

BLOOMINGTON BRIEFING



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WRIGHT'S LAKE PARK COMMUNITY MURAL

Artists from GoodSpace Murals and Creative Placemaking Director Alejandra Pelinka engaged residents and stakeholders last winter to help them make their mark on the Wright's Lake Park mural. The goal is for the mural to be at the top of its class in representing the community. To achieve that, they went back to school where Valley View Middle School students talked about what Bloomington means to them and

drew patterns that represent them as individuals on large, shared sheets of paper, *above*. It was the last of the three artist-led visioning sessions.

Want to make your mark on the mural? Join GoodSpace Murals and other community members at one of the six painting parties planned on May 11 and 26, and June 12, 23, 25 and 30. Visit blm.mn/placemaking to see event locations and times.

ORGANICS RECYCLING COMING TO BLOOMINGTON

If you want to drop off your organics, see registration details, *below*. After you sign up, you'll be able to stay connected with updates and tips and receive a welcome kit (including compostable bags) with more details on how to recycle organics. Signing up will also help the City track the success of the program.

To get started at home, place an organics recycling container in a convenient location. Line the container with a paper bag or certified compostable plastic bag. Be sure the bags you purchase have the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) or Cedar Grove logo on the bag or box.

See the clip-out section on page 2 for more details on accepted organic materials.

During the first two months of the program, volunteers will be at the drop-off locations to answer questions and hand out free compostable bags. Both locations are open Tuesdays, 4 – 7 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. To sign up to be a volunteer at a drop-off site, email Sustainability Commissioner John Jaimez at jjaimiez@bloomingtonmn.gov. Training will be provided.

Business organics are NOT accepted at the city locations. Organics are accepted from businesses ONLY at the Hennepin County drop-off site at 1400 96th Street West.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- Valley View Park, 201 90th Street East
- West Bush Lake Park, 95th and West Bush Lake Road
- Hennepin County Drop-off site, 1400 96th Street West

Want to participate? Sign up online at blm.mn/organics.

Do you have questions or need help signing up? Contact Public Works at maintenance@bloomingtonmn.gov or call 952-563-8760. Brochures are also available.

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MAYOR’S MEMO

‘TIS THE SEASON TO GET OUT AND GOLF

By Mayor Gene Winstead

The 2018 golf season is all teed up and the City’s golf courses are ready for people to get out and enjoy the expansive greens and warm weather.

It will be business as usual at Hyland Greens Golf and Learning Center through the golf season this year after the City Council chose to retain the former driving range at Hyland for the short term while assessing the impact of pending changes at the golf course in operations and management.

The City Council agreed to retain the property for the short term to allow time to assess what a new management structure will bring after rejecting four proposals for the sale and development of the unused driving range in late 2017.

A big welcome to new golf course manager, Peter Kurvers, at right. He will manage Dwan Golf Club and Hyland Greens, replacing the longtime manager who retired last year. Kurvers was the head golf professional and general manager for the Crow River Golf Club in Hutchinson, MN, for seven years. He managed a staff of 65 in golf operations, grounds maintenance and food and beverage service while working there. Prior to that he was clubhouse manager at the Dacotah Ridge Golf Club in Morton, MN, for 10 years. He is a PGA Professional and past president of the Minnesota Section of the PGA.

Hyland Greens and Dwan also have marketing staff in place to promote the golf courses, as recommended by the Hyland Greens task force. The City Council will revisit the situation at Hyland Greens following the next golf season.

The development proposals were part of a recommendation from the Hyland Greens task force to

partially develop the east side of the site while maintaining the golf course to address financial concerns at the venue. The City has been studying Hyland Greens for more than three years. In 2016, the task force recommended that the City continue to operate the course and implement measures to improve the bottom line, such as developing the unused driving range.

Hyland Greens has been experiencing annual losses for more than a decade. In 2016, the course received a property tax subsidy for the first time in an effort to reduce its working capital deficit of more than \$1 million. The property tax subsidy was \$225,000 in 2016 and increased to \$300,000 in 2017. The City subsidizes each round of golf at Hyland Greens by more than \$10 per round. There is an expectation that the City’s golf courses should cover their own costs.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Manager Randy Quale at 952-563-8876 or rquale@BloomingtonMN.gov.



