



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 MARCH

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Consideration of a Resolution directing City Staff to include funds in the amount of \$370,000 in the FY 2019 Adopted Budget for intersection design, plans, construction documents, right-of-way, utility relocation, and construction for the intersection of Towanda Barnes Road and Ireland Grove Road, as requested by the Public Works Department. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of a Resolution approving the submittal of the PY44/FY19 CDBG Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as requested by the Community Development Department. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of an Ordinance approving an Economic Incentive Agreement to rebate \$135,000 in sales taxes to Habitat for Humanity of McLean County, which would support the purchase and installation of a new solar panel array at the expanded Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 1402-1406 W. Washington Street as recommended by the City's Office of Economic Development. **[Motion by Alderman Mathy second by Alderman Schmidt Council table this to a late date within sixty (60) days until at such a time we can explore some language where any renewable energy credits be applied back to the city balance. Motion failed.]**
- Consideration of a Resolution affirming the Bloomington City Council's support of the Bloomington Public Library Board's vote to expand the Library in the current location as requested via Aldermanic Request Form submitted by Alderman Schmidt. **[Motion carried.]**
- Discussion and action on various proposed motions to provide specific direction on closing the \$525,000 budget gap within the FY2019 Proposed Budget, including the following topics: Cost Recovery Fees; Parking-Special Events; Business Registration; and Cost Reductions.
 - (a.) Cost Recovery Fees **[Motion by Alderman Schmidt second by Alderman Bray Council approve City staff draft and bring back an Ordinance for consideration to enact amendments to the City fee schedules allowing a one-time amendment effective May 1, 2018, and a 5% biennial increase thereafter, effective May 1, 2021, related to Community Development (building safety, code enforcement, etc.), Police (false alarms), Fire (false alarms), Public Works (special event street closures) and others that may apply; so the fees more closely align with the City costs to administer the related functions. City estimated cost recovery for FY2019 of \$225,000. Motion carried.]**
 - (b.) Parking Fees **[Motion by Alderman Hauman second by Alderman Painter for Council to accept Staff Recommendation for the Special Event Parking Resolution,**

including provisions that staff continue aggressive collection of parking violations and that staff be authorized to initiate a program to collect parking fees associated with special events, whether it be via increased event ticket fees and/or on-site parking fees. City estimated cost recovery and additional revenues for FY2019 of \$100,000. **Motion carried.]**

- (c.) Business Registration **[Motion by Alderman Hauman second by Alderman Painter Council approves the recommendation that the business registration Ordinance include only a one-time fee of \$50 to cover the costs of administration of the program. City estimated cost recovery for FY2019 of \$200,000. Motion carried.]**

City Council Special Session Items

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

- Presentation and Discussion on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts to establish, define, and coordinate a mutually beneficial relationship as requested by the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts.
- Presentation and discussion regarding the Community Development Department Rental Inspection Program.
- Discussion and direction facilitated by GovHR USA, LLC regarding next steps for the recruitment of the permanent City Manager.
- 2018 Annual Legislative Work Session to Discuss: (a.) Recommended State Infrastructure Projects in the City of Bloomington; (b.) Sales Tax Administrative Fee Reduction; (c.) Potential Property Tax Freeze; (d.) Legislators Update and Roundtable Discussion.

Budget Work Session [No motion was taken. Presentation and discussion only.]

- Presentation, discussion and possible direction on the three (3) remaining Budget Balancing Efforts; Fees, Parking and Business Registration.
- Presentation, discussion and possible direction on the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Presentation, discussion and possible direction on Potential New Revenue Sources.
- Presentation, discussion and possible direction on Cost Review, Partnerships / Donations / Sponsorships, and Consulting.
- General discussion and possible direction regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

