



Photo courtesy of Bruce Silcox.

Continental Ballet Company dancer Laura Janson on stage with future ballerina Mae Musty.

## MAKING THE SOUTH LOOP DANCE

Imagine a place that is bustling with activity and filled with art, artists, cafes and all kinds of people gathering for business and pleasure – this is the vision for the South Loop District. The City’s plan to realize this vision is through creative placemaking, an initiative designed to help transform the South Loop into a walkable urban neighborhood that piques curiosity, fosters delight and leaves visitors with a lasting impression.

The project launched in June at the Mall of America (MOA) and Bloomington Central Station with a community charrette that included walking tours, exploring the area’s history, identifying promising public art sites, idea-sharing, art-making and a competition for creative ideas for the district. More than 200 people attended the opening day events hosted by MOA. The day culminated in a launch party hosted by City of Bloomington Mayor Gene Winstead, Bloomington Theatre and Art Center (BTAC) Executive Director Andrea Specht and MOA’s Public Relations Director Dan Jasper.

“The charrette served as a collective exploration of the past and present of the South Loop,” said Specht. “We need to understand what happened in the past, as we’re designing a future that is respectful of and draws on Bloomington’s history. Distinctive places have roots.”

The project is being funded through a two-year \$100,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant awarded to the BTAC. Along with the grant, more than \$100,000 in matching funds will be used to develop a long-term creative placemaking plan and to commission four to six projects that demonstrate the role art and artists can play in transforming the South Loop. Project partners include the City, BTAC, MOA, McGough and the Bloomington Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. Public art projects have already begun. A community mural facilitated by artist Ta-coumba Aiken was created and businesses in the South Loop District are considering ways to incorporate art in their projects.

There’s still time for community members to get involved by becoming a project host, an artist or a volunteer participant. For more information, email [placemaking@BTACMN.org](mailto:placemaking@BTACMN.org) or call 952-563-8575.



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Fire Captain Lance Stangohr and Continental Ballet Company dancer Kate Behrendt.

### WHAT IS CREATIVE PLACEMAKING?

Creative Placemaking engages artists and other creative people in building vibrant, distinctive and sustainable communities. It bolsters local economies while making physical, place-based improvements and leveraging the distinctive character and cultural resources of a place.

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### TRANSFORMING THE SOUTH LOOP

Watch this Bloomington Today video on the City’s website to see how creative placemaking is transforming the South Loop into a vibrant, urban community. The South Loop District is bordered by I-494 on the north, Hwy. 77 on the west and the Minnesota River.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SOUTH LOOP CHARRETTE.

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*Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.*

# MAYOR'S MEMO

## BUSINESS IS BOOMING IN BLOOMINGTON

By Mayor Gene Winstead

### HAPPY 100TH!

In 1952, Toro opened a research and development facility in Bloomington, then moved its corporate headquarters here 10 years later. The Lyndale Avenue corporate campus has space for future expansion. The company celebrated its centennial in July.



I've lived in Bloomington for 42 years. I have been an elected official for 19 years and mayor for 14 years. I love that Bloomington offers a variety of just about everything. Whether it's the wide array of parks – from small play lots to the best regional parks, or the people – from the young to the not-so-young, Bloomington has the best of all things. This is also true of our businesses. From “mom and pop” shops to our largest employers, Bloomington is fortunate to have such a thriving and diverse business community.

I'm happy to report that small and large companies are making new investments. A few of the larger projects include:

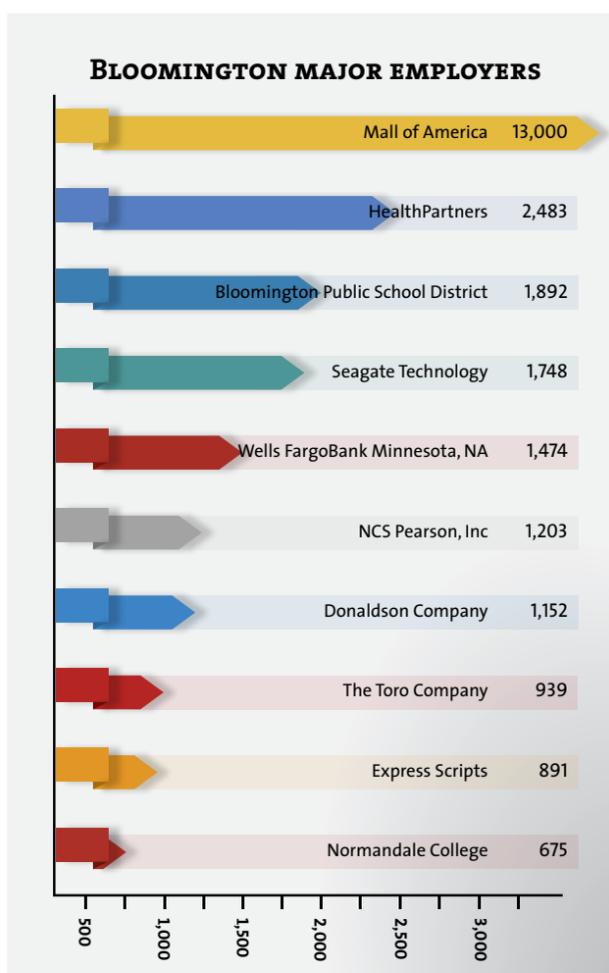
- Toro will soon occupy a new 72,000-square-foot office building north of its existing facility on Lyndale Avenue.