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

ORGANICS RECYCLING GUIDE

ALL FOOD

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, fish and bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Pasta, beans and rice
- Bread and cereal
- Nuts and shells



FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- Pizza boxes from delivery
- Napkins and paper towels
- Paper egg cartons



CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

- Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers
- Look for the BPI or Cedar Grove logos or the term “compostable” on certified products.



OTHER COMPOSTABLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Hair and nail clippings
- Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- Houseplants and flowers
- Tea bags
- Wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



NOT ACCEPTED:

- Yard waste • diapers and sanitary products • animal and pet waste, litter or bedding • cleaning or baby wipes • grease or oil • Styrofoam™ • dryer lint and dryer sheets • recyclable items (cartons, glass, metal, paper, plastic) • frozen food boxes • microwave popcorn bags • gum • fast food wrappers • products labeled “biodegradable”



AT YOUR SERVICE: CRIME VICTIM LIAISON

Ibrahim Adam’s job to help crime victims navigate the court system in Bloomington successfully with as little stress as possible. This new grant-funded position in the City Attorney’s Office is the first of its kind at the City of Bloomington with the goal of giving crime victims a designated person to guide them through the often complicated criminal justice process and inform them of their rights.

Adam has been involved in advocacy since 2011. She has worked at Cornerstone in Bloomington and most recently at PRIDE (Promoting Recovery, Independence, Dignity and Equality). She also volunteers as a board member for Standpoint, which is a nonprofit that provides support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

“I’m hoping that me being here shows the community that the City Attorney’s Office is absolutely here to support them,” Adam said.



SAFE CYCLING TIP

Bicyclists are allowed to ride on sidewalks in Bloomington. When you are riding on the sidewalk, try to bike in the same direction as the parallel traffic. Going with the flow of traffic can be safer because you are more likely to be seen by motorists. Motorists are more likely to anticipate vehicles coming from the left and can be more diligent looking to the left rather than the right. Motorists should remember to look both ways while crossing sidewalks and trails when using driveways.

BLOOMINGTON AND THE SUPER BOWL

More than a 125,000 people are estimated to have visited the Twin Cities area in February for Super Bowl 52. While the main event was in Minneapolis, Bloomington saw plenty of action in the week leading up to the big game. The Patriots and the Eagles stayed at the

JW Marriot and Radisson Blu in South Loop, Mall of America hosted the media center and Radio Row and the City and Artistry hosted Illuminate South Loop—an outdoor art event featuring local artists, interactive art installations, regional food, bonfires and hot drinks—at Bloomington Central Station.

FORWARD 2040 PLAN REVIEW

This winter, the Forward 2040 Advisory Committee completed its work with City staff drafting Forward 2040—the City’s comprehensive plan update. A comprehensive plan sets the 20-year vision for the City to guide future land uses and investments in City services. This spring, the Planning Commission and City Council will review the draft plan before the required six-month public review period.

During the review period, the draft will be distributed to surrounding cities and other agencies for their comment. Over the summer, a variety of opportunities will be offered for stakeholders and community members to provide their input on the draft.



Dates and locations for these opportunities will be posted on the Forward 2040 project website at blm.mn/forward2040 and will be distributed to the project E-Subscribe list as they are confirmed. Opportunities to provide input via social media will also be provided. For more information about the Forward 2040 Plan and to sign up to receive project updates via email, visit the City’s website at blm.mn/forward2040.

ONLINE CONSTRUCTION MAP

Do you ever find yourself driving around Bloomington and wondering about the different construction projects going on? Visit blm.mn/constructionmap to search the address of the project to learn more about it.

A NEW ROAD TO HOME OWNERSHIP

Did you know thousands of Bloomington renters could be spending more on rent than they would on a mortgage? To raise awareness of local resources and help renters become homeowners, the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority is partnering with Minnesota Housing, a state agency that provides support and works with local lenders.

Minnesota Housing offers affordable homebuyer programs with down payment and closing cost loans up to \$12,000, fixed interest rates and low or no mortgage insurance options. To find a participating lender near you or to learn about eligibility requirements, visit the website rebrand.ly/Bloomington.

