



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](#).

HIGHLIGHTS

In this report you will find detailed activity from City Departments for December 2018, such as:

- Statistics from the **Fire Department**; the department responded to 734 EMS incidents which was 81% of the calls for the month and 172 fire incident which was 19% of the incidents.
- The **Community Development Department** issued a total of 432 Construction Permits in December of 2018, which is an increase from the 347 Construction Permits issued in December of 2017.
- **Telecommunicators** answered **1,803 calls in less than 10 seconds** and **30 calls in less than 20 seconds**.
- Stats from the **Library** including, **22,540** people visited the Library (a daily average of 777).

CONSIDERED IN DECEMBER

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

City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Consideration of a Resolution adopting a revised Citizen Participation Plan containing policies and procedures for public involvement and stakeholder consultation in the Consolidated Plan process and the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of two (2) Ordinances approving the 2018 Tax Levies for the City of Bloomington and the Bloomington Public Library.
 - (1) The Ordinance Levying Taxes for the City of Bloomington (in the amount of \$20,286,384) for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019. **[Motion carried.]**
 - (2) The Ordinance Levying Taxes for the City of Bloomington Library (in the amount of \$4,871,840) for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019. **[Motion carried.]**

DECEMBER NEWSMAKERS

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| ➤ New Otter at MPZ | ➤ BCPA Adds Dave Rudolf Show |
| ➤ Snow Bird Open | ➤ The Miller Park Zoo Welcomes Tamanduas |
| ➤ MPZ to Become Sensory Certified - First in Illinois | ➤ Zoo Site of Potential Scientific Breakthrough |

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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| ➤ FY 2019 Adopted Budget | ➤ View Monthly Financial Report |
| ➤ FY 2019 Budget In Brief | |

FACILITIES

[View Facilities Monthly Activity Report](#)

CITY CLERK

[View City Clerk Monthly Activity Report](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Safety

- There were a total of 432 Construction Permits issued in December of 2018, which is an increase from the 347 Construction Permits issued in December of 2017. The value of the construction was, however, lower from \$1,453,937 in the prior year 2017 to \$1,086,425 in December of 2018.
- There were no new projects valued in excess of \$1,000,000.
- Processing Contractor Registrations for new calendar year.

Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- The ZBA reviewed/approved Z-27-18 (telecommunication antenna in front yard at 1409 Cloud Street) and reviewed/approved Z-28-18 (various parking lot and parking lot landscaping variances at 510 East Washington Street and 500 East Jefferson Street).
- The HPC held discussion and approved a Rust Grant for 411 North Center Street (masonry/window repairs) and reviewed/approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for 1009 East Jefferson Street (exterior repairs – siding, windows, porch).
- The PZC held a public hearing and recommended approval on the Z-26-18 (R-1C to C-1 at 802 North Morris & 1107-1111 W. Chestnut); continued public hearing on Z-24-18 (Comprehensive Amendment to Zoning Ordinance); and continued public hearing on Z-25-18 (Map Amendments to Official Zoning Map).

Downtown Development

- December First Friday – Once Upon a Holiday Withers Park Tree Lighting/Caroling.
- Continuing to revise and improve Special Event permit process.
- December Indoor Farmers' Market at the Arena.
- Continued Santa Selfie Stop.
- Illinois Main Street Director's Workshop.
- Jean Anderson Awards Reception/Volunteer Recognition
- New Businesses in December: Elemental Market and Art Hive Thrive to Live

Code Enforcement

- Processing Rental Registrations for new calendar year.

Economic Development

- Continued coordination on Business Registration Program with IS.

FIRE [View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)

- December was closer to normal with the number of incidents we responded to. The department responded to 906 incidents compared to 830 in November.
- The department responded to 734 EMS incidents which was 81% of the calls for the month and 172 fire incident which was 19% of the incidents.
- Fire loss for the month was estimated at \$56,600. We had one significant fire at the end of the month, this was at 405 W. Graham with an estimated fire loss of \$40,000. We had 2 vehicle fires that resulted in \$16,600 in fire loss.
- Our other significant incident that we responded to was the school bus accident out on Interstate 74 early in the month. Our units responded mutual aid at the request of Bloomington Township Fire Protection District. We responded with Truck 2, Engine 4, Medic 2, Medic 4, EMS 1, Battalion 1, and Chief 2. Our crews assisted with medical treatment and extrication of two individual on the bus and the driver of the semi. Our crews did an excellent job with these tasks.
- The department averaged 29.2 incidents per day.
- Department fire investigators investigated 3 fires in October.
- Truck 1 was the busiest fire apparatus with 155 runs.
- Medic 1 was the busiest ambulance with 302 runs.
- Saturday was our busiest day of the week with 144 incidents over the month
- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm was our busiest time of the day.
- The department provided mutual aid 7 times this month and received mutual aid 1 times.
- Our EMS personnel provided 71 hours of preceptor time to EMS students and 26 hours to BACC students.

