



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 JULY

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### City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Consideration of approving a Resolution to amend the 2015 City of Bloomington Bicycle Master Plan by including Washington Street from Lee Street to St. Joseph Drive as infrastructure identified within the Plan. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Grossinger Motors Arena Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report. ***[Presentation only]***
- Consideration of Approving a Resolution that welcomes and recognizes the importance of the immigrant population in the City of Bloomington. ***[Removed from the agenda.]***
- Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving the Public Safety and Community Relations Board. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of an Ordinance approving a bond refunding of the 2004 Variable Rate Bonds in the amount of \$7,240,000. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of Approving an Agreement with The Stone River Group for Energy Brokerage Services for an initial 3 year term with the option of extending the Agreement for additional terms as set forth in the City of Bloomington RFQ #2018-07 opened on June 16, 2017. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of approving an Annual Regional Service Agreement and invoice for payment to McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) for Regional Planning Services in the amount of \$54,181.47 for the fiscal year July1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement for a portion of Fox Creek Road between Oakland Avenue and Savanna Drive from Bloomington Township Road District to the City of Bloomington. ***[Motion carried.]***

### City Council Special Session Items

***[No motion was taken. Presentation and discussion only.]***

- Discussion on Proposed Public Safety and Community Relations Commission.
- Presentation Annual Workers Compensation Report by Mike Nugent of Nugent Consulting LLC.
- Presentation on Employee Safety Performance Overview by Alex Rosas.

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

**JULY NEWSMAKERS**

- [Zookeeper Olympics](#)
- ['A love for animals': Junior zookeepers mark 45th reunion](#)
- [B-N garbage man, wife hit 'The Wall' in search of a fortune](#)

**SPOTLIGHT**

- [Bloomington residents urge city to develop parks](#)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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[FY 2018 Adopted Budget](#)

**CITY CLERK**

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**Building Safety**

- There were 653 construction permits issued in July. This includes six new single-family dwellings and six new apartment units. The value of construction initiated in July exceeds \$10,500,000.
- About 683 building inspections were performed in July, up 6% over June levels.
- Seven permits were issued for small projects in the downtown, with a total construction value in excess of \$300,000.
- One permit was issued in July in the City valued in excess of \$1,000,000. It is for the New Vale Church at \$5,481,400.

**Code Enforcement**

Code enforcement inspections conducted in July 2017 numbered 1,037. This represents a large increase over June, as the tall grass and weed season firmly took hold coupled with a more proactive approach. Inspection performance for the rental inspection program remains on target for the year. Inspections for the fire inspection program continue to lag due to the loss of a fire systems inspector.

**Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation**

The Planning Commission examined three rezoning cases in July and considered an amended preliminary plan. The Zoning Board of Appeals considered one variance and an amendment to the advertising ordinance. The Historic Preservation Commission considered four Funk Grant requests, two Rust Grant requests and awarded four Certificates of Appropriateness. In addition, the Historic Preservation Commission continued their review of the draft Brick Streets Plan.

**FIRE** [View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)**Public Education***Training provided to community*

- Ext Training provided on July 11th
- CPR classes provided on the 13th, 20th, and 21st
- Ext. Training provided for new Ops. Employees for CIRA  
*Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills*
- Nicor fire safety walk through provided for their MLK location

*Social Media*

- FB page is now at 6172 likes

*Personnel Training*

- Webinar for social Media provided by Hootsuite

*Community Events*

- Car seat installation day
- Met with Red Cross for smoke alarm event in Sept.
- CEFCU community event on July 28th

*Other Duties*

- Training to the Bloomington Fire by coordinating with the BHS for a guided tour on the 5th, 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Training continued on the 25th, 26th, and 27th to conduct horizontal standpipe evolutions at Martin Hall.