Public Hearings

- Public Hearing for the FY 2019 Proposed Budget. *(This Public Hearing is for informational purposes only to allow the public to review and comment on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget.)*
- Public hearing for the Program Year (PY) 44/Fiscal Year (FY) 19 CDBG Action Plan and consideration of authorizing submittal of the PY44/FY19 CDBG Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as requested by the Community Development Department. *(The public hearing is to receive comments on the PY44/FY19 CDBG Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.)*

City Council Record of Motions and Votes

MARCH NEWSMAKERS

- [Bloomington Police Chief Brendan O Heffner](#)
- [New Otter Pups at Miller Park Zoo](#)

- [BCPA Announces Summer Events](#)
- [Summer Program Registration, 50th Anniversary](#)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



[FY 2019 Proposed Budget](#)

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

FACILITIES

[View Facilities Monthly Activity Report](#)

CITY CLERK

[View City Clerk Monthly Activity Report](#)

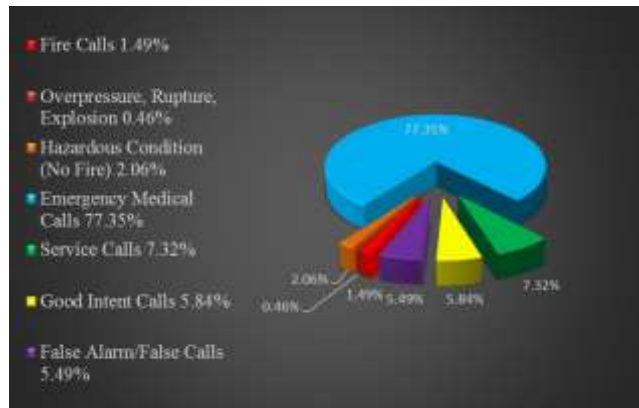
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- NOTHING REPORTED

FIRE

[View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)

- March saw an increase in the number of calls for service compared to February. The department responded to 875 incidents compared to 809 in the month of February. Of the 875 calls for service in March, 198 (22.65%) were fire related while 676 (77.35%) were EMS related. The department averaged 28.1 incidents per day. Fire damage was estimated at \$35,650 for the month, our most significant fire was on N. Lee St and caused an estimated \$27,000 damage to a rental house. For the first quarter of the year the department has responded to 1868 calls for service, this is 9 more calls than where we were at this time in 2017.
- The department provided mutual aid 18 times this month and received mutual aid 1 times.
- Our fire investigators investigated 1 fire during the month of February. The investigators had 27.3 man hours on investigative work in March, this includes the new fire and working on investigations from previous months and put 34.9 man hours into these investigations.
- Our EMS personnel provided 74 hours of preceptor time to EMS students. BACC students had 269 hours of ride time with the department.



Public Education*Training provided to community*

- CPR Class provided to Jule Program
- Fire Extinguisher training provided to Gailey Eye Clinic
- Fire safety presentation for Heartland HeadStart Program
- Fire Safety Presentation to 1st grade class

Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills

- Fire Drill @ Washington Elementary

Social Media

- From 6997 likes to 7067 at the end of the month

Community Events

- Car Seat Installation Day
- Read Across America at Sheridan Elementary
- Attended Learning Center with Elementary Class
- Attended Promise Council with Evans JH
- Installed 3 smoke alarms in the community

Recruitment

- Career Talk to BJHS (4 classes total including in presentation)
- Bent Elementary Presentation
 - Careers in the fire service
- Career Talk/Tour of Fire Station to BACC Medical Term. Class

Personnel Training

- Attended Public Education Conference

Fire Department Training

- Training topics have been grouped into eight categories. They are Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Safety, Hazmat, & Officer. ([March 2018 Training Report](#))

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources department partners with every department of the City on their human capital needs and interacts and serves all employees throughout their careers, as well as prospective employees. The staff includes 12 full-time employees who focus on six primary areas: Employee Recruitment and Hiring; Employee and Labor Relations; Compensation and Benefits; Training and Development, Employee Wellness and Safety, and Community Relations.