Public Education*Training provided to community*

- Our training this month consisted of more social media posts as most schools and businesses were in Holiday mode.
- Fire Extinguisher Training to Taylor Printing (20 employees)

Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills

- Not Applicable

Social Media

- From 7557 to 7790 at the end of the month
- 12 days of Christmas was extremely successful in getting our safety message out to the public.
- Our reach for the posts were over 100,000 FB users

Community Events

- Car Seat Installation Day on Saturday

Fire Department Training

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

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

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

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

The BCPA was filled with music this holiday season first with the annual presentation of the local Holiday Spectacular and then with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops Concert.

Presented Programs:

- Holiday Spectacular Saturday, Dec. 1st, 2018 & Sunday Dec. 2nd, 2018
- Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Friday December 14th, 2018
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 3,596
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 3; Auditorium Non-Public Events 2
- Ballroom and Other Space: Public Events 0; Non-Public Events 7
- Community Interactions: Radio – 4

Golf Courses

- The month of December brought us a small amount of playable golf weather. With that, we were able to see 237 rounds of golf played. Many December's we are unable to have any golfers due to the weather. Last year, with a very warm December, we were able to see 557 rounds played.
- For just the 2nd time ever, the golf courses sold over \$25,000 in gift cards during the month. This bodes well for the amount of golf our community is planning to play in 2019.
- The indoor golf simulator at Prairie Vista continues to exceed our expectations. Rentals for the month were more than double of December 2017.
- Staff is beginning look further into a new point of sale system for 2019. A new system would bring the courses the technology to maximize our tee sheets and make better connections with our customers.
- Two new large golf outings for 2019 were put on the books. Very encouraging!

Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from Admissions was down 7.9% for the current fiscal year. Attendance was down 8.1% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. Revenue from Rentals was up 1.8% for the current fiscal year.

- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was down 2.6% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. Education revenue was up 7.7%, and Zootique sales were down 11% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was down 4.3%.
- Acquisition: None
- Disposition: 1 Female Red-Handed Tamarin, 2 Female San Clemente Island Goats, 2 Vietnamese Mossy Frog, 1 Oriental Fire-Bellied Toad, 1 New Guinea Walking Stick
- OTHER:
 - Had over 1,500 people at our two night Wild Lights event
 - Became the first Sensory Certified Zoo in Illinois
 - Had staff from Omaha and Cincinnati Zoo for artificial insemination research on our Snow Leopards and Sumatran Tiger
 - Paula Pratt was announced as the new Development Director for the Miller Park Zoological Society
- ATTENDANCE
 - December 2018: 2410 (Down 5.5%)
 - December 2017: 2550

Recreation 

- The Ugliest Sweater Run was held with 80 participants. There were also many volunteers and spectators that helped make the event run well. This is a partnership with Fleet Feet Sports. The weather effected participation this year.
- The Christmas Concert started off the holiday season with over 400 people attending.
- We also held the Candy Cane Hunt, Paint with Me, and many other events and programs 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 a very busy Holiday schedule with large numbers of patrons for all of our public skating times.
- Registration for our Winter/Spring programming has begun.

SOAR 

- The Holiday Performers show was held at Heartland Community College and was well attended.
- SOAR hosted the Ron Knisley Memorial Shootout basketball game day, through the State Farm Holiday Classic. All four SOAR teams participated
- The Special Olympics Basketball families hosted a bake sale on Dec. 2.

Parks Maintenance

Horticulture

- Hazard tree removal, invasive plant control and trail maintenance at Anglers Lake Nature Preserve.
- Three 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.
- Leaf collection and clean up all parks.
- 100 man hours on equipment maintenance.
- Light set up and decorations at Miller Park Zoo for the Zoo's Wild Lights event. Lights.

Forestry

- 27 total trees removed.
- 30 stumps removed, backfilled and seeded.
- 46 work orders completed.
- Seven "My Bloomington" request completed ahead of completion date.
- Continued work at Lake Bloomington on tree valuations.
- Circuit trimming section A-2.
- Completion of fall tree planting. 364 total trees planted during Fall 2018.

