

BLOOMINGTON BRIEFING



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The City has a gravel bed tree nursery, which is used to strengthen the 400-500 trees City crews plant each year. The nursery bed made of rocks and sand gives the trees better survival rates. Planting bare root trees in the nursery prompts them to grow small fiber roots so they have more efficient ways to absorb nutrients from the soil. Watch a video about it at blm.mn/trees.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY URBAN FOREST

Park Maintenance crews clear trees for a variety of reasons, including disease, infestation, removing invasive species and allowing more sunlight into the forest floor, promoting growth of slower growing native species like oaks. In instances like these, tree thinning supports the ecosystem.

“Over the years, with the lack of disturbances from fire and grazing, these systems have developed into more closed-canopy systems. They were once a lot more open,” Natural Resources Specialist Wade Yunker said. “Historically, Bloomington’s more heavily forested areas would be found on north facing slopes, where fire wasn’t able to reach, much fo the rest of the city would have been open prairie or savannah-like.”

Oak savannah habitats are extremely rare, with less than half a percent of all original habitat remaining. Add in invasive plants like buckthorn and honeysuckle to the understory and you get more shade. This causes ground layer plant diversity to decrease significantly, which can ultimately lead to bare soil and erosion.

Recently ash trees have been subject to removal due to the infestation of the emerald ash borer throughout Bloomington.

Another goal of these restorations is tree regeneration. With a closed canopy of these pioneering tree species, trees are unable to regenerate. Selective tree thinning looks to make openings on the ground layer to increase light and allow all these plants to grow and allow trees to regenerate.

Thinning trees is just one tool the City’s uses during restoration work throughout Bloomington. Learn more about local restoration efforts at blm.mn/restoration.

LEARN FROM A TREE CARE PROFESSIONAL

By working with professional arborists or tree services on private property, residents gain access to knowledgeable professionals with answers to tree care questions. They can also diagnose and offer solutions for pest issues, such as Dutch elm disease, Japanese beetles and the emerald ash borer.

For the best results, the tree care professional should be certified through one or more industry recognized organizations, including International Society of Arboriculture (treesaregood.org/findanarborist), the American Society of Consulting Arborists (asca-consultants.org) or Tree Care Industry Association (treecareindustryassociation.org).

For more information on City forestry visit, blm.mn/maintenance.

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Mayor Tim Busse participates in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Luro Boots.

MAYOR'S MEMO

BLOOMINGTON'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS BOOMING

By Mayor Tim Busse

Earlier this summer, I had the honor of helping cut the ribbon at the new location of Luro Boots, 7831 Portland Ave. S. Luro Boots is owned by Gilberto Diaz, a Bloomington Kennedy graduate and a long-time Bloomington resident. I first met Gilberto two years ago when we featured Luro Boots at the State of the City Address. At that time, the business was in a 900-square-foot facility on Nicollet Avenue and they had been there since 2009.

Luro Boots is a popular place. Their customer base extends as far as Canada and when it came time to expand, Gilberto honestly could have gone anywhere. I'm very happy and proud he decided to stay here in Bloomington and move just a couple of blocks to a 4,000-square-foot store.

I also had the chance to be part of another ribbon-cutting in June at a new restaurant Waffle Bar, at 3810 W. Old Shakopee Road. If that name sounds familiar it's because they have a very successful food truck operation and two other locations in the Twin Cities.

Julie and David Chen are co-founders and owners of Waffle Bar and they have a great back story. Julie grew up in Rhode Island and when she was a kid, her parents would drive the family to Chinatown in Boston on a weekly basis. Julie loved the Chinatown street vendors who would make and serve warm egg-custard bubble waffles. She always thought the egg waffles would be great with ice cream and delicious toppings. Believe me, she was right.

Backstory Coffee Roasters will also be opening at the end of August at the former Fiddlehead Coffee location, 8061 33rd Ave. S.

We've also had exciting news recently about organizations choosing to move to Bloomington.

Wilderness Inquiry is a unique and inspiring organization whose mission is to connect people of all ages, backgrounds, identities and abilities through outdoor adventures and programming. They've been around since 1978 and in that time have served more than half a million people.

TKDA, an engineering, architectural and planning company, have also moved their headquarters from St. Paul to Bloomington. They'll be in the old Ceridian Building at 3311 E. Old Shakopee Road. This move means all 300-plus TKDA employees in the Twin Cities will be located here.

Now, the City can't take all of the credit for all of this good news, but the directed and intentional work the City has done over the past couple of years to promote small businesses and entrepreneurs, and to connect with and support businesses of all sizes in Bloomington, has certainly played a part. Cultivating an enduring and remarkable community includes developing our commercial base, diversifying industry and growing jobs. It all leads to a place where people and businesses, want to be.



WHAT'S DEVELOPING: SICK OFFICES

SICK Inc., a global leader in sensor technology, is expanding its North American headquarters in Bloomington's South Loop. Phase two of this project includes a new 144,000-square-foot, four-story office building at the northwest corner of Lindau Lane and Winstead Way. In addition to a small guest parking lot along Lindau Lane, a 555-stall parking structure immediately to the west will provide much of the parking.

