



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 DECEMBER

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Presentation of the Bloomington Police Department Three-year Strategic Plan. **[Presentation and discussion only.]**
- Consideration of an Ordinance approving the 2017 Tax Levy in the amount of \$4,823,604 for the Bloomington Public Library. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of an Ordinance approving the 2017 Tax Levy in the amount of \$20,061,384 for the City of Bloomington. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of approving two Resolutions for the abatement of property taxes totaling \$5,415,932.
 - (1) A Resolution abating all or a portion of the taxes levied to pay debt service on certain general obligation bonds of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, and
 - (2) A Resolution abating a Tax Levy for rent payable under lease agreement between the Public Building Commission, McLean County and the City of Bloomington for the Old Champion Building and the expansion of the parking garage. **[Motion carried.]**
- Update on the Response Time Progress for the Bloomington Fire Department. **[Presentation and discussion only.]**
- Presentation of the FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as audited. **[Presentation and discussion only.]**
- Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the FY 2018 Budget for the Grossinger Motors Arena in the amount of \$375,000. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of a Resolution supporting various infrastructure projects at Miller Park Zoo, including the construction of an additional parking lot, concession stand and replacement of the entrance building roof at a cost of approximately \$900,000. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of approving a Resolution to adopt the Downtown Design and Branding Concept recommended by the Downtown Signage Committee and authorize a change order in the amount of \$28,095.10 associated with the contract between the City of Bloomington and Kerestes Martin Associates, Inc. for professional services. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of a Resolution Supporting and Funding the BNEDC and the BN Advantage Economic Development Strategy. **[Motion carried.]**

City Council Special Session Items

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

- Presentation on the Downtown Wayfinding Design Concept.
- Presentation and discussion of the Employee Satisfaction Survey Results.
- Budget Discussion
- Presentation, Discussion and Direction on a Welcoming City Ordinance.
- Presentation and Discussion of The Downtown Task Force Final Report.

City Council Record of Motions and Votes

DECEMBER NEWSMAKERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bloomington 101 Spring 2018 Now Accepting Applications ➤ New Parks Website Launched | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Just Added for '17-'18 Season: Kansas ➤ Snow Bird Open |
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

[View Monthly Financial Report](#)

[FY 2018 Adopted Budget](#)

FACILITIES

[View Facilities Monthly Activity Report](#)

CITY CLERK

- NOTHING REPORTED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- NOTHING REPORTED

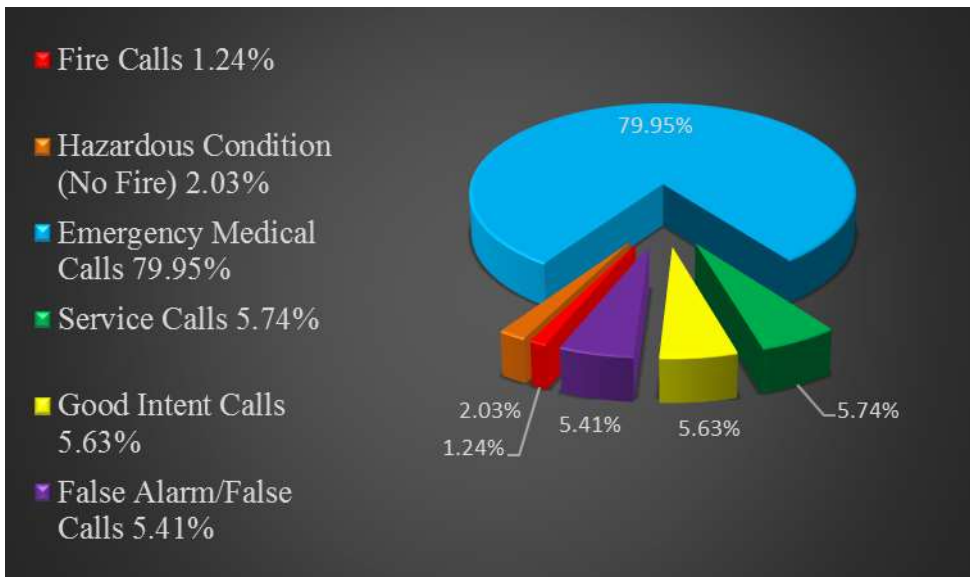
FIRE 

[View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)