As an added incentive, the HRA is offering coupons for free homebuyer education—a \$75 value—for the first 40 people who contact them at the website listed above.

UPGRADE YOUR HOME

Do you want to improve your home, but you can’t fit it into your budget? Bloomington HRA Home Rehabilitation Loans, ranging up to \$35,000, may be able to help.

Fix up your home with a Rehabilitation Loan that does not include monthly payments and accrues interest at a low rate of 2 percent for 10 years. Borrowers do not have to pay back the loan until the home is either transferred, sold or is no longer the owner’s principal place of residence.

The loans are available only to Bloomington homeowners, and are meant to help make repairs to meet health and safety requirements, such as bringing lead paint, heating, electrical and plumbing requirements up to City code, making homes more energy efficient, and making exterior improvements such as roofing upgrades.

For more information or to apply for a loan, call 952-563-8937 or visit online at blm.mn/loans.

ATTEND A HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINAR

The Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority will host three home improvement seminars this summer on Tuesday, June 12, and Wednesdays, July 11 and August 8. They will take place at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, at 7 p.m. Visit blm.mn/homeseminars for more details.

CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Curbside Cleanup continues to be a convenient program at a bargain with an annual cost of \$44 for residents. That is cheaper than dropping off items at a transfer station yourself. For example, Curbside Cleanup is cheaper than disposing of one mattress with the bulk pickup program at \$51.

Eligible residents will see “Citywide Curbside Cleanup” on their utility bills. Prepare for your Cleanup day by setting your materials at the curb **before 7 a.m.** Items must be boxed or bundled with twine. **No plastic bags will be accepted.** Trucks only pass through once.

Seniors or residents with disabilities who need help moving things to the curb can contact Human Services at least two weeks prior to their scheduled pickup date at 952-563-4636 or TTY only 952-563-8740.

2018 CLEANUP SCHEDULE

East of Portland	→	April 7
Penn to Portland	→	April 14
France to Penn	→	April 21
Normandale to France	→	April 28
West of Normandale	→	May 5

To keep program costs low, quantity limits on accepted items are enforced. Item quantity limits are specified below. Any items exceeding the specified limits will remain on the curb and residents will need to arrange for bulk material disposal. Excess materials could cost you more. To report illegal dumping or scavengers making a mess, call 911.

QUESTIONS? CALL 952-563-8760 OR VISIT BLM.MN/CURBSIDE.

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- General junk, household building materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck bed. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. **NO railroad ties. NO business materials used for contractor work.** General junk must be boxed or bundled with twine and weigh under 100 pounds per item.
- Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied with twine. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter.
- Appliances:** Water heaters and softeners, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, dishwashers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, water coolers, refrigerators (remove door or tie securely shut). **Limit of two appliances per house. DO NOT set out appliances until the morning of your pickup date.**
- Unusable furniture:** Disassemble or tie down hide-a-way sofa beds so they cannot open when handled. Limited to two items.
- BUNDLED brush:** Branches must be smaller than three inches in diameter and five feet in length, tied with twine and put in bundles that can be carried by one person. Brush piles must be no more than what can fit in a standard pickup truck bed.
- Mattresses or box springs.** Limited to two items.
- Large metal ONLY:** Large scrap metal items that do not fit in the trunk of a car (swing sets, grills, bikes, treadmills, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.) Drain all fluids and remove tires. Smaller items should be taken to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 West 96th Street.

NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- Small metal.**
 - Tires, batteries.**
 - Tubs, sinks, toilets.**
 - Exceptionally heavy and bulky items:** Pianos or organs, for example.
 - Electronic items:** TVs, computers, stereos and cell phones, printers.
 - Miscellaneous building items:** Contractor materials, railroad ties, treated wood, concrete, bricks or shingles (asbestos).
 - Hazardous waste:** Paint, motor oil, solvents, fluorescent tubes, propane and other household chemicals.
 - Organic materials:** Leaves, grass clippings, sod, stumps, logs and food waste.
 - Recyclable materials:** Newspapers, cans, glass, corrugated cardboard, boxboard and plastic bottles.
- For tips on how to properly dispose of items not accepted at the curb, call 612-348-3777 or visit the Green Disposal Guide on Hennepin County’s website at www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide.

