

BLOOMINGTON BRIEFING



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LEARNING THROUGH ART

Students at Valley View Middle School brought their ideas to life during a residency project with artist Erik Pearson this year. Pearson spent 11 days working with the students to teach them the steps of creating a mural—drawing a grid, outlining and painting layers of color.

Pearson's murals are prominent in Bloomington—he has painted one at Civic Plaza and one at Cypress Semiconductor. Students wanted their mural to represent their daily activities at school. It is made up of six panels and spans 24 feet. Valley View Middle School Principal Ben Magras says that the mural represents the evolving community.

"The mural is representative of the school and the surrounding community," he said. "I think this project really embraces the evolution of diversity we've seen in Bloomington."

This residency was a part of a series of special projects funded by the Bloomington Community Foundation and coordinated by Artistry. It was Pearson's second student residency project. His first mural was also a residency project in Lanesboro in 2005.

TAKING SHAPE TOGETHER

The City kicked off Forward 2040 this summer, an initiative to set the vision of how Bloomington will take shape over the next 20 years.

Every 10 years the City completes an update to its comprehensive plan to align with the Metropolitan Council's regional development strategy as described by Minnesota state statute. 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.

This summer and fall, the City will offer many opportunities for residents and businesses to help shape Bloomington's vision of the future.

Check out the Forward 2040 web page at blm.mn/forward2040 for more information and to share your ideas and hopes about the future of Bloomington.

JOIN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One way to get involved is to apply to serve on the Forward 2040 Advisory Committee, which will include residents, local business owners and community leaders. You would make a great 2040 Advisory Committee applicant if you:

- Live, own a business or work for a community nonprofit located in Bloomington.
- Are interested in learning about the City's plan and its scope.
- Can attend a minimum of 10 of the 12 – 15 anticipated meetings. The Committee will meet once a

FORWARD 2040

Taking Shape Together

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month on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., for approximately one year, beginning in October 2016.

Applications will be accepted through August 19. The application form and information about roles and responsibilities are available on the Forward 2040 project web page at blm.mn/Forward2040 or by contacting Julie Farnham, Senior Planner, at 952-563-4739. The City Council will appoint members in September. The Committee will meet in October and is expected to meet monthly through December 2017.

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

MAYOR'S MEMO

MAINTAINING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

By Mayor Gene Winstead

As we look forward to 2040 and think about our future together, the Bloomington Police Department's mission to protect, serve and partner with the community is more relevant than ever.

All police officers vow to protect and serve their communities, but Bloomington's officers have the added focus of partnering with our community. Police officers are always interacting with the public, whether it's through community-building events, responding to calls for help or following up on crime reports.

Bloomington officers engage with residents in a variety of ways, hosting community events such as Safe Summer Nights, a hit in its second year, and the Coffee with a Cop program that kicked off in 2015. BPD is also on Twitter with more than 2,000 followers. Find them @BPD_MN.

Recently BPD trained all 123 of its sworn personnel in de-escalation strategies for emotionally disturbed persons in crisis. The training educated officers about various disorders, including people suffering from trauma, stress and mental illness.

The Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute presented the training. Dennis Cusick, UMCP Executive Director, believes that if police officers can recognize symptoms of mental illness and behavioral disorders in crisis situations, they are better equipped to defuse situations without the need for physical force. This helps maintain community respect and trust.

This training is another tool that BPD will use to continue to communicate effectively and serve all members of our community, including those in crisis.

COFFEE WITH A COP

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ONE CUP AT A TIME

The Bloomington Police Department invites you to have a cup of coffee with its officers at Coffee with a Cop. There are no agendas, speeches or specific topics. Just informal conversations about what matters to residents.

- Monday, August 22, 5 – 7 p.m., Chick-fil-A, 2500 West 79th Street
- Monday, September 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Bakers Square, 611 West 98th Street



RECOGNIZING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

The Bloomington Police Department honored employees and residents for exceptional performance at its Behavior Recognition Awards ceremony. Officer Brant Richardson, at left with Chief Jeff Potts, was awarded Optimist Club Officer of the Year.

Officer Richardson is a U.S. Army veteran who has been part of BPD since 2003. He and his K9 partner Echo spend most of their time keeping MOA safe, but have also assisted many police departments and the U.S. Secret Service, provided assistance in explosive detection at big events such as Major League Baseball games and presidential visits, and earned first- and second-place honors in National Detector Dog Trials. Officer Richardson is also a member of the BPD bomb team.



CITY COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MINNESOTA'S BEST

The City was honored with six awards at the 2016 Northern Lights awards contest held by the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators. *Bloomington Today*, the City's cable TV news show, Mining Old Photos in Search of Facebook Gold, social media initiative, and the *Insider*, employee newsletter, received first place awards. *Bloomington Today* was also one of only 10 entries to be nominated as Best in Show. The *Briefing* was honored with a second place award. The 2015 *Corporate Report to the Community* and the *Art in the Loop* video campaign took third place.



