



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 OCTOBER

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Consideration of adopting:
 - a). An Ordinance Approving Petitions from the Public Building Commission of McLean County for a Street Vacation Plat for Main Street between Olive Street and Front Street.
 - b). An Ordinance Approving Petitions from the Public Building Commission of McLean County for an Expedited Final Plat for McLean County Government Subdivision, located west of East Street, North of Olive Street, and south of Front Street. **[Motion carried]**
- Consideration of approving a Professional Services Contract with Shive-Hattery, Inc. for Professional Architectural, Environmental and Land Surveying Services for Police Indoor Training Facility Improvements. **[Motion carried]**
- Consideration of adopting three ordinances to establish the proposed Downtown-Southwest Redevelopment Project Area (TIF District).
 - Approving the TIF Redevelopment Plan for the Downtown-Southwest Redevelopment Project Area be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.
 - Designating the proposed Downtown-Southwest Redevelopment Project Area, a Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.
 - Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Downtown-Southwest Redevelopment Project Area be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. **[Motion carried]**
- Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Milan Hotels (Magnus Hotels LLC) for its proposed acquisition and redevelopment of the Baymont Inn & Suites at 604 ½ IAA Drive. **[Motion carried]**
- Consideration of the analysis of Bids and Approval of the FY 2017 Sewer Rehabilitation Contract, City Bid No. 2017-17. **[Motion carried]**
- Consideration of the analysis of Proposals and Approval of the FY 2017 CCTV Sewer Inspection Contract, City Bid No. 2017-16. **[Motion carried]**
- Consideration of approving Resolution in support of Privately-Funded Renovations to the Creativity Center and Long-term Maintenance to the Facility. **[Motion carried]**

City Council Special Session Items *[Presentation and discussion only]*

- Presentation of Sewer and Storm Water portions of the 5-year CIP
- Presentation of Culinary Water Quality in Bloomington.
- Presentation on Creativity Center renovation project for resolution, including:
 - a. Need for immediate repairs
 - b. Discussion of moving forward with long-term renovation of the Creativity Center

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

OCTOBER NEWSMAKERS

[Volunteering at the BCPA](#)
[Sgt. Henry Craft Retirement](#)
[Lock it, or Lose it](#)
[Officer Amy Keil Retirement](#)

SPOTLIGHT

[Bring It On Bloomington! -](#)
[Comprehensive Plan Wins National](#)
[Award](#)

EXPANDED MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance

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CITY CLERK

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Safety

- The 718 construction permits issued in October represents an increase of 14% compared with the same month last year. The continued warmer weather may offer a reason for the increase. While the number of permits is up slightly, total year-to-date construction investment in the City sits at \$72,800,000, which lags the cumulative total for the same ten months of 2015.
- Inspectors performed 737 building inspections in October, a 14% increase over September, as projects work steadily towards their seasonal completions. Plumbing, Electrical and HVAC permits account for almost half the inspections. This compares favorably with 591 permits in October 2015 and, again, the warmer weather gets the credit.
- No permits were issued for projects valued in excess of \$1,000,000.
- The average cost to build the 8 new homes in October of 2016 was about \$212,500.

Code Enforcement

- The 652 code enforcement inspections conducted in October 2016 is comparable with the number of cases in September, but it represents another large improvement over the 346 in same month in 2015. Staffing levels and more proactive enforcement are the reasons for this improvement; however, they remain below national guidelines.
- Routine fire inspections were up significantly in October 2016 compared with the same month in 2015. The current rate provides for a 2-year backlog, rather than the ordinance based annual inspection (or more frequent) mandate.
- The 155 rental inspections conducted represents an increase of more than double that performed in October 2015. This increase is attributable to the addition of the second inspector, which also resolved the backlog problem seen in prior years.

Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- One Planning Commission case and four Zoning Board of Appeals variance cases were processed in October.
- Three Historic Preservation Commission cases were processed with one being a Certificate of Appropriateness and two cases were grant awards. Four properties were selected to receive Heritage Awards.
- The Zoning Ordinance update process included two public outreach meetings plus an introduction for the Planning Commission at one of its two regular meetings.