2018 CURBSIDE CHANGES

NEW! CHANGES TO PILE ITEM LIMITS

TWO MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRINGS

TWO PIECES OF FURNITURE

ONE LEVEL TRUCK BED OF GENERAL JUNK

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR SERVICES?

Weather permitting, the annual full season yard waste subscription service will be available April 15 to November 30. Subscribers will be billed \$81.09 on their utility bills. If you are currently subscribed with full-season service and would like to discontinue the service, contact our office before April 15 to cancel and avoid charges.

Residents may also pay \$4.08 per bag for on-call services. For on-call yard waste service, visit the Utility Billing office to purchase stickers. Residents must adhere one sticker to each on-call bag. To schedule an on-call collection, contact our billing office at least 48 hours prior to your collection day. The hauler will collect yard waste materials on your garbage day.



The yard waste collection is weekly and includes all garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, soft garden materials, shrub and tree waste, prunings, and wood chips. Remember: twigs and branches must be approximately three feet in length and no more than three inches in diameter. Place in bags, containers, or on the ground tied in bundles. Bags and bundles should not be heavier than 40 – 50 lbs.

Questions? Contact Utility Billing at utilitybilling@BloomingtonMN.gov or call 952-563-8726.



RECYCLING GUIDE

PAPER

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books

BOXES

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

CARTONS

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

GLASS

- Food and beverage bottles and jars

PLASTIC

BOTTLES AND JUGS

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

CUPS AND CONTAINERS

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

PACKAGING

- Clear packaging from toys and electronics

METAL

- Food and beverage cans

DON'T RECYCLE: Plastic bag, film and wrap; Styrofoam™, food waste, paper cups and plates, glass dishes, drinking glasses, window glass and ceramics; garbage, containers that held hazardous products.





LET’S GO FLY A KITE

What better way to celebrate the warmer weather than with your friends and family at Human Services’ annual Kite Day event? Come fly a kite with us on Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Valley View Playfield, 90th Street and Portland Avenue. There will be live entertainment and activities for all ages. Kites will be provided to those 18 and younger while supplies last. The rain date for the event is Saturday, June 2. For more information, visit blm.mn/kiteday.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Get an inside look at the innovative ways Public Works keeps Bloomington’s streets, parks and utilities running smoothly at the third annual Public Works open house on Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Public Works building, 1700 West 98th Street. The event will provide the opportunity to meet the people who plow, mow, maintain and build the City’s infrastructure to support everyday quality of life. There will also be equipment displays, demonstrations, food, games and prizes.



PROTECT YOUR NEST EGG

PREVENT FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AND SCAMS

Come and learn how to avoid financial exploitation and keep your finances safe and secure from scams. This free workshop will take place on Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. The workshop will include presenters from law enforcement, financial services and the City Attorney’s Office. Light refreshments will be provided. To register, call 952-563-4944 or visit the City’s website at blm.mn/preventscams.

BLOOMINGTON WELCOME MEALS

Learn about different cultures, enjoy delicious food and meet new people at Human Rights Commission’s Welcome Meals. These meals will take place throughout the community in homes, churches and other public buildings such as libraries and community centers.

Sharing meals is a starting point to help build and foster relationships throughout the community. The Commission’s mission with these dinners is to build a feeling of community and belonging that connects people while sharing meals, culture and fun.

More than 40 community members are working with the Human Rights Commission to arrange these events. Are you interested in joining them? The Bloomington Welcome Meals Committee is looking for individuals willing to engage with neighbors across the City, make new connections, host a meal or donate toward this project.

For more information on how to get involved contact the Human Rights Commission or fill out the web form at blm.mn/welcomemeals.

RENT A COMMUNITY GARDEN, CANOE RACK OR BIKE LOCKER THIS SUMMER

In 2017, the City expanded its community gardens with a third site and increased the number of plots available to rent from 98 to 178. The community gardens are located at Smith Park, Harrison Park and Brookside Park. Renting a plot that measures 10 by 15 feet costs \$39.05 for the season (May – October).