**Fire Department Training**

- For the month of July 2017 the fire department held training which totaled 1911.36 hours.
- Training topics have been grouped into eight categories. They are Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Safety, Hazmat, & Officer. ([July 2017 Training Report](#))

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Nothing reported

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS** **Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts** [View the BCPA calendar for past & future event info](#)

- Presented Programs: *CARS* (film), *Cornerstones of Rock* (concert), *Once Upon A Mattress* at Miller Park (musical)
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 3,284
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 5; Auditorium Non-Public Events 3
- Ballroom and Other Space Public Events 0; Non-Public Events - 7
- Community Interactions: Radio Interviews 4; Outreach 1

**Golf Courses** 

- The golf courses were busy once again in July hosting over 9,468 golf rounds. July feels quite different at the courses with fewer organized outings and events and more regular/daily play.
- While not as many events as we see in June, the courses still hosted a few organized outings, including McLean County Seniors (on two occasions), Central Catholic High School, and The Junior City Tournament for ages 13 to 18.
- The golf course maintenance crews were busy completing several large projects. The primary project completed was the cart path repair at Prairie Vista. Using the city's new Durapatcher machine, the cart paths are finally rid of the many potholes and large cracks which made riding on the paths extremely bumpy for the both the golf carts and mowers.
- The Durapatcher was also used to repair some of the paths at Highland Park and The Den at Fox Creek. Staff continues to feel very positive about the addition that this machine will make to the courses, parks and city.
- The staff at The Den and Prairie Vista each undertook the project of restoring and removing sand traps. Sand traps over time become very difficult to maintain as the drainage is silted over causing the bunkers to remain full of water after each rain. These projects, while quite time consuming, will provide the golfers with better bunkers to play from while also significantly decreasing staff maintenance time over the coming years.
- As we move into August, we lost the majority of our seasonal employees all while taking on course aerification and an increase in golf events. We will also see high school season start back up again.
- The courses are all in excellent playing condition and are enduring the hot summer season well. We continue to receive daily compliments from our golfers on how well the courses are playing.

**Miller Park Zoo** 

- Revenue from admissions was up .8% 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 sixth consecutive year the all-time attendance revenue record was broken.
- Attendance was up 1% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. This represents the second consecutive year the all-time attendance record was broken.
- Revenue from Education Program Fees and Rentals was down 10% for the current fiscal year. Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was down 2.8% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were up 8.8% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was flat.
- Acquisition: 2 Female San Clemente Island Goats, 5 Female Red Eyed Tree Frogs, 1 Male Panther Chameleon, 1 Mushroom Coral
- Disposition: 1 Male Texas Longhorn, 1 Cobalt Blue Tarantula, 1 Female Box Turtle, 1 Male Colombian Slider, 1 Female Black Necked Stilt, 1 Male Green Woodhoopoe, 1 Female Budgie, 1 Green Mantella
- Other:
  - Hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Zookeeper Olympics
  - Hosted another Parent's Night Out
  - Hosted two After Hours events; a wedding rehearsal dinner and a 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party

- Re-opened the Budgie Room
- 30 minute show about the Zoo's conservation work on WTVP
- ATTENDANCE
  - July 2016: 18,539 (Down 6.5%)
  - July 2017: 17,342

### Recreation

- Recreation finished T-ball and Coach Pitch programs with games days in July and hosted the British Soccer Camp.
- Summer Adult Softball Leagues wrapped up with tournament play, and had a total of 17 teams between the 4 leagues.
- The 55+ group enjoyed the DQ trip which was at capacity. They celebrated National Ice Cream month by riding the buses to 5 different towns with Dairy Queens and enjoyed a progressive lunch.

### Pepsi Ice Center

- Our themed public skate for the month was Christmas in July. It brought in a good summer turn out with 72 skaters.
- The Learn to Skate program is up in comparison to summer 2016. This can be contributed to higher participation numbers in Theatre on Ice, Figure Skating Camp and the Learn to Compete program.
- Freestyle numbers have increased due to skaters practicing and training for the August skating competition at the Grossinger Motors Arena. Springfield's ice rink was closed for two weeks in July so many figure skaters traveled to Pepsi Ice to skate during their rink shutdown.