Utility projects included are:

- 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
- Repaired street and parking lot cracks in Miller Park with a machine called the DuraPatcher.
- Currently building new Park signs. New signs will be installed at McGraw, Ewing II, Ewing III, Woodbury and Wittenberg Woods
- Building new wall caps for stone wall pillars. Pillars are located in Miller Park by the new Firemen's Memorial and on the stairwells of the Pavilion
- Began installation of a new patio and pergola at Prairie Vista Golf course. The patio overlooks the 18th green and will be a great location for golfers to socialize.
- Removed ball field nets at McGraw Park. Will re-install in the spring
- Installed new drinking fountain at Tipton shelter on Stone Mountain.
- Began yearly picnic table maintenance. There are approximately 400 picnic tables in city parks.

POLICE **[Crime Maps and Statistics](#)****Crime Investigations Division (CID)**

CID assigned 44 new cases this month. CID closed 31 cases in December with the following dispositions: 10 cases were cleared by adult arrest, five cases by juvenile arrest and 16 were administratively closed, exceptionally cleared or were unfounded. The detectives dedicated most of their hours investigating a homicide which occurred in early December.

Cyber Crimes

The Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU), 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). In December, CCU examined 51 items of digital media. Of those, 29 were mobile devices and 22 were computer hard drives or other storage media. CCU conducted digital forensic exams in support of criminal investigations, provided support in recovering surveillance video systems for investigations, and provided Historical Cell Site analysis for these investigations.

United States Marshal Task Force

The Bloomington office opened nine felony cases and closed seven. Six hands on felony arrests were made. The Task Force is assisting on investigations of recent homicides.

VICE Unit

The Vice Unit opened eight cases, closed six cases and served two search warrants. They purchased 10.6 grams of powder cocaine and 30 dosage units of methamphetamine. They seized .9 grams of crack cocaine, 67 grams of powder cocaine, two firearms, and \$4,678 United States currency.

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes made nine probable cause arrests and eight warrant arrests. They seized 13 grams of cannabis, 25 grams of crack cocaine, .25 grams of methamphetamine, and towed seven vehicles.

Criminal Intelligence and Analysis Unit (CIAU)

During the month of December, CIAU staff spent considerable time providing investigative support on the homicide which occurred in early December. Staff began to gather data and process information for the production of year end reports. Staff produced crime series bulletins for internal and external consumers.

First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Officers participated in the following trainings and community activities: Building Searches, SWAT, Crisis Negotiation, Christmas parade escort, a funeral escort for Mt. Pisgah, and Toys for Tots. Officers performed five school zone checks and five special radar details.

Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Officers attended the following trainings: Legal Update, De-Escalation, Search and Seizure, and First Aid. Notable calls for service include officers responded to a call of shots fired. No injuries were reported but a window was shot out.

Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

- Third shift officers recorded 17 DUI arrests.
- Notable calls for service include on December 5th, officers responded to reports of a shooting. Upon arrival officers located a victim deceased in the residence. The incident is currently under investigation. December 10th, officers conducting a business check found the front door of a local business shattered and several cell phones taken. Store management assisted police in tracking one of the stolen phones to a location where a stolen vehicle was located. Bloomington officers retrieved the car for evidence, recovered the phones and took two subjects into custody for several burglaries in the area. On December 25th, officers responded to a call of shots fired through the ceiling of an apartment. No one was in the apartment when officers arrived but a search warrant was obtained. No injuries were reported. This incident is currently under investigation. December 31st, New Year's Eve, was extremely busy with intoxicated subjects and fights at numerous locations.

Administration

School Resource Officers (SRO) met with many students regarding proper use of social media, grades, success in school, cyber bullying and bullying, challenges to fight, and poor behavior. SROs attended Ben Elementary School as a guest reader to bilingual students. The Public Information Officer (PIO) organized a Chief's Focus Meeting and the Shop with a Cop event. The PIO spoke with Normal West High School students, attended a McLean County Community Action event, conducted several interviews with local media, and created safety videos for neighborhood watch members and social media posts.

Downtown

- There were 13 days of Downtown Hireback, with a total of 38 pairs of officers, including eight pairs assigned from 3rd shift patrol working during the month. Notable calls for service include on December 14, officers took a report of two subjects fighting at an establishment. During the investigation, it was found the subjects were not fighting each other. Staff stated one subject had

shattered the window of a door while being escorted out, but the subject stated he was pushed into the door by the staff. Due to lack of evidence the subject was not arrested. Also on the 14th, officers observed a subject on the ground unconscious and bleeding from head. It was found the subject had been kicked out of an establishment for fighting with other patrons. The subject also tried to fight with another individual outside and was pushed away, which is when the subject fell. The subject was transported to the hospital and contacted later. The subject had no memory of the events due to the level of intoxication. On December 15th, officers arrested a subject following a fight at an establishment. The fight originated when two other subjects who were fighting were separated by the arrested subject. Additional subjects jumped in and began hitting the individual who tried to separate the subjects. The additional subjects fled the scene but were quickly detained by officers. December 22nd, officers took a report a criminal damage to property at an establishment. Two suspects were identified by the staff but no evidences was found to warrant an arrest. On December 28th, officers working a traffic detail stopped a vehicle for improper lane usage. During the traffic stop and interview of the driver an arrest was made for no valid driver's license. Following the arrest and subsequent search, charges of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, possession of controlled substance, possession of drug equipment and other traffic related charges were added.