Employee Recruitment and Hiring**[Apply for current job postings](#)**

We have completed testing for the Fire Department's Fire Fighter/ Paramedics for the month of March. A total of 72 persons completed applications, 60 applicants tested, 2 of them being Females. New recruits will start work with the City of Bloomington on April 2nd. Also, we are currently working with the BFPC (Bloomington Fire & Police Commission) to approve the interim list of eligible candidates for police. Background investigations will follow. In addition, we have attended

two career/ job fairs; one being a City created and sponsored event that included group "Job Readiness" sessions and on the spot job application stations.

The following are list of current job vacancies or recent vacancies and their status.

Vacancy	Department	Candidate	Position Status
Utility Worker	Facilities		Pending Interviews
Engineering Technician III	Public Works	Bryant Halman- External Hire	Candidate Selected. Expected Start date is 4/2/18
HR Associate	HR		This position will no longer be filled
Customer Service Manager	Finance		Pending Interviews
Parking Enforcement	Administration	Julie Drake - External Hire	Started position on 03/05/18
Office Associate - Police	Police		Pending Interviews
Support Staff IV - BCPA	Parks		Pending Interviews
Entry Level Police	Police		Pending Background, Contingencies & BFPC Approval
Community Development Director	Comm Development	Bob Mahrt - External Hire	Transferred from Interim, effective 03/27/18
Engineering Technician II	Public Works		Actively Recruiting
Development Management			Actively Recruiting
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Chief Accountant	Finance		Actively Recruiting
Records & Licensing Specialist	City Clerk		Actively Recruiting
Firefighter/Paramedic	Fire		Pending Background, Contingencies & BFPC Approval
Accountant	Finance		Actively Recruiting
Support Staff IV - CSO	Police		Actively Recruiting
Support Staff IV - Building Safety	Comm Development		Pending Interviews
Utility Worker	Parks		Pending Interviews
Equipment Operator	Water		Actively Recruiting
Lead Fleet Technician (2 positions)	Public Works		Actively Recruiting
Volunteer & Concessions Coordinator	Parks		Pending Interviews
Head Golf Professional	Parks		Pending Interviews

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 Freshman – March 20, 2018
- Switchback – March 22, 2018

Golf Courses

- March typically sees a fair amount of golf able days. However, this March proved to be a really tough weather month with just a handful of days that were conducive to getting outside to play. Despite the very poor weather, Prairie Vista still saw 746 rounds played.
- Due to the unseasonably cool weather, Highland Park and The Den remained closed for play through the month. This is the first in at least 15 years that we did not have all three courses opened by the end of March.
- The Den at Fox Creek was chosen by Titleist for the 3rd straight year as the downstate Illinois host site for Titleist Thursdays. Titleist Thursdays are a club fitting experience where golfers from all over the state will travel to get professional fitted for clubs. It is not uncommon to see folks attend from Joliet, Bolingbrook and other Chicago suburbs. Many who come down also arrive early to play 18 holes before they take part of the fitting experience.
- As we look forward to April, we have the 4th Annual Green Jacket Open which is an annual sellout event, plus we also should start to see more consistent weather leading to increased rounds at the courses. We're definitely keeping our fingers crossed for better weather. Good weather in April has a way of setting the tone for the entire season.

Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions was down 9.4% 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 down 10.2% 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 1.8% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was down 3.9% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. The Zootique sales were down .4% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was down 7.9%.
- Acquisition: 8 Asian Forest Scorpions, 12 Dictator Scorpions
- Disposition: 1 Male Greater Flamingo, 1 Female North American River Otter, 1 Male Panamanian Golden Frog, 1 Female New Guinea Singing Dog, 1 Male Gray Short-Tailed Opossum, 1 Budgerigar, 1 Female Button Quail, 2 Asian Forest Scorpions
- OTHER:
 - Hosted Bunny's Birthday
 - Jay Tetzloff and the baby otters were live with the morning news.
 - Peter Burvenich, Zoo Curator, attended the AZA mid-year conference.
 - Miller Park Zoo staff worked with staff from the Cincinnati Zoo to artificially inseminate the Pallas' Cat female currently on exhibit.
 - Miller Park Zoo staff assisted with a research project with the University of Illinois Veterinary Medicine College on scorpion blood values.
- ATTENDANCE
 - March 2018: 5,985 (Up .2%)
 - March 2017: 5,973



