



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](#).

## HIGHLIGHTS

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**In this report you will find detailed activity from City Departments for August 2018, such as:**

- Statistics from the Fire Department; the department ran **935 calls for service in August**, this was an **increase of 71 incidents** compared to July.
- From Public Works Solid Waste Division; approximately **24,500 residences** are serviced weekly, and an average of **30.60 pounds of household garbage** were picked up each week.
- Stats from the Library including, **29,017 people** visited the Library (a daily average of 936).

## CONSIDERED IN AUGUST

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

#### City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Administrative Review of a Zoning Board of Appeals decision to deny a petition for a variance to allow a six-foot reduction in the required rear yard setback for the property at 303 Seville Road, Case Z-12-18, as filed and requested by the Petitioner. **[Motion by Alderman Schmidt and seconded by Alderman Hauman that the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals passed June 20, 2018 be reversed and an ordinance approving the petition for a variance from Chapter 44 Section 6-40, request for a six foot reduction in the required rear yard, be passed. Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of a Resolution designating and authorizing the project to reconfigure and resurface Front Street from Madison Street to Center Street, as a Redevelopment Project, in the Downtown Southwest Redevelopment Project Area, at an estimated cost of \$250,000. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code to create a new Liquor License Classification allowing the retail sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption on or off the premises where sold and Amending Chapter 6 Section 7B to impose a fee for the new License Classification. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Section 15 of the Bloomington City Code changing the start time of Regular City Council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., changing the start time of the Committee of the Whole meetings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and approving a change to the Annual Schedule of Meetings. **[Motion carried.]**
- Presentation, discussion, and direction regarding additional evaluation and implementation of several Proposed Insurance Programs for private residential water and Sewer Leak Protection, Water Service Line Protection, and Sewer Lateral Protection. **[Presentation & Discussion.]**

**City Council Special Meeting Agenda Items**

- Presentation, discussion, and direction Total Compensation Study.
- Presentation, discussion, and direction on Future Agenda Topics.

**AUGUST NEWSMAKERS**

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- [McLean County Safe Passage Initiative](#)
- [New Traffic Signal](#)
- [BCPA Announces New Season](#)
- [MPZ Welcomes New Monkeys](#)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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- [FY 2019 Adopted Budget](#)
- [View Monthly Financial Report](#)
- [FY 2019 Budget In Brief](#)

**FACILITIES**

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[View Facilities Monthly Activity Report](#)

**CITY CLERK**

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[View City Clerk Monthly Activity Report](#)

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**Building Safety**

- There were a total of 879 Construction Permits issued in August of 2018, which is up from the 798 Construction Permits issued in August of 2017. The value of the construction increased from \$6,129,375 in the prior year 2017 to \$8,682,495 in August of 2018.
- Two new projects were valued in excess of \$1,000,000 for a 32 Unit Apartment Building at 305 Rudder Lane (\$2,200,000) and the Country Financial building remodel at 1701 Towanda Avenue (\$2,000,000).
- Preparation for posting Building Safety Official vacancy.

**Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation**

- Staff continued work on the Zoning Ordinance update.
- Presentation of the Dimmit's Grove Neighborhood Plan before the Planning Commission.
- The ZBA approved a fence height variance for 1502 East Olive and a front yard setback variance for a garage at 3 Cherrywood Lane.
- The HPC reviewed three Rust Grants for properties located at 409 N. Main (exterior weatherization - approved); 414 N. Main (retractable patio window – tabled); and 111-113 E. Monroe (roof top deck – tabled).

**Downtown Development**

- Preparation for Downtown Picnic celebrating Businesses/Residents on August 26, 2018.
- Coordination for Special Events including First Friday "Color Your World", Front Street Festival, St. Jude Run, West Bloomington Block Party, Eastview Church Block Party, Bags and Brats, Special Olympics Rummage Sale, Titan Carnival, IWU Student Move in Day and the Farmers Market.

**Economic Development**

- Preparation of Rental Assistance Program Agreement for Former High School Redevelopment.