This year the City is also expanding the number of canoe racks for rent at West Bush Lake Park from 50 to 92. Racks may be used for canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and sailboards. The rental fee is \$80.64 per season.

Additionally, the City offers bike lockers for rent at Dred Scott, and at the southwest corner of Old Shakopee Road and Bloomington Ferry Road. Bike Lockers cost \$10.75 per month



with a three-month minimum or \$64.52 per year. These lockers are convenient to MTC bus lines and ideal for commuter use.

For more information on any of these opportunities go to blm.mn/rentals.



HIT THE LINKS AT HYLAND AND DWAN

In 2018, there’s no better place to get back in the swing of golf than Dwan Golf Club, 110th Street and Xerxes Avenue, and Hyland Greens, 102nd Street and Normandale Boulevard.

With discount passes, residents and nonresidents can golf and save. Dwan patron cards are \$60 for residents and \$70 for nonresidents. These cards offer \$7 off each 18-hole round and \$4 off each 9-hole round. Hyland frequent player cards are \$40 and provide a \$3 discount per round. The Junior Pass is \$99 and offers unlimited golf, FootGolf and driving range use at Hyland to golfers age 17 and under. The new Junior Mega Pass adds unlimited golf at Dwan Golf Club for \$250.



CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

Spring cleaning makes for good garage sales. Empty out your trunk, hit the sales and find some treasures during the Citywide Garage Sales Thursday, May 17 – Saturday, May 19.

This event is sponsored by the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation in cooperation and support of Bloomington Human Services. Don’t worry about the weather—sales will be held rain or shine.

For more information, visit the City’s website at blm.mn/garagesales or contact the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation at 952-831-3798.



**BE PART OF A LEAGUE!
SUMMER SAND VOLLEYBALL**

Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for Adult Co-Rec summer sand volleyball. Matches will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning Wednesday, May 30, at Dred Scott Playfield, 10820 Bloomington Ferry Road. For more information, visit blm.mn/adultsports.

ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE

Grab your friends for a blast from your gym class in our co-rec kickball league. League fee includes regular season and playoffs, kickball (one per team), field, game official and league champion prizes. Registration begins March 12 and ends April 27. Games will be held from May 10 through late July, at Valley View Playfield. There will be 10 single-header games and single-elimination playoffs. The cost to participate is \$285. This program is offered in cooperation with the city of Richfield.

ADULT BAGS LEAGUE

Bags, baggo, corn hole ... call it what you want! It has been a backyard favorite for years. Now you can test your skills in a fun, recreational league. The league is open to male and female players. Games will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights, June 5 – July 31 at Taft Park. The league is open to players 18 years of age or older. The deadline to register is May 22. Boards and bags will be provided. The cost to participate is \$55 per team. This league is offered in cooperation with the city of Richfield. For more information, call 612-861-9396.

ADULT SPIKEBALL LEAGUE

Spikeball is like volleyball and foursquare on steroids. This two versus two sport takes place in a circle as opponents bounce the spikeball off a center net in an effort to stop the other team from being able to return it. Join us for this league that offers a new twist in a classic sandy setting. Games are held on Monday nights, June 4 – August 6, at Dred Scott Playfields sand volleyball courts. Cost to participate is \$65 per team. Registration ends on May 18. This league is offered in cooperation with the city of Richfield.



BUSH LAKE BEACH

Don't leave town to enjoy the summer weather. Embrace lake life right here in Bloomington at Bush Lake. You can have a picnic lunch, build a sandcastle with the kids, practice your backstroke or just relax and soak up the sun right in your own backyard at beautiful Bush Lake Beach, 9140 East Bush Lake Road. A daily pass or seasonal

parking permit is required for entrance to East Bush Lake Park, June 1 – August 31. East Bush Lake Park is staffed June 9 – August 19, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., daily with lifeguards on duty beginning at 11 a.m. Season parking permits for Bush Lake are now available for purchase. Cost is \$39 for the season (June through August) or \$7.75 daily.



