bush Lake Beach, 9140 East Bush Lake Road. The event will also feature a dance-off and many other fun activities.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA BAND

The John Phillip Sousa Band will perform patriotic classics, **Sunday, June 17, 7 p.m.**, at the Gideon Pond House, Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 East 104th Street.