



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 July

- Consideration of approving an Ordinance Amending the City Code to Establish Spiller Pay Provisions for Hazardous Waste Clean-up Responses.
- Consideration of approving awarding the Request for Proposal (RFP# 2017-09) submitted by Commerce Bank for Taxable Capital Lease.
- Consideration of approving an Engineering services agreement with Lochmueller Group, Inc. (as per RFQ 2016-04) for an Intersection Feasibility Study to evaluate options to improve traffic safety and efficiency at the intersection of Washington Street with Euclid Avenue and Brown Street.
- Consideration of adopting a Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. (as per RFQ 2016-04) for a Feasibility Study with a Recommendation of Improvement for the section of Lafayette Street from Center Street to Ash Street.
- Consideration of an approving an Ordinance Budget Amendment for FY 2017 in the amount of \$25,000.00, and approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to support operations at the Route 66 Visitors Center at the McLean County Museum of History.
- Consideration of adopting a Resolution waiving the competitive bidding process to enter into a contract for a one year pilot program with All City Management Service (ACMS) to staff, supervise, and administer the crossing guard program currently administered by the Bloomington Police Department.
- Consideration of approving a Resolution naming the City as a co-sponsor of the 2016 Bloomington Criterium which shall be the 2016 Illinois Criterium State Championship.
- Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a membership in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC), and the IPBC Contract and By-laws.
- Consideration of approving a Professional Services Contract with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to St. Peter Aquifer Water Supply Wells, (RFQ 2016-04).
- Consideration of adopting a Resolution affirming the City's Vision, Mission and Values Statement.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION ITEMS

Considered in July

- Presentation of the Preliminary Draft of the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- Presentation and discussion of City Own Surplus Property.

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

JULY NEWSMAKERS

Welcome New Police Officers

Local Scams – Identifying Scams & Tips to Avoid Them

3 Arrested in Fight at Chuck E. Cheese's

Road Closure: E. Locust

SPOTLIGHT

- July is officially recognized as Parks & Recreation Month!

EXPANDED MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance

- [View Monthly Financial Report](#)

City Clerk

- [View Monthly FOIA Report](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Safety

- The 799 construction permits is up 2% compared with the same month last year, but the value of the construction declined due to a drop in the number of single family home permits from 10 to 5.
- The average price of the 5 new homes in July 2016 is \$200,200 versus last July's \$173,970.
- At the midway point through the calendar year, construction permits in 2016 are holding steady compared with the first six months of 2015, although permit fees are down slightly due to the type and smaller magnitude of the projects.

Code Enforcement

- The 1,268 code enforcement inspections conducted in July 2016 represents a large improvement over the 408 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 increased 97% in July over the same month in 2015 with the fulltime attention of 2 inspectors instead of just one a year ago. Annualized backlog for fire inspections has moved to 1.2 years, following the replacement of a retired inspector.
- Rental inspections were up 110% with the addition of the second rental inspector. This moves the annualized inspection backlog to just 1.6 years compared with about 3 years in prior years.

Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- Two Planning Commission cases and two Zoning Board of Appeals cases were processed in July.
- Two Historic Preservation Commission cases were processed, with one case tabled and requiring additional detail, and a second case earning a Certificate of Appropriateness.

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

- July saw a significant increase in the number of incidents that the department responded too. In June of 2016 we responded to 853 calls for service, in July we responded to 1046 calls for service. The significant part of this increase was due to an increase number of EMS calls.
- Responded to 768 EMS calls this month compared to 633 in June.
- Significant increase in the number of false alarms. In July we responded to 110 alarms compared to 54 alarms in the month of June.
- Responded to 10 structure fires in July that resulted in an estimated \$1,021,000 in damage. The majority of this damage was from the Bentley Motors fire that occurred on July 23.
- Also had approximately \$22,800 in damage from 3 vehicle fires during July.
- The Hazardous Materials team responded to rural McLean to assist the Mt. Hope Fire Protection District with an incident where detassellers were exposed to a pesticide. The team assisted in decontaminating 70 workers.
- The department provided mutual aid to other fire departments or ambulance agencies 31 times within this month and we received mutual aid 8 times during this month.
- Our EMS personnel provided 5 hours of training to EMS and BACC students for the month.
- Hydrant testing continues with crews testing 746 hydrants in July.

