



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 APRIL

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Consideration of an Ordinance Reducing the speed limit on Fox Creek Road from West Oakland Avenue to Stonehedges Court. ***[Motion by Alderman Sage, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe, that the Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 29, Section 156.5, which provides for Altered Speed Limits on certain City Streets, be approved to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph on Fox Creek Road from West Oakland Avenue to Stonehedges Court. Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of approving a Text Amendment to Chapter 29 prohibiting truck through-traffic on Clinton Boulevard from Empire Street to Division Street. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of authorizing payment for Property, Liability, Excess Liability, and Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage for the City of Bloomington in the amount of \$783,084 for the period of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of Adoption of the FY 2018 Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of an Ordinance Waiving the Building Permit Fees for the McLean County Law and Justice Center expansion at 104 W. Front Street ***[Motion carried.]***
- Providing staff with direction on repairing, replacing, or resurfacing Monroe St from Clinton St to Robinson St. ***[Motion by Alderman Buragas, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, that staff be directed to move forward with design, planning, and bidding for the repair of brick or replacement of brick with new brick on East Monroe, and empower the Historic Preservation Commission to take the 2009 Plan to come up with an implementation structure and strategy with a recommendation from them as to how the City move forward to ensure the project is not completed in a piece-meal fashion; but having a comprehensive plan to effectively address brick roads in the Bloomington community. Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of Approving: a. Contract with Rowe Construction for the FY 2018 General Resurfacing Program, (Bid # 2017-23). b. Contract with Rowe Construction for the FY 2018 Street & Alley Repair Program, (Bid # 2017-24). c. Contract with J. G. Stewart Contractors, Inc. for FY 2018 Sidewalk Replacement and Handicap Ramp Program, (Bid #2017-25). ***[Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Lower, that 1) the unit prices from Rowe Construction for the FY 2018 General Resurfacing Program in the amount of \$2,080,000.00, be accepted, the contract approved; 2) the unit prices from Rowe Construction for the FY 2018 Street & Alley Repair Program in the amount of \$1,590,762.00, be accepted, the contract approved; and 3) the unit prices from J. G. Stewart Contractors, Inc., for the FY 2018 Sidewalk Replacement and Handicap Ramp Program in the amount of \$820,000 be accepted, the contract approved. Motion carried.]***

- Consideration of approving a Professional Services Contract with CDM Smith, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to the Water Department Infrastructure Master Plan, (RFQ #2017-26). ***[Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the Professional Services Contract with CDM Smith, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to the Water Department Infrastructure Master Plan in the amount not to exceed \$431,600.00 be approved. Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of approving a Professional Services Contract with GreenPlay, LLC for Professional Planning and Consulting Services related to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Comprehensive Master Plan, (RFP#2017-27.) ***[Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Buragas that the Professional Services Contract with GreenPlay, LLC for Professional Planning and Consulting Services related to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Comprehensive Master Plan in the amount not to exceed \$114,999.00 be approved. Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Contract to purchase the four (4) parking lots owned by Frontier Communications south of the BCPA and east of East Street. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Fiscal Year 2017 Year End Budget Amendment and Ordinance. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of a Resolution authorizing City staff to pursue a Washington Street Amendment to the 2015 City of Bloomington Bicycle Master Plan. ***[Motion carried.]***

City Council Special Session Items

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

- 2017 Annual Legislative Work Session **(Presentation and discussion with local Legislators.)**
- Elected Officials Orientation **(Organized and facilitated by Alderman Diana Hauman)**

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

APRIL NEWSMAKERS

- [Elias Mendiola Named BPD's New Public Information Officer](#)
- [Bloomington Named Tree City USA 30th year to earn designation](#)
- [Local Scams - Identifying Scams and Tips to Avoid Them](#)

SPOTLIGHT

- [Tiger Added To Miller Park Zoo Sumatran Tiger Named "Rojo"](#)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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[FY 2018 Proposed Budget](#)

