



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 AUGUST

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Consideration of authorizing the purchase of dasher boards, in the amount of \$187,870.94, and authorize a change to the FY 2017 Capital Lease Equipment to add the Hockey Dasher Boards for the Grossinger Motors Arena, including an additional 20% contingency for the project. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Bloomington City Code, Chapter 3, Section 6.9, Electrical Portable Signs, to allow permanent LED signs no larger than 8 square feet on publicly funded, not-for-profit transit vehicles. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve energy supply contracts with a one hundred percent renewable energy option. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for Analysis of Bids and Approval of the Coliseum Sidewalk & Ramp Modifications Contract with Stark Excavating, Inc. for City Bid #2018-08 in the amount of \$571,875 for the Base Bid + Alternate 1A. ***[Motion by Alderman Black seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe Council the Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2018 Budget be approved; unit prices and Contract with Stark Excavating, Inc. for the Coliseum Sidewalk & Ramp Modifications, (Bid 2018-08) in the amount of \$571,875 for the Base Bid + Alternate 1A be approved. Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of: Records, Motion and Votes Bloomington City Council Regular Meeting Monday, August 28, 2017; 7:00 PM 5 | Page a. Approving the Establishment of the Downtown Development as a division within the Community Development Department; and b. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the FY 2018 Budget in the amount of \$144,304.85. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of a Resolution approving commitment of funding the Hamilton Road - Bunn to Commerce project. ***[Motion by Alderman Sage seconded by Alderman Hauman that Council a Resolution to commit to fund the 20% local match in order to receive 80% federal funding for the design and construction of Hamilton Road from Bunn to Commerce be adopted. Motion carried.]***
- Consideration of adopting an ordinance approving termination of a three-party agreement pertaining to a portion of Eagle View South Commercial Subdivision and approving an amended preliminary plan entitled "Revision #2 to a portion of the Eagle View South Commercial Subdivision Preliminary Plan Bloomington, Illinois" dated June 29, 2017, for 15.84 acres located north of GE Road and east of Towanda Barnes Rd. ***[Motion carried.]***
- Presentation on the proposed Streets Master Plan. **(For discussion only.) No motion.**

City Council Special Session Items*[No motion was taken. Presentation and discussion only.]*

- Discussion on hiring a full-time Mayoral Aide Political Appointed Support Staff person.
- Establishment of Downtown Development division within the Community Development Department.
- Fire Service Strategic Planning.
- Five-year Capital Improvement Plan.
- Update on Priority-Based Budgeting.
- Presentation and discussion regarding the Establishment of Downtown Development division within the Community Development Department.
- Presentation and discussion of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Section 17 of Bloomington City Code, of the City's Shade Tree Ordinance.

City Council Record of Motions and Votes**AUGUST NEWSMAKERS**

- [New Obstacle Run "Hill of a Race"](#)
- [Third Shift Patrol Arrests 2 for Burglary](#)
- [Towanda Barnes Intersection Public Meeting](#)

SPOTLIGHT

- [New event to turn parking spaces into temporary 'parklets'](#)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

[View Monthly Financial Report](#)[FY 2018 Adopted Budget](#)**FACILITIES**

[View Facilities Monthly Activity Report](#)**CITY CLERK**

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Building Safety

- There were 798 construction permits issued in August, an increase over July of 22%. About 27% of these were cross-connect permits, which deter the backflow of potentially contaminated water into our drinking water supply. This includes eight new single-family dwellings. The value of construction initiated in August exceeds \$5,034,000.
- About 685 building inspections were performed in August, about even with July.

- One permit for an \$18,000 office alteration was issued in the downtown.

Code Enforcement

Code enforcement inspections conducted in August numbered 893. About 40% of these inspections were tall grass and weed complaints or observed violations. Inspection performance for the rental inspection program remains on target for the year. Inspections for the fire inspection program continued to lag due to the loss of a fire systems inspector. The new fire systems inspector joined us at the very end of the month and will begin inspections in September.

Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

The Planning Commission delayed two cases to September at the petitioner's request and examined one rezoning case in August. Elements of the zoning ordinance update were also reviewed. The Zoning Board of Appeals considered one special use in August. The Historic Preservation Commission considered two projects, each for a Certificate of Appropriateness and a Funk Grant. In addition, the Historic Preservation Commission continued their review of the draft Brick Streets Plan.

FIRE

[View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)

- August saw the department responding to 882 calls for service. This was a decrease from July when we ran 913 calls for service. Of the 882 calls 176 were fire responses which was a decrease of 33 calls from the previous month.
- We had two structure fires this month which accounted for the majority of our fire loss for the month, which was \$132,600. The first fire was at 811 W. Grove Street. This was a single family residence that was under renovation which did approximately \$50,000 in damages. The second fire was at 306 Mecherle, a 12 unit apartment building. Fire damage was limited to one apartment, however there was smoke and heat damage throughout the rest of the building, this loss was approximately \$65,000.
- The department responded to 706 EMS calls which accounted for 80.05%, of our calls for the month. This was almost the same amount of calls as the month of July where we had 704 calls.
- The department provided mutual aid 30 times this month and received mutual aid 2 times.
- Our EMS personnel provided 319 hours of training time to EMS students in the month of June.
- Hydrant inspections and testing continued in August, our personnel inspected and tested 924 hydrants.

Public Education

Training provided to community

- Ext Training provided on August 17th (Flexitech 2nd Shift)
- Ext Training provided on August 18th (Flexitech 1st Shift)
- Ext Training provided to IWU RA's (50)
- Ext Training provided to IWU Library (12 adults)

- Ext. Training provided on August 25th (Flexitech 3rd Shift)
- CPR Training provided to CIRA employees (13 adults)

Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills

- Safety walk through provided to Bloomington Rehab
- Fire Drill at St. Mary's School

Social Media

- FB page is now at 6280 likes
- Worked on updating City website Fire page

Personnel Training

- Webinar for igniting the spark in fire behavior

Community Events

- KinderCare Fire Safety (30 kids)
- McFamily Day Event (500 kids and families in attendance)
- First Christian Church School Prep Day (500 people in attendance)
- Prep for Sound the Alarm with American Red Cross
- Car Seat Installation Day
- 100 Caring Adults at Evans Junior High
- Milestone's Day Care Fire Safety Education
- American Red Cross Blood Drive at 2 station

Fire Department Training

- For the month of August 2017 the fire department held training which totaled 1866.8 hours.
- Training topics have been grouped into eight categories. They are Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Safety, Hazmat, & Officer. ([August 2017 Training Report](#))

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Nothing reported

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

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

- George Thorogood & The Destroyers, BCPA Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 2,857
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 2; Auditorium Non-Public Events 2
- Ballroom and Other Space Public Events 1; Non-Public Events - 11
- Community Interactions: Radio Interviews 7; Outreach 0

Golf Courses

- The golf courses were busy once again in August hosting over 9,600 golf rounds. This is a 5% increase in play over last year.
- While we do not host as many charity and corporate golf outings as we do in the early summer, the courses still hosted several outings. They included: Mid-American Junior Golf

Tour, Gary Nichols Memorial Outing, ISU Credit Union, BHS Raider Classic, and the Central Catholic Invitational.

- The golf course maintenance crews were busy as they continue to renovate sand traps at The Den and Prairie Vista. This work should return large dividends as staff will need to spend considerably less time putting bunkers back together after a large rain.
- Greens aerification was performed at The Den at Fox Creek. The long process of aerifying fairways was begun as well. This extremely intensive labor process pays off during the following golf season when the turf is under peak stress.
- High school golf season has officially begun. With eight teams using our courses as their home course, the afternoons this month were very busy with a variety of practices and matches.

Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions was up 1.4% for the current fiscal year. Last year, the revenue from admissions broke the all-time record for the Zoo in a fiscal year. This represents the sixth consecutive year the all-time attendance revenue record was broken. Attendance was up 1.4% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. This represents the second consecutive year the all-time attendance record was broken. Revenue from Education Program Fees and Rentals was up .4% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was down .1% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were up 10.1% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was up 1%.
 - Acquisition: 2 Male Scarlet Ibis, 1 Male Mandarin Rat Snake
 - Disposition: 1 Female Bobcat, 2 Bid Eyed Tree Frog, 1 Female Scarlet Ibis, 1 Male Northern Tree Shrew, 1 Female San Clemente Island Goat, 1 Orange Wing Amazon, 1 Female Snow Leopard
- Other:
 - Hosted the Ice Cream Social/School Supply drive
 - Hosted an Eye Surgical Associates After Hours event
- ATTENDANCE
 - August 2016: 13,360 (Up 4.9%)
 - August 2017: 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 3 final concerts held in August.
- The 55+ Trips and Tours went on many different trips in August. One of the highlights was the trip to Sullivan's Little Theater on the Square for the performance of *Mama Mia*.

Pepsi Ice Center

- Our themed public skate for the month was School Spirit Night!
- Adult League Registration is stronger compared to last year. Our Youth League numbers are on track with last year and will continue to grow through the next few months.

- 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

- The Special Olympics State tennis tournament was held in Bloomington. SOAR had 24 athletes and unified partners compete.
- SOAR took 13 participants on an overnight trip to the Wisconsin Dells. This allows adult participants to experience vacation with their peers. They visited waterparks, shows and more.
- There are 49 athletes who participated in the Basketball Skills Assessment. The coaches will place the athletes on teams to begin practices for the Special Olympics basketball season.

Parks Maintenance

Horticulture ([View pictures here](#))

- Annual flower watering and maintenance. 1,500 gallons of water applied daily as needed.
- Completion of landscaping at City Hall Plaza North
- Volunteer coordination with State Farm doing 120 hours of plant bed work at White Oak Park
- 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

- 10 total trees removed, 5 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
- 109 invasive honeysuckle shrubs removed on Danbury drive for school sign clearances
- Responded to 5 individual storm damage events. Response is 24/7.
- Awaiting delivery of unit 756 knuckle loader. Been without this unit since November of 2016.
- 21 preventative maintenance trims performed.
- Consistent appearance of the disease fire blight on Bradford Pears.
- Applied for and received Tree Inventory Grant for Morton Arboretum for \$15,000.

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 BCPA
- Replaced pump at Miller Water play
- Replaced 11 walkway lights at McGraw Park. Lights were changed from metal halide to LED. This will be an energy savings on the amount of electricity used and will save labor on replacements as these lights should last up to 10,000 hours. The remaining walkway lights will be replaced when money becomes available.

- Removed Cricket pitch from Pepper Ridge school area. Unit 5 will begin mowing this area starting next year and will save us on man hours mowing.
- Shut down O'Neil swimming pool. Will shut down Holiday in September
- Completed the installation of a new playground and 3 new basketball courts at Sunnyside Park.

POLICE

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Crime Investigations Division (CID)

CID assigned 98 new cases. The case load carried by CID had the following dispositions: 29 cases were cleared by adult arrest, 1 cleared with juvenile arrest, and 31 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 four open/active cases.

United States Marshal Task Force

The Bloomington office opened 19 felony cases and closed 17 of them. Fourteen hands-on felony arrests were made and one misdemeanor arrest. TFO Rena was asked to locate a subject wanted for sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl. Subject had been on the run for over a year. Subject was located, arrested and transported to Peoria County Jail. In another case, TFO Rena was asked to find a subject wanted for parole violation who planned to "shoot it out with police." TFOs had the subject's girlfriend attempt to talk him out of the residence peacefully; however, he stopped talking to the girlfriend after a minute. Rena negotiated with the subject for over 30 minutes and was finally able to have the subject surrender without incident. He was transported to Knox County Jail.