### SOAR

- Both Special Olympics Softball teams competed at the District tournament in Springfield. The Batmen placed first and will continue on to the State tournament in September in Decatur. The Warriors placed second and have now completed their season.
- Seat to SOAR had a night on the paddle boats at Miller Park, we **very much** appreciate the opportunity to use that facility and equipment.
- Restaurant Cooking hosted their "grand opening" of the restaurant they "created" this summer on July 25. Participants created the theme, menu and decorations for their restaurant, as well as, cooked the meal served on the day of the grand opening.

### Parks Maintenance

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

- Annual flower watering and maintenance. 1500 gallons of water applied daily as needed.
- Continued work on City Hall Plaza North landscaping. Installation of walkway lights cooperatively with Public Works Department.
- Fertilization of all annual flowers on a 2 week rotation.
- Grub control applications on all irrigated athletic fields.
- Aeration of White Oak football field in preparation of youth football.
- Wetland drainage and culvert improvements at The Grove Wetland 1E.
- Mowing full cycles in parks and right of way. Parks 7 day rotation and right of way 14 day rotation.

- Teasel and dock noxious weed control in Tipton Prairie

#### *Forestry*

- 37 total trees removed, 10 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
- 52 stumps removed, backfilled and seeded.
- Responded to 6 individual storm damage events during off hours. Response is 24/7.
- Completion of circuit trimming in section B4 SW Bloomington.
- Awaiting delivery of unit 756 knuckle loader. Been without this unit since November of 2016.
- 75 preventative maintenance trims performed.
- 60 park maintenance trims performed, mainly in Miller Park prior to 4th of July.
- Chipper blade maintenance and replacement training at Vermeer facility in Goodfield, IL for all Forestry Division staff.
- Willow and Cottonwood removal from The Grove Prairie
- Consistent appearance of the disease fire blight on Bradford Pears.
- ISA Certified valuation of 7 trees at Lake Bloomington for Water Department

#### *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 Grossinger Motors Arena and the BCPA
- Worked with Mad Bomber to construct a ground display for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks
- Completed the renovation of the Budgie exhibit at Miller Park Zoo
- Replaced ballfield lights at Pepper Ridge and O'Neil parks
- Installed 4 new basketball hoops and painted the courts for Sunnyside basketball court

## **POLICE**

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### [View Police Daily Activity Reports](#)

#### **Crime Investigations Division (CID)**

CID assigned 68 new cases. The case load carried by CID had the following dispositions: 56 cases were cleared by adult arrest, 7 cleared with juvenile arrest, and 87 were administratively closed, exceptionally cleared or were unfounded.

#### **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 three open/active cases.

#### **United States Marshal Task Force**

The Bloomington office opened 8 felony cases and closed 4 of them. Three hands-on felony arrests were made. Following a tip to Crime Stoppers, a subject wanted for residential burglary and robbery was captured after fleeing from a hospital on foot.

**VICE Unit**

Eight cases were opened and six cases were closed. Three search warrants were served. The following items were purchased: 0.4 grams of crack cocaine, 0.6 grams of powder cocaine, and 49 grams of cannabis. One hundred forty nine grams of cannabis, 7.4 grams of crack cocaine, and 0.6 grams of powder cocaine were seized. One gun and two vehicles were seized.

**Street Crimes Unit**

Street Crimes made eight warrant arrests and 21 probable cause arrests. Seized were 202 grams of cannabis and 0.2 grams of methamphetamine.

**Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)**

CIAU staff provided support on three identity theft cases, two handgun theft cases and provided social media support to McLean County Sheriff's Office on a violent crimes case. Staff also provided four hours of intelligence-led policing training to a new lateral officer, prepared demonstrative evidence in two gang cases and telephone communication analysis in a late 2016 home invasion court case.

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

The Communications Center Manager worked on Telestaff project with HR staff, attended Illinois Heart and Lung Foundation AED committee meeting, attended IL-TERT monthly meeting, instructed SCU division in CPR/AED, and issued \$8,500 in alarm violations.