- Mall of America is building a \$325 million expansion – its most significant construction since opening in 1992. The expansion includes a 342-room JW Marriott hotel, retail, restaurant and office tower, a large atrium for events and performances, a tourist welcome center and potentially an office building.

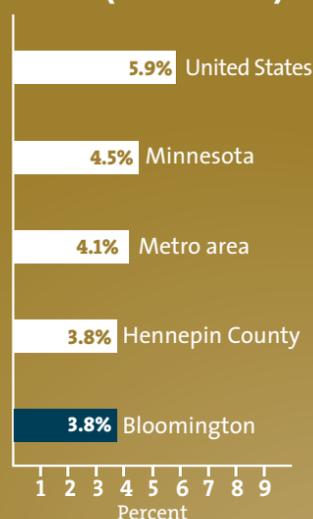
These business improvements and other new developments not only help keep this community financially strong, but also provide jobs – both construction jobs today and employment opportunities in the future. Moreover, things are looking good with Bloomington's unemployment rate, which is lower than the nation, state and metropolitan area. *See chart at left.*

The City supports businesses of all sizes by creating an environment where companies can be successful. This includes providing the basic services they need such as streets and highways, snow removal, drinking water, sewer, public safety service and easy access to a well-trained employment pool. Basic and quality-of-life services protect the community's existing assets – our homes and businesses. Business development helps support the long-term mission of making Bloomington a healthier, safer and more sustainable community.

To learn about some specific examples, check out the Made in Bloomington video at [blm.mn/madeinbloomington](http://blm.mn/madeinbloomington).



### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (APRIL 2014)\*



\* Not seasonally adjusted

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### CHANGES TO RENTAL HOUSING CODE

Nearly one of every three housing units, including apartments, houses and townhomes in Bloomington is a rental. To protect the health, safety and welfare of residents who rent these homes and to maintain property values, the City of Bloomington recently updated its Rental Housing Code.

Many of the updates to the Rental Housing Code are based on best management practices already being used by property owners and managers. The Code is meant to provide a minimum standard for all rental properties to help keep Bloomington a desirable place.

Some of the changes to the Rental Housing Code include:

- Up to four unrelated people may occupy a rental unit unless the property owner or management company has stricter standards.
- Owners must conduct a seven-year criminal history check on potential renters.
- All new or renewed leases after January 1, 2015, must be in writing and contain provisions regarding disorderly behavior and nuisance conditions.
- The property owner is required to maintain a list of names of all persons residing in each unit, including tenants' long-term guests.

For more information on these changes, visit the City's website or contact Environmental Health at 952-563-8934 or email [envhealth@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:envhealth@BloomingtonMN.gov).

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: RENTAL CODE**

### PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE

Did you know you can visit the City's website to pay your utility bill? In addition to paying your bill, you can also learn your account balance, water and sewer consumption history, up to 12 months of bill and payment history and more. To start using online utility bill pay, visit the City's website at [BloomingtonMN.gov](http://BloomingtonMN.gov) and register with your email address. You will also need to have a copy of your statement handy to input your account number. For more information, call Utility Billing at 952-563-8726.



## FLASHING BEACONS INCREASE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

**P**edestrians and motorists are equally responsible for pedestrian safety. According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, motorist behaviors cause about half of all pedestrian-vehicle crashes and pedestrian behaviors cause the other half. We all must take responsibility to follow the law, pay attention and share the road.

The City of Bloomington has been working to increase pedestrian safety on local roads through Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), which are pedestrian-activated flashing beacons mounted on the pedestrian or school crossing warning signs. RRFBs have been shown to improve driver awareness of pedestrians crossing at crosswalks and significantly increase driver yield rates. The devices are entirely solar powered, making them cost effective and easily deployable. The City recently installed flashing beacons at 102nd Street at Jefferson High School, 106th Street at Oak Grove Middle School and 84th Street at Washburn Elementary. In 2015, the City will install an RRFB on Portland Avenue in front of Valley View Middle School.