CHECK OUT THE AQUATIC CENTER

Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, 201 90th Street E., has a zero-depth entry pool, interactive play areas, water slides, diving boards, and a renovated bathhouse and concession stand. New this year tot swim and lap swim are on Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. The pool is open June 9 – August 19 and weekends through Labor Day from 12 – 8 p.m., on weekdays, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., on Saturdays, and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sundays.

MAKE A SPLASH AND GET FIT

Test the waters in a low-impact workout class at the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center this summer on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. This class combines cardio and strength moves for a workout that fits your skill level. All are welcome. Sign up online at blm.mn/aquafit or at the Parks and Recreation office at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

STEP TO IT CHALLENGE

The Step to It Challenge, a four-week, friendly competition beginning May 1, is a great way to get moving. Track your daily activities online for a chance to win prizes and be honored at a Minnesota Twins home game during the 2018 season. For more information, visit blm.mn/steptoit.

CELEBRATE THE CLEAN WATER, LAND AND LEGACY AMENDMENT

The City and Three Rivers Parks District will host an event to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. It is one of eight events that will be held across Minnesota this year to engage and inspire people to get involved with their parks and trails, and to learn about the opportunities the Legacy Amendment offers.

Join us to celebrate on Friday, May 11, 5 – 8 p.m., at Normandale Lake Park and Hyland Hills Ski area for family-friendly activities and ¡Unitos Fest!, a celebration of Latin American food and music, at Normandale Lake Bandshell. Additional information is available on the City's website, key words: Legacy Celebration.

ADAPTIVE SOFTBALL

Competitive and recreational adaptive softball leagues for adults 19 and older and youth ages 10 – 18 begin Monday, June 18. Adult leagues play Tuesdays June 19 – August 7 and youth leagues play Mondays, June 18 – August 6, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at Tarnhill Park, 9650 Little Road. Cost to play is \$67 and includes a team shirt and photo. For more information, visit blm.mn/adaptivesoftball.

Create lasting memories with your friends at Bloomington Parks and Rec youth programs this summer. For more information about these programs or to register, call 952-563-8877 or visit blm.mn/parksprograms.

Enjoy classic summer fun at a neighborhood park where activities range from sports and water games to arts and crafts, and field trips.

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 18 – August 16.

(No program July 2 – 6.)

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Locations: Brye, Kelly, Poplar Bridge, Running, Sunrise, Smith and Westwood parks.

Ages: Grades 2 – 7.

Cost: \$125 before June 5; \$130 on or after June 5.

Youth are empowered to work together to serve the community and spend time doing other daily activities including sports, crafts, afternoons at the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center and weekly field trips.

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 18 – August 17.

(No program July 2 – 6.)

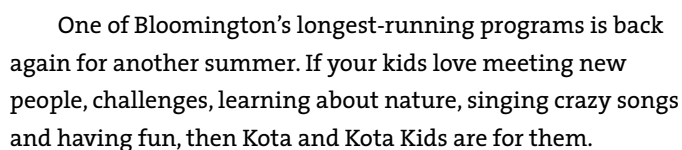
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Avenue South.

Ages: Grades 6 – 7 for Galaxy Summer of Service.

Grades 8 – 10 for Summer Galaxy 2.0.

Cost: \$300 for summer; \$50 per week. Brown bag lunches provided.



Dates: July 9 – 13, July 16 – 20, July 30 – August 3.

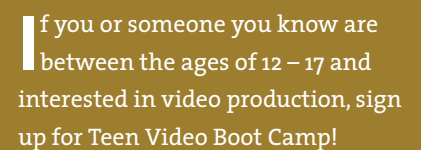
(Kota Kids do not attend camp on Fridays.)

Times: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: 9140 East Bush Lake Road.

Ages: Grades K – 1 for Kota Kids; grades 2 – 7 for Camp Kota.

Cost: \$160 Kota Kids per week; \$190 Camp Kota per week.

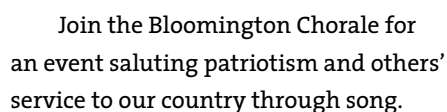


TVBC is a new youth program presented by Bloomington Community Access Television and Southwest TV. In one week, students will learn how to use professional video production equipment and produce their own short films.

