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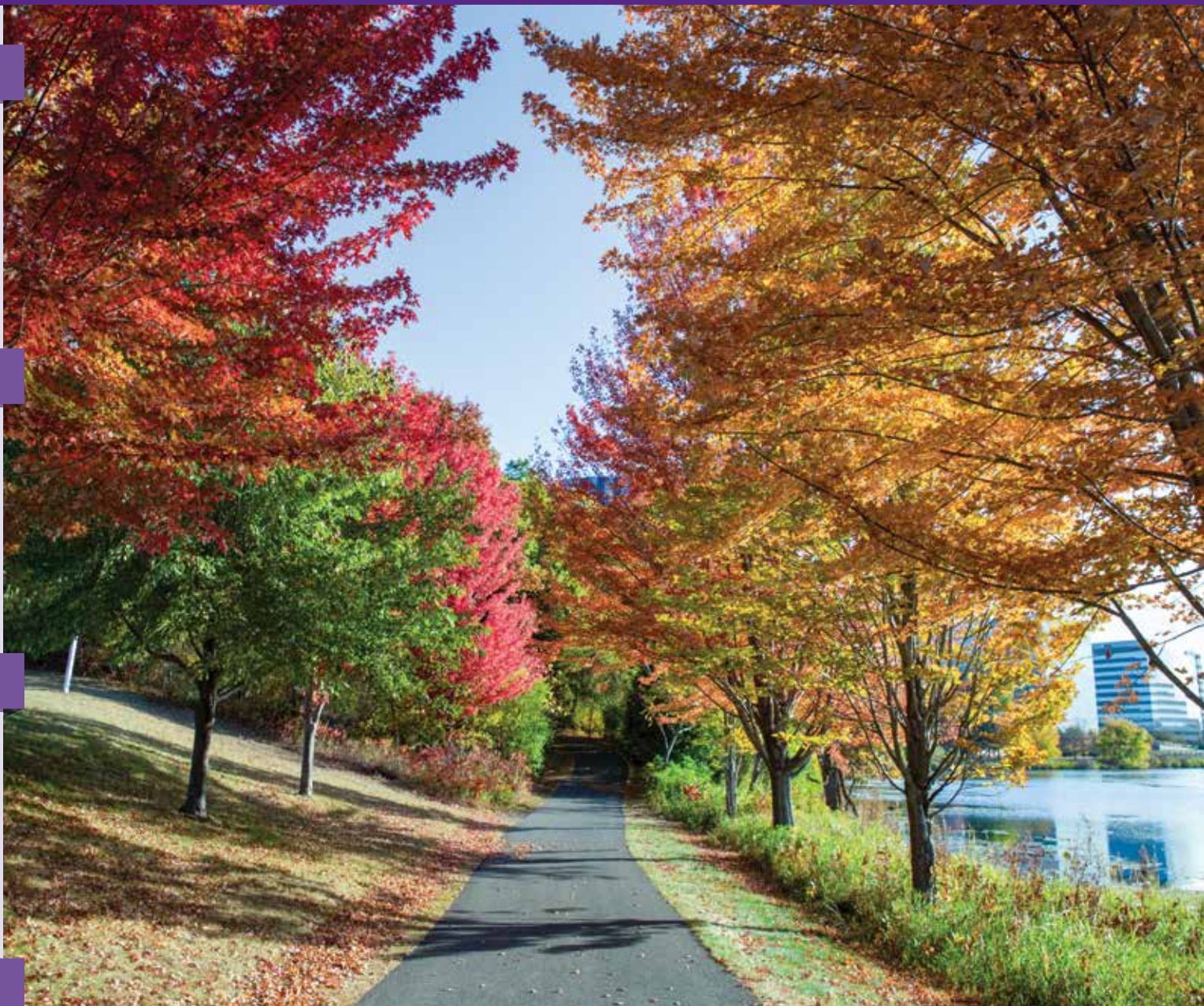
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Trees have begun to show their autumn colors around Normandale Lake at West 84th Street and Normandale Boulevard.

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CAST YOUR VOTES ON ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7

City races on the ballot are mayor, city council member at-large, city council member at-large (two-year term) and all four District city council members and a school board race. There will also be three local sales tax questions on the ballot this year.

LEARN ABOUT CANDIDATES

The Bloomington League of Women Voters hosted forums for council, mayoral and school board candidates in September. The group also coordinated candidate introduction videos. Watch the forums and the candidate introductions in the video playlist at blm.mn/lwvm.

SEE A SAMPLE BALLOT

See what is on your ballot before you vote. Sample ballots are available online at mnvotes.gov.