FIRE

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Operations

- The Fire Department ran 927 calls for service in the month of October, this was just a few more than we ran in September where we had 918 calls. The department responded to 9 structure fires that caused an estimated \$325,000. The largest of these fires was the Parkview Inn Restaurant which had an estimated loss of \$300,000. We also responded to 2 vehicle fires with a damage loss of \$5,100. Total estimated loss for the month was \$330,100.
- The Bloomington Fire Department response time for fire calls averaged 7:29 minutes, and the response time for EMS calls averaged 6:48 minutes.
- EMS responses again were the leading type of call for the month, the department responded to 719 EMS calls, which accounted for 77.56% of the departments runs.
- We provided mutual aid to outside agencies 23 times last month and received mutual aid 3 times during the month.
- Hydrant inspections and testing was completed during the month of October. From May 1 till the end of October the department tested and flowed 4174 hydrants
- Our EMS personnel provided 116.5 hrs. of training time to EMS and BACC students. The BACC students accounted for 59 of the hours, and EMS students accounted for 57.5 hours.

Public Education

Training provided to community

- Fire Extinguisher class for synergy employees (6 employees)

- Fire Extinguisher for Luther Oaks (51 Employees)

Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills

- Cedar Ridge Fire Drill
- Sheridan School Fire Drill
- Country Financial Fire Drill
- Washington Elementary Lockdown Drill
- Sarah E. Raymond x2
- Bloomington Junior High School Fire Drill
- Oakland Elementary Fire Drill
- Central Catholic Fire Drill
- Stevenson Elementary Fire Drill

Social Media

- FB page is now at 4849 likes.

Community Events

- Car Seat installation day on Tuesday
- Chief Del Thomas fire Truck parade with BFD involvement
- BACC 8th grade career expo (1600 students)
- Flu Shot clinic at 2 station with 27 shots and over 50 people attended
- Community member honored at City Council Meeting
- Citizen's Academy

Fire Prevention Presentations

- Tomorrow's Promise (140 kids, 20 adults)
- Heartland Headstart
- Chesterbrook Academy
- Washington Elementary 1st grade (60 students)
- Wesly Bright Beginnings (40 preschoolers)
- Fox Creek Kindergarten fire safety (50 students)

Training

- For the month of October 2016 the 5 Stations of the fire department held 321 training classes which totaled 1890.17 class hours.
- The class topics have been grouped into seven categories: Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Hazmat, and Safety ([October 2016 Training Report](#)).

HUMAN RESOURCES

- [Apply for current job postings](#)

- [View Safety Report](#)

Vacancies	Position Status
Utility Worker	Interviews Complete - Dept. Finalizing
2 -TCM's	Currently Recruiting
Support Staff IV- Fire	Currently Recruiting
Management Analyst	Currently Recruiting
Programmer Analyst	Currently Recruiting
Water. Maint. Crew leader	Internal Candidate Brian Poland
3- Firefighter	Pending
Forester	Currently Recruiting
Office and Billing Manager	Pending Interviews

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

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

- BCPA-Presented Events: Oct. 7 – *The Amazing Max*, magic show; Oct. 9 – Artists Lounge Live: *Elvis My Way*; Oct. 25 – Silent Film, *Phantom of the Opera*; Oct. 26 – *Unelectable You*; Oct. 28 – The Oak Ridge Boys.
- Total attendance for all events and classes: 8,207.
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium, Public Events: 8; Auditorium Non-Public Events: 7; Ballroom and Other Space Public Events: 2; Ballroom and Other Space Non-Public Events: 33.
- Community Interactions: Radio: 6; Speaking Engagements: 2

Golf Courses

- Rounds Played: 5,950
- Group Outing Rounds: 1,196
- Junior Golf Rounds: 822
- Outings hosted for: Illinois High School Association (IHSA State Golf Finals), Bloomington High School and the McLean County Seniors.
- The high school golf season came to a successful conclusion with the IHSA State Golf Finals being hosted at Prairie Vista and The Den.
- With a warmer than average October, the golf courses have stayed in outstanding condition with the turf in great playing shape. One downside to this weather is continued mowing required for staff. This downside is one we are happy to deal with.

Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions was up 9.5% 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 10% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. All-time Attendance record was broken last fiscal year. Revenue from Education Program Fees and Rentals was up 14.3% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was up 18.5% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were up 4.8% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was up 10.1%.
- Acquisition: 2 Budgerigar, 2 Male San Clemente Goats
- Disposition: 1 Male, 1 Female San Clemente Goat, 1 Solorensis Fairy Wrasse
- Broke the all-time attendance and revenue record for the month of October.
- Hosted Spooktacular with over 2,000 guests. It was a Zoo record for paid day attendance for a non-free day.
- Hosted Bloomington 101 participants at Zoo for their "wild card" night where they get to choose the location and City operation. The Zoo has been chosen every session so far.

Recreation

- There were 100 recreation programs offered, 92% (92) of programs had enough participants to run the class. Program areas include Adult Trips, Youth Special Interest, Preschool Programs, Sports, and Special Events.

- Adult programs saw a large number of 55+ getting out of town with us on through several of our trips around Central Illinois. Stops included: Tanners Orchard, Starved Rock, Kennekuk County Park, Friends Creek Park and many more stops.
- October was a big month for fitness and active programs to get adults and kids up and moving. There were several Zumba classes, Pickleball, Volleyball and other sports programs offered to fight the obesity epidemic.

Pepsi Ice Center

- October is the kick-off for the major season. Pepsi Ice Center will be at capacity most days through winter.
- Pepsi Ice Center had the highest revenue for October in the history of the facility. This is due to an increase in Youth Hockey and Ice Rentals.
- A successful themed Halloween skate on Oct 28 brought 112 skaters in the building. The Freaky Friday Fright night has been the highest attended night session this fall.

SOAR

- SOAR had over 560 individuals participate in programs. This includes day programs, special interest, Special Olympics, and community outreach programs. There were over 10 volunteer partners and coaches that traveled and spent their weekend with their teams. This is an amazing gift of time.
- We had 13 Special Olympic athletes compete in the Sectional Bowling Tournament. Six will advance to the State Tournament in December.
- SOAR hosted a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch on October 17 and raised \$475! There were several volunteers that assist with serving and cleaning tables.

Parks Maintenance

Horticulture ([View pictures here](#))

- Completed fall aeration parks and athletic fields.
- Fall weed control spraying parks and athletic fields.
- Winterized and shut down of irrigation systems.
- Finish grade and seeding at fox hollow detention basin.
- Hiring of new horticulturist.

Forestry

- 31 total trees removed, 11 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
- Started tree planting operations; 32 trees planted in October, bulk of planting in November.
- 37 stumps removed, backfilled and seeded.
- Responded to 2 individual storm damage events.
- 1,434 man hours on forestry work orders.
- Tree protection during driveway installation at 812 E. Chestnut.

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.
- Completed winterization of all outdoor bathrooms and drinking fountains.
- Installed a new roof on Hike Haven and the bathroom by Miller Park Bandstand.
- Installed new backflow boxes at Pepper Ridge Fields.

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Crime Investigations Division (CID)

CID assigned 155 new cases for investigation in October. The case load being carried by CID had the following dispositions: 80 cases were cleared by adult arrest, 7 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 19 open/active cases.

United States Marshal Task Force

- The unit made 6 hands-on felony arrests. The unit opened 14 felony cases and closed 10 of them.
- Due to the efforts of the Task Force the following major cases were closed: aggravated criminal sexual assault, burglary, two armed robberies, manufacture/delivery of cocaine, and residential burglary.

VICE Unit

The unit opened 13 cases and closed 11 cases. They arrested 16 subjects and completed two search warrants. They purchased 12 grams of crack cocaine, 131 grams of powder cocaine, 58 grams of methamphetamine, and 2.9 grams of heroin. They seized 24 grams of crack cocaine, 4 grams of powder cocaine, 965 grams of cannabis, 907 grams of methamphetamine, 2.5 grams of heroin and \$10,000.

Street Crimes Unit

The Unit completed 11 warrant arrests and 22 probable cause arrests. They towed 8 vehicles and spent 32 hours assisting the Vice Unit.

Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)

CIAU staff attended a FOIA update with the Illinois Attorney General Office regarding body camera video. Staff conducted research on a variety of specialized video analysis tools to be used in conjunction with future investigations. Staff also provided investigative support on an armed home invasion and two burglary series, and spent time working on the development of a security plan for the new BPD west-side substation.