BLOOMINGTON'S WATER RANKED FIRST IN NATION

The City of Bloomington was named "Best of the Best" in the Tap Water Taste Test sponsored by Avista® Technologies, Inc., the American Water Works Association (AWWA) announced this week.

The event was composed of regional winners from water-tasting competitions across North America and held at AWWA's Annual Conference and Exposition in Chicago. Bloomington received "Best in Glass" honors from the Minnesota Section of the American Water Works Association in 2015, earning the right to enter its water sample into the National AWWA Conference "Best of the Best" competition.

An esteemed judging panel rated each water system on its flavor characteristics. Second place was awarded to Iola, Kansas and third went to the Village of Canajoharie, N.Y.





MOA EXPANSION FILLING UP

Mall of America's latest phase of expansion is bringing new retailers and restaurants to Bloomington. New food options such as Shake Shack, Disco Fries, Piada and Melt Shop have already opened their doors to diners. Zara and Anthropologie, the first retail tenants of MOA's new space, are scheduled to open in late 2016.

Cray, a supercomputer company headquartered in Seattle, will also occupy 60 percent of the 151,000-square-foot office space at MOA. Cray will move its office with about 400 employees from downtown Saint Paul to MOA later this year.

VLAISAVLJEVICH APPOINTED TO AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEAT

Kim Vlasisavljevich was appointed to the At-Large Council seat by the Bloomington City Council in July. The seat was left vacant due to the resignation of Cynthia Bemis Abrams in June. Vlasisavljevich will fill the remainder of Bemis Abrams' unexpired term, which runs through December 2017.

Vlasisavljevich, who has a finance and strategic planning background, has lived in Bloomington for five years. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from St. Cloud State University and a master's degree in banking and financial services management from Boston University. Vlasisavljevich's civic participation includes promoting diversity through her work with the INROADS mentoring program and WomenVenture business consultants.

"I am honored to have been selected to represent such a vibrant community," Vlasisavljevich said. "And I am looking forward to serving with the Council and City staff."

BEMIS ABRAMS SAYS GOODBYE

After two years of serving on Bloomington's City Council, Cynthia Bemis Abrams resigned her position in June. She and her husband have moved to Chicago. Born and raised in Bloomington, Abrams said that her decades of public service in the city, which began on the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission in 1989, have been dedicated to achieving one central goal.

"My goal, alongside career and family obligations, has always been to ensure that Bloomington remains a great place to raise a family," Abrams said. "I am proud that Bloomington is indeed a choice location for families."

GET INVOLVED: CREATIVE PLACEMAKING COMMISSION

Advising the City Council on using art and design to build community character, the Creative Placemaking Commission will help accomplish the City's goals for growth in the South Loop District. For more information or to download an application, visit blm.mn/cpc, or call 952-563-8780. Applications will be accepted through August 31.

COUNTY SERVICE CENTER FINDS NEW HOME

Hennepin County's Southdale Service Center moved to Edina's Southdale Mall, 10 Southdale Circle, this spring. For more information about Hennepin County service centers and the services they provide, visit www.hennepin.us/servicecenters.

CURBSIDE CLEANUP KEEPS BLOOMINGTON BEAUTIFUL

The 2016 Curbside Cleanup was a success. More than 855 discarded appliance units, 23 tons of tree brush and a quarter-ton of unwanted scrap metal were recycled. General trash collected during the cleanup amounted to almost two tons.

"City staff made a new effort this year to educate residents about organizations that accept donations of reusable goods," Project Coordinator Jennifer Nguyen Moore said. "Rather than tossing durable and reusable items at the curb to be landfilled or incinerated, they found new homes."

Curbside Cleanup has been keeping Bloomington neighborhoods beautiful and property values high since 1963.

A June *Briefing* stated that residents would be charged \$27.60 per year for the service. The price stated is not the final price for the program. The actual pricing for 2017 Curbside Cleanup will be determined by the City Council sometime in December 2016 or spring 2017. Once the finalized price is determined, that information will be published. The annual fee for Curbside Cleanup will be split over the course of the year and will appear on your City of Bloomington utility bill. The Curbside Cleanup program will continue once new garbage and recycling services are implemented this fall. The Cleanup will be incorporated in the new services contract signed by the City and the Bloomington Haulers, LLC in 2017.

The City will continue to manage the program. The consortium will be responsible for coordinating collection, hauling and disposal. The City Council will finalize the annual charge for the 2017 Curbside Cleanup in the near future. The City will share the finalized cost of the program to the public once it is available.

For more information or questions on how to dispose a specific item, Public Works Maintenance Division at 952-563-8760 or maintenance@BloomingtonMN.Gov.

