



The City Manager's Monthly Report is intended to provide a brief summary of City activities, with links to additional information where possible. Due to the variety and complexity of City functions, however, the report is not all-encompassing. Please always feel free to [contact the City of Bloomington](#) for more information or with questions or concerns.

View past and upcoming events on the City's [calendar](#).

City Council Regular Agenda Items

Considered in May

- ✓ Agreement with Boys & Girls Club, other agencies to fund Youth Intervention Specialist
- ✓ Ordinance to authorize Downtown TIF study
- ✓ Ordinance to amend the City Manager's contract
- ✓ Presentation of 2015 Fire department statistics
- ✓ Approval of traffic signal upgrades for improved emergency response

City Council Special Session Items

Considered in May

- ✓ Presentation of intergovernmental self-insured health benefit program
- ✓ Ordinance to authorize Main St. TIF study

May Newsmakers

Miller Park Zoo Breaks Attendance Record
FREE Family Fun Day
Arrest Made In Armed Robbery
Bloomington to Receive Invest Health Grant
BCPA Announces 2016-2017 Season

Expanded Monthly Reports

- View Monthly Financial Report (coming soon)
- [View Monthly FOIA Report](#)

Community Development

Coming soon

Fire

[View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)

Operations

- Ran 880 calls for service, a small increase from April
- Fire damage: \$14,200 (estimated), occurring from four small fires in buildings and a vehicle fire
- Responded to 677 EMS calls, which continue to be the majority of calls for service each month at 76.93%
- Provided mutual aid 22 times and received mutual aid once
- EMS personnel provided 54 hours of preceptor time to EMS students
- Tested 913 fire hydrants

EMS Billing

- Totals breakdown
 - Charge total: \$319,387.12
 - Revenue: \$156,484.14
 - Contractuals/miscellaneous write-offs: \$150,914.83

Public Education

- Fire drills: Oakland Elementary, Bloomington High School
- Community training: Fire extinguisher training for Synergy employees
- Community events: Knapp Burn Foundation at Tipton Park, car seat installation at HQ, Police/Fire community event at Williamsburg Condos, basic first aid taught to Cub Scouts, fire safety presentation for Cub Scouts, Live Well Expo at Country Financial

Training

- Held 379 training classes, totaling 2288.92 class hours
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Human Resources

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[View Safety Report](#)

| Vacancies | Position Status |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Support Staff V – Finance | Filled |
| Support Staff IV – Fire | Filled |
| Assistant to the City Manager | In process |
| Civil Engineer II – Water | In process |

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

[View the BCPA calendar for past & future event info](#)

- May 18 was the special preview BCPA Season Announcement for Arts Partners and other key stakeholders, followed by the public reception on May 25.
- Monthly attendance: 2,359 at events and classes
- Facility usage: Four Auditorium events, one public Ballroom event and 18 non-public Ballroom events
- Community: Nine radio interviews and one newspaper interview

Golf Courses

- Total rounds played in May: 8,149
- Outing rounds: 928
- Groups hosted include Children's Hospital of Illinois, Illinois Pipefitters, McLean County Seniors, Illinois Golf Coaches Association, Bloomington-Normal Golf Association's Interclub and Eaton Corporation
- Junior rounds: 204
- The Den at Fox Creek was selected to be the only downstate course host site for Titleist Thursdays, a new Titleist initiative for 2016.

Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions up 4.7% for FY17
- Attendance up .01% for FY17 compared to last year's attendance (18,172 vs. 18,150)
- Revenue from education program fees and rentals up 12.9% for FY17
- Revenue from concessions, carousel and animal food sales up 1% for FY17 compared to last year
- Zootique up 9.6% for FY17

| Acquisition | Disposition |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 male Eastern Box Turtle • 5 male, 6 female Greater Flamingoes • 2 Azure Damsel fish • 1 Sailfin Tang • 1 Neon Blue Goby • 2 Mandarin Goby • 1 Green Chromis • 4 Peppermint Shrimp • Additional Gorgonians, Sponges, Scallops, Crabs, Sea Stars, Snails | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Tomato Frog • 2 Brown Mantella • 1 Female Rusty Spotted Genet • 1 Blue Poison Dart Frog • 1 female Blue Grey Tanager • 1 Peruvian Millipede • 1 Blue-Legged Mantella • 1 male Slender-Tailed Meerkat |

Recreation

- Hosted a [Family Day](#) event at McGraw Park for 400 people with a variety of activities
- Summer facilities like the Miller Park Paddle Boats, Miller Park Mini-Golf and Holiday and O'Neil Pools opened for the season.
- Held free [FootGolf](#) clinics at Highland Park Golf Course
- Adult Recreation programming like the Progressive Parks Program toured the community and even visited the new Hike Haven facility in Forrest Park.