**First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Day shift spent considerable time in training including rifle qualification and pistol qualification. Seven STEP details were assigned for distracted drivers and speeding. The shift participated in the Park to Park run, Open Cockpit Day, Fresh Thyme Market Public Service Day, Friends Forever at Community House, and State Motorcycle Run.

**Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.**

Second shift patrol was busy. Notable calls for service include a subject stating he was shot in the face with a pellet gun. A subject was stabbed in the face and neck but was uncooperative with officers.

**Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.**

Notable calls for service include a possible burglary at the U-Haul. Two subjects were found in possession of a large amount of opiates. They had also stolen a vehicle to get to this location. Officers responded to a report of a subject attempting to enter an apartment. The subject was confronted but ran off. He pulled a handgun out of his waistband and discarded it in the trash before being arrested. The handgun was stolen. Officers were called to Tracy Drive numerous times for reports of large groups of subjects being loud and disorderly. Numerous fights were broken up by officers and one large group was pepper sprayed.

Third shift officers recorded five DUI arrests.

**Administration**

Public Affairs Officer Mendiola submitted several news releases, posted on social media, assisted Normal PD with a social media post, gave a radio interview, coordinated and assisted

with Bloomington Normal parents with public service announcements, gave safety talks at Scribbles, Milestone and Montessori, did live video at Miller Park public outreach, attended Minority Youth Awards event, gave personal safety/active shooter presentation for Snyder, and did a scam presentation and tour for Red Hat Society.

### **Downtown**

- There were 13 days of Downtown Hireback. A total of 32 pairs of officers, including ten pairs assigned from third shift patrol, worked during the month.
- The following notable incidences occurred during the month of July: A call for service at a local bar when two males were asked to leave due to intoxication level and began fighting with staff resulting in aggravated battery report. Another incident included a male hit in the head with a beer bottle causing a laceration that needed attention from the Bloomington Fire Department.
- Totals for the month include: 194 overtime hours, 119 bar checks, one ordinance violation, three parking citations, six fights, 11 calls for service, one arrest, and three vehicles towed. Ordinance violations issued include one open alcohol.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

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#### [View Expanded Public Works Department Reports](#)

- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 26.51 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during July 2017.
- 772 Miles were swept and 12 Alleys were maintained during July 2017.
- The Public Works Front Office Staff processed 1,256 telephone calls during the month of July 2017.
- Fleet received 958 phone calls.

### **WATER**

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#### [View Expanded Water Department Reports](#)

#### [View 2016 Water Quality Report](#)

- Daily pumpage for July, 2017 was 12.1 million gallons per day, 1 to 1.5 mgd higher than the previous 3 years. The increased pumpage can be attributed to drier conditions and a stretch of very hot and humid days. Despite the high heat index days, July 2017 was 1 degree F cooler than average (75 F avg for July, 2017 versus 76 F long term average). Rainfall for July was around an inch below average for the month. Average total rainfall for July is 3.99 inches. July, 2017 total for the plant was 2.87 inches.
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir decreased in July. Nitrate concentrations in both reservoirs were less than half of the 10 mg/l nitrate-nitrogen limit by the end of the month.
- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir started the month close to or above spillway elevations. Lake Bloomington ended July only around 0.1 foot below spillway. Evergreen Lake ended the month around 1.25 feet below spillway elevation.