CITY CLERK

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Safety

- April construction permits held steady with March levels at 636. It includes 12 new single family dwellings, bringing the total for the calendar year to 40, a 42% improvement over the four months of 2016. The end-of-fiscal-year permit revenues slightly exceeded projections for FY17.
- About 716 building inspections were performed in April, up 28% over March. This measure has a strong seasonal component and lags permit issuances.
- Three small permits were issued for the downtown, with a total construction value of \$22,000.
- Two projects were valued in excess of \$1,000,000. These include a warehouse/office project at 419 Bronco Drive at \$1.2 million and That Burger Joint, remodeling of the former Carlos O'Kelly's, at 2105 N. Veterans Parkway for \$1.18 million.

Code Enforcement

- Code enforcement inspections conducted in April 2017 numbered 775, up 42% over March due to election sign issues and an early start to tall grass complaints. It also represents doubling of the number of inspections from April 2016. Along with the unique components mentioned above, full staffing levels and more proactive enforcement are part of the reasons for these improvements. Inspection performance for both the rental inspection program and the fire inspection program are expected to meet or nearly meet their end-of-year targets.

Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- The Planning Commission considered two cases. The Zoning Board of Appeals processed four cases. Historic Preservation Commission considered one case, but also voted to increase the maximum Funk grant award from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

FIRE

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Operations

- The department responded to 905 calls for service in April, this was down 35 calls from March. We had one significant fire on April 28 which caused approximately \$105,000 in damages; total fire loss for the month was \$123,050. Total fire calls for the month were 181.
- The department responded to 724 EMS calls which accounted for 80.00%, of our calls for the month. This was 30 less EMS responses than in March.
- The department provided mutual aid 20 times this month and received mutual aid 4 times.
- Our EMS personnel provided 64.5 hours of training time to EMS students and we provided 36 hours of ride time for BACC students.

Public Education*Training provided to community*

- CPR Training class
- Ext. Training for Surgery Center (20)
- Ext. Training for Zoo staff (12)
- Ext. Training for airport personnel (1)

Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills

- RAS Fire Drill
- Bloomington High School Fire Drill
- Gave suggestions to BHS for Tornado preparedness

Social Media

- FB page is now at 5500 likes.

Personnel Training

- Created video for recruiting

Community Events

- Lexington High School and Junior High School students (100 students)
- Men's Club luncheon training provided by PEO (70 adults)
- Red Cross Smoke Alarm installs
- Cedar Ridge Elementary Fire Safety for Kindergarten classes (100 Kids)
- Scribbles Day Care Fire Safety (70 kids)

Other Duties

- Working on recruiting for upcoming hiring
- Called paramedic schools in Illinois to confirm emails of directors

Fire Department Training

- For the month of April 2017 the Fire Department held training which totaled 1609.75 hours. The training topics have been grouped into eight categories.
- The class topics have been grouped into seven categories: Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Hazmat, & Safety ([April 2017 Training Report](#)).

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Position	Department	Status
Superintendent of Mechanical Maintenance	Water	Starts position on 5/15/2017
Network Administrator	IS	CJO Made 4/12/2017
Contract Administrator	Legal	CJO made 4/6/2017
Production Manager	Parks	Interviews 5/15/2017
Utility Worker	PW	Candidate selected 4/26/2017
Water Plant Operator w/Relief Duties	Water	Selected
Legal Secretary	Legal	Accepted offer: Starts 5/29/2017
Assistant City Planner	Community Development	
Support Staff IV - 2 positions	Water	waiting on approvals to be posted

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

- Presented Programs: *Kathleen Madigan, Robin Hood, Steamboat Bill, Jr., Mayhem Poets, PUSH Physical Theatre*
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 9,256
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 13; Auditorium Non-Public Events 3
- Ballroom and Other Space Public Events 10; Non-Public Events - 18
- Community Interactions: Radio Interviews 0; Outreach 7