Pepsi Ice Center

- Partnered with the Central Illinois Figure Skating Club to host its annual ice show, *The Beat Goes On*, which included 38 Learn to Skate students ages from three to adult and 400 spectators
- Center shut down programming the final two weeks of May for annual maintenance in partnership with VenuWorks

SOAR

- Hosted 32 different programs and events
- Accumulated 129 volunteer hours with 783 service units
- 56 total athletes are going to the Special Olympics Summer Games in June

Parks Maintenance

- Total mowing hours: 2,011
- Flowers planted at City Hall, Downtown Bloomington, Withers Park, Miller Park, Forrest Park, Miller Park Zoo and McGraw Park
- All 86 adopt-a-pots planted in cooperation with the Downtown Bloomington Association
- Aquatic weed control continued at Tipton, Eagle Creek and Golden Eagle retention ponds
- 357 trees purchased and planted
- Completed summer startup procedures at Holiday and O'Neil Pools
- Completed playground repair at White Oak, Clearwater and Forrest Parks
- Installed pond fountains at Miller and Tipton Parks

- Completed the installation of a new roof at Miller Park Spray Area
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Police

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Crime Investigations Division (CID)

CID assigned 184 new cases for investigation in May, a 242% increase over April 2016. One hundred sixty-eight incidents of domestic violence were reviewed in May.

Cyber Crimes Unit

The Cyber Crimes Unit, which investigates crimes involving but not limited to child pornography, network intrusion and online scams, continued to operate in cooperation with the US Secret Service (USSS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The Unit has 14 open/active cases.

United States Marshal Task Force

The Bloomington office opened 18 felony cases and closed 13 of them, including seven hands-on arrests, two arrests by other USMS Task Forces after information was sent to them by TFO, three arrests by other agency and a detainer lodged after TFO found out the fugitive was locked up in another state.

Major cases include:

- A residential burglary suspect, on the run since August 28, 2014, located and arrested
- A suspect accused of abusing a 14-year-old girl located and arrested
- A suspect was one of two shooters that shot up a house with a pistol and rifle rounds (over 40 rounds were recovered). TFO assisted by interviewing relatives in Bloomington and getting permission to place a tracker on a vehicle, leading to the arrest of the suspect. At the time of arrest, the suspect was wearing a bullet proof vest and threw a handgun during a foot pursuit.
- Six subjects were wanted out of Champaign for murdering/mutilating a female. TFO assisted in a roundup of the six subjects who attempted to cover up the homicide by cutting up, smashing bones, burning and running over the victim with a lawnmower.
- TFO assisted the Urbana office with locating two subjects wanted for attempted homicide and homicide out of Champaign. Three pistols and one AR-15 rifle were recovered.

VICE Unit

The VICE Unit opened 12 cases and served four search warrants. The Unit purchased 4.6 grams of crack cocaine, 14 grams of cannabis and 6.1 grams of heroin. They seized 26.4 grams of crack cocaine, 14.1 grams of cannabis, \$23,440 in property and \$8,495.

Street Crimes Unit

Officers completed 12 days of training. Street Crimes made 33 probable cause arrests, 18 warrant arrests, seized 271 grams of cannabis, 1 gram of crack cocaine, .3 gram of heroin and \$1,823.

Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)

Staff produced multiple court reports supporting enhanced charges in local cases of gang violence and weapons possession and also provided tactical investigative support on several armed robberies and shootings. They worked in conjunction with the department's Public Information Officer to provide footage and information for a television news spot regarding hybrid gangs. In late May, CIAU evaluated data regarding several repeat calls for service location and submitted findings in support of possible future nuisance abatement proceedings.

Downtown

Increased crowd numbers were noted in Downtown bars, especially on Thursday evening due to ISU graduation ceremonies May 5-7. No major issues arose. On May 12, door staff at a bar identified a subject trying to use a fraudulent ID to enter; she received an ordinance violation. On May 12, a large fight occurred near the intersection of Main and Mulberry, and an officer was intentionally struck in the head. Three subjects went to jail as a result of the fight.


Public Works

Coming soon

Water

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- Average daily pumpage: 9.3M gallons/day, compared to 9.7M gallons/day in May 2015
- Both Evergreen Lake and Lake Bloomington remain above the spillway elevation
- Due to heavier rains, nitrate levels in the both reservoirs rose in May, reversing decreasing trends that began in March. Nitrate levels are expected to resume their declines soon.
- The City experienced one water main break/water main leak. The calendar year 2016 total through May 2016 had 31 main breaks, compared to an average of 25 main breaks for the last nine years in January through May.
- Staff continued to replace and repair water service lines and curb stops. Several of these were very old lead service lines. The City removes lead from our water system whenever discovered during field operations. Removal of lead from the system helps the City maintain safe water quality and is in accordance with standards.
- Located/cleared 4,544 JULIES, 19 of which issued by department itself
- Installed 115 Radio Frequency (RF) meters

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- o Department has converted approximately 95% of the total meter inventory
 - Changed 8 turbine meters to compound meters
 - Billing and cashier representatives handled 4,632 incoming phone calls.
 - Participated in the Mclean County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Conservation Day at the Interstate Center on May 5
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