- December saw an increase in the number of calls for service that the fire department responded to. In November we responded to 858 calls and December we responded to 888 calls. Of those 888 calls for service 178 were fire related calls (20.05%) and 710 were EMS related (79.95%).
- The department responded to 4 structure fires during the month. Our most significant fire this month was a detached garage fire on Dogwood Ln., this fire resulted in an estimated \$40,000 fire loss. Total fire loss for the month was \$43,600.
- The department provided mutual aid 17 times this month and received mutual aid 2

times.

- Our EMS personnel provided 32 hours of preceptor time to EMS students.



Public Education

Training provided to community

- Juvenile Fire Setter prevention program used to assess a minor
- Prepping for CPR presentation
- Prepping for Career fair presentation

Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills

- Fire Drill at Heritage Health
- Fire Drill at Busey Bank
- Lock Down assessment and drill for St. Mary's School

Social Media

- From 6608 likes to 6718 at the end of the month
- Calling 911 follow up Video

Community Events

- Presented to McLean County Leadership
- Radio interview for Winter Safety
- Flu Shots at the Fire station
- First Responder Breakfast at Fox Creek
- Evans Junior High Promise Council

Fire Department Training

- Training topics have been grouped into eight categories. They are Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Safety, Hazmat, & Officer. ([December 2017 Training Report](#))

HUMAN RESOURCES

[Apply for current job postings](#)

[View Safety Report](#)

[PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS](#)

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

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

- Presented Programs: Mike Birbiglia – Saturday, December 9; The Nutcracker – Thursday, December 28
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 6,106
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 7; Auditorium Non-Public Events 8
- Ballroom and Other Space: Public Events 2; Non-Public Events 15
- Community Interactions: Radio – 4; Community Outreach – 0

Golf Courses

- 509 rounds of golf were played.
- Early nice December weather allowed for a good number of rounds to be played at Prairie Vista. Many times we see zero rounds played during the month.
- Nearly \$25,000 in gift cards were purchased during the month. This is a 25% increase over last year's gift card sales and the highest amount of gift cards we have sold in the last four December's.
- Golf maintenance staff is busy repairing broken equipment, sharpening reels and other equipment maintenance projects.
- Prairie Vista golf course and pro shop remains open seven days per week.
- Both The Den and Highland Park Golf Courses are closed for the season. Highland Park will however reopen on January 1st for the 45th Annual Snowbird Open.
- The newly expanded golf simulator at Prairie Vista is fully open and being used regularly. In the latter part of December, a new TV commercial was shot showcasing the simulator. The ad will be broadcast heavily on 'golf-centric' television stations in January and February.
- Clubhouse staff has begun booking outings, tournament and events for 2018.

Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions was down 5.3% 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 down 4.7% 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 down 4% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was down 3.7% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were up 3.7% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was down 4.7%.

- Acquisition: 2 Cobalt Blue Tarantulas, 1 Female Pallas Cat
- Disposition: 4 Eastern Box Turtles, 3 Mission Golden Eyed Frogs, 1 Female Hedgehog, 2 Red-Eyed Tree Frogs, 1 Budgerigar, 1 Male Seba's Fruit Bat, 1 Male Mossy Leaf-Tailed Gecko, 1 Female Domestic Chicken, 1 Panamanian Golden Frog
- Other:
 - Hosted Wild Lights with over 1,000 people in attendance.
 - Hosted another sold out Breakfast with Santa.
- ATTENDANCE
 - December 2017: 2,550 (Down 12%)
 - December 2016: 2,905

Recreation

- The Ugliest Sweater Run was held with 120 participants. There were also many volunteers and spectators that helped make the event run well. This is a partnership with Fleet Feet Sports.
- The Christmas Concert started off the holiday season with over 150 people attending.
- Tour De Lights, Volleyball league registration, Killer Quesadillas, and several trips for 55 plus were also held in December.