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

Visit mnvotes.gov to find your polling place.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

After years of gathering input from community members, the City developed a long-term investment plan, Bloomington Forward, that would support three major community projects for better health, wellness, athletics, recreation and improved natural areas. Voters are being asked to consider a half-percent local option sales tax to fund three projects. Read more about the proposed sales tax and the three projects—a new community health and wellness center, Bloomington Ice Garden updates and Nine Mile Creek corridor renewal—on page 2.

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INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

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BLOOMINGTON Forward

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY



BLOOMINGTON FORWARD AT A GLANCE

On Tuesday, November 7, Bloomington voters will consider a half-percent local option sales tax to finance \$155 million in bonds to pay for three projects. They include:

NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Need: Creekside Community Center and the Public Health building are obsolete and do not meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Benefits: Combining them into a new community health and wellness center would provide a more effective environment to deliver vital health, fitness and recreational services, senior programs and social activities. The new facility would be where Creekside is now, 9801 Penn Avenue South.

Cost: \$101.8 million. (The City has already received approval of \$1.8 million from the State of Minnesota for predesign work.)

BLOOMINGTON ICE GARDEN RENOVATION

Need: This popular facility needs modernization and major updates to mechanical systems, including refrigeration for all three ice sheets.

Benefits: The upgrade would improve guest experience and make it possible to continue ice rental and hosting dozens of tournaments and figure skating events annually.

Cost: \$37.27 million. (The City has already received approval of \$2.27 million from the State of Minnesota for predesign work.)

NINE MILE CREEK CORRIDOR RENEWAL

Need: The Nine Mile Creek corridor is vulnerable. If approved, the sales tax would provide critical investments to enhance and preserve the corridor by restoring riverbanks, wetlands and wooded areas, protecting habitat and removing invasive species. Other improvements would include outdoor recreation amenities, such as an outdoor gathering space at Moir Park, and improved accessibility.

Benefits: Any investment to enhance trail access needs to be balanced with the commitment to preserve the corridor and protect the safety and enjoyment of all users. If funding is approved by voters in November, residents would be engaged to help determine the exact improvements for the corridor.

Cost: \$20 million.

SALES TAX VERSUS PROPERTY TAX

BLOOMINGTON FORWARD INVESTMENT: \$155 MILLION

0.5% SALES TAX
 (PROPOSED)



PROPERTY TAX
 (RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL)

35%
 \$54 million

BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD PAY

100%
 \$155 million

65%
 \$101 million

NON-BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS WOULD PAY

0%

The State of Minnesota is providing \$4 million for these projects, making the total investment \$159 million. This illustration includes the latest data, as of September 15, from the University of Minnesota Extension.

LEARN MORE
BLOOMINGTONFORWARD.ORG





NEW PROGRAM OFFERS ENTREPRENEURS EXPERT GUIDANCE

In support of small businesses, Bloomington is collaborating with Hennepin County to offer a new program called CEO Start.

Powered by CO.STARTERS, a nationally recognized small business support program, CEO Start offers anyone in Hennepin County with a great business idea a framework for testing and validating their idea so they can build a viable business.

Participants will join 10 – 15 entrepreneurs to work through the CO.STARTERS program. Over the course of 10 weeks, participants will closely examine their ideas with peers, through industry research, facilitated discussions and interviews with potential customers.

At the end of the program, participants will have a deeper understanding of how to create a sustainable venture, articulate their models and repeat the process with their next great idea.

The program will be held in Bloomington from January 30 through April 2, 2024. Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2023. Priority consideration will be given to business owners who apply by November 15. Spots are limited and are filling quickly, so learn more or apply today at blm.mn/ceo.

BLOOMINGTON'S SAFETY AND THE ECONOMY SCORE WELL IN LOCAL POLL

Bloomington residents consider the city's safety and economy to be key assets according to the 2023 National Community Survey™. Approximately 9 in 10 respondents said they felt very or somewhat safe in their neighborhoods and in Bloomington's commercial areas during the day, and from flood, fire or other natural disasters. Similarly, 8 in 10 respondents reported feeling safe from violent crime and property crime.

Bloomington's economy results were on par with or higher than benchmark comparisons to other communities nationwide. Ratings for Bloomington as a place to work, employment options and shopping opportunities eclipsed those in comparison communities nationally.

Respondents poured out praise for Bloomington's drinking water. This year's approval rating of 92% ranked Bloomington number one among hundreds of benchmark cities nationwide.

Other findings

- 88% of respondents rated Bloomington as a place to live as excellent or good, similar to last year's score.
- Snow removal continued to get high marks with a satisfaction rating of 92%, ranking again in the top 15% of all jurisdictions polled nationwide.
- Street repair, ease of walking in the city and opportunities to participate in community matters were cited as areas for improvement.