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

- The department ran 935 calls for service in August, this was an increase of 71 incidents compared to July.
- 749 of these incidents were EMS, this made up 80.11% of our incidents while we responded to 186 fire incidents which were 19.89% of the incidents. This averages out to 30.06 incidents per day.
- We responded to 15 fires in buildings which caused an estimated \$88,750 in property and content loss, our largest loss in one building was \$55,000. The department responded to 5 vehicle fires that caused an estimated \$14,600 loss. Total fire loss for the month was \$104,300.
- The department fire investigators investigated 5 fires in August.
- Engine 1 was the busiest fire apparatus with 180 runs.
- Medic 1 was the busiest ambulance with 217 runs.
- Wednesday was our busiest day of the week with 153 incidents over the month.
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm were our busiest times of the day.
- The department provided mutual aid 23 times this month and received mutual aid 2 times.
- Our EMS personnel provided 121 hours of preceptor time to EMS students and 16 hours to nurses.
- August was the first full month of using the updated CAD. Working with Darren Wolf, we provided some training to fire department members and worked on some small issues that were encountered. At the same time we worked with IS and Fleet installing new Mobile Data Computers and routers in apparatus, this program will continue into September.
- We placed new Thermal Imaging Cameras into service on all frontline fire apparatus, these replace some older cameras. The older cameras will be placed on reserve equipment and on frontline ambulances, these units do not currently have cameras on them.

**Public Education***Training provided to community*

- Smoke Alarm Presentation to Senior Adults
- STEM presentation for district 87 teachers
- Fire Safety at Country Financial
- Little Jewels Fire Safety Presentation

- Ext. Training for Airport Personnel
- Ext. Training provided to IWU RA's
- Fire Safety/Ext. training for Bloomington Day Care employees

*Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills*

- Fire Drill @ St. Mary's
- Lockdown drill @ St. Mary's
- Fire Drill @ Washington
- Lockdown @ Evans JH
- Fire Drill @ Benjamin
- Evac Drill @ Washington
- Shelter in place @ St. Mary's
- Fire Drill @ Northpoint
- Fire Drill @ Bent Elem.

*Social Media*

- From 7245 likes to 7304 at the end of the month

*Community Events*

- Silent Auction Birthday Party at the Fire Station
- 100 Caring Adults @ Pepper Ridge
- 100 Caring Adults @ Cedar Ridge
- 100 Caring Adults @ Evans JH
- Cultural Fest recruiting event
- 100 Caring Adults @ Fox Creek
- 100 Caring Adults @ BJHS

**Fire Department Training**

- Training topics have been grouped into eight categories. They are Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Safety, Hazmat, & Officer. ([August 2018 Training Report](#))

## HUMAN RESOURCES

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The Human Resources department partners with every department of the City on their human capital needs and interacts and serves all employees throughout their careers, as well as prospective employees. The staff includes twelve (12) full-time employees who focus on six primary areas: Employee Recruitment and Hiring; Employee and Labor Relations; Compensation and Benefits; Training and Development, Employee Wellness and Safety, and Community Relations.

 [Apply for current job postings](#)

## PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS ([New & Improved Website!](#))

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### Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

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

- Presented Programs:
  - *Late Night Catechism* - Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 1,199

- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 1; Auditorium Non-Public Events 0
- Ballroom and Other Space: Public Events 1; Non-Public Events 17
- Community Interactions: Radio – 5 ; Community Outreach – 5

### Golf Courses

- The courses were busy again this month with over 9,100 rounds played.
- August brings us into high school golf season. With eight teams using our golf courses as their home courses, the afternoons during the month are very busy.
- While the late summer months bring a slowdown in golf outings hosted, we were able to host numerous events: Mid-American Junior Golf Tour, Central Catholic High School, Bloomington-Normal Golf Association Parent-Child, Illinois Credit Unions, BHS Raider Classic and the Central Catholic Girls Invitational.
- The golf course playing conditions have endured the warm summer months well and are in excellent condition. Golfers continually compliment all three courses on their overall conditioning.

### Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions was down 7.9% for the current fiscal year. Attendance was down 7.8% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. Revenue from Rentals was down 5.2% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was up 4.2% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. Education revenue was up 4.4%, and Zootique sales were down 11.3% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was down 4.4%.
- Acquisition: 2 Male Francois Langur, 3 Long Tailed Finches
- Disposition: 1 Female Wallaroo, 3 Vietnamese Mossy Frog
- Other:
  - Hosted Ice Cream Social/School Supply Drive with over 700 people
  - Picture below of one the new Francois Langurs
- ATTENDANCE
  - August 2018: 12,356 (Down 13.6%)
  - August 2018: 14,293



### Recreation

- Restaurant Week was held at capacity. This program features children creating their own "restaurant", planning a menu, decorations, and practicing their recipes. They hosted the grand opening for their invited guest.
- The Music Under the Stars concert series wrapped up with the final concerts held in August.
- We participated in several community outreach programs including the Back to School Resource Fair, McKids Day, and Festival ISU.

### Pepsi Ice Center

- Our themed public skate for the month was School Spirit Night!
- Bloomington Youth Hockey and the McLean County Hockey Association finished off their Summer Conditioning Programs.

- The CIFSC's Summer's Last Hurrah Skating competition was held at the Grossinger Motors Arena. The Pepsi Ice Theatre on Ice Team and the Learn to Compete Class, local skaters and skaters from around the state competed.

### SOAR

- SOAR volleyball teams hosted two game nights during their regular practices. Thus the reason for spectators in their regular times.
- The SOAR Eagles advanced to the Outdoor Sports Festival (state softball) with a gold medal at Districts. The Owls took a bronze medal and their season is completed.
- The Basketball Skills Assessment was held. The coaches have divided the athletes onto 4 teams to begin practices for the Special Olympics basketball season.

### Parks Maintenance

#### *Horticulture*

- Annual flower watering and maintenance. 1,500 gallons of water applied daily as needed.
- Creek bank mowing Little Kickapoo Creek Hershey to Stonebridge Prairie
- Soccer field aerating, seeding and rotation at McGraw Park
- Completion of Route 9 Beautification Program Phase III. Veterans Parkway east to Hershey.
- Mowing full cycles in parks and right of way. Parks 7 day rotation and right of way 14 day rotation.

#### *Forestry*

- 26 total trees removed, 12 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
- Removed 38 stumps
- Responded to 5 individual storm damage events. Response is 24/7.
- Forestry staff concentrated primarily on work orders. 58 Work orders were completed in August
- 19 preventative maintenance trims performed.

#### *Utility*

*Utility projects included are:*

- 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 BCPA
- Replaced pump at Miller Water play
- Shut down O'Neil swimming pool. Will shut down Holiday in September
- Added Fibar to Pepper Ridge, Clearwater and Fell
- Began Construction of Firemen's Memorial at Miller Park
- Began installation of playground at Woodbury Park

### POLICE

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#### [Crime Maps and Statistics](#)

**Crime Investigations Division (CID)**

CID assigned 91 new cases this month. CID closed 44 cases in August with the following dispositions: 13 cases were cleared by adult arrest and 31 were administratively closed, exceptionally cleared or were unfounded.

**Cyber Crimes**

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 four open/active cases.

**United States Marshal Task Force**

The Bloomington office opened 15 felony cases and closed 10 of them. Nine hands on felony arrests were made.

**VICE Unit**

The Vice Unit opened eight cases and closed three. They purchased 4 grams of crack cocaine, 8.9 grams of powder cocaine, and 30 grams of methamphetamine. They seized 2 grams of crack cocaine, 7.8 grams of powder cocaine, and 309 grams of methamphetamine.

**Street Crimes Unit**

Street Crimes made nine probable cause arrests and four warrants arrests. They seized 39 grams of cannabis, .2 gram of heroin, two guns, and towed 3 vehicles.