Public Education*Training provided to community*

- Youth camps at Oakland, Sheridan, YWCA, Washington
 - Taught over **200 kids** lessons from fire safety to First Aid
- Game Time Gym summer program of over **100 kids**
 - Broke up by age group to discuss fire safety, general safety, to first aid care for 3rd to 7th graders
- Katie's kids for presentation to **30 kids** on Firefighters are Helpers in the community
- Montessori visit to 3 classroom for a total of **75 kids** teaching that firefighters are helpers in the community followed by fire safety talks to each group.

Emergency Operation Plan

- PIO portion completed

Social Media

- FB page is now at 4500 likes.

Classes Taken

- NIMS IS 907 Active Shooter: What can you do?
- CPR Instructor

Future Classes

- NIMS classes that will assist in EOP preparedness
- Working towards classes required for Fire Science Technology Degree through Lincoln Land Community College

Community Events

- Car Seat day

- Open Cock Pit day at Prairie Aviation Museum
- Pet Masks donated at HQ for all front line apparatus

Training

- In July the department held 269 training classes; totaling 1,684.55 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
Support Staff V – City Clerk	Internal Candidate – Samantha Stills
Telecommunicator (2)	External Candidates – Tamara Schlink & Kelsey Pence
Civil Engineer II – Water	External Candidate – Richard Bernard
PC Support Specialist	Internal Candidate – Gary Sutton
Utility Worker – Facilities Mgmt.	Currently Interviewing Candidates
Labor Refuse	Reviewing Applicants
Support Staff III – Pace	Currently Interviewing Candidates
Police Officers (2) – Experienced	Filled
Firefighter Paramedics (6)	Filled

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS 

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts 

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

- Bye Bye Birdie was presented 5 times, free of charge, in Miller Park Summer Theatre to 1,600 residents
- Monthly attendance: 5,164 at BCPA events and classes
- Facility usage: 11 Auditorium events, 3 Public Ballroom Events, 22 Non-Public Ballroom/Other Events
- Community Interaction: 9 Radio Interviews and 2 Community Speaking Engagements

Golf Courses 

- Total rounds played in July: 9,758
- Group outing rounds played in July: 1,346
- Junior Rounds played in July: 566
- Outings hosted for: The McLean County Seniors, the Bloomington Normal Golf Association
- Despite experiencing 3rd wettest July on record, the courses were pleased to see nearly 10,000 rounds played. With all of the rain, the grounds crew has done a great job in preparing the course for play each day.

Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions was up 4.9% 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 4.5% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. Revenue from Education Program Fees and Rentals was up 22% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was up 16.3% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were up 1.8% for the current fiscal year, and overall revenue was up 8%.
- Acquisition: 1 Black-Necked Stilt, 1 Black Sailfin Goby, 4 African Hedgehogs
- Disposition: 1 Black-Necked Stilt, Male African Hedgehog, 1 Green Chromis, Male Slender-Tailed Meerkat, 2 male Budgerigar, 5 Domestic Mouse, Male Eurasian Red Squirrel, 1 Oriental Fire-Bellied Toad, Male Saffron Finch, Male Parrot-Billed Seed-eater
- Held 2nd Parent's Night Out
- Announced the birth of three Snow Leopard cubs born in May. The mother and cubs are now on exhibit in the Katthoefer Animal Building. Only five litters have been born in North America this year.
- Broke an all-time revenue record for a month.

Recreation

- 4th of July was a success with Mini-Golf, Paddle Boats, and Fireworks Sky Concert.
- July is officially recognized as Park & Recreation month.
- Summer Day Camp continues to provide affordable care and healthy recreation activities.