This was the 12th consecutive year that the National Community Survey™ was conducted in Bloomington. The poll was performed by Polco/National Research Center.

A total of 709 residents completed the random sample poll conducted between April 27 and June 8. For more information and survey results, visit the City's website at blm.mn/survey.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GROW: HOME-GROWING CANNABIS SAFELY

Minnesota became the 23rd state to legalize recreational cannabis this year. The new law allows people to grow up to eight cannabis plants at home, with no more than four being mature at a time. If you plan to home grow, make sure you know the safety risks and City electrical code before getting started.

WHAT'S ALLOWED IF A PERSON WANTS TO GROW CANNABIS AT HOME?

- Flowering plants may be grown at a single residence if it is at the primary residence of someone 21 or older.
- Plants must be in an enclosed, locked space not open for public view, whether plants are grown indoors or outdoors.
- Read more about the new cannabis law on the State of Minnesota's website at cannabis.mn.gov.

MAKE SURE YOUR SETUP FOLLOWS CITY CODE

- Electrical permits are required for any installation, addition, extension, alteration, demolition or replacement of an electrical system or electrical system element, according to National Electrical Code and Minnesota State building code.
- To apply for an electrical permit in the Bloomington, visit the City's online permit portal at blm.mn/portal.

KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

- Ensure the area you are using to grow has good ventilation. If it doesn't, mold could grow and affect air quality.
- Ensure electrical cords are in good condition, not broken or cut. If they are compromised, electrical cords can start a fire.
- Have a fire escape plan.
- Do not use flexible extension cords or cables as fixed wiring.
- Do not run extension cords through holes in walls, ceilings or floors.
- Do not run flexible extension cords through doorways or windows or under carpets, or attach them to building surfaces.



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY: SHOP LOCAL, LOVE LOCAL

Small Business Saturday, which encourages residents to support small local businesses, begins November 25 and runs throughout the holiday shopping season.

An estimated 68 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stays in the community.

A registered trademark of American Express, Small Business Saturday was first observed in the United States in 2010 as an alternative to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which focus on big box stores and online shopping. Instead, Small Business Saturday encourages holiday shoppers to support small, local businesses for their holiday shopping.



HAVE YOU HERD? GOATS HELP REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS

Park Maintenance hired Goat Dispatch last summer to bring in goats for buckthorn control in Harrison Park.

Grazing goats have been shown to ease woodland takeover by invasive and exotic species such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, in an eco-friendly manner. Bloomington staff cleared a three- to five-foot-wide trail for installation of temporary fencing to hold the goats as they grazed invasive buckthorn and garlic mustard.

Residents can also help keep these invasive species in check by participating in buckthorn bust and garlic mustard pull volunteer events held throughout the summer and autumn seasons.

For more information about ecological land stewardship in Bloomington and how you can help, visit blm.mn/eco-land-stewardship.

SERVE ON A COMMISSION

Join a board or commission and participate in City issues you care about. The City of Bloomington is seeking applicants for openings on the following boards and commissions:

- Advisory Board of Health
- Creative Placemaking
- Human Rights
- Parks, Arts, and Recreation
- Sustainability

Terms will begin March 1, 2024.

To learn more or apply, visit blm.mn/boards. The deadline to apply is December 22, 2023, 11:59 p.m. No late applications will be accepted. Questions? Contact the Community Outreach and Engagement Division at outreach@BloomingtonMN.gov.



EARTH ACTION HERO: IT TAKES A FAMILY

Since her children were young, Martha Martinez Aguilar, *pictured above*, taught them to help keep the community clean by picking up trash whenever they are out for a walk or visiting one of the many parks and lakes in the city.

“Little actions can make a big difference,” Martha shared. “It might not seem like a lot, but it adds up.”

Martha and her husband Leon Lopez have been residents of Bloomington for 15 years. All four of their children, ranging from 16 to 26 years of age, attended Jefferson High School. Her oldest children attended the University of Minnesota. Martha and her family feel a sense of ownership in Bloomington, especially for its natural beauty.

Now that her children are older, it is more challenging to make trash pickup a collective family outing, though they still do so when they can. Mostly now, it is Martha who really enjoys making a difference at both Bush Lake and Normandale Lake. She hopes to engage others in clean up efforts.

“The Latin community is very united here,” Martha said. “I think it would be great if we could organize a community cleanup together.”

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 **RECYCLE WEEK**

 **HOLIDAY; PICKUP IS DELAYED BY ONE DAY**

CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS THAT ARE NOT LISTED ON THE CALENDAR DO NOT DELAY COLLECTION

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23, will delay collection schedules by one day for the rest of the week.