Recreation 

- Spring Break Programs were held at capacity and offered a full day of activities for school age children. Activities included visiting parks, going to the movies, a trip to Monkey Joes and a trip to Starved Rock which was canceled due to the weather.
- We hosted a Summer Job Fair with the assistance of Human Resources. Potential candidates were able to speak to managers in all our divisions as well as apply on line, and choose to attend a job readiness seminar. There were approximately 30 that came through, and it was a great cooperative effort.
- In March we hosted many trips and programs for adults including pottery, tech help days from Bloomington Library, a Green Thumb themed party at the Adult Center, a Waffle-it class, and Let's Hit the Road breakfast and lunch trips.

Pepsi Ice Center 

- The Pepsi Ice Center successfully transitioned over to the new MaxGalaxy POS and software scheduling system beginning March 1st.
- Rehearsals have been ongoing for the annual Spring Ice Show to be held Saturday, April 7th in the Grossinger Motors Arena.
- We celebrated Olympic Gold medals for both the USA Hockey Woman's and Sled Hockey teams. Both sports are well represented at the Pepsi Ice Center.

SOAR 

- Our 4th annual Respect Run had a mild set-back due to a blizzard the day before, but we had approximately 30 walk-in's the day of the event
- The Special Olympics Soccer team hosted IRVSRA to a double header at Game Time Gym. There were a lot of spectators that came out to watch.

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

- Prescribed burning Tipton Park, The Grove, Miller Park Dam, Eagle View and White Oak Parks. Prescribed burning is required for native prairie grasses and forbs to perpetuate. Burning controls noxious weeds and woody plants in a cost effective manner.
- Equipment maintenance 146 man hours. Completed winter equipment maintenance for season.
- Construction of retaining wall and sidewalk improvements at Withers Park. Used existing brick and materials for original fountain walkway.
- Responded to 4 snow events.
- Surface design and installation at Miller Park Zoo for Guanaco exhibit.
- Began pre-emergent fertilizer and crabgrass control in parks.
- Received grant from Wild Ones Illinois Prairie Chapter for Monarch Habitat seeding at Tipton Park.
- Applied for Monarch Habitat Restoration Grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Forestry

- 40 total trees removed, 25 ash due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

- 35 stumps removed, backfilled and seeded.
- Responded to 14 individual storm damage events. Response is 24/7.
- Continuation of circuit trimming, section C5 in East Bloomington.
- 65 preventative maintenance trims performed.
- Exotic plant pruning in Zoo Rain Forest.
- Forestry Staff assigned to prescribed burn crew for majority of month.

Utility

- Monthly HVAC inspection and repairs at Parks and Facilities. Began spring start up on HVAC at all Park facilities
- Monthly HVAC inspections and repairs at the Coliseum and the BCPA
- Partnered with Play safe solutions and installed a new Park / playground inspection program. Park Maintenance purchased 2 new tablets that will help with data collection and will generate work orders based on priority of repair needed
- Installed new Park signs at Wittenberg Woods, PJ Irvin Park, Miller Park Pavilion and Ewing I Parks.
- Repaired and installed new roof at Rolling brook Park shelter
- Began repair and re paint of Tipton water spray park
- Began installation of new fishing pier at White Oak Park

POLICE

[Crime Maps and Statistics](#)

Crime Investigations Division (CID)

CID assigned 96 new cases this month. CID closed 89 cases in March with the following dispositions: 29 cases were cleared by adult arrest, 5 cleared with juvenile arrest, and 55 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 seven open/active cases.