### CROSSWALK LAW

With school starting up again in just a few weeks, now is a good time to review some basic crosswalk rules. Below are highlights of Minnesota Statute 169.21, otherwise known as the Crosswalk Law:

- Drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersections without crosswalks or stop lights.
- Pedestrians must obey traffic signs and signals at all intersections that have them.
- Vehicles stopped for pedestrians can proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.
- Pedestrians must not enter a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching and it is impossible for the driver to stop. There is no defined distance that a pedestrian must abide by before entering the crosswalk; use common sense.
- When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection to allow pedestrians to cross the roadway, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear must not pass the stopped vehicle.
  - Failure to obey the law is a misdemeanor. A second violation within one year is a gross misdemeanor.



## COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS



**T**he City of Bloomington brought home five awards at this year's Northern Lights awards contest held by the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC).

The communications awards were presented at a reception in Woodbury in May.

The theme for this year's contest was "Scoring Big in Government Communications," and Team Bloomington had a winning run. *The Briefing* and the *2013 Corporate Report to the Community* both received Awards of Excellence, MAGC's highest honor. The City's employee newsletter, *Insider*, and videos "Firefighters Make Dreams Come True" and "What Do Snowplow Operators Do in the Summer?" were honored with Awards of Merit.

MAGC is a peer organization of communications professionals dedicated to improving public sector communications. Members represent all levels of government – federal, state, regional, county, and local. Over the last 10 years, Bloomington has received a total of 43 awards from this local government communications contest.



## PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS CITY WELCOMES NEW PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR

**B**onnie Paulsen, pictured left, is Bloomington's new Public Health Administrator. Paulsen comes to Bloomington from Morrison County, where she served as director of public health since 2008. Prior to that, Paulsen was the associate director of nursing for Morrison County.

Paulsen holds an undergraduate degree in nursing from the College of St. Benedict. She also holds a master's degree in nursing with an emphasis on public health leadership and management from the University of Minnesota.

After more than 15 years with the City of Bloomington, Karen Zeleznak retired as Bloomington's Public Health Administrator in May. Among her accomplishments, Zeleznak played a key role in Bloomington's smoke-free ordinance, which eventually led to a statewide smoking ban.

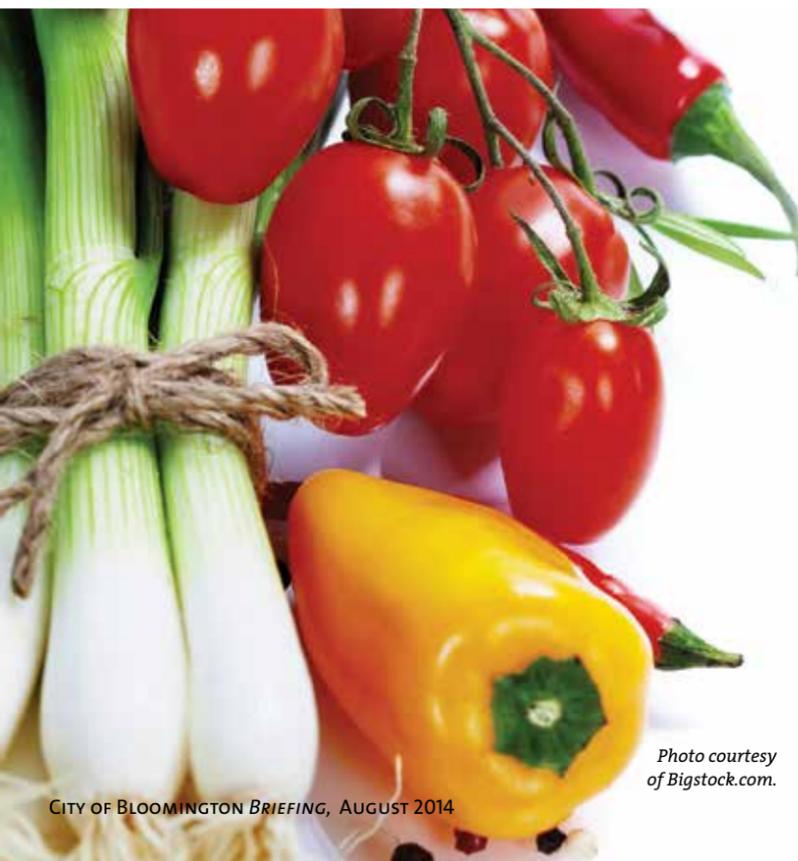
## TWIST AND SPROUT!

**I**t is not easy getting kids to eat vegetables but there is hope through a new wellness initiative called Twist and Sprout, available to family child care providers in Bloomington, Richfield and Edina. Through the program, child care providers will learn how to instill healthy eating and activity habits in children they care for right from the beginning, starting with supporting breastfeeding as the best first food. Providers will also learn how to plan menus with more vegetables, using easy-to-prepare, chef-designed recipes. And because knowing how to provide healthy food isn't enough, program participants will also learn tips to encourage picky children to try and enjoy a variety of vegetables.