Garbage services normally scheduled for Thursday will move to Friday, and garbage services normally scheduled for Friday will move to Saturday. The holiday does not occur during a recycling week. For more information, visit blm.mn/garbage or call Utility Billing at 952-563-8726.



City Manager Jamie Verbrugge, Fire Chief Ulie Seal and Mayor Tim Busse take part in the Fire Station 4 ribbon cutting in July.

FIRE STATION 4 OPENS WITH A LOOK AHEAD

The Bloomington Fire Department went through big changes in the last year. It has hired and trained 24 new firefighters as it shifts its staffing model. It also opened the new Station 4, Bloomington's newest fire station.

"It is exciting to see the BFD grow in recent years with new, up-to-date stations and a new staffing model," said Fire Chief Ulie Seal, who has been with the BFD since 1976. "These changes increase our ability to provide an increasingly higher level of service."

To accommodate full-time firefighters, the new Station 4 is double the size of the station it replaced. The extra space accommodates living quarters, decontamination facilities, health and wellness facilities and other critical functions.

Station 3 was updated in 2020. The remaining four Bloomington fire stations will be replaced as part of the City's capital improvement plan. Fire Station 2 is next. Hiring and training new firefighters will continue until staffing levels are met.

For more information on the Bloomington Fire Department, including fire safety tips, visit blm.mn/bfd.

HOME FIRE SAFETY SURVEYS ALL ABOUT KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE

Fire safety starts with fire prevention. That is why the Bloomington Fire Department offers free home safety surveys (inspections) for single-family homes in Bloomington.

"The goal of a home safety inspection is to help educate people about keeping everyone safe, not to enforce code," said City Fire Inspector Pete Miller.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Once you arrange for an inspection, in less than an hour a fire inspector will walk through your house with you or another adult, and:

- Check that all smoke alarms are functioning appropriately.
- Look for any potential hazards and provide recommendations.
- Help you develop your family's escape plan.
- Provide cooking safety and general fire safety tips.

The fire inspector can also help you install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. While supplies last, they can also help you install a StoveTop FireStops®.

To schedule a home safety survey, call 952-563-8930 or blm.mn/homesafetysurvey.



SURPRISED BY GENEROSITY, BLOOMINGTON POLICE TAKE NEW APPROACH TO HOLIDAY GIVING

The Bloomington Police Santa Cop program began in 2020 to help Bloomington families who were unable to provide holiday gifts for their children. Bloomington residents were so generous that the BPD found it was not able to handle the volume of gifts received. As a result, BPD is shifting the Santa Cop program this year to an adopt-a-family program. With this new approach, the BPD staff will provide all items to five to eight families.

"By adopting individual families, we can see specific wish lists and make the holidays really special," said Crime Prevention Specialist Katie Zerull.

For the generous residents who still wish to give this holiday season, visit blm.mn/santacop for donation opportunities.



SHOP SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

In a city with so many shopping options, there are plenty of places to buy presents for your loved ones. When you are out and about gathering gifts, follow these safety tips:

- Stay alert to your surroundings. If you see people loitering in parking garages, parking lots or outside of stores, go the other way.
- Park near streetlights or ramp lighting if possible and have your keys in hand when you return to the car. Check the interior of your car before getting inside.
- Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to be out late.
- Don't park in unlit lots, no matter how convenient.
- Lock your car and close the windows, even if you're gone only a few minutes.
- Lock packages in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible. Be sure to put the receipt in your purse or wallet. Never leave it in the bag.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep a wallet in an inside jacket pocket, not a pants pocket.
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they become separated in a store or shopping mall.

Find more crime prevention tips online at blm.mn/police.

STAY IN THE KNOW: E-SUBSCRIBE

Bloomington has a variety of free email updates to keep community members in the loop on City news, projects and events.

There are 81 topics to choose from for updates. In number of subscribers, the top five topics are: snow emergency alerts, Farmers Market, Curbside Cleanup, Bloomington *Briefing* and Utility Billing.

To sign up, visit blm.mn/esubscribe. Many pages on the City website include an E-Subscribe callout when there's a topic related to the information on the page.



BIG WINTER SKATE SCHOOL WELCOMES ALL

Ready to increase your appreciation of gliding on the smooth, frozen water? Bloomington Ice Garden Winter Skate School begins welcoming students this month.

Registration opens November 20.

Tuesday sessions: Classes begin November 28.

Saturday sessions: Classes begin December 2.

Future sessions are also available. BIG Skate School offers skating lessons year-round. For more information, visit blm.mn/big or call 952-563-8841.

