



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 JANUARY

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Presentation and discussion of The Downtown Task Force Final Report. [**Presentation and discussion only.**]
- Discussion and possible direction on the operational structure of the John M. Scott Health Trust. (**Review, discuss and provide direction on the operational structure of the John M. Scott Health Trust.**) [**No Motion as Council provided direction to staff proceed forward as presented, with the amended declaration of the bylaws that set up the John M. Scott Trust, that supports the all grants model concept. City would assume responsibility for the JM Scott Trust, expense and staff involvement, and return to Council with a final proposal for its consideration.**]
- Presentation and Update on the FY2019 "Big Picture" Budget. [**Presentation and discussion only.**]
- Consideration of a Resolution recommended by the City's Community Development Department approving an agreement to fund the Small Business Development Center at Illinois Wesleyan University, in the amount of \$9,709.00 for 2017 in 2018, \$26,068.00 for 2018 in 2018, and \$26,068.00 for 2019 in 2019. [**Motion carried.**]

City Council Special Session Items

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

- Meeting with Connect Transit Board and the Bloomington Library Board for the object and purpose of discussing the potential future joint needs of the three different public bodies as well as recommendations of the Downtown Task Force.

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

JANUARY NEWSMAKERS

- [Winter Weather Tips – Frozen Pipes and Meters](#)
- [Town Hall Meeting](#)
- [Bloomington Hires Performing Arts Manager](#)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

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

[View City Clerk Monthly Activity Report](#)**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Building Safety

- There were a total of 353 Construction Permits issued in January of 2018, which is down from the 453 Construction Permits issued in January of 2017. However, the value of the construction increased from \$1,698,566 in the prior year 2017 to \$2, 068,721 in January of 2018.
- No new projects were valued in excess of \$1,000,000.

Code Enforcement

- The Code Enforcement Division has stepped up enforcement of sidewalk snow removal following recent winter storm events.

Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- Staff continued work on the Zoning Ordinance update; the survey of historic properties along railway corridors, and preliminary coordination on Sign Ordinance update.
- One Planning Commission case was processed and recommended for approval.
- Two ZBA cases were processed with one application approval and one application denial.
- The HPC has reviewed and provided a favorable recommendation regarding the listing of the former Bloomington High School to the National Register of Historic Places.

Economic Development

- Staff coordinated the TIF Annual Review Board Meetings for the Empire Street Corridor TIF and the Downtown – Southwest TIF on January 25, 2018. Annual TIF Reports are complete and will be forwarded to the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office.

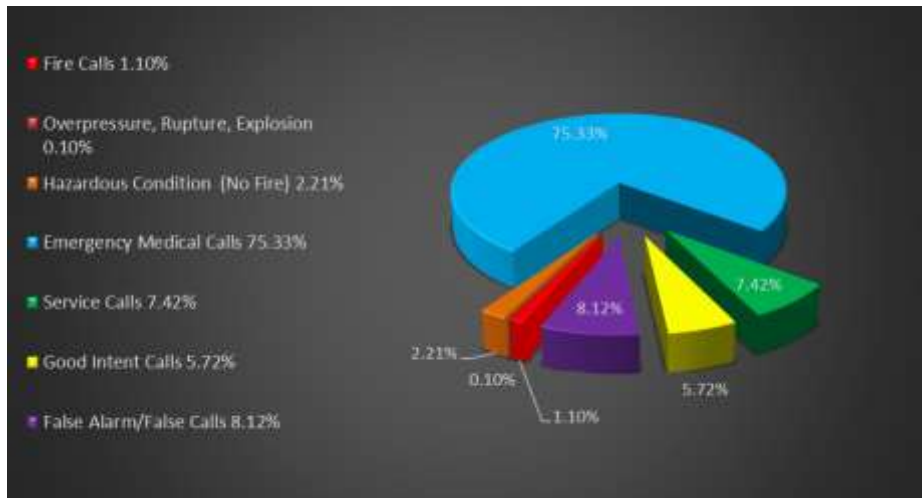
Downtown Development ([View January-February 2018 Report](#))

- Coordination efforts are underway for refreshing the Downtown Bloomington Association to maintain status with the National Main Street Program.
- Planning is in progress for the 2018 Downtown Bloomington Farmers Market.
- Four new business were welcomed to the Downtown including Half Hazard Press, Refined Barbershop, Blackwater 13, 2 FruGals Thrift.

