



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](#).

CONSIDERED IN AUGUST

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement amending the proposed Bloomington / Normal / Gibson City / McLean County / Ford County Enterprise Zone to support the Destihl Brewery development in the Town of Normal.
- Ordinance Incorporating the Smoke Free Illinois Act and adding E-Cigarettes to the definition of smoking at City owned buildings.
- Ordinance approving a Petition from Foundry Square, LLC, for a Final Plat for Foundry Subdivision located South of Washington Street and west of McClun Street.
- Resolution approving a professional services agreement with Houseal Lavigne & Associates (as per RFP 2017-06) for a comprehensive amendment of the City of Bloomington Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 44 of the Municipal Code).
- Presentation of the Downtown – Southwest Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and consideration of approving an Ordinance to set a date for, and to approve a public notice of a public hearing for the Downtown – Southwest Redevelopment Project Area.
- Consideration of approving a contract with KMA Design (RFQ# 2017-10) for Professional Services for Downtown Branding and Wayfinding.
- Consideration of a Complete Streets Ordinance for the City of Bloomington.
- Resolution to Reject the Assistance Request from Riverside Lodging Bloomington LLC / Bloomington Downtown Redevelopment Partners LLC based on the Recommendation of SB Friedman Development Advisors' Final Evaluation of Riverside's Proposal for a Downtown Hotel and Conference Center.
- Presentation of the unaudited Fiscal 2016 Year End.
- Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Amendment and Ordinance.

City Council Special Session Items

- Presentation of SB Friedman Development Advisors' Final Evaluation of Bloomington Downtown Redevelopment Partners' Proposal for Downtown Hotel & Conference Center.
- Discussion of identifying Downtown priorities & developing an Action Plan/Next Steps.
- Presentation and discussion on the J.M. Scott Trust and Future Direction.

[City Council Record of Motions and Votes](#)

AUGUST NEWSMAKERS

School Supply Drive
 SWAT Training
 BCPA Adds 2 New Shows
 Armed Robbery Arrest

SPOTLIGHT

On Wednesday, August 10, 2016 the Bloomington Police Department hosted [Ice Cream with a COP](#). Approximately 175 kids attended the event.

EXPANDED MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance

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City Clerk

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Safety

- The 725 construction permits is up 6% compared with the same month last year
- The value of the construction more than doubled from August 2015, reaching \$12,068,000, attributable largely to a new assisted living facility.
- Inspectors performed 699 building inspections in August, which compares favorably with 689 from last year.
- Four permits were issued for projects valued in excess of \$1,000,000. These include additional apartment buildings at Brookridge Heights Apartments (Ward 8), the Wellbrook Assisted Living Facility (Ward 3), Pet Smart (Ward 5) and work at the State Farm southeast campus (Ward 8).
- The average cost to build the 5 new homes in August 2016 was about \$95,000.

Code Enforcement

- The 806 code enforcement inspections conducted in August 2016 represents another large improvement over the 138 in same month in 2015. The increase is due in large part to being fully staffed in this Division, but remains below national averages. The Director is working with the division manager on ways to become more proactive, rather than just reactive, in code enforcement.
- Routine fire inspections compared favorably in August 2016 with the same month in 2015.
- Rental inspections were up 35% over the same month last year.

Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- Four Planning Commission cases and one Zoning Board of Appeals case were processed in August.
- Six Historic Preservation Commission cases were processed, including three new S-4 overlay zoning recommendations for properties on the west side of the City.
- The City Planner is also the key individual coordinating One Stop Shop activities.
- Houseal Lavigne Associates teamed with Holland & Knight to rewrite the City's zoning ordinance, and were awarded a contract to perform the work. An internal kick-off meeting was scheduled for early September.

[View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)**Operations**

- On average the month of August was a busier month for the Bloomington Fire Department, the department ran 989 calls for service for the month.
- Responded to 12 structure fires in the city that caused an estimated \$68,000 in damage. We had an additional \$11,850 in damage from other incidents giving us a total estimated damage for the month of \$79,850.
- The department responded to 748 EMS calls for the month which accounted for 75.63% of calls for service for this month.
- Assisted both Bloomington Township Fire Protection District and Towanda Community Fire Protection District with structure fires in their districts. Including these two incidents we provided Mutual Aid 23 times and received Mutual Aid 2 times.
- Hydrant inspections and testing continues, crews checked 795 hydrants during the month of August. This puts us over 3300 hydrants checked since May.
- Our EMS personnel provided 372 hours of training time to EMS and BACC students. The BACC students accounted for 13 of the hours, and EMS students accounted for 359 hours.