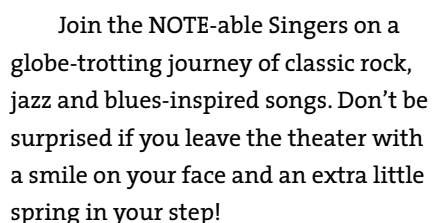
The program is free, and will take place Monday, June 25 – Friday, June 29, 1 – 4 p.m., with a screening of films for students and parents on the last day. For more information or to sign up, contact Ben Vinar at 952-563-4980 or bvinar@bloomingtonmn.gov. There are a limited number of spots available, so sign up today!

Bing Crosby introduced classic songs such as *But Beautiful*, *True Love*, *Blue Hawaii* and dozens more. BingSongs! features an array of these classics as performed by Arne Fogel, Jennifer Eckes and Maud Hixson.

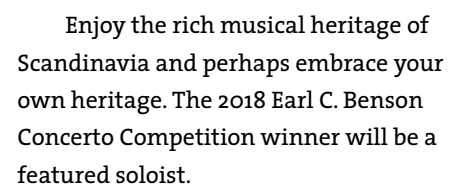
***Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Saturday and
Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2 p.m., All tickets \$22
Black Box Theater***



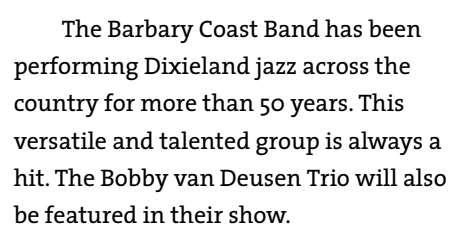
**Friday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.,
Saturday, May 12, 4 p.m.**
Adults \$16, seniors and students \$12



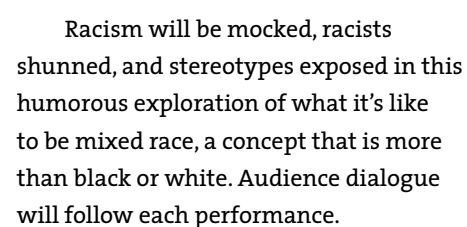
Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12
Free admission for children under 5



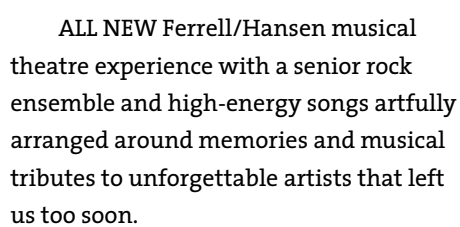
Sunday, May 20, 4 p.m.
Adults \$17, seniors and students \$15



Saturday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.
All tickets \$31



June 8 – 24, Adult \$25, seniors & students \$22
chameleontheatre.org/tickets
Black Box Theater



June 9 – 17
Adults \$32, seniors and students \$28

Order tickets by phone:

Call 952-563-8575 • **Online:** Go to blm.mn/bcatix • **In person:** Office hours vary. Call 952-563-8575 for current hours.

Programs, artists and prices subject to change. Orders received less than seven days prior to the performance will be held for pick up at the box office.

All ticket sales are final. No
refunds or exchanges.





ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

Are you looking for an easy way to protect your neighborhood’s natural water? The City is partnering with the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and the Center for Global and Environmental Education at Hamline University to launch a new adopt-a-storm drain program in Bloomington. Residents who adopt a storm drain will be asked to report debris removal once in the fall and spring online or by returning a postcard. As a thank you, those who sign up will receive a yard sign to show they are protecting our waters. Visit adopt-a-drain.org to sign up or for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

The water and debris that go through storm drains do not go to the waste water treatment plant but directly to local watersheds. Anything other than rainwater going through storm drains has the potential to degrade Bloomington waterbodies.



A CLEAN SWEEP

It’s that time of year again—spring is here and it’s time to sweep up the last remnants of winter. Street Maintenance is about to start its annual street-cleaning program to rid streets of dirt, sand and debris. Street sweeping is part of the City’s Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program. It beautifies the city and prevents pollution in local bodies of water because it stops debris from entering the stormwater system.