Pepsi Ice Center

- We had successful "Skate with Santa" themed public skate where over one hundred and ninety skaters attended on that day. We hosted several groups in the month totaling over 300+ participants.
- The Figure Skating Winter Exhibition on Dec 16th brought in 200 plus spectators for a packed house to watch our local figure skaters and Learn to Skate classes perform to holiday music.
- December 2017 was affected by conditions that were not controllable that adversely effected revenue generation for the month. Due to the ice out and new board installation this year in the GMA there was a large drop in PIC customer rentals. Last year PIC customers rented the ice 62.50 hours. This year, only 26.25 hours were available for rental. That is more than a 50% decrease in revenue.

SOAR

- The Holiday Performers show was held at Vale Church and had approximately 350 people in attendance. Lots of compliments on the show and the new director did great.
- The Varsity Boys Basketball team from El Paso-Gridley came to basketball practices with the Falcons and the Eagles. This is the third year of this collaboration.
- Two Special Olympics bowlers advanced to the State Tournament and placed second.

Parks Maintenance

Horticulture ([View pictures here](#))

- Invasive woody plant control at The Grove Prairie
- 2 snow events. Snow removal at City Hall front, Plaza North, Miller Park Zoo, Credit Union, Township Center and all parks with public sidewalks. Provide safe waking routes for District 87 and Unit 5 students.

- Landscape design Withers Park and Marie Litta Park.
- 160 man hours on equipment maintenance.
- Park sign replacement Withers Park and Miller Park.

Forestry

- 34 total trees removed, 22 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
- 25 stumps removed, backfilled and seeded.
- 34 work orders completed.
- 5 "My Bloomington" request completed ahead of completion date.
- Continued Tree Inventory with Davey Resource Group, completed all Parks and Highland Golf Course.
- Continued winter circuit trimming working Section C-6 in center of Bloomington.

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 decking on gazebo in the zoo
- Repaired street and parking lot cracks with a new machine called the dura patcher. This machine is joint venture between Public Works and Park Maintenance. The idea is you can fill cracks and holes with liquid tar and cover it with a special rock. Preliminary assessment is that it will work very well.
- Removed and re-set retaining wall at White Oak Park
- Removed and replaced rubber flooring at Pepsi Ice Center

POLICE

[Crime Maps and Statistics](#)

Crime Investigations Division (CID)

CID assigned 82 new cases this month. CID closed 57 cases in November with the following dispositions: 17 cases were cleared by adult arrest, 2 cleared with juvenile arrest, and 38 were administratively closed, exceptionally cleared or were unfounded.

Cyber Crimes Unit

The Cyber Crimes Unit, which investigates crimes involving but not limited to child 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 six open/active cases.

United States Marshal Task Force

- The Bloomington office opened 13 felony cases and closed 9 of them. Nine hands-on felony arrests were made.

- TFO Rena assisted in arresting a suspect for a homicide out of Lake County Indiana, assisted arresting two suspects for delivery of cocaine out of McLean County and assisted in the arrest of a subject for parole violation. TFO did two round ups in Rock Island and Lincoln, assisted in multiple drug arrest warrant and located three people wanted for a shooting in Lincoln.

VICE Unit

The Vice Unit opened 10 cases, closed 11, and served two search warrants. They purchased 16.6 grams of crack cocaine and 13.5 grams of powder cocaine. They seized 0.8 grams of crack cocaine, 12.5 grams of powder cocaine, 1.1 grams of heroin, 1 vehicle and \$2525.

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes made eight probable cause arrests and two warrant arrests.

Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Unit (CIAU)

During the month of December, CIAU staff prepared long term planning documents for use by PD Administration in the December council meeting. Staff also participated in a long term digital solutions web-based conference with the FBI and the Microsoft Corporation. Staff provided investigative data and collaboration support to BPD and NPD on several December shooting investigations in both cities.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

During the month, there were 9 STEP details for school zone. Several officers attended training including Honor Guard, Decision Making, DUI Roadside, Supervisor Liability, SWAT, CNU and Active Shooter. First shift participated in the Christmas Parade and a Corpus Christi school event.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Notable calls for service include a hit and run at Allin and Taylor. The vehicle and driver were later located. On the 18th, shots fired were reported in the 1600 block of West Olive. A vehicle was found to have damage.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

- Third shift officers recorded 14 DUI arrests.
- Notable calls for service include a commotion in the hallway on Rudder Lane. It was determined to be an armed home invasion with three suspects. Officer responded to a motorist assist on Route 9 near the airport to a subject claiming to have Anthrax poisoning. BFD HAZMAT responded, but it was determined the person was not infected with Anthrax. A suspect out of Wisconsin was stopped in a vehicle that was later determined to have been stolen from a local autobody shop. The suspect was wanted out of Wisconsin for stealing vehicles and switched vehicles in Bloomington.

Administration

- Public Affairs Officer Mendiola submitted several news releases, posted on social media, conducted radio interviews, initiated and promoted the annual Shop with a Cop event at Walmart, facilitated several community events, continued initiation of Downtown neighborhood

watch, was a guest speaker for Young Men's Group for Cyber and Workplace Safety, consulted with the Bloomington Public Library for safety, facilitated officers to attend Boys and Girls Teen Club event, assisted with promotion for police recruitment and consulted further for neighborhood de-confliction in Ward Six.

- SRO Day completed several reports of cyber bullying and bullying, assisted with several runaways being returned, assisted Project Oz with mediation with students and parents, spoke to several students about their improper use of social media, removed students from classes after emergency button was pushed, broke up several fights, worked with truancy officer on several students not attending school and spoke to three Health classed about the Opioid epidemic.
- SRO Wagehoft helped with Shop with a Cop, intervened in one fight, and had ten calls for disorderly conduct.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

[View Police Communications Report](#)

The Communications Center Manager instructed Communications Training Officer Course and Basic Telecommunicator Course. He also continued training and orientation activities with three new TCMs and new shift supervisor. He attended Disaster Council. Alarm ordinance violations issued to date: 243.

PUBLIC WORKS

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- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 26.45 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during December 2017.
- The front office staff received 1,119 telephone calls during December 2017.
- Fleet received 1,018 phone calls.

WATER

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[View 2016 Water Quality Report](#)

- Daily pumpage for December, 2017 was 8.4 million gallons per day, 0.2 mgd lower than the previous month. December 2017 was 2 degrees F cooler than average (28 F avg for December, 2017 versus 30 F long term average). Total rainfall for December 2017 was a paltry 0.43" which is 2.79" lower than the long term average for the month.
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir remained below 1 mg/l nitrate-nitrogen throughout December.

- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir remained below spillway level in December. Pumping operations were switched from Lake Bloomington to Evergreen Lake in early December. Lake Bloomington level dropped a small amount, ending December at around 4.9 feet below spillway. Evergreen Lake dropped a little less than a foot to around 4.1 feet below top of the spillway. Winter and spring precipitation will be necessary to bring the reservoirs back to full capacity.
- 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 1,401 JULIES and issued 61 JULIES.
- Repaired 10 water main throughout the City.
- Replaced 1 fire hydrants throughout the City and serviced 2 fire hydrants.
- Installed 104 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during December. The Department has converted approximately 97.9% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 32 new residential water meters during the month of December and replaced 110 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 2 Fire Protectus meters, 4 compound meters, and replaced 4 meter measuring elements during the month of December.
- Drilling for the St. Peter Aquifer - Test Well 1 began in August and was completed in November. Test Well 2 drilling began in December. The initial 30" boring and casing was completed, and 24" casing was installed to a depth of 350 feet. Drilling operations are slated to begin the first week of January, 2018.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 4,568 incoming phone calls and placed 1,602 outbound phone calls in December 2017.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- **NOTHING REPORTED**

LIBRARY    

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

[January, February, March, April Program Guide](#)

Highlights:

- 548 teens joined us for book talks at 4 local Jr High Schools.
- 255 kids joined us for storytimes at 4 local preschools/daycares.
- 87 kids joined us for Lego Construction Time.
- We published our fifteenth [podcast](#). This month's episode was on IWU's new eSports (competitive videogaming) program.