FIRE 

[View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)

- 2018 started off as a busy month, the department responded to 997 calls for service compared to 888 in December 2017.
- Of these 997 calls for service 246 (24.6%) were fire related incidents, 751 (75.4%) were EMS calls. The extremely cold weather we had at the beginning of the month contributed to the increase in the number of calls. We had several water leaks in sprinkler systems we responded to due to pipes freezing.
- We responded to 5 structure fire in January, these resulted in \$29,750 damage. These fires were mainly small fires in kitchens that spread to cabinets but were extinguished quickly. We also responded to 3 vehicle fires which resulted in \$17,100 in damage. We are also reporting \$6,000 in damage due to water pipes leaking. Total fire loss for the month was \$52,850.
- The department provided mutual aid 17 times this month and received mutual aid 1 time.
- Our EMS personnel provided 33 hours of preceptor time to EMS students. BACC students had 61 hours of ride time with the department.



Public Education

Training provided to community

- Winter Safety interview for the Pantagraph
- Extinguisher Training provided to Synergy
- Fire Safety to Kindergarten class
- Extinguisher Training at 6's Airport
- Extinguisher Training image Air
- Extinguisher Training Martin Health

Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills

- N/A

Social Media

- From 6608 likes to 6718 at the end of the month

- Calling 911 follow up Video
- Community Events*
- Car Seat Installation Day
 - Books are Alive, YWCA (Sparky)

Majority of my time this month with the slow season of prevention and education was spent creating brochures for smoke alarm safety, carbon monoxide, fire escape plans, fire extinguishers, shelter in place, hiring, and other brochures to be placed in the stations for educational purposes to be handed out by the members on duty to the public.

Fire Department Training

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

[Apply for current job postings](#)

[View Safety Report](#)

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS ([New & Improved Website!](#))

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

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

- Presented Programs:
 - The Neverly Brothers – January 13; Reduced Shakespeare – January 19
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 3,871
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 3; Auditorium Non-Public Events 2
- Ballroom and Other Space: Public Events 2; Non-Public Events 18
- Community Interactions: Radio – 5; Community Outreach – 4

Golf Courses

- 129 Rounds Played (a typical January sees an average of 70 rounds played).
- Unlike last year which saw a record 162 golfers come out to participate in the Snowbird Open, this year's 45th Annual Snowbird Open, with daytime highs below zero, saw just 4 very, very brave golfers.
- The golf simulator at Prairie Vista has been increasingly busy with well over 100 hours booked over the month. New food and beverage options available in the clubhouse, that coincide with the simulator, helped create 47% more food and beverage revenue than last January despite play on the course itself being down -69%.
- Prairie Vista golf course and pro shop remains open seven days per week.
- Clubhouse staff continues to see strong golf outing bookings for the year.

- Maintenance staff is busy grinding reels and bedknives and getting the mowing equipment ready for the upcoming season.