Communications

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The manager attended EMS Quality Council Meeting, Illinois Heart and Lung Foundation AED Committee meeting, FOIA training in Springfield at the Attorney General's office, and CIRA Emergency Operations Plan annual review. He participated in emergency planning for the

Chicago Cubs playoff run and participated in EOC drill. Alarm Ordinance Violations were issued totaling \$16,100.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Day shift patrol spent considerable time working on training including eight hour pistol course, PPCT, CPR, Taser Recertification, Open Range, Accident Investigation, Boots on the Ground, and Mental Health Training. There were 17 STEP details assigned to school zone enforcement including distracted drivers and speeding. Day Shift participated in Farmers Market, Millennium Girls, IWU 5K, training at the fire department, DEA drug drop off, and Snyder Shriner 5K.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Notable calls for service for second shift include a forced entry burglary where three guns were taken from a residence, two juveniles robbed at gun point for their cell phones, and a subject who jumped in a car (not his) outside a bar and crashed the vehicle as he was driving out the parking lot.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

Notable calls for service for third shift include an armed subject stabbing himself, aggravated discharge of a firearm, homicidal/suicidal subject, motor vehicle accident fatality, subject shot in the stomach, and robbery at gunpoint. Third shift also recorded 11 DUI arrests.

Administration

- SRO Day talked to several students about cyberbullying and the proper use of social media. School discipline included eight disorderly conducts, seven medical transports, and three suspensions. SRO Hirsch met and counseled 16 students on behavior, grades, and Illinois law, met with six students that were about to fight, and assisted counselors/social workers in speaking with and calming aggressive emotionally disturbed students. He also removed eight students from class for poor behavior, investigated four fights, broke up two fights, investigated six incidents of theft recovering four of the items, transported seven suspended students, and spoke with 12 parents regarding behavioral issues in school. SRO Wagehoft was guest speaker for third and eighth grades regarding community helpers. School discipline included eight disorderly conducts, one theft, one intoxicated student, and one fight.
- PIO Mayer completed several media releases, attended Recovery Court and STAC meeting, taught Bank Robbery class, presented a career talk at Western Avenue Community Center, updated a brochure, and had an interview at WJBC.

Downtown

- There were 13 days of Downtown Hireback with a total of 26 pairs of officers working including 14 pair assigned from third shift patrol. During ISU Homecoming, an officer and squad were posted at Main and Market, shutting down northbound traffic at about midnight due to the inability to keep pedestrians out of the road. Eastbound Mulberry at Center was also shut down. On October 6, two underage persons were found in a bar with fake IDs. On Friday the 14th, a vehicle was stolen from the Market Street parking garage. The vehicle was located unoccupied by an officer about an hour later. On October 28, a subject was arrested after fighting with bouncers and pushing an officer.

- Totals for the month: 202 overtime hours, 217 bar checks, two DUIs, \$5,300 in ordinance violations written, 11 parking citations, two traffic citations, nine fights, nine calls for service, eight arrests, and seven vehicles towed. The following ordinance violations were issued: four challenge to fight, one battery, eleven public urination, two illegal consumption, three open alcohol, three fraudulent identification, and seven other.

PUBLIC WORKS

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- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 25.39 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during October 2016.
- On October 24, our crews started picking up leaves, busy time!
- Two allies were maintained and 571 miles were swept during October.
- The Public Works Office received 1,127 phone calls during the month of September 2016.

WATER

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- Daily pumpage for October 2016 was 9.5 million gallons per day, compared to an average of 9.8 million gallons per day in October of 2015. October, 2016 average temperature (69F) was 2 degrees F warmer than normal, with a total precipitation of 1.2" vs. 3.2" normal rainfall for the month.
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir declined during October.
- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir remained close to spillway elevations during October.
- We continued to pump from Evergreen Lake in September. 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 October the department located/cleared 2,642 JULIES and issued 47 JULIES.
- During the month of September staff repaired 4 water mains throughout the City.
- Installed 85 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during October. The Department has converted approximately 96.3% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 41 new residential water meters during the month of October.

- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 4,618 incoming phone calls in October of 2016.
- Enterprise Pump Station motor, pump and drive work was completed. This work enabled all of the stations pumps to be returned to operations.
- The Water Treatment Plant sludge pump installation was completed and returned this portion of operations back into normal working conditions.