Upcoming trainings are September 9, 6 - 9 p.m., at Richfield City Hall, 6700 Portland Avenue, and September 13, 9 a.m. - noon, at Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Avenue South.

For more information, contact Bloomington Public Health at 952-563-8992. Register at [www.providerschoice.com/twistandsprout](http://www.providerschoice.com/twistandsprout).

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## TILE INSTALLATION WORKSHOP COMING

**L**earn how to choose and install the right tile for your home. Whether you are tiling your bathroom floor, installing a backsplash in your kitchen, or turning a mirror into a focal point, this hands-on workshop with an expert is sure to enhance your skills.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority will host "Tile: Choosing and installing the right tile for you," on Thursday, August 7, 7 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. No registration required. Door prizes will be awarded. Visit the City's website for details.



## KEEPING BLOOMINGTON WATER BODIES CLEAN

Anything that seeps into Bloomington's stormwater drains will eventually end up in our water bodies. This includes trash, leaves, grass clippings, fertilizers and other debris and sediments located on your lawn.

Properties located on lakes and ponds also have a large effect on water quality. Water runoff from waterfront properties also ends up directly in the body of water.

It is important to be aware of fertilizer runoff with waterfront properties. Two main invasive species in the ponds and lakes in Bloomington, curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil, form dense mats that can prevent native plants from growing and make recreation on lakes difficult, particularly when they are soaking up fertilizers.

### What the City is doing

The City and partner organizations, such as Hennepin County Environmental Services, monitor and analyze select Bloomington lakes, ponds and wetlands for water quality and vegetation.

### What residents can do

- Do not rake or dump leaves or grass clippings into water bodies or streets.
- Use phosphorus-free fertilizer and do not fertilize near water or on any hard surfaces.
- Reduce runoff from your property by planting a rain garden, installing a rain barrel or just redirecting a downspout from a paved surface to your yard.
- Create buffer zones by planting native plants and not mowing to the edge of the pond.



### DID YOU KNOW?

There are approximately 350 ponds and marsh areas in Bloomington. Not only are they beautiful to look at, many of these water bodies collect stormwater runoff and are habitat for wildlife.



## FARMERS MARKET GETS GREENER

Since the Bloomington Farmers Market debuted in 2007, it has been known as an environmentally friendly and sustainable source of fresh and local produce. Farmers sell their products directly to the public, allowing consumers to have a relationship with the producers of the items they purchase. The City is now taking its green aspirations for the market a step further with a new GreenPath waste reduction initiative.

If you've been to the market recently, you may have noticed the compostable serviceware and new sorting stations. In an effort to be even more sustainable, the City asked all vendors who sell food at the market to begin using compostable plates, cups and utensils. According to Farmers Market Coordinator Patti Robrahn, the transition was not a difficult one, as many vendors were already using compostable serviceware at other markets.

The Farmers Market also added sorting stations to collect food scraps that can be composted. These food scraps, along with the compostable serviceware, are collected at the end of each market day and sent to a local composting company.

According to Robrahn, the goal is to reduce trash at the Farmers Market by 75 percent.

"Composting used to be something we did by piling up leaves and grass clippings in our own backyards, but with the advent of industrial composting facilities, we can now compost so much more," Robrahn said. "As a venue that promotes sustainable living through local food and eco-minded community groups, the Farmers Market is a logical place to raise awareness about composting."

Visitors to the market can do their part to be more sustainable by using reusable cloth shopping bags to store



their purchases.

"While vendors will still be allowed to offer plastic bags for purchased items, we strongly encourage everyone to bring their own reusable bags to the market," Robrahn said.

The City is seeking volunteers to help smooth the transition from trash and recycling to trash, recycling and composting at the Farmers Market. Volunteers will staff sorting stations and help market-goers decide what belongs where. If you'd like to sign up to volunteer at the market this summer, email [farmersmarket@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:farmersmarket@BloomingtonMN.gov).

In addition to the GreenPath initiative, the market welcomes back some old, green favorites, including Bike to the Market Days, the Master Gardeners and Master Recyclers and the Home Energy Squad, along with plenty of entertainment and kids' activities.

The Farmers Market runs Saturdays, through October 11, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the east parking lot of Bloomington Civic Plaza.