CITY ATTORNEY CALLS IT A CAREER

After serving the Bloomington community for 25 years, City Attorney Sandra Johnson retired in June.

During her tenure with the City, Johnson spent six years as City Attorney. Through those years she worked on many memorable cases and projects. She noted the construction of Radisson Blu in South Loop as one of her most rewarding projects.

Another point of pride is the formation of the problem properties group. Before the group's creation, owners of problem properties were often issued criminal charges. The group practices creative problem solving case by case to address the underlying causes of issues.

"You can see that you were a part of making something happen," said Johnson. "It's the little things that matter, like making a difference in people's lives. As a lawyer you have the opportunity to do that."



ART AND COMMUNITY

Helping artists, businesses and community stakeholders connect is one of Alejandra Pelinka's favorite things about her work. Now she'll be making connections and building community in Bloomington. Pelinka took the helm as Bloomington's first Director of Creative Placemaking and Engagement in June.

She will help the City identify art, culture and design investments that will best support the evolution of a distinctive, walkable, urban neighborhood in South Loop. She will also work to build community outreach strategies. Pelinka previously served as Executive Director of Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association, where she was responsible for the general management of the organization and NEMAA's regionally acclaimed events, including Art-A-Whirl. She has worked at the Ames Center in Burnsville and Intermedia Arts.

RECYCLING GUIDE

PAPER

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books
- Books (must remove hard covers)
- Shredded paper in closed paper bags marked "shredded"



BOXES:

- Cardboard
- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Shoe boxes, gift boxes and electronic boxes
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes



CARTONS:

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons

PLASTIC

BOTTLES AND JUGS:

(Keep caps on)

- Water, soda, and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles



CUPS AND CONTAINERS:

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese and other containers
- Produce, deli and take-out containers



PACKAGING:

- Clear packaging from toys and electronics

GLASS

- Food and beverage bottles and jars

METAL

- Food and beverage cans
- Aluminum foil and trays rinsed clean



REMINDER

Plastic bags cannot be recycled in your curbside recycling cart. Please check with your local retailer or grocer to see if they collect plastic bags for recycling or visit plasticfilmrecycling.org for more information on how to recycle plastic bags.

DO NOT PLACE IN YOUR RECYCLING CART. THESE ITEMS BELONG IN YOUR GARBAGE:

- Styrofoam™
- black plastic
- plastic bags/wrap
- microwavable food trays
- paper soiled with food
- paper plates or paper towels
- paper towel or toilet paper tubes
- egg cartons or egg carton-type materials
- drinking glasses
- dishes or mirrors
- containers that held hazardous products

Hazardous materials such as needles and syringes, motor oil, tires and batteries are accepted at the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center located at 1400 W 96th St., Bloomington, MN 55431. For more information, contact 612-348-3777 or visit hennepin.us/dropoffs

Translated guides of this information may be available upon request.

NEW GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

New residential garbage and recycling services are scheduled to begin Monday, October 3. There are a few procedures within the new program such as door-step service, extended leave or suspended collections, and garbage opt-out or exemption. The details of these policies and procedures will be finalized and communicated by the end of August 2016. Visit the City's website blm.mn/garbage or sign up to receive updates on the finalized policies via E-Subscribe. Here is some preliminary information:

Door-step procedure

Residents with disabilities or limitations who need assistance in transporting their refuse containers to the driveway may apply for door-step service. Containers will be set out to a location accessible to both resident and hauler. There will be a one-time administration fee for the application process; however, this service will be provided at no extra charge. City staff will verify the viability of the door-step request and will update customer records.

Suspended service or extended leave procedure

Residents who will not need garbage, recycling or yard waste service for a minimum of four consecutive weeks may request a suspension on collections. Residents requiring a suspension must inform the City at least one week in advance. Residents who request suspended services will see a difference on their next utility statement.

Garbage opt-out or exemption procedure

Residents have the opportunity to apply to opt-out of the City garbage program. There will be a one-time administration fee for the application process. Eligible residents include residents who self-haul their refuse or use a commercial dumpster owned or leased by a commercial property. City staff will review and approve applicants who follow the criteria. Residents may request this service by calling our Utility Billing Department once the program has begun.

The City will continue to communicate any changes regarding the new garbage and recycling services. This will include utility bills and the *Briefing*. If you have specific questions about the new garbage and recycling program, contact Public Works Maintenance Division at 952-563-8760 or maintenance@BloomingtonMN.Gov.

2016 AND 2017 RECYCLING CALENDAR

Note: Christmas Day 2016 and New Year's Day 2017 fall on a Sunday and will not impact collection services. Services will remain on the usual garbage day.