Miller Park Zoo 

- Revenue from admissions was down 5.7% 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 5.1% 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 .8% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was down 4.9% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were up 3.5% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was down 5%.
- Acquisition: 1 Female Bristle-Nosed Plecostomus
- Disposition: 1 Male Clownfish, 5 Eastern Box Turtles, 2 Male Seba's Fruit Bat, 1 Male Panamanian Golden Frog, Beehive
- Other:
 - Jay attended the Zoo Director's Conference in Monterey Bay
 - Attended the Education day game with the Central Illinois Flying Aces
 - Ft. Jesse Imaging helped with our annual exam on Tallulah, our female river otter
 - A picture of our Colorado River Toad (Photo credit John Tobias) (right)
- ATTENDANCE
 - January 2018: 1,612 (Down 22%)
 - January 2017: 2,076



Recreation 

- Afterschool basketball kicked off with 7 school with boy's teams and 5 schools with girl's teams.
- We held a Paint with Me Event, led by artists from Inside Out Accessible Art. There were 25 adult/child pairs that attended.
- Volleyball leagues, Zumba classes, youth dance classes, all began in January.

Pepsi Ice Center 

- We had successful "American Doll" themed public skate where over 53 skaters participated with their American Girl Dolls. We also hosted groups that had 143 participants.
- Along with Grossinger Motors Arena we hosted the IHSA Dance State Championships.
- Learn to Skate showed an increase in revenue over last year and Adult League participation and revenue remained steady.

SOAR 

- All four Special Olympics basketball teams participated in the District Basketball tournament at IWU. Two of our teams placed third and the others placed 4th.
- We had a large group of volunteers from a local church that helped with our January classes. They were a great addition and help during a usually challenging time.

Parks Maintenance*Horticulture* ([View pictures here](#))

- Holiday decoration removal 65 man hours
- Tropical rain forest trimming at Miller Park Zoo
- Swale dredging and cattail removal at Tipton Park
- Park sign and pillar fabrication for Miller Park Pavilion, PJ Irving Park and Ewing I Park
- Equipment maintenance and servicing 220 man hours
- Assisted Lake Bloomington Staff with Oak Park Nature Area plan development
- Snow removal all Parks and City Hall, Credit Union, Township Center and Constitution Trail.

Forestry

- 24 Total trees removed, 8 due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
- Circuit trimming section C5 in central Bloomington
- Tree valuations (3) for Lake Bloomington
- Large hazard tree removal at Lake Bloomington 32 man hours
- 137 preventative maintenance trims performed

Utility

- Monthly HVAC inspection and repairs at Parks and Facilities
- Monthly HVAC inspections and repairs at BCPA
- Completed monthly Park inspections at all City Parks
- Partnered with Illini Fire Equipment to inspect and re charge all fire extinguishers in Parks owned buildings and vehicles this includes the Zoo and Golf Courses
- Removed all Christmas lights from Main street, Miller Park pavilion and the Mayors tree
- The main floor of Miller Park Pavilion is closed for maintenance the first two weeks of January. The Utility staff sanded the entire first floor and put on 3 coats of gym floor wax. This project is done annually.
- Complete re build of Dawes Place picnic shelter. The utility staff designed and built a new enclosed roof structure for Dawes Place. The original structure was open air and provided very little shade. The original pillars were salvaged and repaired prior to construction. Other items that were added are a new mulch surface, a custom made picnic table and a barbecue grill. The existing plant beds will be improved and planted in the spring of this year. This shelter will be enjoyed by the neighbors for many years to come

POLICE **Crime Maps and Statistics****Crime Investigations Division (CID)**

CID assigned 143 new cases this month. CID closed 105 cases in January with the following dispositions: 45 cases were cleared by adult arrest, 4 cleared with juvenile arrest, and 56 were administratively closed, exceptionally cleared or were unfounded.

Cyber Crimes

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 15 felony cases and closed 12 of them. 11 hands-on felony arrests were made.

The Task Force arrested a subject wanted for predatory criminal sexual assault, located and arrested a subject wanted for aggravated discharge of a firearm and possession of a firearm by a felon, and arrested a subject wanted for aggravated criminal sexual assault.