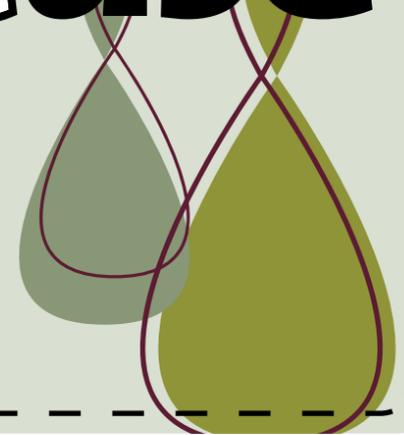
### CHOOSE TO REUSE COUPON BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Shopping for gently used goods gets you great deals on quality products, plus it supports local businesses and protects the environment. Don't know where to start? Hennepin County is partnering with local retailers to offer free Choose to Reuse coupon books valid through October 31, 2014.

Pick up a Choose to Reuse coupon book at participating retail locations, Hennepin County Service Centers, Hennepin County libraries and all Three Rivers Park District locations. The county has also partnered with Chinook Book to offer the Choose to Reuse coupons on smartphones through the Chinook Book app.

For more information, or to find reuse options using the Choose to Reuse online directory, visit [www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse](http://www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse) or call 612-348-3777. To download the free Chinook Book app, go to your phone's app store and create an account in the Twin Cities Market.

# CHOOSE TO reuse





## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

### OMAR BONDERUD AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award. Each year, this award is presented to an individual or organization that has contributed to ensuring equality in housing, education, employment or other areas of human rights as defined by the Minnesota Human Rights Act 363A. Nominations are due August 18.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: OMAR BONDERUD.**



### NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission is hosting the U.S. District Court District of Minnesota for a naturalization ceremony on Monday, September 15, 1:30 p.m., in the Schneider Theatre at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. During this court proceeding, 150 individuals will become naturalized U.S. citizens. The process grants U.S. citizenship to a foreign citizen or national after the individual has completed the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act. The Bloomington League of Women Voters will also be at the event to register new citizens to vote.

### BETTER CHOICES BETTER HEALTH

Adults ages 60 and over can attend this program to learn practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, as well as receiving suggestions for better nutrition and exercise choices. Participants will learn how to advocate for themselves and set and follow through with personal health goals. This program will be held at Creekside, Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., August 11 - September 22. For more information, contact Kim Kritzer at 952-929-1697.

### TRIPS FOR SENIORS

Visit areas around the Twin Cities and socialize with friends. Trip fees include transportation and entrance costs; meals are on your own.

- Minnehaha Falls, August 18, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$10.
- Minnesota Twins Game, September 24, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$25.
- Emma Krumbie's Festival Adventure Tour, October 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$20.

## HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services provides exceptional programs and services to community members of all ages. The programs and events listed here are held at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, unless noted. For more information or to register for programs, call Human Services at 952-563-4944 or TTY 952-563-4933.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HUMAN SERVICES.**



Sign up for Human Services' monthly email newsletters by scanning the QR code at right or through E-Subscribe on the City's website.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### POETRY CONTEST RECEPTION

The public is invited to attend a reception honoring winners of the Human Services Senior Program's 5th Annual Poetry Contest on Saturday, August 16, 4 - 6 p.m. Awards will be presented for first through third place, with five honorable mentions. The contest is cosponsored by HomeCare Assistance. Winning poems will also be posted on the City's website.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: POETRY CONTEST.**

### ENJOY LAKE RILEY

Enjoy living in the land of 10,000 lakes on a fully accessible, two-hour pontoon boat cruise or fishing excursion. The nonprofit organization Let's Go Fishing will captain a boat cruise, August 8 and two fishing experiences for seniors, August 21 and September 18. Reservations are required. Cost is \$10 per person. Departure is at 9:30 a.m. from Creekside. Minnesota fishing licenses are required for individuals under 90 years of age.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: LET'S GO FISHING.**

### CREEKSIDE OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars for the Creekside Open House on Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come and learn about all Creekside has to offer.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: CREEKSIDE OPEN HOUSE.**

### EVOLVE WITH THE VITAL AGING NETWORK

Next spring, Human Services will host an eight-month leadership program, Evolve, developed by the Vital Aging Network for adults age 50 and older. Find your passion at the introductory workshops this August 14 and September 10 at Bloomington Civic Plaza.

**WEBSITE KEYWORD: VITAL AGING.**

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English language learners are invited to practice and improve their English skills through the English as a Second Language program. A variety of skills are taught, including writing, basic conversation and daily life skills. This program does not provide English proficiency testing. It is free to attend. To learn more, call or visit Creekside.

**WEBSITE KEYWORD: ESL.**

### WALK FOR FUN AND FITNESS

Join the senior walking club. Members meet at various times and locations around Bloomington. There is no fee to participate. To learn more, call or visit Creekside.



## SUBMIT YOUR BLOOMINGTON PHOTOS

The photo above, by Bloomington resident Dick Bergstrom, is one of many amazing photos we've received through our online photo submission system. To submit your Bloomington photo, visit the City's website.

To view other photo submissions, see our album on Facebook.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: PHOTO SUBMISSION.