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COLLECTION DAY ZONES



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- THURSDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- TUESDAY
- MONDAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT BLM.MN/GARBAGE

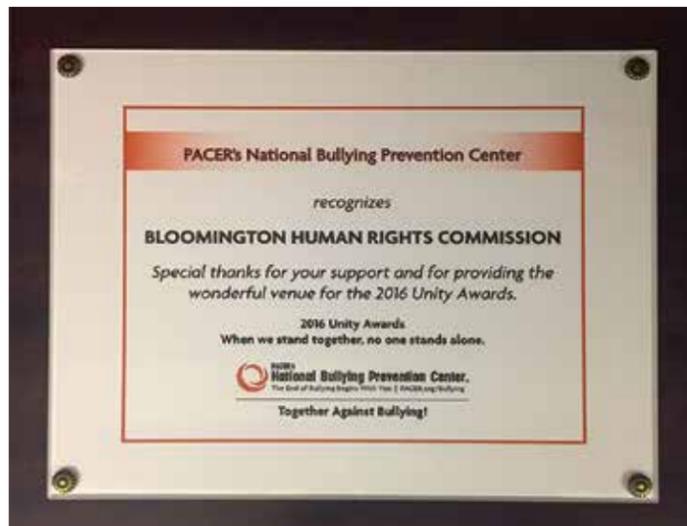


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PUTTING A STOP TO BULLYING

The Human Rights Commission provided support to PACER on the 2016 Unity Awards program. The Unity Awards were presented by The Faces of Change, the youth advisory board of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. Award recipients were Alexis Saldana, student from Corona, CA—The United Against Bullying Award; Patricia Mastropolo, educator from Phoenix, AZ—The United for Kindness Award; Meredith Warren, student from Spring Hill, TN—The United for Acceptance Award; and Lockhart Elementary School, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands—The United for Inclusion Award.

The Faces of Change awards went to Notes of Kindness Crew from Rochester, MN; the Orono High School Unified Club; Lakeville's Lakeview Elementary Kindness Council and the Together Everyone Achieves More school group from Slayton, MN.



NEW APPLICATION ASSISTANCE AT CREEKSIDE

Bloomington Human Services and Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) introduce a new service at Creekside that offers in-person application assistance with, Minnesota's Health Insurance Exchange, MNsure to determine eligibility for medical assistance, MNCare, advanced premium tax credits, qualified health care plans, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program and energy assistance.

Each Monday a MNsure navigator from CAPSH will be available, 8:30 – 11 a.m., to help individuals and families. Other times may be available by appointment.

HONORING HUMAN RIGHTS CONTRIBUTIONS

The Omar Bonderud Award is presented by the Bloomington Human Rights Commission to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to ensuring the rights of people in Bloomington. Omar Bonderud was the first chairperson of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission, formed in 1968. Applications for the Omar Bonderud award will be accepted through August 26. Find the application on the City's website blm.mn/bonderud. For more information, call 952-563-8733.

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES

If you're looking for an opportunity to help others that requires nothing but your time, look no further than the City's upcoming Red Cross blood drive, **Wednesday, August 17, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** in the Rehearsal Hall at Civic Plaza.

"The great thing about the City's blood drive is that City employees and community members work together to provide help to others in our area," said the City's Blood Drive Coordinator Laurie Masanz. "Many people are committed to donating blood regularly, and our drives make it very convenient for them."

Check the City's website for more information at blm.mn/blood-drive.

BETTER SERVING BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington Public Health is taking steps to become nationally accredited. An accreditation board site visit team from across the country visited Bloomington in June. They reviewed evidence of how the division does its work. Preparation for the site visit began two years ago.

"The program is voluntary," said Public Health Administrator Bonnie Paulsen. "We decided to pursue accreditation because it could give our community an advantage. For example, it could give us more recognition and accountability, which could attract more funding opportunities."

Before November 2016, the accreditation board will decide if the division meets standards for National Public Health Accreditation.

HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINAR: SMART ENERGY

Want to make your home more energy efficient? Thinking about investing in solar? Learn about solar options at the Making Smart Energy Investments, Home Efficiency and Solar Options Home Improvement Seminar on **Thursday, August 11, 7 p.m.**, at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Stacy Boots Camp with Center for Energy and Environment and Trevor Drake with Great Plains Institute will discuss many energy options.



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

International Day of Peace is observed each year on September 21. The United Nations General Assembly declared it as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The Human Rights Commission is hosting a Naturalization Ceremony in honor of the International Day of Peace **Wednesday, September 14, 2 p.m.**, in the Schneider Theater, where approximately 200 immigrants will be sworn in as United States citizens. A U.S. District Judge will preside over the ceremony with assistance from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Looking to share thoughts or pictures to commemorate Peace Day on social media? Follow @PeaceDay or @Bloomington_MN on Twitter and "like" the International Day of Peace page on Facebook for updates, ideas and links to Peace Day activities.