Golf Courses 

- Inconsistent weather caused its fair share of issues when it came to golfers getting out on the courses. Despite the often rainy and windy conditions, the courses were still able to see over 4,200 rounds played in the month.
- The 3rd Annual Green Jacket Open was held at The Den on Saturday, April 8th. A full field of 30 teams came out to enjoy a fun day on the course.
- Golf Advisor has placed The Den at Fox Creek as the #3 rated course by all golfer reviews.
- The Illinois Prep Tour brought over 100 players out to The Den at Fox Creek for one of their opening year events. They also brought an event of nearly 50 players to Prairie Vista. The Prep Tour brings many events to our courses throughout the year and does a great job in developing junior golfers.
- Superintendent of Golf, Jason Wingate, began his seventh year of a Friday morning golf segment on the Scott Laughlin show on WJBC. The segment runs each Friday from April through September at 8:10am. This segment covers a variety of golf topics and allows Jason to discuss what's going on with Bloomington Golf.
- Despite the heavy amounts of rain and being short on seasonal maintenance laborers, the courses are in excellent condition for early in the year.

Miller Park Zoo 

- Revenue from admissions broke the all-time record by 4.3%. Last year, the revenue from admissions broke the all-time record for the Zoo in a fiscal year. This is the sixth consecutive year the all-time attendance revenue record was broken. Attendance broke the all-time record by 7.9%. All-time Attendance record was broken last fiscal year. Revenue from Education Program Fees and Rentals was up 11.8% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was up 19.4% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were up 2.3% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was up 6.5%.
- Acquisition: 4 Male Red Wolves, Beehive, 1 Female Reticulated Python
- Disposition: 1 Female Panamanian Golden Frog, 1 Green tree python, 1 Female Snow Leopard, 2 Kaiser Newts, 1 Male Jamaican Fruit Bat, 1 Male Saffron Finch, 1 Great Plains Toad, 1 Eastern Box Turtle, 1 Female Domestic Chicken, 1 Male San Clemente Island Goat, 1 Female Sand Boa

- Other:
 - Broke the all-time attendance record. We welcomed **123,407** guests in the fiscal year.
 - Hosted Party for the Planet with over 800 guests.
 - Announced the birth of two female otter pups.
- ATTENDANCE
 - April 2016: 11,354 (Up 7%)
 - April 2017: 12,136

Recreation

- Recreation hosted a Pickleball Spring Picnic & Challenge. It was tournament style, and ended up being indoors at Pepper Ridge Elementary School due to the weather.
- We co-hosted the Community Artist Showcase in partnership with Inside Out Accessible Art Co-op. Over 230 artists from amateur to professional entered pieces of work. Entry was free for the community to enjoy.
- Registration for Summer Programs started for both residents and non-residents in April. This was a change from previous years and was moved up from May. This has been a welcome change for families looking to plan their summer activities.

Pepsi Ice Center

- The Pepsi Ice Center was nominated for the Kraft Hockeyville competition searching for the community with the most passionate hockey fans in the country. The nomination accepted was from Christine Kirk. She is the mom of Violet Kirk who is the inspiration for the Central Illinois Sled Hockey Association. The Pepsi Ice Center ended up in the top four. This has earned a grant of \$25,000 for building upgrades.
- The Little Blackhawks program was visited by former NHL player Jamal Mayers. Jamal went out on the ice with all of the children in the program. The Pepsi Ice Center's Little Blackhawks program is the largest attended out of all of the rinks that offer the program.
- April caps off the second largest revenue generating year in the facilities history.

SOAR

- SOAR participated in District Games for Aquatics, with 8 athletes advancing, Bocce with 7 traditional and 4 unified athletes advancing, and Soccer with 9 athletes advancing. They will all compete at Summer Games in June.
- SOAR participated in the Special Olympics Spring Games in Normal, and advanced 13 track athletes to the Summer Games which will be held in June.
- SOAR hosted a table at the Family Fun Night at the ISU Alumni Center celebrating Autism Awareness. The event featured several agencies that support people with Autism and was great exposure for our agency.