## BEAUTIFUL BUSH LAKE BEACH

Bush Lake Beach has long been a destination for sunbathers, boaters, kayakers, swimmers and sand castle-makers. These photos were taken during the summer of 1969.

## HOW PEOPLE GET TO OUR WEBSITE



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Different operating systems (Windows, Mac, etc.)

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Different browsers (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, etc.)

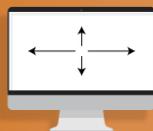


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**1,000s**

Of different screen sizes



## WEBSITE REDESIGN UPDATE

Did you know approximately one-third of all traffic to the City's website is on a mobile device such as a smartphone or tablet? Mobile traffic to the City's website has increased 30 percent since 2011 and is anticipated to continue to grow. The graphic above is a look at all the ways visitors arrive at BloomingtonMN.gov. Because we can't know what device, browser or screen size people use when visiting our site, the City is redesigning its site to better accommodate all users.

The City is working with Minneapolis-based Electric Citizen to redesign the website to handle the growing and varied needs of visitors and staff. The tentative plan is to unveil the new design in January 2015. The City last redesigned its website in 2006. Most large websites go through a redesign every three to five years.

## TO ALL OUR SUMMER FETE SPONSORS WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

This year's Summer Fete drew an estimated 40,000 people to Normandale Lake Bandshell. The City would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations:

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- Nancy Cuno-Schmitz, resident
- Rand Brugger, resident
- Raymond James Financial
- Sherry L. Robbs, resident
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- Steven C. Peterson, resident
- Wagners Greenhouse
- Washburn - McReavy Funeral Chapels

## ATTRACTING NEW PLAYERS TO GOLF



Photo courtesy of FootGolf USA.

In recent years, attendance at golf clubs across the country has been dwindling. Some blame the economy; others think it's the lack of a celebrity to attract young players to the game – think what Tiger Woods did for golf during his heyday. Yet others like Dwan Golf Club Manager and PGA professional Rick Sitek believe diminished interest in the sport is due to a number of factors and that golf will be back in vogue someday. In the meantime, both Dwan and Hyland Greens have undergone some major updates.

Most recently, Dwan's patron card discounts have been expanded to include Hyland Greens, Braemar Golf Course in Edina, Brookview Golf Course in Golden Valley and Baker National Golf Course in Medina, meaning that anyone purchasing a patron card can receive the patron rate at any of the five courses. Hyland Greens opened a new practice facility and driving range that Sitek said is almost always busy. To attract younger players, Hyland Greens offers a junior (age 17 and under) full-season pass good for unlimited golf for \$99.

This past May, Hyland Greens introduced a new way to play golf, opening the state's first fully accredited FootGolf course. FootGolf is a sport that combines the best of soccer and golf. Sitek said he hopes FootGolf will introduce younger players, who already enjoy soccer, to the sport of golf. The game has already developed quite a following. The graphic above shows the proper attire for a FootGolf player playing in a tournament. However, players who visit the Hyland Greens FootGolf course need only wear the proper shoes.

For more on FootGolf, visit the City's website.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: FOOTGOLF.



# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

## FIREFIGHTERS TRAIN FOR VEHICLE RESCUES

This past spring, Bloomington Fire Department volunteers participated in a vehicle rescue training exercise at Fire Station 1. Using hydraulic rescue tools, firefighters practiced how to take apart a vehicle safely to rescue a victim trapped inside. All 120 volunteer firefighters are required to participate in this training once a year. According to Assistant Fire Chief Jay Forster, hydraulic rescue tools are most often used to remove people from vehicles safely; however, they have also been used to rescue people stuck in elevators and children stuck in playground equipment.



## SAVE THE DATE! FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSES

This year's open houses take place on Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at all Bloomington fire stations. Bring the kids to meet Sparky and enjoy fun activities, station tours, fire equipment demonstrations and more.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: FIRE OPEN HOUSES.**



## OUTDOOR GRILLING SAFETY

There is nothing better than grilling in the summertime, but a grill placed too close to anything flammable poses a potential fire hazard. Follow these simple tips for safe grilling:

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- Place your grill away from your house or deck, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep your grill clean.
- Never leave your grill unattended while cooking.
- Make sure the lid is fully open before lighting a gas grill.
- If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Store charcoal fluid away from sources of heat and out of the reach of children.
- When you're finished grilling, let coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.
- Check gas tanks and hoses for leaks.
- If the flame goes out while cooking, turn off the gas and wait 15 minutes before relighting to ensure the buildup of propane dissipates.

City ordinance prohibits open-flame grilling (charcoal or propane grill) on any balcony above ground level or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of the structure in multi-family dwellings and townhomes.

For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Division at 952-563-8933.