LEARN TO LIVE WELL

If you or someone you know is 50 years of age or older, Human Services invites you to the Living Well Expo taking place in conjunction with the Bloomington Farmer's Market **Saturday, September 24, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** The expo features services and resources to help you live a healthy, happy and balanced life. Vendors will be available to discuss topics such as downsizing your home, non-medical home services, ophthalmology and more. For more information, visit the blm.mn/livingwellexpo.

CULTURAL DANCE AND MUSIC AT HERITAGE DAYS

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission will sponsor cultural entertainment at the Heritage Days festival on **Saturday, September 17**. For more information on groups and times, visit www.bloomingtonheritagedays.org.



FINISHING A COOL CAREER

Bloomington Ice Garden Manager Andy Baltgalvis, a familiar face around the city, is no stranger to spending time on the ice. He was a high school hockey player and started work at the Bloomington Ice Garden in 1971 after returning home from serving in the Army. Baltgalvis retired on July 31.

During his 45 years at BIG, Baltgalvis saw facility expansions, countless hockey and figure skating tournaments, and national and international events. The most memorable moment for him, however, was meeting his wife, another former BIG employee, in 1971.

Baltgalvis says he'll miss the coworkers and community members he worked with at BIG. He plans to travel, climb Mount Fuji and enjoy time with family in his retirement.



PRODUCE IS POPPING UP

The Bloomington Farmers Market is expanding this summer with new pop-up markets. Two additional dates are scheduled **Tuesdays, August 16** and **September 20**, 3 – 7 p.m., in the South Loop at Bloomington Central Station Park, 8170 33rd Avenue South. These markets continue to connect the growers and producers directly to the public and emphasize quality and freshness.

SUMMER FUN

Bring the kids and have some fun in the sun with the brand-new playground equipment at Dupont Park, 8807 Dupont Avenue South and Hampshire Hill Park, 10601 Louisiana Avenue South. New slides, swings and jungle gyms will keep popping up around Bloomington. The City plans to install new equipment at 12 parks in 2017.



BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

Batter up! These ladies laced up their cleats and went to bat for Walsh's women's softball team in 1957. Walsh's grocery store sponsored a team in the local summer softball league and was a popular place for Bloomington families to stock up on food in the '50s. Walsh's had two locations—one south of 98th and Lyndale and one at 78th and Portland.

RECREATION UPDATE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

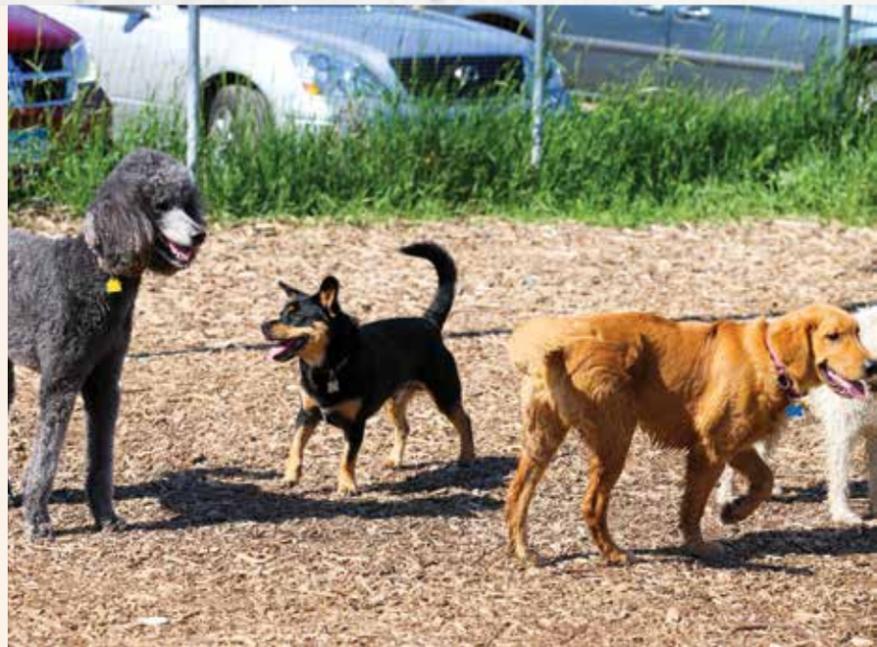
A cres of Bloomington's green space has gone to the dogs. With two off-leash recreation areas, local dog owners don't have to go far to find a place where their pups can run free.

The 25-acre, off-leash recreation area on 111th Street between Nesbitt and Hampshire avenues has a three-quarter mile walking path, grassy hills, a pond and a water fountain area for dogs and their owners. Should the property ever need to be used for its original purpose, to meet water treatment needs, the City would explore other options for an off-leash recreation area.

Tretbaugh Park, at 90th Street and Tretbaugh Drive, is another off-leash recreation area in Bloomington. Two broomball rinks are available for use as off-leash areas from April 15 – October 15.