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

During the month of August, CIAU staff facilitated a partnership with the Illinois Department of Corrections to include the placement of their investigator within the Criminal Investigations Division. Staff provided training to four new officers regarding Intelligence Led Policing and produced three suspect video releases for the Department's social media sites.

**First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Officers spent time at the following trainings: Pistol qualification, Simulator training, Crisis Negotiation Unit training, SWAT, 3D Scanner, and Cell Phone. Officers participated in several community events including: Brats and Bags, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual In Our Neighborhood Party, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church Westside Block Part, Sunnyside Park Anti-Violence Event, 4 days of Caring Adults to welcome students back, Take a Student to School Day, Front Street Music Festival, Day of the Dozer, and the Northwest Neighborhood Block Party. Officers provided a funeral escort for a Fireman.

**Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.**

Officers provided extra patrol to Illinois Wesleyan University during back to school, attended annual pistol training, FTO training, and trained three new recruits.

**Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.**

- Third shift officers recorded 11 DUI arrests.
- Notable calls for service include on August 5<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to a call of a suicidal subject armed with a handgun. Officers gained entry to the home and the subject



surrendered peacefully. The subject was transported to the hospital for evaluation and the firearm was confiscated. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, officers responded to a call from a cab driver that he heard a passenger 'rack the slide of a handgun'. Officers found the subject nearby and upon a search retrieved a handgun. The subject was arrested. The same day, officers were called to a home for a suicidal subject. Officers made contact with the subject who fought with officers while being taken into custody. The subject was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

### **Administration**

- The Public Information Officer submitted several news releases, posted on social media, conducted several television and radio interviews, and conducted various recruitment, conducted safety trainings for all incoming Illinois Wesleyan dorm coordinators and presented safety handouts to incoming Illinois State University Attended training with US Department of Justice for at risk groups and LGBTQ+, conducted safety training for realtors and the corporate food industry, environmental risk mitigation for medical and retail businesses, facilitated and promoted Projects with a Cop and Behind the Badge events, assisted BPD investigations division and internal affairs on social media based cases, facilitated several weekend community events, and assisted with promotions for upcoming and current law enforcement events.
- School Resource Officers met with several students for counseling to help them succeed during the new school year, transported 3 students home for poor behavior and fighting, investigated multiple incidents including one fight after school, two batteries, and nine for disorderly conduct.

### **Downtown**

- There were 14 days of Downtown Hireback, with a total of 37 pairs of officers, including six pairs assigned from 3<sup>rd</sup> shift patrol working during the month. Notable calls for service include on August 4<sup>th</sup> officers responded to a large fight. One subject was arrested for battery and resisting arrest. Several 3<sup>rd</sup> shift officers were called to the scene due to a large crowd that had gathered during the fight. August 10<sup>th</sup>, officers observed a subject hitting a subject who was not fighting back. When officers made contact the aggressor threw another punch and was pepper sprayed. The aggressor ran from the scene but was apprehended following a short foot pursuit. No cooperation was received from either subject. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, two subjects were observed fighting. An ordinance violation was issued for battery. Later that evening, officers a subject wanted on a McLean County warrant. The subject was arrested without incident. August 18<sup>th</sup>, officers issued an ordinance violation to a subject who attempted to gain entry into an establishment using a fraudulent ID. On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, officers issued ordinance violations for open alcohol and public urination. August 25<sup>th</sup>, officers were observing the crowd downtown when a subject walked up and wiped food on one of the officer's body worn cameras. The subject was issued an ordinance violation for challenge to fight. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, officers issued ordinance violations to a subject using a fraudulent ID to gain entry to an establishment, to a subject for challenge to fight, and to two subjects for public urination.
- Totals for this month include 257 hours of overtime, 143 bar checks, one DUI, nine ordinance violations, 12 parking citations, one traffic citation, 13 fights, 13 calls for service, four arrests, and 12 vehicles towed. Ordinance violations were issued as follows: two for challenge to



fight, one for battery, three for public urination, one for open alcohol, and two for fraudulent identification.

## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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

- Telecommunicators answered 2,092 calls in less than 10 seconds and 29 calls in less than 20 seconds. This gives the communication center a 99% rating of calls answered within 10 seconds. The State of Illinois mandates that 90% of incoming 911 calls must be answered within 10 seconds.
- Communications continued support for CAD Go-Live on July 31. Ongoing maintenance and troubleshooting of issues related to upgrade. Alarm ordinance violations issued to date: 104.

## PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 30.60 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during August 2018.
- 720 miles were swept during the month of August 2018.
- The front office staff received 1,617 telephone calls during August 2018.
- Fleet received 788 phone calls.

## WATER

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### [View 2017 Water Quality Report](#)

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

- The Water Department released the 2017 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water. The report has been included in recent utility bills and is available online at the City's website. In addition, hard copies are available at City Hall, Division Street facilities, and other locations in the community.
- Daily pumpage for August, 2018 was 11.8 million gallons per day, 0.1 mgd lower than the previous month and in the upper range of the August averages for the previous 3 years. August, 2018 was 1 degree warmer than average (75 F avg for August, 2018 versus 74 F long term average). Total rainfall for August, 2018 was 3.84" as reported for Hudson by Accuweather.com, which is 0.33" lower than the long term average for the month.
- Nitrate concentrations for both reservoirs are well below the 10 mg/l as N regulatory limit, with Evergreen Lake remaining low concentrations. Laboratory staff are closely monitoring the lakes and streams, and will continue to monitor conditions.
- We continued pumping from Evergreen Lake during August, 2018. Evergreen Lake levels decreased to around 2.8 feet below spillway elevation, which is fairly normal for the end of August.
- Lake Bloomington ended the month slightly below spillway elevation.

- Continued to replace and repair water service lines and curb stops. Staff replaced and / or repaired 20 service lines. 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 2,397 JULIES and issued 41 JULIES.
- Repaired 9 water main break throughout the City.
- Replaced 4 fire hydrants throughout the City.
- The council awarded the Lake Bloomington water main replacement project to George Gildner, Inc. The City held a public meeting on June 25, 2018, at Davis Lodge. Construction started June 26, 2018. As of September 1, 2018 the contractor has roughly 80% of the project completed.
- Installed 24 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during August. The Department has converted approximately 98.6% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 9 new residential water meters during the month of August and replaced 354 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 1 compound meters and replaced 6 meter measuring elements during the month of August.
- Drilling for the St. Peter Aquifer - Test Well 1 began in August, 2017 and was completed in November. Test Well 2 drilling began in December 2017 and reached total depth at the end of January. Test Well 2 surging and test pumping was completed in March. Video and plumbness testing occurred on both wells in April, 2018. Well 1 blockage issue was partially addressed in June and July, a change order is going before council Sep. 10th for well development.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 4,777 incoming phone calls and placed 2,356 outbound phone calls in August 2018.
- Lake Parks Staff, with the addition of a new slope mower, prepared Evergreen Lake and Lake Bloomington dams for the Spillway Improvement Project that was recently awarded to Stark Excavating.
- The Davis Lodge was rented 7 times in August of 2018, versus 8 rentals in August of 2017. The Department had 9 viewings by potential renters of the Davis Lodge in August.
- Staff removed 8 dead ash trees along the Scenic Drive at Lake Bloomington.
- City of Bloomington City Council approved two Lake Lease Transfer Petitions.
- The council awarded the Lake Bloomington Water Treatment Plant roof replacement project to CAD Construction, Inc.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

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- Upgraded wide area network (WAN) connection at Market Street Garage. This updated network will accommodate the new parking management solution and allow other network-based applications to be installed at the garage.
- Completed data network drop installations in Public Works in support of upcoming time keeping project go-live.
- Completed initial implementation of new City-wide network core
- Continued testing and implementation of new (CradlePoint) mobile networking technology in Fire and Police vehicles. Currently twelve (12) Fire and one (1) Police vehicles are live with

the new system. After significant testing and troubleshooting, the new solution is performing very well. IS staff is working with Fleet and Fire personnel to continue implementation in the remaining Fire fleet. Police is using the single upgraded vehicle to test functionality with existing squad-based applications and a potential replacement in-car video solution.