- Totals for this month include 257 hours of overtime, 157 bar checks, six ordinance violations, 14 parking citations, three traffic citations, nine fights, 16 calls for service, four arrests, and 13 vehicles were towed. Ordinance violations were issued as follows: one for public urination, two for illegal consumption, and three for minor in a tavern.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

[View Police Communications Report](#)

- Telecommunicators answered 1,803 calls in less than 10 seconds and 30 calls in less than 20 seconds. This gives the communication center a 98% rating of calls answered within 10 seconds. The State of Illinois mandates that 90% of incoming 911 calls must be answered within 10 seconds.
- Communications Center Manager worked on policy updates for Police Priority Dispatch System Implementation and attended Dispatch Review Committee meetings. Three probationary Telecommunicators are currently in the training program. Alarm ordinance violations issued to date: 226.

PUBLIC WORKS

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[View Expanded Public Works Department Reports](#)

[McLean County Solid Waste Program Q3 Report](#)

- The Front office administrative staff received 1,525 telephone calls, fleet received 631 phone calls, while the billing staff handled 2,201 incoming phone calls and placed 1,173 outbound phone calls.
- The Department released the 2017 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water. The report has been included in recent utility bills and is available online at the City's website. In addition, hard copies are available at City Hall, Division Street facilities, and other locations in the community.
- Luke Thoele, P.E. was named as the Assistant City Engineer.
- Temporary pavement markings were installed on Fairway/Regency Drive from Empire Street to Oakland Avenue. Instead of the old four lane road, the new lane layout is based on a three lane section which includes one through lane each direction. As well as, a center two-way left-turn lane.

Final pavement markings which will also include bicycle lanes will be completed in the spring of 2019. A section of Fairway Avenue from Robinhood Lane to Empire Street will be resurfaced in the spring of 2019.

- The contractor for the St. Peter Aquifer wells was diverted to complete emergency repairs at another public water supply during the month of December. The acidification and pump testing work is anticipated to begin in January 2019.
- A revised draft of the master plan was submitted by the consultant for the Water Division SCADA Master Plan and is currently being reviewed for accuracy and completeness.
- Organizing the Water Division project records and scanning of as-built plans continued through December 2018.
- Approximately 24,500 residences are provided weekly garbage collection. An average of 25.14 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at each location during the month of December.
- Fleet continues to maintain the leaf collection equipment during the prolonged leaf collection season.
- Daily water pumpage for December, 2018 was 8.3 million gallons per day, 0.2 mgd lower than the previous month and was 0.3 mgd lower than the average of the previous 3 years. December, 2018 was 3 degrees warmer than average (33 F avg for December, 2018 versus 30 F long term average). Total precipitation for December, 2018 was 3.74" as reported for Hudson by Accuweather.com, which is 0.52" higher than the long term average for the month. 0.3 inches of snow fell in December, 2018.
- Nitrate concentrations for both reservoirs are well below the 10 mg/l as N regulatory limit. Laboratory staff are closely monitoring the lakes and streams, and will continue to monitor conditions.
- Increased reservoir levels experienced in December, 2018 allowed us to switch from Lake Bloomington, which was utilized in October and November as our water source, to Evergreen Lake. We switched pumping from Lake Bloomington to Evergreen Lake to alleviate taste and odor issues experienced during the month. Evergreen Lake levels were approximately 4 feet below spillway elevation at the end of October, prompting concerns of potentially elevated nitrate concentrations from spring runoff. Precipitation in December resulted in a rise in Evergreen Lake elevation from 717.0 feet (3 feet below full reservoir) at the start of the month to 1.25 feet below top of spillway at the end of the month. Lake Bloomington had flow over the spillway during the entire month of December, 2018.
- Continued to replace and repair water service lines and curb stops. Staff replaced and / or repaired 28 service lines. Several of these were very old lead 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 1,229 JULIES and issued 43 JULIES.
- Repaired 13 water main breaks and replaced 1 fire hydrants throughout the City.
- Installed 13 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during December. The Department has converted approximately 98.7% of the total meter inventory.
- Meter service staff installed 12 new residential water meters during the month of December and replaced 322 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 3 compound meters and replaced 6 meter measuring elements during the month of December.
- Staff completed a total of 1,712 service requests during the month of December.
- Lake Evergreen Electrical conversion is almost complete. Motor #1 rewind and repairs are scheduled to be completed on the 10th of January. Motor #1 and the RTU are tentatively scheduled to be installed on the 11th or 14th of January.
- South Main pressure reducing valve is being install on the 8th of January. This will help us to separate our water system pressure zones south of Veterans Parkway.