Visiting off-leash areas isn't all about letting your dog get some exercise. Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Scott Breuer says that dogs and their owners will also find a social community there.

Dogs must be licensed to visit the City's off-leash recreation areas. For more information on dog and cat licensing, visit the City's website at blm.mn/petlicense.



SWING BY CITY GOLF COURSES

Why not visit the City's golf courses and take in some fun this summer? Swing by Hyland Greens' expanded driving range and practice facility with 36 all-grass hitting stations or Dwan's 18-hole, par 68 course with 5,485 yards of tree-lined fairways. For more information, contact General Manager Rick Sitek at 952-563-8702 or visit the City's website at hyland.golf or dwan.golf. Register for your next Dwan tee time online at dawn.golf/tee.

DWAN RECOGNIZED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

Dwan Golf Course has been designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. This means Dwan has maintained and improved upon its sustainable practices. Audubon International, an environmental organization dedicated to conservation, recognizes golf courses worldwide with its Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses each year. Dwan is one of 23 courses in Minnesota and 900 courses in the world to receive this certification.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The City would like to thank these sponsors for their donations to this year's Summer Fete.

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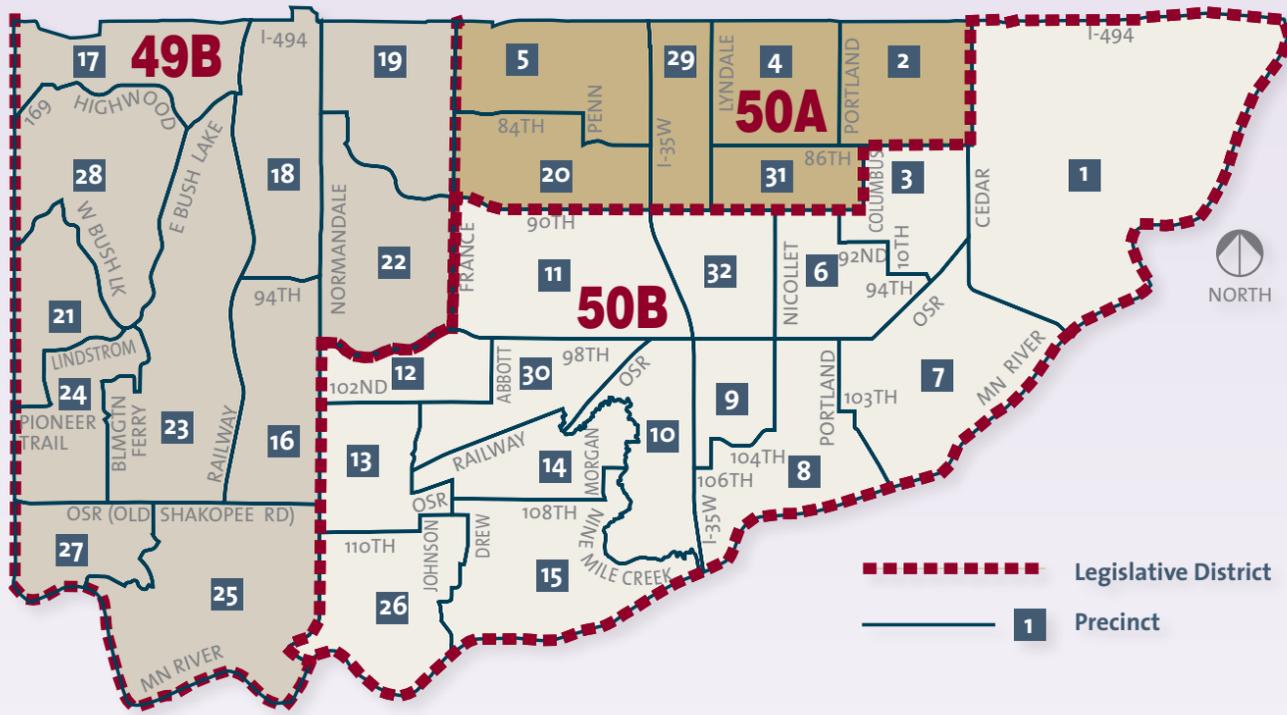
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2016 ELECTION

CAST YOUR BALLOT ON AUGUST 9

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 9 in Bloomington. Polling places are open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. To see a sample ballot, visit blm.mn/sampleballot.

SEEKING QUALIFIED ELECTION JUDGES

Looking for ways to give back to your community? Serve as an election judge. The Bloomington City Clerk's Office is seeking eligible voters interested in working as election judges on November 8.

If you're a Minnesota resident and U.S. citizen who is at least 18 years of age and has lived in the state for at least 20 days, you are eligible to serve as an election judge. Declaring a political party affiliation is helpful but not required. State law requires employers to excuse employees from work without loss of salary to serve as election judges.