VICE Unit

No report.

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes made four warrant arrests and 26 probable cause arrests. Seized were 40 grams of cannabis, six grams of crack cocaine, 348 grams of methamphetamine, and five guns.

Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)

CIAU staff provided long term support to several financial crimes investigations. Staff also provided investigative support in multiple gun related cases working with local detectives and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. CIAU also prepared demonstrative evidence for court on an armed home invasion case as well as provided expert testimony on two juvenile gang crime trials.

Communications

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The Communications Center Manager continued work on two major projects: Tyler CAD Upgrade and Kronos/Telestaff. He also attended McLean County Interoperable Communications meeting and McLean County Disaster Council.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

No report.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Second Shift had several notable calls for service including a bicyclist hit by a car, an armed subject charged with possession of stolen firearm and resisting, and a couple stolen vehicles.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

- Third shift officers recorded four DUI arrests.
- Notable calls for service include a burglary at a business where several vehicles were also damaged, several fights and loud groups in the area of Tracy Drive, two subjects beaten and robbed by six suspects, and a robbery at a gas station. Third shift also assisted Normal PD after a truck crashed into a house, rammed a squad car, and fled the scene. The subject then crashed into a pole and fled on foot. Subject was later located at St. Joseph's ER where he attempted to flee again and kicked in the doors of a squad.

Administration

- Public Affairs Officer Mendiola submitted several news releases, posted on social media, held Ice Cream with a Cop event, assisted ABC News with a documentary at BPD, assisted Normal PD with Coffee With a Cop, gave a radio interview, gave safety talks at Scribbles, promoted BPD hiring at an ISU event, facilitated several community events, facilitated public relations with several back to school events, gave a presentation for a new neighborhood watch group, and assisted with the local Red Cross Blood Drive at BPD.
- SRO Day completed several reports of cyber bullying and bullying, assisted Project Oz with a lock out situation, spoke to students about their improper use of social media, removed students from classes after emergency button was pushed, de-escalated/broke up seven fights during passing periods and during lunch. He also recovered two missing/stolen phones, recovered a laptop bag taken from a classroom, and assisted Governor's detail when he came to BHS to sign a new school bill.
- SRO Hirsch broke up three fights, assisted with calming aggressive/emotionally disturbed students, removed four students from class for poor behavior and lack of cooperation with school administration, transported three suspended students home, spoke to six parents regarding behavioral issues of their students in school, and investigated two incidents of theft and recovered the items.
- SRO Wagehoft investigated one criminal damage to school property, two truancy issues, one fight, and two disorderly conduct issues.

Downtown

- There were 13 days of Downtown Hireback. A total of 40 pairs of officers, including officers assigned from third shift patrol, worked during the month.
- The following notable incidences occurred during the month of August: Officers were notified of a possible stabbing near the intersection of East and Washington. It was discovered the two males involved had actually damaged a vehicle earlier in the shift

causing the injuries they had. Both were arrested for criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. On another occasion, a subject was stopped during the course of an investigation and was charged with possession of controlled substance.

- Totals for the month include: 254 overtime hours, 150 bar checks, 12 ordinance violations, 2 parking citations, 16 fights, 17 calls for service, 4 arrests, and 2 towed vehicles. Ordinance violations issued include 3 challenge to fight, 3 public urination, 5 open alcohol, and 1 other.

PUBLIC WORKS

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[McLean County Solid Waste Report for 2nd Quarter 2017](#)

- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 30.84 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during August 2017.
- The Public Works Front Office Staff processed 1,369 telephone calls during the month of August 2017.
- Fleet handled 1,098 phone calls.