United States Marshal Task Force

The Bloomington office opened 14 felony cases and closed 12 of them. 12 hands-on felony arrests were made and two misdemeanor arrests.

The Task Force located and arrested a subject wanted for felon in possession of a firearm, located and arrested a subject for promotion prostitution of a minor.

VICE Unit

The Vice Unit opened eight cases, closed seven, and served two search warrants. They seized 3.9 grams of crack cocaine, 210 grams of cannabis, 10 grams of LSD, 1.7 grams of heroin and \$3700 of currency and property. They purchased 1.4 grams of crack cocaine, 4.0 grams of powder cocaine, 3.0 grams of methamphetamine 63 grams of ecstasy.

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes made 16 probable cause arrests and nine warrant arrests. They seized 167 grams of cannabis, \$417 in currency, and towed 11 vehicles.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

During the month, there were two selective speed detail and 18 school zone details. Many officers attended various training in March. Officers participated in the following community activities: Pop and Popcorn with a Cop and provided traffic support for the St. Patrick's Day 5K.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

During the month, numerous traffic enforcement details were conducted. Many second shift officers also attended various training in March.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

In January, 3rd Shift Officers recorded 17 DUI arrests. Notable calls for service include, a trucking company had several loaded trailers broken into and a truck was stolen. The truck was later recovered. A vehicle involved in a hit and run fled from officers. The driver and vehicle was later involved in a second hit and run. The driver was arrested.

Administration

- The Public Affairs Officer submitted several news releases, posted on social media, conducted some radio interviews, served as the liaison for training by the US Department of Justice for the LGBTQ community, spoke at Bloomington 101, promoted events at the Jefferson Street Community House, attended a local grade school's breakfast event, spoke at the Metropolitan Area Bank Robbery training, conducted safety training for the Salvation Army and a large retirement corporation.
- School Resource Officers attended an event about Crime Scene Investigations as the guest speaker. Officers spoke with 30 students throughout the month regarding behavior, challenges to fight and grades, had 15 calls for disorderly conduct and assisted Project Oz mediation with parents and students.

Downtown

- There were 15 days of Downtown Hireback, with a total of 57 pairs of officers including 15 pairs assigned from 3rd shift patrol, worked during the month. Notable incidences include officers arresting a subject for resisting a police officer after he was denied entry into a bar due to his level of intoxication on March 3rd. On March 9th, two subjects were arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, obstructing identification and possession of a fraudulent ID card. March 16th, officers stopped a vehicle for running a red light downtown, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence. On March 22nd, a subject was arrested for theft and battery after stealing a drink from a bar then battering a bouncer when

confronted about the theft. March 31st, officers stopped a vehicle for blocking traffic on North Main Street while trying to pick up passengers. Contact was made with the driver, who was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence.

- Totals for the month include 342.25 overtime hours, 285 bar checks, eight ordinance violations, 11 parking citations, three fights, 24 calls for service, seven arrests, and 13 towed vehicles. Ordinance violations were issued as follows: one for battery, one for illegal consumption, three for open alcohol, three for minor in a tavern and one other.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

[View Police Communications Report](#)

- Telecommunicators answered 1,688 calls in less than 10 seconds and 19 calls in less than 20 seconds. This gives the communication center a 97% rating of calls answered within 10 seconds. The State of Illinois mandates that 90% of incoming 911 calls must be answered within 10 seconds.
- Completed Enterprise CAD Server/Client training. Attended monthly Starcom 21 Subcommittee meeting. Completed 3 day Enterprise CAD Build training. Coordinated updated GIS data for Enterprise CAD build. Alert ordinance violations issued to date: 16.