Public Education*Training provided to community*

- Fire Extinguisher Training Provided to 12 employees of Holy Trinity Church
- Fire Extinguisher Training provided to 50 ISU Resident Advisors

Emergency Operation Plan

- EOC Drill at Airport, practiced PIO role

Social Media

- FB page is now at 4661 likes.

Classes Taken

- NIMS IS 346 (Hazardous Materials for Medical Personnel)
- NIMS IS 360 (Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents)
- NIMS IS 775 (EOC Management and Operations)
- NIMS IS 235 (Emergency Planning)
- American Heart Association CPR Instructor

Future Classes

- Critical Incident Stress Management for Firefighters

Community Events

- Car Seat day
- Attended 100 Caring adults at Pepper Ridge, Bloomington Junior High, Cedar Ridge, and Fox Creek Elementary
- Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
- McKid's Day at McDonalds on Oakland

Training

- In July the department held 293 training classes; totaling 1,564.09 class hours.
- The class topics have been grouped into seven categories: Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Hazmat, and Safety.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- [Apply for current job postings](#)
- [View Safety Report](#)

Vacancies	Position Status
Utility Worker – Facilities Mgmt.	Internal Candidate - Brandon Scheirer
Labor Refuse	Reviewing Applicants
Support Staff III - Pace	External Candidate - Jamie Stronley

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS 

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts 

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

- The BCPA capped off a fun summer of events with the Three Girls Rock into a Bar Tour presented on Saturday, August 20. The evening began with the soulful regional artist, Sean Costanza appearing before the three up and coming Country Music artists, Natalie Stovall, Kelleigh Bannen and Ruthie Collins delighted the audience with their high energy collaborative performance.
- Monthly attendance : 1,396 at events and classes
- Facility usage: 2 Auditorium events, no public Ballroom and other space events, 3 Non-public Ballroom events and 17 classroom or other space events.
- Community Interaction: 6 radio interviews were given.

Golf Courses 

- Rounds Played: 9,209
- Group Outing Rounds: 742
- Junior Golf Rounds: 1,253
- Outings hosted for: Bloomington High School Raider Classic, Bloomington High School Wrestling, Bloomington Normal Golf Association Parent-Child, Habitat for Humanity, Mid-American Junior Golf Tour, ISU Credit Union, and the Peoria Sandtrappers.
- High school and junior high school golf season is underway - Our courses serve as the home courses for eight golf teams.
- Experienced the wettest August on record. With all of the rain, the grounds crews did a great job in preparing the course for play each day.

Miller Park Zoo 

- Revenue from admissions was up 1.6% for the current fiscal year. Last year, the revenue from admissions broke the all-time record for the Zoo in a fiscal year. This represents the fifth consecutive year the all-time attendance revenue record was broken.
- Attendance was up 3.6% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. Revenue from Education Program Fees & Rentals was up 17.9% for the current fiscal year.

- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was up 16.2% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were down 1.2% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was up 4%.
- Disposition: Female Budgerigar, 1 Eastern Box Turtle, 1 Splendid Mantella, Male Spotted Tanager, 1 Prickly Filefish
- Hosted our Tools For School/Ice Cream Social, brought in over 400 school supplies for local youth.
- Hosted our 2nd Pokemon Go event.
- Hosted Sunrise Rotary at Zoo.
- Worked with Jaycees and Miller Park Zoological Society to be the site for Zoo Brews adult only event. It was a success and will be attempted next year in late spring.
- Host site for Illinois Zoo group "Zoo Ready" emergency training. Nine different zoos from Illinois were represented.

Recreation

- Several youth and adult programs wrapped up before all the kids went back to school.
- Music Under the Stars in Miller Park came to an end during August. Those in attendance want to see more performances.
- Holiday Pool closed early this year on August 14. Swim lessons at both pools also concluded.