Parks Maintenance

Horticulture ([View pictures here](#))

- Installation of plant material at Government Center
- Zoo maintenance items 340 man hours.
- Relocation of tropical palm trees and indoor plants from State Farm Donations
- Continued spring park cleanup
- Prairie mowing at Tipton Park

Forestry

- 35 total trees removed, 20 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
- 27 stumps removed, dirted and seeded
- Responded to 14 individual storm damage events. Response is 24/7.
- Start of tree planting operations. 378 trees total to be planted by June 1st.
- Department Honored for 30 years of Tree City USA at April 24th City Council Meeting
- Arbor Day Tree Planting and Celebration at Stevenson School
- 78 preventative maintenance trims performed.

Utility

- April is very busy month for the Utility division.
- Staff was busy opening up all Park public bathrooms and drinking fountains.
- Park staff has to re-assemble all bathroom fixtures and installs all the water meters.
- The Utility staff also began the preparation for the opening of the spray Parks in mid-May and the opening of the swimming pools at the end of May.
- The Utility staff completed the annual Boiler maintenance at both Holiday and O'Neil swimming pools.

Other Utility projects in April include:

- Monthly HVAC inspection and repairs at Parks and Facilities
- Monthly HVAC inspections and repairs at the Coliseum and the BCPA
- Completed monthly Park inspections at all City Parks

POLICE [View Police Daily Activity Reports](#)**Crime Investigations Division (CID)**

CID assigned 115 new cases. The case load carried by CID had the following dispositions: 23 cases were cleared by adult arrest, 5 cleared with juvenile arrest, and 60 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 eight open/active cases.

United States Marshal Task Force

The Bloomington office opened 12 felony cases and closed nine of them. Eight hands-on felony arrests were made and four misdemeanor arrests. In another incident, TFOs were searching for a subject wanted for sexually assaulting three victims under the age of 13, one of which was his daughter. TFOs found the subject was in Springfield where he was arrested without incident.

TFO assisted in presentations for Normal West Community High School informing students about police work and recruiting for the future.

VICE Unit

Twelve cases were opened and nine cases were closed. The Vice Unit served four search warrants. They purchased 287.8 grams of crack cocaine and 30.2 grams of cannabis. They seized 15.8 grams of crack cocaine, 29.8 grams of powder cocaine, 630 grams of cannabis, 12.6 grams of heroin, and \$3,274.

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes made eleven warrant arrests and 16 probable cause arrests. SCU seized 20 grams of cannabis, \$853, and four guns.

Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)

CIAU staff provided communications analysis training to attorneys and police officers from Central Illinois. Two members of the unit also provided planning and strategic support to the Illinois Department of Corrections during a local parole compliance check targeting high risk offenders. The unit also researched data on minority youth in the local criminal justice system and provided findings at a local Restorative Roundtable in McLean County. CIAU also provided investigative support on two local shootings and prepared gang documentation on three local court cases.

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

The Communications Manager attended the quarterly Starcom 21 User-Group meeting and the Starcom 21 Advisory Subcommittee. Ordinance alarm violations issued to date total \$2,500.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Day shift patrol spent considerable time in training by attending Women's Conference, Crimes Against Kids, Building Searches, Crash Investigation, Crime Scene Photography, Rifle, CNU and Instructor Development. There were six STEP details assigned to school zone enforcement including distracted drivers and speeding. There were also six radar details. Day shift officers participated in a court order clean up on W. Mulberry, Easter Egg hunt at Davis Mansion, DOC Parole sweep, and DEA National Pharmaceutical Take Back Day.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Notable calls for service during Second Shift include shots fired at Howard and Market streets. Several witnesses were interviewed and a gun and spent casings were recovered in the area. Several other calls for shots fired were received including one sending a person to the hospital for a gunshot wound. An armed robbery was reported on N. Hershey when two subjects tried to rob a tow truck driver. The driver wrestled the gun away. The suspects ran from the area. The gun was recovered.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