PUBLIC WORKS

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- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 25.21 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during March 2018.
- The front office staff received 1,222 telephone calls during March 2018
- Fleet received 870 phone calls

WATER

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- Daily pumpage for March, 2018 was 8.5 million gallons per day, 0.3 mgd lower than the previous month. March, 2018 was 3 degrees F cooler than average (37 F avg for March, 2018 versus 40 F long term average). Total rainfall for March, 2018 was 3.12", which is 0.33" higher than the long term average for the month.
- Nitrate levels in the both the Lake Bloomington Reservoir and the Evergreen Lake Reservoir are rising from the increased streamflow, but are currently both well below the 10 mg/l nitrate-nitrogen limit. Laboratory staff are closely monitoring the lakes and streams, and will continue the increased frequency of sampling over the next few months.

- We switched pumping from Evergreen Lake to Lake Bloomington on March 13, 2018 and switched back to Evergreen Lake on March 23rd. We wanted to conserve water in Evergreen Lake, which was still below spillway elevation for the month, and continued to have low nitrate concentrations, while water was still flowing over Lake Bloomington's spillway and nitrate concentrations were still acceptable. Evergreen Lake recovered sufficiently to switch back to that reservoir.
- Lake Bloomington remained above spillway elevation throughout the month. Evergreen Lake gained a couple of feet during March, to a little under 2 feet below spillway elevation. Evergreen Lake is expected to continue gaining in level for the next few weeks. Normal precipitation between now and the end of spring should bring both reservoirs back to full capacity.
- Continued to replace and repaired water service lines and curb stops. Staff replaced and or repaired 21 service lines. 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 2,017 JULIES and issued 35 JULIES.
- Repaired 1 water main throughout the City.
- Serviced 1 fire hydrants throughout the City.
- Installed 40 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during March. The Department has converted approximately 98.2% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 25 new residential water meters during the month of March and replaced 418 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 9 compound meters and replaced 7 meter measuring elements during the month of March.
- 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 Well 2 surging and test pumping was completed in March.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 3,883 incoming phone calls and placed 2,028 outbound phone calls in March 2018.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- **NOTHING REPORTED**

LIBRARY    

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

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

Highlights:

- We started the Bloomington Reads programming series, offering 5 programs with a total of 174 attendees.

- Dapper Danny and Monsieur Jesse hosted a Fancy Pants Story Time for 94 participants who continuously yearn for a story time with exceptional profundity and sophistication.
- District 87 Art Fair display decorated the Children's Department.
- We added 5 Book Club Kit titles in Large Print.
- We began offering Sensory Bags at the Children's desk. These bags were donated to us by Autism McLean and contain various items that might be helpful to a child visiting the library who has a sensory disorder, autism, or other challenges.

Stats:

- 29,076 people visited the Library (a daily average of 970)
- 104,298 items were checked out
- 379 new cardholders were added
- 8,157 holds were filled
- 2,901 items were added
- 355 items were delivered to 39 homebound residents
- 799 items were delivered to 12 deposit collection sites
- 3,126 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 1.72 TB
- 159 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 56 programs offered for all ages
- 1,239 people attended programs

GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA

Events Calendar

March 2018

- We held 10 ice rental events in the evening or weekend hours for local youth and adult hockey leagues.
- We held 8 Flying Aces Hockey games and 24 Flying Aces Hockey practices on our ice.
- The Central Illinois Girls Hockey Association held a two-day tournament at the Arena on March 3 and 4 with teams from around the region playing throughout the weekend.
- Downtown Bloomington Association held their Quarterly meeting on Wednesday, March 7.
- Mite Hockey Jamboree was held on Sunday, March 11 at both the Arena and the Pepsi Ice Center.
- Downtown Bloomington's Indoor Farmer's Market was held on Saturday, March 17.
- Cole Swindell, Chris Janson and Lauren Alaina performed at the Arena on March 17 to a crowd of more than 4,500 fans.
- Upcoming Events include:
 - Central Illinois Flying Aces complete their season with games on April 6 and 14th.
 - 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.
 - Alabama with Montgomery Gentry will play Saturday, May 12. Tickets are now on sale. 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:

- Recruitment of a Director of Programming and Marketing
- 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.