- 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.
- The Department located/cleared 3,329 JULIES and issued 48 JULIES.
- Repaired 3 water main throughout the City.
- Replaced 3 fire hydrants throughout the City.
- Installed 28 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during July. The Department has converted approximately 97.6% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 5 new residential water meters during the month of July and replaced 51 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 7 compound meters and replaced 8 meter measuring elements during the month of July.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 4,452 incoming phone calls and placed 1,917 outbound phone calls in July of 2017.
- Roof replacement of the Main Process Building at the Water Treatment Plant on Lake Bloomington began in July. Completion of the effort is scheduled to occur in August.
- Mobilization for the St. Peter Aquifer test ground wells began in July. Drilling efforts are anticipated to begin in August.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

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- Continued analysis/configuration meetings, with City Clerk's personnel, for the Accela Agenda/Legislative Management solution. End user training is scheduled for August and September. Go-live target is still October 2017
- Continued analysis/configuration meetings, with Human Resources personnel, for the Time Keeping/Scheduling (Kronos/TeleStaff) solution implementation. Also held advanced scheduling (TeleStaff Software) analysis/configuration meetings with Police, Fire and Public Works departments. All team members have logins to the Kronos KnowledgePass system and have begun taking introductory training classes online.
- Participated in technical network discovery and analysis meeting for the Water Department SCADA Master Plan project. Information Services will partner with the consultants and Water department personnel to respond to and help guide City network infrastructure changes that may be recommended through the process.
- Completed final commissioning of the Room Ready video conferencing solution within Fire Stations HQ, 2 and 6. Training sessions will be scheduled in August or September to educate key personnel on the systems functionality.
- Completed the process of upgrading the City's Internet gateway content filter/malware scanner solution. Started the process of fine tuning how the scanner manages secured Internet communication (SSL). This process is basically trying to find the right level of security without blocking needed Internet communication.
- Continued the process of working with the Police Department in testing the Panasonic body worn camera solution. Continue to address bugs within the system and address any configuration changes to help make the system more usable for the officers while also ensuring that no critical video is missed.
- Working the Fire Department, provided a recommendation for a replacement Fire/EMS management solution. This recommendation is going to Council for approval in August.

- Held interviews for open contracted Application Support position. Target is to have position filled in August.

LIBRARY    

## [Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

### [June, July, August Program Guide](#)

#### Highlights:

- The Summer Reading Program, Reading By Design, has been very popular.
- Our end of summer Touch a Truck party was a great collaboration with the City of Bloomington. We had approximately 500 participants.
- 370 joined us for our Ronald McDonald Magic Shows (our first session filling up).
- 352 enjoyed our Juggler.
- 106 learned about compost critters with the Ecology Action Center.
- Teens continued to enjoy the summer Do-It-Yourself craft series, with 118 joining us in July.
- We participated in the Lincoln Festival, hosting 7 events and drawing 276 participants.
- We published our [eleventh podcast](#). This month's episode featured the Miller Park Zoo.



#### Stats:

- 34,419 people visited the Library (a daily average of 1,147)
- 112,791 items were checked out
- 459 new cardholders were added
- 7,450 holds were filled
- 2,374 items added to the collection
- 5,153 people used our public computers
- 25,278 people used our online catalog and website
- 6,001 people used our online databases
- 3,595 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 2.59 TB
- 125 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 53 programs offered for all ages
- 2,811 people attended programs



GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA 

### [Events Calendar](#)

- TechFeast 2017 hosted their event on July 27. High school kids competed in tech games during the afternoon and a fundraising dinner was held that night on the arena floor.

**Upcoming events include:**

- Hank Williams, Jr. headlines the initial concert of the fall season on Thursday, September 28 with opening act, Black Stone Cherry. With hits such as "Family Tradition", "Whiskey Bent and Hell Bound", Hank Williams, Jr. is a southern rocker whose perhaps best known for penning the theme song for Monday Night Football, based on his 1984 hit "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight". Tickets for this show are \$88, \$61 and \$51 and are now on sale.
- Paw Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure is coming to town with four shows slated on October 21 and 22 and is now on sale.
- Jim Gaffigan's Noble Ape Tour is scheduled on December 3, 2017 and tickets are now on sale.
- Season tickets are now on sale for the Bloomington Thunder hockey team and the Bloomington Edge arena football team.

**We continue to work on the following major items:**

- Development of promoter relationships in conjunction with VenuWorks Vice President of Event Programming and Content, Johnny Gimenez
- Suite and Sponsorship partnerships

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