- Continued work on the new Fire/EMS reporting solution (Imagetrend). Automated faxing from Imagetrend to area hospitals, after completed calls, and CAD integration for more frequent updates from CAD are examples.
- Continued work on the new Parks and Recreation registration management solution (MaxGalaxy). Swimming pools were added to the solution, along with Pepsi Ice, Miller Park Zootique and Chucky's Golf Shack are now functional with the system.
- Worked with City Clerk and Legal to kick off analysis of agenda management and procurement workflow processes within Accela Legislative Management solution.
- Continued working with BPD in support of body-worn camera solution pilot testing. Continued testing/troubleshooting iPods and video upload process.
- Continued working with BPD on implementation/troubleshooting of upgraded computer aided dispatch (CAD) solution. Staff is working to fully connect CAD to Imagetrend to streamline the process of dispatch calls initiating and populating new Fire/EMS incidents.
- Continued upgrade/replacement of city-wide desktop, laptop and tablet computers
- Began analysis sessions for the MUNIS Utility Billing module implementation. Project team (IS/Water/Finance) personnel met with Tyler Technologies implementer to work through initial configuration decision making process. This team is now meeting weekly in support of this critical project. Homework is due to Tyler and team will begin testing various stages of development, requiring a significant amount of time.

## LIBRARY

 [Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

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

### Highlights:

- 70 teens joined us for their special End-of-Summer Reading Party (earned by accomplishing a group reading goal).
- Bizarre History of Illinois with Terry Fisk brought in 47 people.
- 81 kids and parents enjoyed Pint Size Polka.
- We visited 14 Back to School events throughout the community.

### Stats:

- 29,017 people visited the Library (a daily average of 936)
- 101,761 items were checked out
- 425 new cardholders were added
- 7,672 holds were filled
- 2,261 items were added
- 340 items were delivered to 42 homebound residents



- 388 items were delivered to 6 deposit collection sites
- 3,221 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 1.85 TB
- 4,532 people used our public computers
- 185 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 29 programs offered for all ages
- 951 people attended programs

## GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA

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### Events Calendar

#### August 2018

- **The Bloomington Edge** completed their summer schedule with their final game on Sunday, August 12.
- **The American Red Cross** held a blood drive on August 2 – as they were reaching critical shortage levels in the Central Illinois region.
- **Bloomington Youth Hockey and Central Illinois Figure Skating Club** used the Arena for their off-ice training during the month in conjunction with their camps at the Pepsi Ice Center.
- **The Backpack Alliance** event was on August 9, more than 2,500 backpacks full of school supplies were distributed to very happy kids in this area.
- **Youth Hockey** teams hosted a “used equipment sale” on the weekend of August 17-19<sup>th</sup> for families looking to buy equipment for their players.
- **Grossinger Motors Arena** held their fall Job Fair on August 29<sup>th</sup> to add part-time, seasonal staff for the upcoming season.

#### Upcoming Events include:

- **Illinois State Redbird Hockey** will start their season on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Central Illinois Flying Aces** will face-off for their pre-season game on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Their home opener is on October 6.
- **The American Red Cross** will host a blood drive on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Pepsi Ice Center** youth hockey leagues are in full swing and will be renting the Arena ice on weeknights and non-event days.
- **Impractical Jokers, Lindsey Stirling, Kane Brown and Hairball** shows are all now on sale.

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

- Suite and Sponsorship partnerships
- Pepsi Ice Center naming rights
- Booking new events and concerts

*Venuworks is pleased to be a partner with the City of Bloomington to present live entertainment and sporting events at Grossinger Motors Arena. We appreciate your confidence in us.*