Election judges must be appointed by the City Council and attend training on election laws and procedures. Training sessions will be held in October. Regular election judges earn \$10.25 per hour for training and time served in the polling place. Judges' work schedule is from 6 a.m. until approximately 10 p.m. or until activities are completed to close the polls. Visit blm.mn/electionjudge to download an application. Mail completed applications to:

City of Bloomington
Attn: City Clerk's Office
1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431

For more information, contact Deputy City Clerk Kim Engberg at 952-563-8729 or email at kengberg@BloomingtonMN.gov.

NEW POLLING PLACES

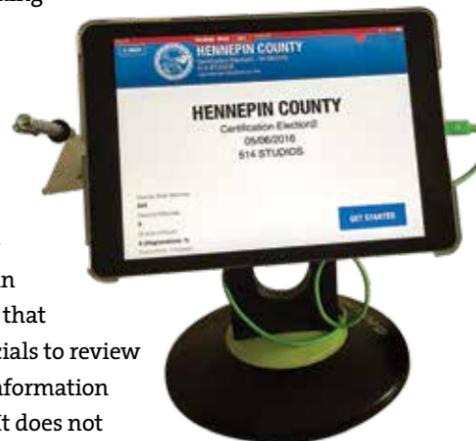
- Precinct 11, Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.
- Precinct 13, Bloomington Covenant Church, 10105 Xerxes Avenue South.

Eligible and registered voters are required to vote at the assigned polling place for your legal residence (where you sleep). Verify your polling place and view a sample ballot here at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-day-voting/>.

EQUIPMENT SPOTLIGHT: ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK

The City is working with the Hennepin County Elections Division to implement the use of new voting equipment in this year's elections. The new equipment is an electronic poll book that allows election officials to review and process voter information during an election. It does not count votes. This technology is used in place of paper rosters. Minnesota permits any jurisdiction to use E-Poll books and sets specific functional requirements for them. Electronic poll books have received this approval and will be used for:

- Checking in preregistered voters.
- Processing Election Day registrations.
- Looking up a voter's correct polling place.



INSIDE PUBLIC WORKS

Nearly 400 people made their way to the 2016 Public Works open house in May, more than double the turnout of last year's event. Visitors had the chance to ride tractors and trucks, see equipment demonstrations and exhibits and meet the employees that maintain City streets and parks.

GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION

This year's Fire Department open houses take place on Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at all Bloomington fire stations. Bring the kids to meet Sparky and enjoy activities, station tours, fire equipment demonstrations and more. Visit blm.mn/fireopen for more information.

WILD BLOOMINGTON

With plenty of parks, ponds and green spaces, Bloomington is a natural habitat to an array of wildlife. Over the past few years there has been an increase in coyotes in the city resulting in reports of attacks on area pets.

"Pet owners should not leave their dogs or cats outside unattended. Most attacks have occurred in the evening and early morning and most often involve unattended pets," said Animal Control Officer John Carlson.

To prevent issues with wildlife such as coyotes, City Code prohibits feeding wild animals. If you notice a coyote in your neighborhood, haze the coyote: chase it off with loud noises such as yelling or clapping your hands. If a coyote appears to be sick or injured, call Animal Control at 952-563-4942. Sightings of coyotes can also be reported to the police dispatch at 952-563-4900. Residents should report all incidents involving coyotes. For more information, visit the City's website at blm.mn/coyote.

GET BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY

With summer winding down, it's time to get ready for the hustle and bustle of back-to-school season. Walking or biking to school has many benefits. It creates healthier habits and a cleaner environment. Give walking or biking to school a try on Walk to School and Bike to School Day, October 5.

Before class is back in session, brush up on these biking and walking safety tips so the first trip back to school is a safe one:

- Stop, Look, Walk! These are the three steps to ensure safe crossing at an intersection on foot. Stop at the intersection, look both directions, in front and behind you to make sure the road is clear before crossing.
- Protect your melon. Wear a helmet while biking; be sure it is level on your forehead, straps around your ears and under your chin securely.

The City works with local partners such as the Bicycle Alliance to promote safe cycling.



IN MEMORIAM

In January, two City workers were involved in a traffic accident when the City vehicle they were using was hit from behind. Equipment Operator Tyler Lenort passed away as a result of injuries sustained in the accident. Lenort's coworkers in street maintenance and the Lenort family installed a memorial plaque by the landscaped area next to the retaining wall at 420 American Boulevard in June.

BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

2016 - 2017 PERFORMANCE SERIES

The Bloomington Center for the Arts Performance Series includes awe-inspiring theater, band, chorale and jazz concerts. Performances are held in the Schneider or Black Box theaters, located in the Bloomington Center for the Arts at the corner of 98th Street and West Old Shakopee Road.