BIG SKATE SCHOOL COFFEE CLUB

Meet new people, enjoy a free cup of coffee (or fountain drink) and receive a 30-minute group skate lesson with a skate coach when you attend Bloomington Ice Garden's weekly Coffee Club.

Open to adults 18 years old and older, weekly skating sessions are offered Wednesdays through May 29. Attend one session or all of them for an active workout, free skate rental and the opportunity to learn new skating skills.

Each session is \$25. Practice ice is available from 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., the group lesson is from 12 - 12:30 p.m., and more practice ice is available from 12:30 – 1 p.m.

For more information, visit blm.mn/big or contact Skate School Coordinator Rene Gelecinskyj, at 952-563-4626 or rgelecinskyj@bloomingtonmn.gov.



LIGHTS, CAMERAS, REGISTER FOR THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Residents, let the holiday light displays begin. Bloomington's Parks and Recreation Department is continuing its seasonal glow show by encouraging residents to light up their homes for the second annual holiday lights tour.

Whether you have a display that can be seen from outer space, or you have a more refined approach, City staff wants to highlight community members who spread holiday cheer through illumination.

The deadline to enter your address is December 1, and the map will be available online around December 8. People who take the winter lights tour are encouraged to snap photos and share them with the City. You can upload your photos at blm.mn/photo.

If you want people to check out your display, view the tour map or find more information, visit blm.mn/winter-lights.

'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE UNIQUELY AND SUPPORT LOCALLY

Seeking unique and locally crafted gifts for yourself and others this holiday season? No need to go online or look any further! Talented, local crafters have flooded Creekside Boutique with a wide selection of exceptional, hand-crafted items, including scarves, mittens, slippers, quilts, greeting cards, clothing and more. So stop by the Creekside Boutique (room 104) Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., to find your next gifting treasure.



BIG's Skate School Coordinator, Rene Gelecinskyj's daughter, Onia, pictured at right, is the co-chair of the 2024 U.S. Midwestern Sectional Singles and U.S. Ice Dance Final and a U.S. Figure Skating official.

U.S. MIDWESTERN SECTIONAL SINGLES AND U.S. ICE DANCE FINAL

The 2024 U.S. Midwestern Sectional Singles and U.S. Ice Dance Final will be gliding around all the rinks in the Bloomington Ice Garden, November 14-18. Qualifiers from the women and men singles and ice dance disciplines will advance to the 2024 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and National Development Camp in Columbus, Ohio, in January 2024.

"It's a really big competition, bringing in 250 skaters with their coaches and families and more than 50 judges from across the country," said BIG Skate School Coordinator Rene Gelecinskyj.

This event showcases high-level singles skaters from across the Midwest and ice dance teams from across the entire country. Tickets can be purchased on-site.

"My daughter grew up skating at BIG, teaching classes and she even drove the Zamboni for a few years while in college," Gelecinskyj said. "And she still works as an instructor when needed."



BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

FALL 2023 - WINTER 2024 PERFORMANCE SERIES

The Bloomington Center for the Arts Performance Series includes awe-inspiring live theater, dance, choral and instrumental concerts. Performances are held in the Schneider or Black Box theaters, located in the Bloomington Center for the Arts at the corner of 98th Street and West Old Shakopee Road. Free parking is available on site.



MEDALIST CONCERT BAND: AMERICANS WE

Composer Henry Fillmore's "Americans We" forms the spirit of a thematic program that will delight anyone looking for a variety of marches and musicals.

NOVEMBER 12, 4 P.M.

TICKETS \$17 ADULT, \$15 SENIOR, \$15 STUDENT



THREADS DANCE PROJECT: LET AMERICA BE AMERICA

"Let America Be America" merges dance and spoken word with the idea that America has never been great for all, but it can be. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 7:30 P.M.

TICKETS \$25 GENERAL ADMISSION,
\$18 YOUTH (12 - 17)



CONCERTO DANCE: SWINGIN' IT FORWARD

In the Black Box Theater, Concerto's annual fundraiser event features a jazz dance company performance, swing dance lesson, social hour and dessert reception.

NOVEMBER 18, 7 P.M.

(PERFORMANCE AND FUNDRAISER)

NOVEMBER 19, 2 P.M. (PERFORMANCE ONLY)

TICKETS \$50 FUNDRAISER, \$25 PERFORMANCE



BLOOMINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: FAVORITES: YOURS, MINE AND OURS

The BSO, featuring violinist Michael Sutton, will perform favorites from Bach, Barber, Gould, Rimsky-Korsakov and Wagner. A post-concert reception will follow.

NOVEMBER 19, 3 P.M.

TICKETS \$17 ADULT, \$14 SENIOR, STUDENTS ARE
FREE.