Notable calls for service include a robbery at gunpoint at Freedom Gas Station. Officers located and arrested the suspect with the gun and money still in his possession. Twelve ordinance violations were issued at a house party involving high school age kids. On April 16, officers encountered a suicidal subject armed with a handgun. The subject initially locked himself in the bathroom but came outside with the weapon. When confronted, he gave up and was transported to the hospital for evaluation. A resident discovered a suspect

burglarizing their unattached garage. The female resident confronted the suspect with a handgun but the suspect was not compliant and charged at the resident. The resident shot the suspect in the leg, causing him to flee. He was arrested two blocks away. In another incident a suspect was arrested for aggravated assault when he was threatening subjects with a shotgun and handgun. On April 28, an officer on patrol discovered a house fire. The house was completely engulfed but BFD was able to extinguish it.

Administration

- SRO Hirsch had two days of training, met and counseled seven students on behavior, grades and Illinois law, met with five students that were about to fight and went to his office to cool down, broke up three fights, received C.H.A.R.M. Servant Leadership Award and attended NAACP Act-so Awards banquet with Chief Heffner and others to receive the award. The SRO also removed 12 students from class for poor behavior and lack of cooperation with school administration, transported six students home after they were suspended, spoke to 11 parents regarding behavioral issues in school and investigated six incidents of theft recovering four items.
- SRO Wagehoft talked to kindergartners at Cedar Ridge and gave a theft talk to second graders at Fox Creek.
- Public Affairs Officer Mayer submitted several news releases, posted on social media, taught Bank Robbery class, attended Women in Law Enforcement Conference, presented to 40 students at BPD, gave several radio interviews, attended Behind the Badge Event, attended Recovery Court, gave Kid's Safety Talk at Holton Homes, attended several meetings, gave a Cub Scout Safety Presentation at Washington School and two safety presentations at NCWHS.

Downtown

There were 13 days of Downtown Hireback with a total of 43 pairs of officers, including 12 pairs assigned from third shift patrol, working during the month. Notable incidences include the arrest of a subject who had probable cause for arrest on a Domestic Battery charge, and officers arrested a subject after hitting and knocking out another male near the corner of Mulberry and Main Streets. Totals for the month included 286.5 overtime hours, 181 bar checks, 12 ordinance violations, four parking citations, 19 fights, ten calls for service, three arrests, and four vehicles towed.

PUBLIC WORKS

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- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 26.74 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during April 2017.
- 726 Miles were swept and 3 Alleys were maintain during April 2017.
- The Public Works Front Office Staff processed 1,244 telephone calls during the month of April 2017.

WATER

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- Daily pumpage for April, 2017 was 8.6 million gallons per day, 200,000 gallons per day lower than the April, 2016 average. April 2017 was 3 degrees F warmer than average (56 F avg for April, 2017 versus 53 F long term average) and a whopping 1.1" of precipitation wetter (4.82" water equivalent for April 2017 versus 3.72" long term average).
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir continued to increase during April (Lake Bloomington on track to reach or exceed regulatory limits; Evergreen Lake remaining safely below the limit at around 6 mg/l). We switched pumpage operations to Evergreen Lake on March 10, 2017, in anticipation of concentrations in Lake Bloomington approaching the limit of 10 mg/l. Staff expects nitrate concentrations to remain below the limit at Evergreen Lake. Nitrates in both reservoirs will begin to decrease as temperatures begin to increase.
- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir remained at or above spillway elevations, with water flowing over both spillways during April.
- 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 April the Department located/cleared **4,114 JULIES** and issued 42 JULIES.
- During the month of March staff repaired 1 water main throughout the City.
- During the month of March staff replaced 4 fire hydrants throughout the City.
- Installed 46 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during April. The Department has converted approximately 97.3% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 64 new residential water meters during the month of April.
- Staff installed 3 compound meters and replaced 3 meter measuring elements during the month of April.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 3,857 incoming phone calls and placed 1,762 outbound phone calls in April of 2017.
- The Water Department hosted Bloomington 101 at the Davis Lodge and the Water Treatment Plant. Participants were provided an overview of Department functions, learned about meter services, distribution system components, plant operations, and toured the treatment plant.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- Completed installation of call recording solution for City phone system. Implementation will occur after use policy is completed.
- Held kickoff meeting for video conferencing solution implementation. Initial implementation will be in Fire Stations 1, 2 and 6.
- Implemented "EI Pro" software solution within the Police Department Office of Professional Standards.