A clean sweep of all 342 miles of Bloomington streets takes four to six weeks. Street sweeping is also a bargain for homeowners. Owners of single-family, median-valued homes in Bloomington pay 93 cents each month out of their stormwater utility bill for two street sweepings.

To see when your street will be swept, visit the City’s website at blm.mn/sweep. Do not rake leaves or grass clippings into the street. They are a major source of pollutants for area waterbodies and can clog pipes, which leads to backups or flooding.

MEET A BLOOMINGTON FIREFIGHTER

Laura Mayerle has been a firefighter for a little more than a year and a half. She serves out of Station 4.

Q: What made you want to become a firefighter?

A: I grew up in Bloomington and remember going to an open house at Station 1 when I was really young and climbing on the trucks and seeing all of the gear and tools. I told my parents that I wanted to be a firefighter for Bloomington someday. I wanted to help make a difference in people’s lives, especially in the community I grew up in.

Q: What do you like about firefighting?

A: I enjoy the physical and mental challenge of firefighting and how it is constantly making me learn and adapt in new situations.

Q: What’s your day job?

A: I’m a compliance and risk manager at US Bank.

Q: What do you like about living in Bloomington?

A: I am from South Korea and was adopted by my parents, who still live in Bloomington! I moved back here after college because I wanted to remain close to them. I also love the sense of community the city has and how Bloomington is centrally located to pretty much everything in the Twin Cities.

Q: What do you do for fun when you’re not working or volunteering?

A: Traveling! I love to travel to new destinations and experience the life and culture. I love traveling anywhere in Asia because each culture is so unique. I also really love going to California because I get to experience the ocean and the mountains all in one place. I do a lot of rock climbing and snowboarding so I like to go places I can do that. Colorado has some of the best snowboarding and climbing I’ve experienced so far.



BRIEFING TO BE DELIVERED MONTHLY

The *Briefing* has been delivered to Bloomington residents for more than 25 years. In a recent reader survey, 93 percent of respondents said they received their City news from the *Briefing*. In 2018, the longtime newsletter will go from being delivered bimonthly to monthly. In late 2017, the City Council saw an opportunity to better serve residents with more timely City news by making the *Briefing* a monthly newsletter.

The *Briefing* is distributed to approximately 38,000 households and 5,000 businesses. Seventy-five percent of *Briefing* production is done in-house. The City uses outside resources for printing and mailing. Each issue costs 27 cents to print and mail. Residents can expect monthly delivery of the *Briefing* starting in the third quarter of 2018. Questions? Call Communications Administrator Janine Hill at 952-563-8819 or email jhill@BloomingtonMN.gov.



GROW SOME GREEN

Growing Bloomington’s urban forest is a priority for the City. Park Maintenance staff has planted more than 1,000 trees in the last few years in parks and other public areas. To grow the number of trees on private properties, the City holds an annual public Arbor Day tree sale. Three hundred trees will be available for purchase this spring. Visit blm.mn/treesale to order online or mail in the order form below. MN Native Landscapes will also be at the event selling native plants, seeds mixes and shrubs.

ARBOR DAY TREE SALE ORDER FORM

Bloomington residents only. All trees are bare-root, one-and-a-quarter to one-and-a-half inches in diameter and cost \$50 each. *Trees are not guaranteed; refunds will not be issued.*

Name

Phone

Address

Fill in number of each tree type desired. First come, first served. Maximum five trees total per household, \$50 each. Check must accompany order.

<div>Autumn Blaze maple</div>	<div>Serviceberry</div>	<div>Imperial honeylocust</div>	<div>Japanese tree lilac</div>
<div>Black Hills spruce</div>	<div>Prairie Fire crab apple</div>	<div>River birch</div>	<div>Snowdrift crab apple</div>
<div>Total trees</div>	<div>X \$50 ea. = \$</div>	<div>Total cost</div>	

Pick up trees at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road on **Saturday, May 5, 9 – 11 a.m.**

Send check and form to City of Bloomington, Park Maintenance,
1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN 55431-3027.

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