Stats:

- 23,133 people visited the Library (a daily average of 798)
- 90,227 items were checked out
- 348 new cardholders were added
- 6,816 holds were filled
- 1,986 new items were added to our collection
- 394 items were delivered to 42 homebound residents
- 474 items were delivered to 7 deposit collection sites
- 2,715 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 1.73 TB
- 88 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 13 programs offered for all ages
- 292 people attended programs

GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA **Events Calendar****December 2017**

- We held 26 ice rental events in the evening or weekend hours for youth and adult hockey leagues.
- We also hosted 2 **Illinois State Hockey** games.
- We held 3 **Flying Aces** Hockey games and 11 **Flying Aces** Hockey practices on our ice.
- **Downtown Bloomington's Indoor Farmer's Market** was held on Saturday, December 16.
- **Jim Gaffigan** played to a huge crowd on Sunday, December 3 – a center stage show that fans were thrilled to see.
- **Kenny Rogers "The Gambler's Last Deal" Christmas and Hits** played on December 7 and Kenny shared stories and songs from his illustrious career as he played Bloomington on his final tour.
- **Finally, Cirque Dreams Holiday** mesmerized fans of all ages with their unique brand of entertaining acts including aerial acrobats, jugglers, comedians and dancers.

Upcoming Events include:

- Single game and Season tickets are now on sale for the **Bloomington Edge** arena football team which kicks off their first season as an International Football League member on February 25.
- **Central Illinois Flying Aces** continue the season with games on January 2, 12, 13, 19, 21 and an 11:00 a.m. matinee game on Monday, January 22.
- **World Championship I.C.E. Racing** returns on January 6 with a jam-packed event of quads and bikes racing on the ice oval. Don't miss the fun! Ticket prices range from \$8.50 to \$22.
- **Illinois High School Association Competitive Dance Finals** will showcase high school

finalists and their fantastic routines on January 26th and 27th – tickets are only \$10 and are on sale now.

- **Illinois High School Association Cheerleading Finals** will be held on February 2nd & 3rd with 100 cheer squads competing for the State Title. Tickets are only \$10 and are on sale now.
- **Brad Paisley** returns to Bloomington on February 15th with special guests Platinum-selling artist Dustin Lynch, Chase Bryant and fast-rising star and multi-instrumentalist Lindsay Ell. Tickets are \$129.99, \$99.99, \$59.99 and \$29.99 and they are on sale now.
- **Bloomington Beer and Bacon Festival** opens its inaugural event in Bloomington on Friday, February 16. Local restaurants will be serving up bite-sized treats featuring bacon while local and national brewers will be featuring unique micro and craft brews. VIP tickets are \$65/General Admission tickets are \$30 – Ages 21 and over only. Price of admission INCLUDES all samples.
- **Illinois High School Association Dual Team Wrestling Finals** will take place over the weekend of February 23rd and 24th. Come out and cheer on the best wrestlers in the state as they compete to bring the Title home to their school. Ticket will go on sale soon.
 - **Cole Swindell** brings his “Reason to Drink” tour to Bloomington on March 17. Joining Swindell for each of the dates on his first headlining tour are two of country music’s biggest rising stars Chris Janson and Lauren Alaina. Tickets are on sale now at \$49.75 and \$29.75.
 - **Judas Priest with special guests Saxon and Black Star Riders** will hit the Arena stage on April 8, 2018 with their FIREPOWER 2018 World Tour. Tickets are \$43, \$48 and \$58 and they are now on sale.

We continue to work on the following major items:

- *Development of promoter relationships in conjunction with VenuWorks Vice President of Event Programming and Content, Johnny Gimenez*
- *Suite and Sponsorship partnerships*

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.