Pepsi Ice Center

- Pepsi Ice Center received a grant from USA Hockey and the USA Hockey Foundation to assist the new start-up sled program in Central Illinois providing 5 new sleds.
- Pepsi Ice Center hosted over 60 groups participants at open skating in July.
- Pepsi Ice Center hosted the Illinois State Hockey's Summer Red/White Hockey Tournament.
- Christmas in July public skate brought out with 46 skaters.

SOAR

- SOAR hosted 113 programs and events.
- 590 volunteer hours were accumulated with 3,618 service units.
- An inclusion aide was scheduled for Day Camp from 8:45-3:30 pm for a child with Autism.

Parks Maintenance

Horticulture

- Hosted North American Prairie Conference Tour at Tipton and The Grove Parks. Bob and Dave provided tours of both parks.
- Invasive and woody plant control in Tipton Prairie.
- Installation of plant beds on Route 9 medians. Second year of boulevard beautification program on Route 9.
- 180 cubic yards of mulch applied in plant beds on Route 9, City Hall, BCPA, Miller Park, White Oak Park, and Miller Park Zoo.

- 1904 man hours mowing and 781.5 man hours general grounds maintenance.

Forestry

- 63 total trees removed, 29 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer
- Increase in the disease fire blight on pear trees (*Pyrus calleryana*)
- 27 stumps removed, backfilled and seeded
- Responded to 11 individual storm damage events
- 987 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 crawl tube at North Point school
- Installed 10 new grills in Miller and Tipton parks
- Installed electric to new press box at Ewing II
- Installed new irrigation pump and replaced wiring at McGraw park

POLICE 

[View Police Daily Activity Reports](#)

Crime Investigations Division (CID)

CID assigned 140 new cases for investigation in July. The case load being carried by CID had the following dispositions: 26 cases were cleared by arrest, one case was cleared with juvenile arrest, and 62 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 seven hands-on felony arrests. Sixteen felony cases were opened and nine were closed.
- Major activity included a subject wanted out of McLean County for aggravated criminal sexual assault. Subject was located in Toluca and arrested without incident. Another subject was wanted out of Peoria County for probation violation (felon in possession of firearm). Subject was located in Bloomington and arrested without incident. TFO recovered 16 individually wrapped baggies of cannabis resulting in subject also being charged with this violation.

VICE Unit

The unit opened 12 cases and served three search warrants. They purchased 61 grams of crack cocaine, 6 dosage units of ecstasy, and seized 6.2 grams of crack cocaine, 2465 grams of cannabis and one vehicle.

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes made 27 probable cause arrests, 20 warrant arrests. They seized 33 grams of cannabis, .03 grams of crack cocaine, .01 grams of heroin, and one gun.

Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)

CIAU provided tactical investigative support to several local shooting investigations, produced court reports for a gang weapons case and conducted a regional information exchange with local, state and federal agencies. Staff also produced several videos for the departmental YouTube channel to aid in the identification of suspects in active cases.

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

The Communications Center manager attended Illinois Telecommunicator Response Task Force quarterly meeting, State of Illinois Starcom Advisory Subcommittee meeting to get approval of the Public Work Starcom project which was approved. He assisted in the implementation and installation planning for the Public Works Starcom project. He participated in discussions with Metcom and Frontier in regards to 900 network redundancy issues and long term planning. Four new officers were trained on radio equipment. Alarm ordinance violations were issued totaling \$7,500.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

First shift spent considerable time in training attending sex offender laws, verbal judo, active shooter, and patrol tactics. Eight STEP details were assigned with a total of six hours spent. Day shift participated in Farmers Market on Saturdays, three days on Jehovah Witness Convention, Park to Park run, Open Cockpit day at the Aviation Museum, two days at the Lincoln Festival, and the St. Jude run.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Second shift responded to a fight in the 1700 block of East Empire on July 2. Reports of about 40-50 people physically fighting. On July 6, caller stated a pistol was pulled on him by an occupant of a vehicle. The area was checked with no results. On July 9, a caller reported seeing a subject with a handgun. Officer made contact with the subject and located a realistic looking bb gun. He was arrested on a warrant and was on parole. On July 21, several persons were shot at by a person in a vehicle, but no one was hit.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