PREMIUM SEATING \$25



CONTINENTAL BALLET COMPANY: THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

Enjoy this holiday classic tale of a girl's gift of a nutcracker and her visit to the Land of the Sugarplum Fairy. This ballet makes for a great family tradition.

DECEMBER 1, 7:30 P.M. (PAY WHAT YOU CAN)

DECEMBER 2, 7:30 P.M.

(35TH ANNIVERSARY, TICKETS \$35),

DECEMBER 9, 7:30 P.M.,

DECEMBER 3 AND 10, 3 P.M.

TICKETS \$25 ADULT, \$19 SENIOR,

\$13 YOUTH (12 AND UNDER)



BLOOMINGTON CHORALE: A SEASON OF JOY

This holiday showcase of choral music will bring the warmth of the season to all. Selections include "Sleigh Ride," "Jingle Bells," "Holiday Tango," "Eight Days of Light," "O Holy Night" and more.

DECEMBER 15, 7:30 P.M.,

DECEMBER 16, 4 P.M.

TICKETS \$25 ADULT, \$20 SENIOR, \$20 STUDENT



MEDALIST CONCERT BAND: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Enjoy both classic and contemporary favorites in this popular holiday program by the Medalist Concert Band.

DECEMBER 17, 4 P.M.

TICKETS \$19 ADULT, \$17 SENIOR, \$17 STUDENT



ARTISTRY: SOME ENCHANTED EVENING – THE SONGS OF RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN

This Holiday Season, join Artistry Theater and Visual Arts for a celebration of musical theater with a glorious parade of Rodgers & Hammerstein hits!

DECEMBER 20 – 31

SHOW TIMES VARY

TICKETS \$26 - \$56 (INCLUDES FEES)

BLOOMINGTONMN.GOV/BCA

CITY WELCOMES NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

Eric Holthaus began as the City's next community outreach and engagement manager in June. He brings with him 10 years of government and higher education experience.

Before starting with the City, Holthaus was a sustainability manager at Hennepin County, which included extensive public participation and engagement work. He also served as the sustainability manager for the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and University of Iowa.

Holthaus has an undergraduate degree in geography from the University of Iowa, a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois and is currently working on his masters in public administration.

"My love for connecting with people drew me to this job," he said. "I had heard about the good work happening in Bloomington and I wanted to contribute on a local level. I wanted to join a team that cares about building a strong, empowered, inclusive community."

In his role, Holthaus supports a team of community engagement and outreach coordinators as they build relationships and ensure that community is considered and heard in the development and delivery of City programs and services. The Community Outreach and Engagement Division is also beginning a strategic planning process.

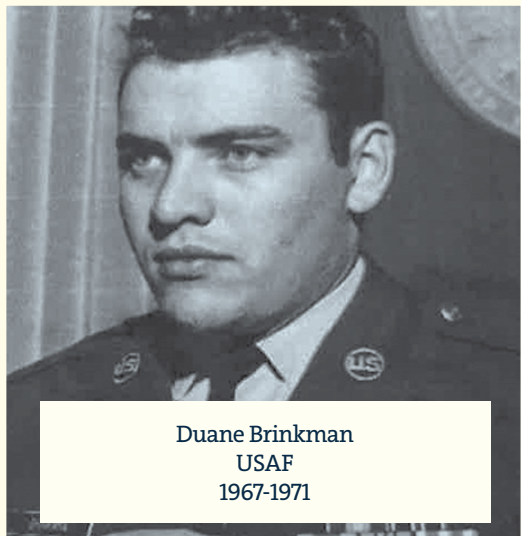
"I'm excited to get to know Bloomington more and be a bridge to the community, especially those less connected to the City, but with dreams as big as anyone," Holthaus said.

When he's not working, Holthaus is an avid soccer player, cross-country skier and berry forager.