# Bloomington Police Depa



## EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

The Bloomington Police Department held its annual Behavior Recognition Awards ceremony on May 17. Award recipients included 17 members of the Police Department who were recognized for their exceptional service during the past year. Additionally, 16 citizens were recognized for their efforts to make Bloomington a safer place. Detective Cory Cardenas, pictured at left above with Chief Jeff Potts, was named the 2013 Optimist Club Officer of the Year.

The Citizens' Commendation Medal was awarded to Bloomington Ice Garden Manager Andy Baltgalvis for successfully resuscitating a man who suffered cardiac arrest during an open hockey session. The man went on to make a full recovery.

## BE SMART WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Have you ever received a letter or an email from someone you didn't know, informing you that you have won a prize or an inheritance? The catch is in order to receive the money, you must send this person your bank account number. What about a phone call from someone claiming to be a distant family member or friend in jail who desperately needs your help?

Unfortunately, many people lose a great deal of money to scams each year. Follow these tips from the Bloomington Police to avoid becoming a victim yourself:

- Shred all documents that contain personal information such as bank account or credit card numbers.
- Ignore letters and delete emails asking for money to be deposited or sent to an account or location in exchange for something else.
- Avoid revealing any personal information over the phone.
- Remember the old adage – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you would like to report a scam, but have not suffered a financial loss, contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357 or visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.Ic3.gov](http://www.Ic3.gov).

# ON PATROL

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

With the start of the school year right around the corner, now is a good time to talk to kids about how to be safe when traveling to and from school. Take the time to talk with your children about personal safety. Do not assume your child knows what to do. Read each safety tip below to them and ask for their feedback. You'll be happy you did.

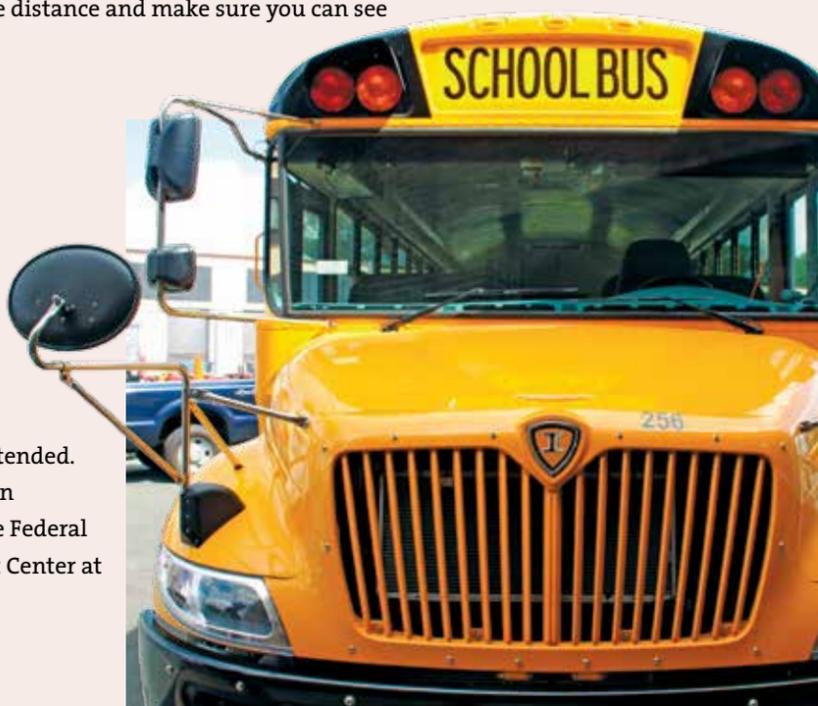
### Riding the bus

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from the street and traffic.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- After exiting, take 10 giant steps away from the bus.
- When crossing in front of the bus, stay at a safe distance and make sure you can see the driver.
- Use the handrail when entering and exiting.
- Watch out for traffic.

### Walking and biking to school

- Mind all traffic signals.
- Cross a street with the light.
- Walk, don't ride, your bike through intersections.
- Walk or bike with a buddy.
- Wear bright clothing or reflective outerwear to be more visible.

Always lock up your bike when leaving it unattended. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Kim Czapar at 952-563-8808 or visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.Ic3.gov](http://www.Ic3.gov).



# BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

## 2014 - 2015 PERFORMANCE SERIES

The Bloomington Center for the Arts Performance Series includes awe-inspiring theater, band, chorale and jazz 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. For a full list of shows, visit the City's website.



### CHECK OUT THIS AMAZING LINEUP OF SHOWS



#### The Whiteside Walls Love Potion #10 – The Musical

Listen to a story of a small-town high school in 1964, through a popular local AM radio disc jockey. Michael Patrick "Records" Ryan spins doo-wop, rockabilly and rock'n'roll gold.