A total of 28 arrests were made by third shift officers for driving under the influence in July. Officers responded to the 500 block of West Mulberry on July 15 for a report of an armed robbery. The victim reported being threatened with a gun before his wallet, phone and shoes were stolen by two subjects. On July 17, officers responded to the area of Howard and Washington streets for a report of shots fired. Officers in the area heard 10-12 shots. Numerous people were encountered but no cooperation was received. Spent shell casings from both 45 caliber and 9 mm rounds were located. On July 19, a subject was armed with numerous firearms and threatening suicide. This subject threatened to kill police if they showed up. SWAT and CNU (Crisis Negotiations Unit) were called and the situation was peacefully resolved.

PUBLIC WORKS

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[View Energy Efficiency Program 2016 Second Quarter Report](#)

- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 28.31 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during July 2016.
- 471 miles were swept during the month of July 2016.
- The office staff handled 1,421 calls during the month of July 2016.
- Fleet received 1,155 phone calls during the month of July 2016.

WATER

[View Water Quality Report](#)

- Daily pumpage for July 2016 was 10.6 million gallons per day, compared to an average of 10.4 million gallons per day in July of 2015. The July pumpage was slightly higher than last year, despite the slightly lower than average temperatures and much higher rainfall for the month.
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir declined during July.
- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir were at or above spillway elevation during July.
- We continued to pump from Evergreen Lake in July. We switched pumping from Lake Bloomington to Evergreen Lake on December 19, 2015, because of better water quality.
- In July, the City experienced 3 water main breaks/water main leaks.
- 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 Ryan Drive water main project was completed by July 31, 2016. The project included a new 8" water main, new water services from the main to the property line, 2 new fire hydrants and a full street resurfacing.
- During the month of July the department located/cleared 2,856 JULIES and issued 65 JULIES.
- Installed 253 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during July. With the 253 meters installed for the month the Department has converted approximately 95.7% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 103 new residential water meters during the month of July.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 4,326 incoming phone calls in July of 2016.
- Rick Twait, Superintendent of Water Purification, served as moderator for the East central Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Committee's annual stakeholder's meeting in Springfield on July 15, 2016.
- 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.
- Mechanical Services held a meeting with Decatur Industrial regarding preventive maintenance in the pump stations.

- Enterprise Pump Station – west side pump has been ordered from Linden and Company of Peoria.
- Two Wemco sludge pump for the Water Treatment Plant were delivered. They were bolted to the concrete with piping and power cables as remaining work that will be done.

LIBRARY

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

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

- 20,452 people visited the Library
- 1,244 people visited the Bookmobile at 48 stops
- 128,439 items were checked out
- 571 new cardholders were added
- 8,210 holds were filled
- 3,206 items added to the collection
- 34,692 people used the public computers, our online catalog, and our online databases
- 60 programs offered for all ages
- 2,143 people attended programs
- The Summer Reading Program, Read for the Win, was in full swing

US CELLULAR COLISEUM

[Events Calendar](#)

As VenuWorks has closed its four month of operation at the US Cellular Coliseum, many projects are underway as time is upon us with the upcoming Bloomington Thunder hockey season just a few weeks away. We are working feverishly to get all policies & procedures in place prior to the first home game scheduled for September 3, 2016. Some interesting items you will see coming forward to the USCC are:

- Metal Detectors
- Cosmetic changes to the Bar/Restaurant
- 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
- Hosting a Job Fair in August to ramp up for the upcoming season

As we grow there is one key position that we are looking to hire full-time and that is Concessions Manager. This person will lead our front-of-house concession operations working with non-profit entities and part time staff in an effort to increase efficiencies to the customer.

Upcoming events to the USCC:

- Do you have your Bloomington Thunder Season Tickets? Call 309-434-2980 for your 2016/2017 Season Ticket Package

Upcoming Events	
US Cellular Coliseum Job Fair	Tues 08/23/16 4:00-7:00PM
Bloomington Thunder Exhibition Game	Sat 09/03/16 2:00PM
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