Pepsi Ice Center

- Pepsi Ice Center brought in 77 participants for Learn to Skate and have seen higher numbers in the freestyle attendance.
- Pepsi Ice Center generated the largest revenue during August in the history of the building.
- Pepsi Ice Center hosted their 2nd annual Basic Skills Figure Skating Competition. There were 58 figure skaters competing from all over the state.

SOAR

- SOAR hosted 62 classes and events.
- 106 volunteer hours were accumulated with 347.5 service units.
- SOAR's full time intern completed 560 hours at the end of August.

Parks Maintenance

Horticulture [\(View pictures here\)](#)

- Continued watering, fertilizing, and weeding annual beds throughout Bloomington.
- Invasive plant control and wetland drain repair at The Grove Prairie.
- Installation of cobblestone edging at Fell Park.
- Acquired 11.5 acre basin from Public Works, inspected and made seeding recommendations.
- 2000.5 man hours mowing and 512.5 man hours of general grounds maintenance.

Forestry

- 47 total trees removed, 18 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer.
- Continued increase in the disease fire blight on pear trees (*Pyrus calleryana*).
- 20 stumps removed, backfilled and seeded. Stump machine was out for service for 10

working days.

- Responded to 9 individual storm damage events.
- 992 man hours on forestry work orders.

Utility

- Monthly light inspection and repair at all Parks and Facilities.
- Monthly HVAC inspection and repairs at Parks and Facilities.
- Monthly HVAC inspections and repairs at the Coliseum and the BCPA.
- Replaced and installed a new feature pump at Miller Park spray grounds.
- Completed shutdown of Holiday swimming pool.
- Installed 4 new A/C units at the Den golf course. Work included a new deck for the units.
- Installed new concrete, storm drain and changed the grade for drainage at Ewing II.
- Replaced 2 boiler pumps at the Coliseum.

POLICE

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Crime Investigations Division (CID)

CID assigned 192 new cases for investigation in August. The case load being carried by CID had the following dispositions: 49 cases were cleared by arrest, three cases were cleared with juvenile arrest, and 149 were administratively closed, exceptionally cleared or were unfounded.

Cyber Crimes Unit

The Cyber Crime 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 17 open/active cases.

United States Marshal Task Force

- The unit made 11 hands-on felony arrests. Twenty-six felony cases were opened and 18 were closed.
- Major activity included arresting four for home invasion and robbery in two different cases, arrested one wanted for bank robbery out of Bettendorf, IA, another arrested for armed robbery, and arrested one for predatory criminal sexual assault.

VICE Unit

The unit completed three training days. They opened six cases and closed eight cases. They arrested twelve defendants and completed three search warrants. They purchased 85.2 grams of crack cocaine and 34.6 grams of powder cocaine. They seized 5.5 grams of crack cocaine, 32.7 grams of powder cocaine, 1,250 grams of cannabis, and 0.1 grams of heroin.

Street Crimes Unit

The Unit had 16 days of training and one officer assigned to the Field Training Unit for the entire month. They completed 18 warrant arrests and 28 probable cause arrests. The towed four vehicles and seized 29.5 grams of cannabis.

Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)

CIAU provided tactical investigative support to a fatal heroin overdose and two shootings. CIAU staff also worked with Bettendorf, IA police department to provide information on a Bloomington subject wanted on a late July bank robbery in their city. Staff produced a bulletin that assisted the patrol division in the arrest of the suspect. Staff also worked with the patrol shifts on a light study in several blighted areas of the city. CIAU and Police Administration met with a local landlord regarding nuisance abatement issues at his property.

Communications**[View Police Communications Report](#)**

Two new telecommunicators were hired. The majority of the month was spent teaching in-house classes to the new hires. The manager coordinated upgrading all CAD computers in dispatch with Information Services. He upgraded medical and fire protocols to the latest version. He attended Emergency Fire Dispatch - Quality Assurance training course, trained Public Works supervisors on their new radios, and attended Starcom upgrade conference call in preparation for statewide system upgrade. Alarm ordinance violations were issued totaling \$9,700.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Spent considerable time working on training in August including legal tips for police, first aid, and criminal law.
- There were eight STEP details and multiple school zones assigned. Officers spent approximately 20 hours on these details.
- First shift also participated in the following: Farmers Market (every Saturday), end of summer reading program, West Bloomington block party, Neighborhood block party, Eagle View party at the park, Pepper Ridge School back to school day, Front Street music fest, IWU patrol (move in days), and Bloomington Criterium.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