BOX OFFICE

Order tickets by phone: Call 952-563-8575

Online: Go to

www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/bloomington

In person: Office hours vary.

Call 952-563-8575 for current hours.

CHECK OUT THIS AMAZING LINEUP OF SHOWS



The Whitesidewalls

The Whitesidewalls Rock 'n Roll Revue is the Midwest's ultimate '50s and '60s doo-wop and rock and roll show band. Five singers play multiple instruments, and deliver tight harmonies and dance beats.

Saturday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.
All tickets \$30



Sherwin Linton The Johnny Cash Story

Sherwin is more than an imitator of "The Man In Black." With his in-depth knowledge of Cash's life and 60-year career, it is no wonder Johnny Cash endorsed Sherwin to tell "The Johnny Cash Story."

Saturday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.
All tickets \$25



What Judy Means to Jazz: A Swinging Celebration of Judy Garland

Join singer Maud Hixson and pianist Rick Carlson as they celebrate Judy Garland's career in vaudeville, movies and concerts.

Friday - Saturday, November 4-5, 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.
All tickets \$22, Black Box Theater



Medalist Concert Band American Celebrations

As Americans, we have a lot to celebrate, including our nation's beauty, our proud history and rich culture, and even our favorite pastimes and performers.

Sunday, November 13, 4 p.m.
Adults \$14, seniors and students \$12



Bloomington Symphony Orchestra The BSO and Beethoven

The BSO performs an energetic concert, including an Overture to *William Tell* and Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. The show also features Concertmaster Michael Sutton.

Sunday, November 20, 3 p.m.
Adults \$14, seniors \$12, students free



Monroe Crossing A Bluegrass Christmas

Fill your holiday season with musical merriment as Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with a blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and heartfelt originals.

Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.
All tickets \$30



Bloomington Chorale Christmas Past and Present

Listen to holiday music from over the years celebrating the spirit of the season.

Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.,
Saturday, December 17, 4 p.m.
Adults \$16, seniors and students \$12



Medalist Concert Band Sounds of the Season

Enjoy all of your favorites, both traditional carols and modern classics, in this popular holiday program.

Sunday, December 18, 4 p.m.
Adults \$14, seniors and students \$12



Colleen Ray That'll Be The Day

Enjoy the music of Roy Orbison, Linda Ronstadt and Gene Pitney as well as humor, masterful musicianship and impressive vocals.

Saturday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.
All tickets \$25



Jack Brass Band Mardi Gras Celebration

The Jack Brass Band brings the party to the audience with a tradition and groove that will make you want to get up and dance to the New Orleans sound.

Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.
All tickets \$20



Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs Music From the Movies

Join us for music celebrating Hollywood and raising money for scholarships with guest host Sue Scott from MPR's A Prairie Home Companion. Includes dessert.

Sunday, February 26, 3 p.m.
All tickets \$40



Arne Fogel and Maud Hixson Great Songwriting Teams of Broadway and Hollywood

The performance features Rodgers and Hart, the Gershwins, Lerner and Loewe and the sensational songwriters tag-team medley co-starring Fogel and Hixson, with special guest Jennifer Eckes.

Fri - Sat, Mar. 31 - Apr. 1, 7:30 p.m.,
Sun, Apr. 2, 2 p.m.
All tickets \$22, Black Box Theater



Medalist Concert Band John Williams: The Mozart of the Movies

Think of a movie with a great theme song. Chances are, it was written by award-winning composer John Williams.

Sunday, March 5, 4 p.m.
Adults \$14, seniors and students \$12



Bloomington Chorale Celebrating 35 Years of Music

Join the Chorale as it celebrates 35 years of sharing music and welcome back the Docter family that helped create and lead the Chorale from its beginning.

Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.,
Saturday, May 20, 4 p.m.
Adults \$16, seniors and students \$12



Medalist Concert Band Music for a Festival

Music is at the center of every festival, whether a small-town Fourth of July or a royal coronation. Featured soloist: winner of the 2017 E.C. Benson Concerto Competition.

Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m.
Adults \$14, seniors and students \$12



Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band

In 1967, the band was formed to play at "Jimmy's on the Levee" in downtown Saint Paul. How time flies! This 50th anniversary concert will feature special appearances by some of the original members. Don't miss it.

Saturday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.
All tickets \$30



The Best of NOTE-able Singers

Let us entertain you! NOTE-able Singers and their band of musicians perform their favorite songs from past seasons in a musical theater style production. There will be singing, dancing and much more.

Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m.
Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12



Alive & Kickin

"A touching and moving musical experience," "Inspirational!" and "My face hurt from all the smiling." Come see an all new Michael Matthew Ferrell and Jason Hansen production.

Thursday - Sunday, June 9 - 18, 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m.
Adults \$32, seniors and students \$28,
opening night gala \$40