WATER

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[View 2016 Water Quality Report](#)

- Daily pumpage for August, 2017 was 10.6 million gallons per day, 0.4 to 0.8 mgd lower than the previous 3 years. The lower pumpage can be attributed to wetter and cooler conditions, compared to long term averages. August 2017 was 4 degrees F cooler than average (70 F avg for August, 2017 versus 74 F long term average). Rainfall for August was around a half inch below average for the month. Average total rainfall for August is 3.84 inches. August, 2017 total from Accuweather.com was 4.33 inches.
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir decreased in August. Nitrate concentrations in both reservoirs were below 2 mg/l nitrate-nitrogen by the end of the month.
- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir decreased during August. Lake Bloomington level dropped to around 0.25 foot below spillway. Evergreen Lake started the month around 1.25 feet below spillway elevation and dropped to 2.75 feet below top of the spillway. September and October often have the lowest reservoir levels for the year.
- Continued to replace and repaired water service lines and curb stops. Several of these were very old lead (the metal) service lines. Removal of lead from the system helps the City maintain safe water quality and is in accordance with lead water standards.
- The Department located/cleared 3,956 JULIES and issued 59 JULIES.
- Repaired 4 water main throughout the City.
- Replaced 3 fire hydrants throughout the City.

- Installed 43 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during August. The Department has converted approximately 97.7% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 26 new residential water meters during the month of August and replaced 39 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 19 compound meters and replaced 7 meter measuring elements during the month of August.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 4,930 incoming phone calls and placed 2,397 outbound phone calls in August of 2017.
- Roof replacement of the Main Process Building at the Water Treatment Plant on Lake Bloomington was completed in August.
- Drilling for the St. Peter Aquifer - Test Well 1 began in August. The 24" casing was completed and 23" hole is drilled to about 840'.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- Continued analysis/configuration meetings, with City Clerk's personnel, for the Accela Agenda/Legislative Management solution. Completed two rounds of user training, including Directors and Council memo creators. More training needs have been identified and will be accomplished in September and October.
- Continued analysis/configuration meetings, with Human Resources personnel, for the Time Keeping/Scheduling (Kronos/TeleStaff) solution implementation. For Kronos, the foundational labor level was chosen which allows for design and configuration of the system. For TeleStaff, work with the implementation team has now begun.
- Continued the process of working with the Police Department in testing the body worn camera solution. Other vendors will be contacted soon for demonstration of their solutions.
- Began the analysis/configuration process for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts management software (MaxGalaxy). Initial meetings were held and a project timeline was identified. Target go live is January 2018.
- Completed replacement of 911 Center Operators' computer workstations.
- Completed setup of computer workstation and networking at the Jefferson Community House. Officers now have full access to all internal applications and Internet access at the site.
- Work with Finance to update the local tax database and collection process.
- Received Council approval to purchase the new Fire/EMS management solution, Imagetrend. This project will most likely kick off in September.
- Filled contracted position for an Application Support Specialist with the Information Services department.

LIBRARY    

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

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

Highlights:

- 110 joined us to view the eclipse!
- 40 teens enjoyed the special end of summer teen party.
- We saw 366 kids at McFamily Day.
- We published our [twelfth podcast](#). This month's episode featured Retro Gaming.

Stats:

- 29,515 people visited the Library (a daily average of 952)
- 107,594 items were checked out
- 404 new cardholders were added
- 7,495 holds were filled
- 2,327 items added to the collection
- 5,000 people used our public computers
- 26,069 people used our online catalog and website
- 6,956 people used our online databases
- 2,984 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 2.99 TB
- 126 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 35 programs offered for all ages
- 521 people attended programs

GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA **Events Calendar**

- Starcrest Cleaners/Hermes Corp held a two day business meeting in our dining room
- The annual Back To School Backpack Fair was held on August 8 where a large crowd came out early in the morning to receive their backpacks and school supplies.
- We hosted the Central Illinois Figure Skating Association regional competition on August 13th.

Coming up in September:

- Illinois State University Redbird Hockey starts their season on September 8 and 9.
- Local hockey leagues return to action on the Arena ice on non-event days.
- Hank Williams, Jr. brings his unique style of southern rock to Grossinger Motors Arena on September 28. Tickets available at the Arena Box Office and at www.ticketmaster.com.

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.