- Notable calls for service include a burglary of two bicycles in 400 block of N. Main. One suspect caught and confessed.
- On August 10 officers investigated a call of shots fired in 300 block of S. Madison. One person was arrested.
- A subject was robbed at gunpoint in the 300 block of East Mulberry. Cash and car keys were stolen. The victim's car was brought to the police department for safe keeping until the dealership re-keyed the vehicle.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

- Notable calls for service include shots fired near Washington and Howard streets with three victims.
- On the 21st, several local hybrid gang members and 5-10 others were arguing with another group. A physical fight ensued. One subject was arrested after officers saw him discarding a loaded 9mm handgun.

- On the 30th, a victim reported being stabbed multiple times. Officers responded and found him covered in blood with stab wounds to his leg, abdomen and forearms. The suspects have not been identified at this time.
- Fifteen arrests were made by third shift officers for driving under the influence during the month.

Administration

- SRO Day presented to high school students about cyberbullying, talked to students about expectations for this year, recovered a stolen phone, disciplined students for disorderly conduct, and one suspension.
- SRO Hirsch spoke to 60 eighth grade students from two classes regarding law enforcement as a career and spoke with approximately 50 people at the BJHS Open House. He conducted training for lock down drill, removed three students for poor behavior and lack of cooperation with school administration, transported four students home after they were suspended for poor behavior and fighting, spoke to twelve parents regarding behavioral issues in school, and investigated three incidents of theft.
- SRO Wagehoft completed lock down drills at two schools.
- PIO Mayer completed several media releases, answered media inquiries, gave an Active Shooter presentation at I.G. Center for Surgery, attended Recovery Court, gave several interviews, attended Ice Cream with a Cop event, McDonald's Kid's event, Senior Fair, and attended Crime Detection Network meeting.

Downtown

- There were 12 days of Downtown Hireback during August. A total of 19 pairs of officers, including 14 pairs assigned from 3rd shift, worked during the month.
- The following were notable incidences during the month: On August 4, officers were sent to the 300 block of N. Main Street for a criminal damage report of slashed tires. The suspect fled on foot but was located and arrested by officers.
- August 18-20 marked the return of ISU students. Thursday night was busy, Friday night was very busy and Saturday night was possibly the busiest night of 2016.
- On August 20, local hybrid gang members hanging out at bar close began arguing with a rival group. Arguments were broken up by officers multiple times but the groups kept moving. Eventually they briefly physically fought in the parking lot at Market and Main. The rivals got into another larger fight near Douglas and Prairie Streets. A male was arrested for possession of a handgun.
- August 25-27 was the first weekend after ISU classes began. Thursday night was a medium crowd, Friday night was very busy. Saturday night was busier than the week before with the Bruegala which was held at the Corn Crib. Shuttles were bringing people back downtown.
- August 26, officers responded to a male being removed by several bouncers from the front door of a bar in the 500 block of N. Main. The male was bleeding from a split lip. He was placed in custody and treated by rescue. The male was issued an OV for a challenge to fight; however, the bouncer was also arrested for battery.
- Totals for the month: 147 overtime hours, 180 bar checks, ten fights, 17 calls for service, three arrests, and seven vehicles towed. The following ordinance violations were issued: two challenge to fight, 20 public urination, five open alcohol, and one other.

PUBLIC WORKS

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- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 30.41 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during August 2016.
- The Solid Waste Division also maintained 3 alleys and 26 road medians.
- 713 miles were swept during the month of August 2016.
- The office staff handled 1,544 calls during the month of August 2016.
- Fleet received 1,500 phone calls during the month of August 2016.