VICE Unit

The Vice Unit opened 11 cases, closed 10, and served five search warrants. They purchased 4.2 grams of crack cocaine, 1.3 grams of powder cocaine, 1.26 grams of cannabis and 3.6 grams methamphetamine. They seized 11.1 grams of crack cocaine, 22.9 grams of powder cocaine, 1704 grams of cannabis, 16 cannabis plants, 31.5 grams of methamphetamine, 96 grams of pseudoephedrine, \$3310 currency, and \$13,026 of property.

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes made 12 probable cause arrests and 14 warrant arrests. They seized 6 grams of cannabis, .5 grams of crack cocaine and .1 gram of methamphetamine.

Criminal Intelligence and Analysis Unit (CIAU)

During the month of January, CIAU staff spent considerable time assembling a variety of year end reports and data sets. CIAU also produced several crime video posts to our departmental YouTube channel, leading to an arrest in one case. Staff also provided investigative support to several external agencies involving long term investigations.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

During the month, there were 31 selective speed details. Many officers attended training in January including: PPCT, Active Shooter, Building Searches, SWAT, Range and Advanced FTO.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Notable calls for service include the arrest of an armed robber on Winchester Dr. and the arrest of a sex offender on multiple charges including unlawful use of weapons by a felon, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

In January, 3rd Shift Officers recorded 12 DUI arrests.

Notable calls for service include a call to a large party on Tracy Dr where a female was stabbed, her injuries were not life threatening. A caller reported the police were needed on Todd Dr. Officers found a male had been holding his girlfriend hostage for several days and that he had severed his mother's finger by slamming it in a door. Officer attempted to stop a stolen vehicle but it fled and eventually crashed. 4 subjects ran from the vehicle but were located and arrested in the area.

Administration

- The Public Affairs Officer submitted several new releases, posted on social media, conducted radio interviews, represented the department at a book club meeting, initiated and promoted the Jefferson Street Community House Open House Winter Break event, met with the local Veterans Assistance coordinator, held the initial meeting for the new Downtown Neighborhood Watch, was the key note speaker for Illinois State University Victimology, attended the Boys and Girls club as a police liaison, trained the Bloomington public library staff in active shooter response and facilitated several weekend community events.
- School Resource Officers attended the 8th grade career day at Evans Junior High School, counseled two students on behavior and success in school, met with seven students about to fight and calmed them down, removed eight students from class for poor behavior and lack of cooperation with school administration, transported nine students home after they were suspended for poor behavior and fighting, spoke to seven parents regarding behavioral issues, theft and battery, intervened in four fights, spoke with 32 students throughout the month regarding behavior, challenges to fight and grades, had 17 calls for disorderly conduct, investigated four incidents of theft and recovered three items.

Downtown

- There were 12 days of Downtown Hireback with a total of 43 pairs of officers, including 11 pairs assigned from 3rd shift patrol, worked during the month. Notable incidences include a subject locating a missing person from Peoria County. On January 12, Officers took a battery report in the 600 block of N. Main Street, during the report a male was recognized by officers and arrested on a McLean County warrant. On January 20, a subject was arrested for disorderly conduct after becoming belligerent with another subject who kept him from being hit by a shuttle bus. The subject fought with officers as they were attempting to arrest him. Officers stopped and arrested a subject for driving while license revoked. The subject was also issued citations for driving the wrong way on a one way street with no taillights. Officers issued an ordinance violation for challenge to fight to a subject who was trying to fight someone he bumped into while walking down the sidewalk.
- Totals for the month include 264 overtime hours, 213 bar checks, 6 OVs, three parking citations, three traffic citations, four fights, 15 calls for service, four arrests, and two

towed vehicles. Ordinance violations were issued for one challenge to fight, two illegal consumption, one open alcohol, one fraudulent identification, and one minor in a tavern.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

[View Police Communications Report](#)

- Telecommunicators answered 1,789 calls in less than 10 seconds and 26 calls in less than 20 seconds. This gives the communication center a 99% rating of calls answered within 10 seconds. The State of Illinois mandates that 90% of incoming 911 calls must be answered within 10 seconds.
- The Communications Center Manager instructed Communications Training Officer. He attended the Starcom 21 Advisory Subcommittee meeting. Alarm ordinance violations issued to date: 0.