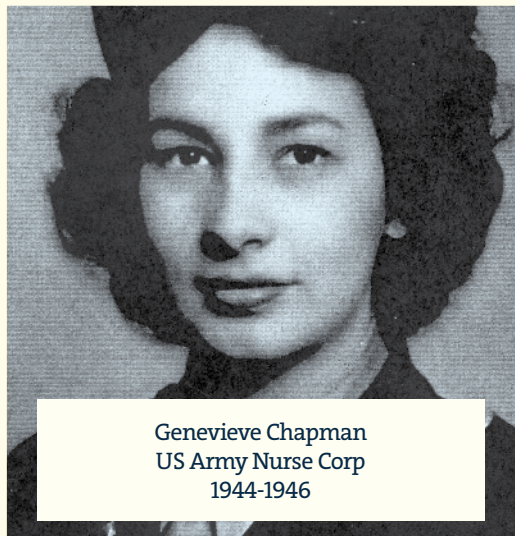


THANK YOU, BLOOMINGTON VETERANS

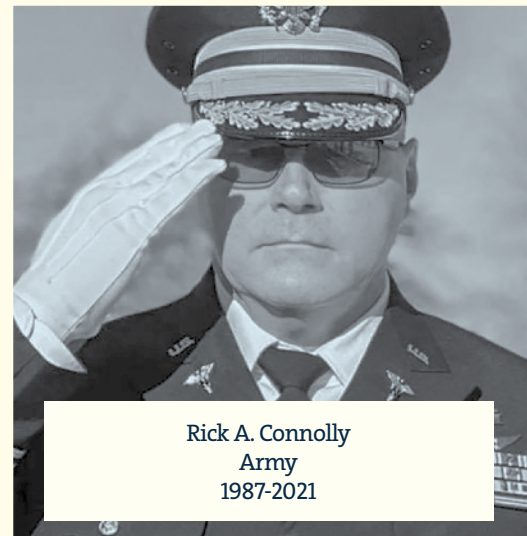
The City of Bloomington veterans' photo wall features hundreds of photos and the years of service of local veterans who served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and Space Force. Below are just some of the people we honor today and every day. Take part in this long-running tradition by viewing the digital photo album at blm.mn/veterans. You can also check out the veterans' photo wall in person until November 30 in the hallway of Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South. The City is always accepting veteran photo submissions. Visit blm.mn/veterans to submit a photo.