- Main Water Treatment Plant roof replacement is 95% complete.
- Staff continues to collect and process the new Lake Bloomington Boat Dock permit applications. To date, staff has processed 61 applications.
- Staff has removed and refurbished all park signs around Lake Bloomington and repainted and repaired the inside of the Maintenance Shop at Lake Bloomington.
- The Davis Lodge was rented 2 times in December, 2018, compared to 4 times in December, 2017.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- Nothing Reported

LIBRARY    

[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

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

Highlights:

- 569 teens joined us for 6 book talks at the local Jr. and Sr. High Schools.
- 65 cowboys and cowgirls joined us for our Cowpoke Campfire Story Time.
- 1,202 people enjoyed 8 crafts provided by the Children’s Department.
- Staff interacted with 350 people at the McLean County Children’s Christmas Party.
- We repainted, replaced our flooring, and replaced our shelving in our Movies, Music, and Audiobooks section. This refresh project allowed us to brighten the area and gain much needed shelf space.



Stats:

- 22,540 people visited the Library (a daily average of 777)
- 86,576 items were checked out
- 279 new cardholders were added
- 6,864 holds were filled
- 1,751 items were added
- 338 items were delivered to 47 homebound residents
- 409 items were delivered to 8 deposit collection sites
- 2,884 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 1.8 TB
- 3,389 people used our public computers
- 156 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 23 programs offered for all ages
- 330 people attended programs



GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA 

[Events Calendar](#)

December 2018

- **Illinois State Hockey** played just one home game at the Arena in December, but practiced four times before taking off for the holiday break.
- **The Central Illinois Flying Aces** played four home games in December with the game on the 28th featured former WWE Wrestler, “Hacksaw” Jim Duggan as a special guest on Wrestling Night at the Aces!
- **Lindsey Stirling** brought her “Wanderlust” tour to Bloomington on December 7th. The multi-talented artist played songs from her holiday hits album all while playing the electric violin, dancing and singing her way into the hearts of everyone here.
- **Downtown Bloomington’s Indoor Farmer’s Market** was very well attended on Saturday, December 22nd with local artisans and farmers displaying their goods.
- **Youth and adult hockey leagues as well as the Central Illinois Figure Skating Club** use the arena every open evening and weekend for their scheduled practices and games that overflow from the Pepsi Ice Center.

Upcoming Events include:

- **Central Illinois Flying Aces** will play three home games in January, featuring a special 11:00 a.m. start on Martin Luther King Day, January 21st. Get your kids off the couch and down to the Arena for some exciting hockey. Visit. www.flyingaceshockey.com for more information.
- **Sixty-Six Games e-Sport Tournament** kicks off its inaugural event on Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13th. 16 collegiate and 8 high school teams will compete for cash and prizes in the “League of Legends” video game. Come out and see the hottest new sporting event that is catching fire throughout the world as universities and high school begin to support their e-Sports athletes with coaching and scholarships.
- **Old Dominion** will be here on Saturday, January 19th with their “Make It Sweet” tour. This Nashville band just won the American Music Awards Vocal Group of the Year in December. Tickets are still available at our box office and online at www.ticketmaster.com.
- **Downtown Bloomington’s Indoor Farmer’s Market** will be held on Saturday, January 19th from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. on the Front Street concourse. Enter from the doors on Front Street.
- **Illinois High School Association Competitive Dance Finals** will come to town on Friday, January 25th and Saturday, January 26th. Tickets are only \$10 to see the state’s best dancers showcase their talents over the two-day competition. All young dancers should come and see this fantastic event!
- **The Pepsi Ice Center** youth and adult hockey leagues are in full swing and renting the Arena ice on weeknights and non-event days along with the Central Illinois Figure Skating Club.
- **IHSA Cheerleading State Finals, 4 shows of Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live!, Kane Brown and our second annual Bacon and Beer Festival** events are all now on sale.

We continue to work on the following major items:

- Suite and Sponsorship partnerships
- Pepsi Ice Center naming rights
- Booking new events and concerts

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.