Saturday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Adults \$29, Seniors \$26, 25 and under \$22



Photo by Claudia Hankin Ballutt

#### French 75 Café Society: From Piaf to Coward

Featuring singer Maud Hixson, French 75 plays the soundtrack of the expatriate American artist in Europe between the world wars and beyond.

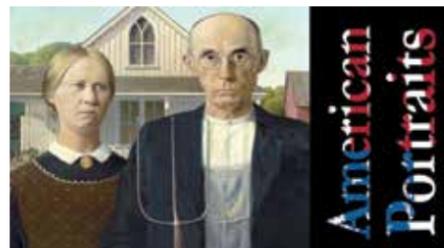
Sunday, September 28, 2 p.m.  
Adults \$26, Seniors \$22, 25 and under \$19



#### Sirens of the 60s

Colleen Raye and The Girl Singers of the Hit Parade feature hits by Dionne Warwick, Cass Elliot, Lesley Gore, Barbara Streisand and others.

Saturday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Adults \$29, Seniors \$26, 25 and under \$22



#### Medalist Concert Band American Portraits

A tribute to Americans and Americana, featuring "Lincoln Portrait," by Aaron Copland.

Sunday, November 16, 4 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12



#### Bloomington Chorale Winter Concert – Messiah

The Bloomington Chorale will be performing the Messiah followed by African-American Christmas Spirituals.

Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, December 13, 4 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Seniors \$11, 15 and under \$11  
(Add \$1 to ticket price at the door)



#### Medalist Concert Band Sounds of the Season

Join the Medalist Band for an afternoon of holiday cheer. You'll enjoy a program of traditional classics and contemporary favorites.

Sunday, December 14, 4 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12



#### Monroe Crossing A Bluegrass Christmas

Celebrate the season with the Midwest's premier bluegrass and gospel quintet. You'll enjoy a blend of classic and traditional bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and heartfelt originals.

Saturday, December 20, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Adults \$29, Seniors \$26, 25 and under \$22



#### Girl Singers of the Hit Parade Great Holiday Songs of the 50s

Colleen Raye and The Girl Singers of the Hit Parade bring a wave of nostalgia to the stage with popular Christmas songs made famous by the Andrew Sisters, Lennon Sisters, Brenda Lee and more.

Sunday, December 21, 2 p.m.  
Adults \$29, Seniors \$26, 25 and under \$22



#### Arne Fogel and Maud Hixson Holiday for Frank

A celebration of the songs of Frank Sinatra and Billie Holiday, featuring Arne Fogel, Maud Hixson and music director Rick Carlson.

January 16 - 18, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.,  
Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Adults \$20, Seniors \$18, 25 and under \$15



#### Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs Rita Docter Scholarship Benefit Concert

The Angelica singers and alumni perform to support the scholarship fund in honor of longtime director Rita Docter. Dessert reception included.

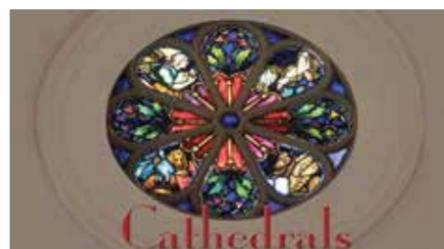
Sunday, February 22, 3 p.m.  
Adults \$25, Seniors \$25, 25 and under \$25



#### Fogel and Eckes What the World Needs Now

Back by popular demand: the songs of Burt Bacharach and Hal David, as performed by popular jazz club performer Arne Fogel and cabaret singer Jennifer Eckes.

Saturday, February 28, 7:30 p.m.  
Adults \$26, Seniors \$23, 25 and under \$19



#### Medalist Concert Band Cathedrals

A celebration of churches and cathedrals, where we experience many of life's joys and sorrows.

Sunday, March 1, 4 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12



#### The Nature of Things: The Seasons

The Bloomington Chorale performs Hayden's *The Seasons* followed by the hits of Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney and other artists of the era.

Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 11, 4 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Seniors \$11, 15 and under \$11  
(Add \$1 to ticket price at the door)



#### Medalist Concert Band Water Music

A portrayal of the many moods of water, plus the Earl C. Benson Concerto Competition winner.

Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12



#### Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band

Together since 1967, Bloomington's own Barbary Coast take their authentic Dixieland jazz around the world and bring it back home again!

Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Adults \$29, Seniors \$26, 25 and under \$22



#### NOTE-able Singers Night and Day

Music from a range of eras and styles, including Cole Porter's "Night and Day" and the Beatles' "Good Day Sunshine."

Saturday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, 5 and under free

### BOX OFFICE

Order tickets by phone: Call 952-563-8575 • Online: Go to [www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/bloomington](http://www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/bloomington)

In person: Office hours vary. Call 952-563-8575 for current hours.

Programs, artists and prices subject to change. Orders received less than 7 days prior to the performance will be held for pick up at the box office. All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.