WATER

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[View Water Quality Report](#)

- Daily pumpage for August 2016 was 11.0 million gallons per day, compared to an average of 11.4 million gallons per day in August of 2015. The August pumpage was lower than last year, probably due to the much higher than normal rainfall for the month.
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir declined during August.
- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir were at or above spillway elevation during August.
- We continued to pump from Evergreen Lake in August. We switched pumping from Lake Bloomington to Evergreen Lake on December 19, 2015, because of better water quality.
- Continued to replace and repaired water service lines and curb stops. Several of these were very old lead (the metal) service lines. Removal of lead from the system helps the City maintain safe water quality and is in accordance with lead water standards.
- During the month of August the department located/cleared 3,813 JULIES and issued 45 JULIES.
- Installed 148 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during August. With the 148 meters installed for the month the Department has converted approximately 95.9% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 82 new residential water meters during the month of August.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 5,375 incoming phone calls in August of 2016.
- South Main Booster Station modification works is in progress. We are in the process of upgrading the smaller capacity pump into a higher capacity which will require upgrading the smaller variable frequency drives, changing the size of power cables to handle larger current, upgrading and modifying piping configuration to the existing piping layout.
- Nick O'Donoghue, Superintendent of Meter Services presented "Metering Challenges" during the Illinois State American Water Works Meters and Metering Technology Symposium at the DuPage County Water Commission on August 4, 2016.

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

[September, October, November Program Guide](#)

- 1,352 people visited the Bookmobile at 48 stops
- 116,681 items were checked out
- 462 new cardholders were added
- 8,489 holds were filled
- 2,891 items added to the collection
- 30,750 people used the public computers, our online catalog, and our online databases
- 3,164 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 2.04 TB
- 111 groups used our meeting rooms
- 26 programs offered for all ages
- 2,176 people attended programs
- The Summer Reading Program, Read for the Win, wrapped up with 4,559 completed logs turned in. 651 more than last year!

US CELLULAR COLISEUM

[Events Calendar](#)

As summer starts to wind down, the US Cellular Coliseum is starting to work on over drive to prepare for the upcoming season of Thunder Hockey, Illinois State University Redbird Hockey and other coliseum events. The ice is in! The Redbirds open up their season at home on September 10th versus the University of Missouri. The Thunder open up their season at home on September 24 versus Muskegon.

The US Cellular Coliseum also is excited to bring concerts and other events to the community. Our first concert is slated for Friday, September 16th – Steve Miller Band. Additional shows coming to the USCC include: Keith Urban on November 12, Mannheim Steamroller on December 1, and Ice Age on Ice from December 16-18. More events will be announced soon and we are excited to welcome the community back to their hometown arena.

The US Cellular Coliseum recently hosted a job fair that brought over 300 applicants to the facility. We were excited to see so many folks want to come out and work at this amazing facility. In the past week, most part-time staff have attended trainings to prepare them for the upcoming season.

We continue to work very hard to clean the facility and prepare it for the upcoming seasons and are focusing a lot of attention on customer service. We want the community to enjoy their experience as they come downtown. With that experience a few changes that are forthcoming that all patrons should be aware about include:

- Metal Detectors – coming in October (as we work to install these keep in mind it may take us a little longer at first to get everyone through the doors)

- There will be no smoking allowed once you enter the facility until the moment you leave (old smoking deck will not be there moving forward into October and beyond)
- Cosmetic changes to the Bar/Restaurant (work to begin in the last quarter of 2016)
- Increasing the square footage of the coliseum concourse
- A cleaner facility
- Cosmetic changes to the concourse – new paint
- New Purchase Order System
- Physical changes to concession stands

Other major items being worked on include:

- Naming Rights partner
- Development of new promoters willing to bring entertainment to our market

This is your building Bloomington! Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to manage it.

Upcoming events to the USCC:

Upcoming Events	
ISU Hockey Game- Home Opener	Sat 09/10/16 1:00PM
Steve Miller Band	Fri 09/16/16 07:30 PM
Bloomington Thunder- Home Opener	Sat 09/24/16 7:00PM
Keith Urban - ripCORD World Tour 2016	Sat 11/12/16 07:30 PM
Mannheim Steamroller Christmas	Thu 12/01/16 08:00 PM
Ice Age on Ice	Sat 12/17/16 11:00 AM
Ice Age on Ice	Sat 12/17/16 3:00 PM
Ice Age on Ice	Sat 12/17/16 07:00 PM
Ice Age on Ice	Sun 12/18/16 02:00 PM