PUBLIC WORKS

[View Expanded Public Works Department Reports](#)

- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 28.82 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during January 2018.
- The front office staff received 1,164 telephone calls during January 2018.
- Fleet received 1,018 phone calls.

WATER

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- Daily pumpage for January, 2018 was 9.4 million gallons per day, 1 mgd higher than the previous month. January, 2018 was 1 degrees F cooler than average (23 F avg for January, 2018 versus 24 F long term average). Total rainfall for January, 2018 continued the trend of precipitation deficits at 0.57", which is 1.39" 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 January.
- Water levels in both Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir remained below spillway level in January, 2018. Pumping operations were switched from Lake Bloomington to Evergreen Lake in early December, and we continued to utilize Evergreen Lake throughout January. With no withdrawal, Lake Bloomington level rose a small amount, ending January at around 4.8 feet below spillway. Evergreen Lake dropped 1.2 feet to around 5.25 feet below top of the spillway. Normal to above normal precipitation between now and the end of spring 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 1,094 JULIES and issued 50 JULIES.
- Repaired 14 water main throughout the City.
- Serviced 1 fire hydrants throughout the City.
- Installed 63 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during January. The Department has converted approximately 98.1% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 19 new residential water meters during the month of January and replaced 204 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 1 Fire Protectus meter, 5 compound meters, and replaced 3 meter measuring elements during the month of January.
- Drilling for the St. Peter Aquifer - Test Well 1 began in August and was completed in November. Test Well 2 drilling began in December and reached total depth at the end of January. Test Pumping on Test Well 2 will occur in February.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 5,106 incoming phone calls and placed 2,079 outbound phone calls in January 2018.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- NOTHING REPORTED

LIBRARY    

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

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

Highlights:

- 559 teens joined us for book talks at 5 local Jr High Schools.
- 67 attendees joined us for 4 website builder bootcamp sessions.
- 54 kids joined us for a winter break movie.
- 90 crafts were made at our winter break craft station.

Stats:

- 26,737 people visited the Library (a daily average of 891)
- 102,019 items were checked out
- 280 new cardholders were added
- 8,040 holds were filled
- 385 items were delivered to 42 homebound residents
- 719 items were delivered to 11 deposit collection sites
- 2,942 people used our wifi for a total data usage of 1.89 TB
- 4,049 people used our public computers

- 154 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 40 programs offered for all ages
- 810 people attended programs

GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA

Events Calendar

January 2018

- We held 34 ice rental events in the evening or weekend hours for youth and adult hockey leagues.
- We also hosted 2 **Illinois State Hockey** practices.
- We held 6 **Flying Aces** Hockey games and 19 **Flying Aces** Hockey practices on our ice.
- **Downtown Bloomington's Indoor Farmer's Market** was held on Saturday, January 20.
- **International Champions Events Ice Racing** played to a nice crowd on Saturday, January 6. Local and professional racers ran quads and motorcycles on the ice in death-defying races.
- **Illinois High School Association Competitive Dance Finals** teams swarmed Bloomington on January 25 and 26 as 90 teams competed to win the annual dance finals.

Upcoming Events include:

- Single game and Season tickets are now on sale for the **Bloomington Edge** arena football team which kicks off their season on February 25.
- **Central Illinois Flying Aces** continue the season with games on February 7th, 17th and 18th.
- **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 guest's 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 Bacon and Beer Festival** opens its inaugural event in Bloomington on Friday, February 16. Ten 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.

- **Alabama with Montgomery Gentry** has just been announced for Saturday, May 12. Tickets will go on sale Friday, February 9 at 10:00 am. They have scored 43 No. 1 singles, including a record 21 in a row – a feat that likely will never be topped.

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 Grossinger Motors Arena. We appreciate your confidence in us.