Information Services

- Completed data migration for the new City website. Transferred over 20GB of data, consisting of 1,230 documents across 880 pages to the new hosted environment. We are continuing to complete our final quality assurance checks in preparation of going live with the new site.
- Completed implementation of the GovDelivery platform for use within the Police department. Use of the GovDelivery automated communication system will streamline the Police Department's notification and alerts delivery process to citizens and local media contacts.
- Generated billing and mailing reports for the Rental Registration Program's 2017 renewal process. The process added \$250,000 to the Accounts Receivable and created over 3,000 renewal invoices for PACE to mail.
- Generated mailing reports for the 2017 Contractor Registration renewals (over 1,000 accounts) for PACE to mail.
- Updated Liquor License setup, fees, and templates per recent ordinance changes in preparation for the end of year billing and annual liquor license renewal process.
- Facilitated MUNIS ERP Payroll module training within the Human Resources department.

LIBRARY    

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

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

[December, January, February Program Guide](#)

Highlights:

- We had a Halloween parade and story time which drew a total of 170 people. Afterwards, participants were invited to explore the decorated Bookmobile!
- We participated in the very popular Miller Park Zoo Spooktacular – seeing about 500 people!
- Our partnership with the schools for the Principals Read program continues to be a popular series this year.
- We published our second podcast on the timely topic of non-voting.
- We distributed the new student cards to District 87. Approximately, 2,500 new accounts were created as a result of this program. We have had a lot of good press and have seen some kids already using them at the Library.

Stats:

- 112,022 items were checked out
- 329 new cardholders were added
- 8,327 holds were filled
- 2,845 items added to the collection
- 34,181 people used the public computers, our online catalog, and our online databases
- 3,103 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 1.78 TB
- 91 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 69 programs offered for all ages
- 1,661 people attended programs
- \$11,635.50 has been raised by Book Shoppe sales since the beginning of the fiscal year

US CELLULAR COLISEUM **Events Calendar**

- October was a month that saw the official kick off of the 2016-2017 Hockey season. The facility hosted 2 Illinois State University Hockey games. This was complimented with the presentation of 6 Bloomington Thunder USHL Hockey games. In the coming weeks, the Arena will host another 8 games of exciting hockey.
- The Thunder Hockey organization was excited to announce a special opportunity for active United States Armed Forces personnel and veterans in the Bloomington-Normal community and surrounding Central Illinois Area. At the Thunder's annual Military Appreciation Night on Friday, Nov. 18, six veterans or active military members will be recognized as the honorary starters of the game during a special pregame ceremony before Bloomington takes on Team USA at 7 p.m. The pregame ceremony that night will also feature a tribute video to those six military members detailing each of their contributions and sacrifices as members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Tickets for the Thunder Hockey or the Illinois State Redbird Hockey are available at www.ticketmaster.com
- The ice surface in the Arena also was the site of 122 blocks of time usage for practice, amateur and adult hockey. The coming months have comparable usage scheduled.
- Keith Urban was a virtual sellout at the arena in early November. The use of Metal Detectors, formally known as MAGNETOMETERS, began with the Keith Urban concert. Implementation was successful and efficient. As with the implementation of any new process or policy, we would like to thank the public for arriving early and making the use of this security enhancement as efficient as possible.

Upcoming events include:

- A performance by **Manheim Steamroller Christmas Concert** will be held December 1, 2016 at 8:00 PM. This year marks the 32nd Anniversary of the Christmas Tour and release of Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, an album that revolutionized the Holiday Season music category. Grammy Award® winner Chip Davis will direct and co-produce Tour performances with MagicSpace Entertainment. The show features classic Christmas hits from Mannheim *Steamroller and dazzling multimedia effects in an intimate setting. The spirit of the season* comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller.

- Additionally, I.C.E. **World Championship Ice Racing** will be held on the arena main sheet of ice on January 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM. This annual fast paced event features exciting racing action for the whole family on the US Cellular Coliseum's treacherous oval ice track. This must-see event of the winter season combines the World's top pro ICE Racers, select amateur classes designed to showcase local participation, and surprise super special attractions to create ***THE GREATEST SPECTACLE ON ICE!(TM)***
- **The Thanksgiving Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.**

We continue to work on the following major items:

- Naming Rights partner, and signage fulfillment within the arena
- Development of promoter relationships in conjunction with VenuWorks Vice President of Event Programming and Content, Johnny Gimenez
- VenuWorks new instituted TRAINED CROWD MANAGER

This is your facility, Bloomington! Thank you for allowing us to manage it.