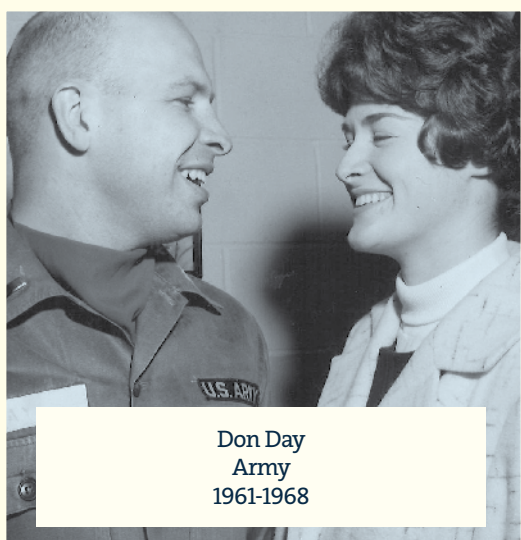
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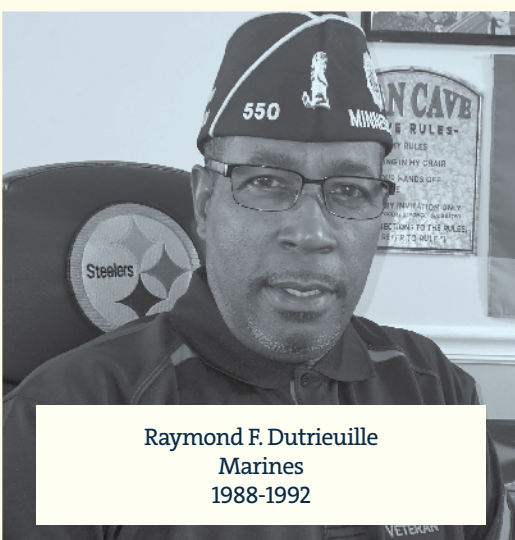
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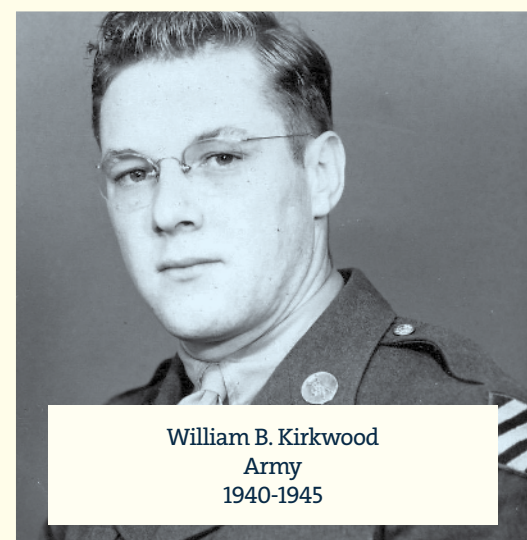
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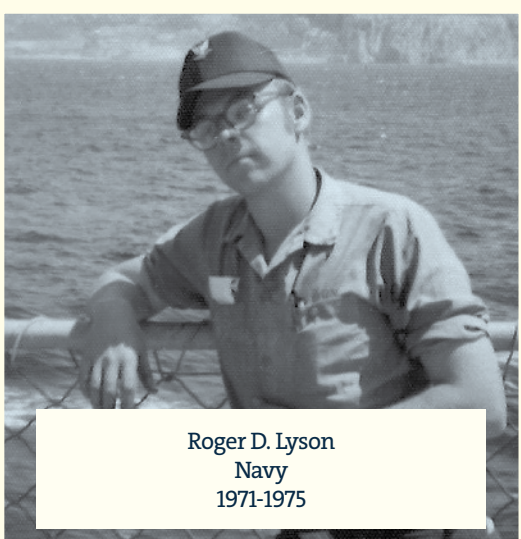
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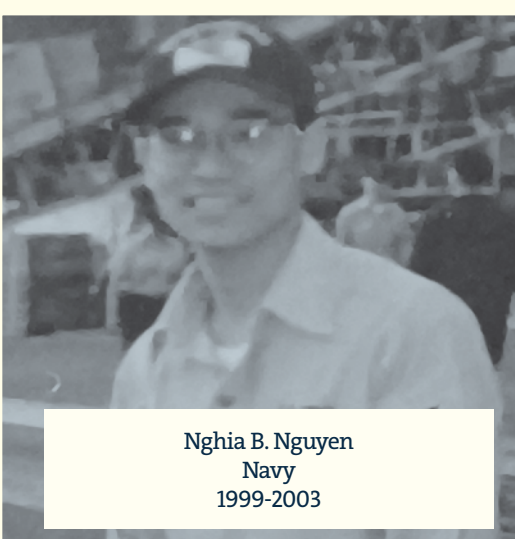
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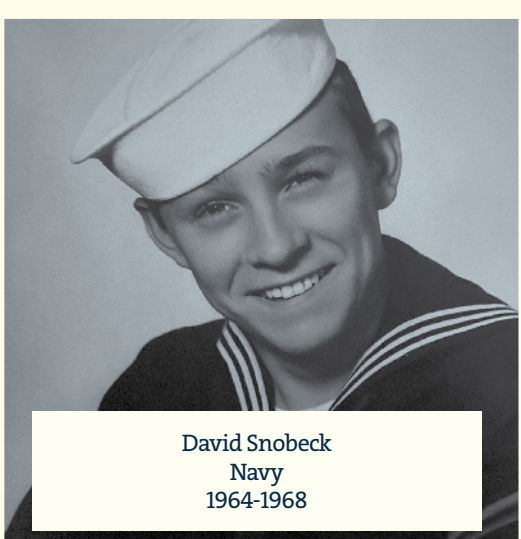
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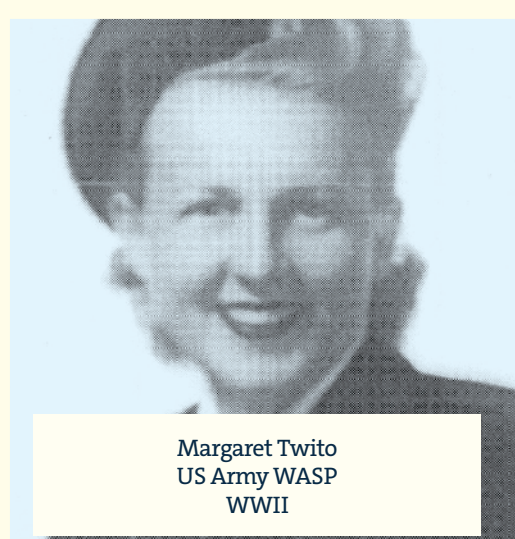
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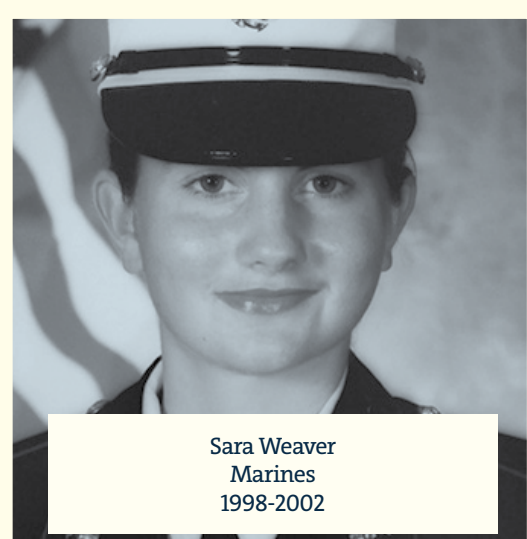
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Army
1944



David Snobeck
Navy
1964-1968



Margaret Twito
US Army WASP
WWII



Sara Weaver
Marines
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