- Worked with Human Resources and Public Works to install a digital signage display in the Public Works garage area. The system can be managed from any location within the City and is likely to be expanded to other areas.
- Worked with Public Works, Engineering division to upgrade/replace the GPS base station located at the Water Administration building. The new base station will increase reporting accuracy.
- Increased memory capacity with the City's current internal cloud (VMware) server environment. Extra capacity is needed for upcoming projects such as MUNIS upgrades, video conferencing, City Council agenda management and Parks and Recreation management software upgrade.
- Upgraded the City's secure network access authentication solution. The new solution (Cisco ISE) will allow for more secure access to the City's network for both internal and external users.

LIBRARY    

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

[March, April, May Program Guide](#)

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

Highlights:

- The [2017 Bloomington Reads Program](#) had 705 attendees at its showcase Erik Larson program!
- Our Dia de los ninos/dia de los libros celebration had about 150 participants.
- We published our [eighth podcast](#). This month's episode was about Comics and Graphic Novels.

Stats:

- 96,693 items were checked out, for a total year end of 1,325,386
- 285 new cardholders were added
- 7,467 holds were filled
- 2,743 items added to the collection
- 4,141 people used the public computers
- 25,791 people used our online catalog and website
- 5,315 people used our online databases
- 3,103 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 2.66 TB
- 154 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 61 programs offered for all ages
- 2,076 people attended programs
- \$24,429.75 has been raised by Book Shoppe sales since the beginning of the fiscal year

Events Calendar

- The Bloomington Thunder hosted the first of four home games in April on the 1st and attendance was excellent with nearly 6,000 fans for these four games.
- On Friday, April 7, Brantley Gilbert brought in a crowd of over 5,100 excited country music fans to a highly entertaining show.
- On April 15 we held the final monthly Indoor Farmer's Market of the season.
- The Bloomington Edge held only one home game at the arena in April – on the 22nd with more than 1,100 fans in attendance.
- We hosted rentals for the City of Bloomington luncheon on April 13, Normal Community High School graduation rehearsal on April 21 and the City of Bloomington Health and Wellness Fair on April 28.
- A hugely entertaining SOLD OUT Chris Stapleton concert finished the month on a great note for the Coliseum. Over 7,600 fans filled the arena and the show was excellent.
- The arena ice surface was only utilized during 5 blocks of time for practice, youth and adult hockey. The Edge also used the arena for practice 6 times after we took out the ice on April 9th and 10th.

Upcoming events include:

- Several rental events will take place in May, including the Heartland Community College graduation ceremony on May 19, Bloomington High School Graduation Rehearsal on May 26 and their ceremony on May 28 and Unit 5 Normal and Normal Community High School graduations back to back on May 27.
- The Bloomington Edge will host two home games on May 20 and 26 along with 9 practices.
- The AAU Cheerleading group will host a competition on May 21st.
- Garden Brothers Circus will perform two shows on Monday, May 22nd.
- Jim Gaffigan's Noble Ape Tour is scheduled on December 3, 2017 and tickets are now on sale.

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