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Making a splash!

Aquatic center reveals big changes

When the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center (BFAC) opens its doors on **Saturday, June 9,** visitors will experience an almost entirely new facility, complete with two new slides and a renovated bathhouse with new lockers, central corridor to the pool deck and family changing rooms.

BFAC, which hosts more than 35,000 swimmers and 100 groups each summer, underwent extensive and much-needed updates over the past few months. As a result, the bathhouse, constructed in 1972, is now more family friendly, welcoming and accessible. The new water slides at BFAC are not only safer, but designed to be faster, creating a more thrilling ride for users. The slides complete the updates to the pool area that began in 2011 with a new turtle-themed tot area and slides.

In addition, the BFAC concession stand's menu just got healthier. As part of the City's commitment to make healthier choices easier for people, the BFAC menu now includes a sandwich bar and other healthier options.

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Farmers Market is back and better than ever

Additional vendors! Special events! Improved parking!

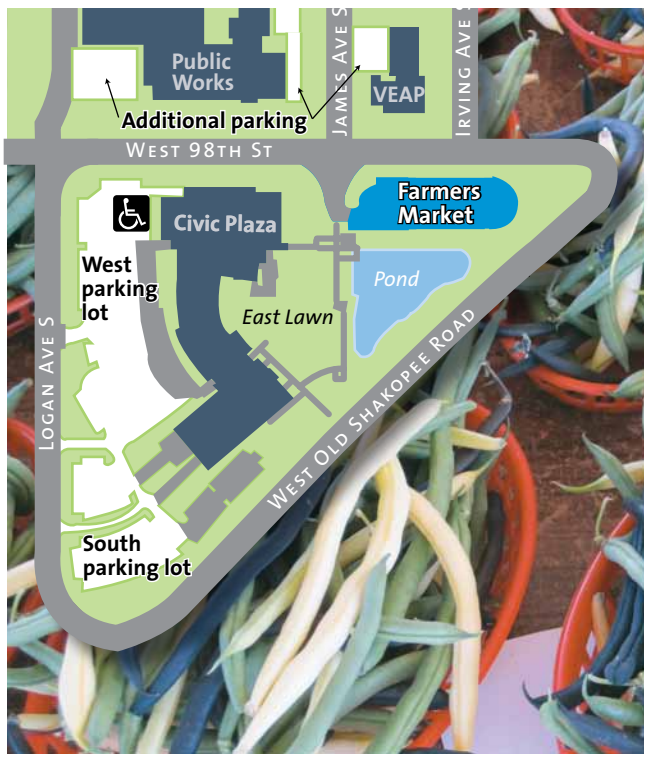
The sixth annual Farmers Market opens **Saturday, June 9**, with all the fresh, locally grown food, flowers, crafts, cooking demonstrations, entertainment and kids' activities that you've come to expect.

This year, however, the Farmers Market will unveil some exciting changes and enhancements, including new vendors and parking options.

The market is expanding its footprint to cover the entire east parking lot at Bloomington Civic Plaza. Although there no longer will be any parking in the east lot adjacent to the market, extra handicap spaces will be added to the north end of the west parking lot. Visitors to the market will also have the option to park across 98th Street in the Public Works east lot. *See map above.*

These changes will not only make the area much safer for all guests, but provide needed space for additional vendors and an expanded seating area.

"More than 3,000 people attend the Farmers Market each Saturday," Center for the Arts Manager Jim Urie said. "We expect that number to grow as we add more vendors and special events like the Global Celebration."



The Farmers Market is another way the City is realizing its goal to become healthier and more sustainable. Because of the Farmers Market, healthy, locally grown foods at an affordable price are now more accessible than ever.

In 2011, the market took a major step forward by accepting credit cards and EBT/SNAP food support, providing even greater access to nutritious foods.

The Farmers Market takes place at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, **every Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., through October 13**.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8877, or visit the City's website.

Sign up for the newsletter

Want to check out new vendors, entertainment and more? Stay up-to-date on Farmers Market activities by signing up for the Farmers Market newsletter via *E-Subscribe*. Visit the Farmers Market page on the City's website and click on the link at the top of the page to sign up.

Website keywords: Farmers Market.

Going Global

A multicultural celebration

Experience sounds, tastes and activities from around the world during the Global Celebration, **Saturday, June 16, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, on the east lawn of Bloomington Civic Plaza during the Farmers Market.

Website keyword: Global.

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Give us your feedback!

Take our citizen survey

The City of Bloomington wants to know what you think about our community and municipal government. Please take a few minutes to fill out an online citizen survey. Your feedback will help the City set benchmarks and track the quality of services provided to residents. Your answers will also help the City Council make decisions that affect our community.

The survey will be accessible on the City's website June 15 - July 15.

Website keywords: citizen survey.

Celebrate summer

With National Night Out

Mark your calendars for the 29th annual National Night Out, **Tuesday, August 7**. This annual event was created to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, and generate support for police programs.

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Kimberly Czapar at 952-563-8808 or e-mail kczapar@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

Website keyword: NNO.

Cool off at BIG

Summer skate school begins

Summer skate school at Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street, runs **June 13 - August 1**. Classes are available for all ages and skill levels. Cost is $70 for seven weeks. For more information or to register, visit the City's website.

Website keywords: Skate school.

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