The building is set to open in late 2025. For more information, visit SICK's website at sickconnect.com.

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ART AND REMEMBRANCE: BLOOMINGTON'S NEW PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

Bloomington has recently seen the installation of vibrant ARTBOXES in the South Loop District and a COVID-19 memorial at Civic Plaza. These projects focus on public art and community remembrance.

ARTBOXES BRIGHTEN SOUTH LOOP DISTRICT

Seven new ARTBOX designs have been installed in the South Loop District, with one additional ARTBOX at the intersection of Old Shakopee and Old Cedar, showcasing the creativity of local artists Ron Brown, Valencia "Leon" Currie, Ray Klempka, Keren Kroul, Patrick Liu, Taylor Lund, Rock Martinez and Daniel Song. ARTBOXES consist of wrapped utility boxes featuring designs by local artists. These designs turn everyday objects into an outdoor gallery, reducing tagging, beautifying neighborhoods, improving walkability and creating elements of surprise and delight. To learn more about these ARTBOXES and other public art in the South Loop, download the Otocast App at otocast.com.

COVID-19 MEMORIAL INSTALLED AT CIVIC PLAZA

Bloomington Public Health, with support from Bloomington Creative Placemaking, commissioned a COVID-19 memorial art sculpture that was recently installed near the south entrance at Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Artists Aaron Squadroni and Leah Yellowbird created a metallic quilt sculpture to honor lives lost to the pandemic. The artists and City staff facilitated community engagement activities at Hillcrest Elementary School, Creekside Community Center, Civic Plaza and Martin Luther Campus, Fairview to capture reflections.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON BLOOMINGTON'S CITYWIDE CREATIVE PLACEMAKING PLAN

The artist-led engagement for Bloomington's Citywide Creative Placemaking Plan is underway. Local artists Erin Lavelle, Adrian Lowe, Katie Ross and Rupa Thadhani, who all have deep connections to Bloomington, are leading interactive activities throughout the summer to gather input from the community.

Residents are encouraged to participate. Visit blm.mn/letstalk/cp-plan to take a brief survey, view upcoming engagement sessions, read artist bios and review updates on the plan's process.

COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR SOUTH LOOP COMMUNITY GARDEN CELEBRATION

The South Loop Community Garden opening was a resounding success, bringing together community members eager to enjoy the new communal space. The event, hosted by Creative Placemaking, featured a delightful mix of Indigenous fare from Pow Wow Grounds, free paletas from Valentina's Michoacana, a cyanotype activity station, drum circle Long Hollow, and live music from Alto Designó. See the City's Instagram Reel on the event at blm.mn/instagram.

The new garden includes plots, benches, native landscaping, an artful shading structure, a picnic table and stunning cyanotype banners created by artists Sheila Novak and Erin Genia. The South Loop Garden is located at 2263 E. Old Shakopee Road.



LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MSP AIRPORT

As part of the environmental assessment, the FAA is scheduling virtual open house meetings for the public on August 14, 1-3 p.m., and August 15, 6-8 p.m., to share information about upgrading from a ground-based beacon and radar system to satellite technology including area navigation system referred to as RNAV.

For more details on RNAV at MSP, visit metroairports.org/community-connection/rnav.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission's Community Relations Office and the Noise Oversight Committee also sponsors quarterly listening sessions for residents to receive updates on the MSP activities. Attendees are briefed on MSP operational levels and procedures and invited to share comments and voice concerns on aircraft noise issues.

To read comments submitted or received at past meetings, or find future meeting dates, visit metroairports.org/msp-quarterly-listening-sessions.



BUDGET PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR 2025

City staff want to hear about what is important to you in planning for the City's 2025 budget. Learn more and share your priorities at these events:

- Learning Link Up, Saturday, August 17, 12-3 p.m., Valley View Playfield, 9000 Portland Ave.
- On the One Music Festival, Saturday, August 17, 4-7 p.m., Normandale Lake Bandshell, 5901 W. 84th St.

Learn more about the budget planning process and see September and October engagement events online at blm.mn/budget or call 952-563-8725.

stop food waste challenge

CREATE MEALS, NOT WASTE: JOIN THE STOP FOOD WASTE CHALLENGE

In the U.S., about 40% of food is wasted. Much of that food waste happens at home.

The most wasted food is leftovers or unspoiled food that could be eaten, according to a recent waste study in Minneapolis.

The Stop Food Waste Challenge is a monthlong effort that started August 1 to help you:

- Notice when you are wasting food.
- Commit to actions with the greatest impact.
- Connect with helpful resources.
- Find support and motivation.

The challenge runs through the month of August. Join the City of Bloomington team at stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org.

Did you know? A family of four spends \$2,500 on food that ends up being wasted each year, according to stopfoodwaste.org.

NEW CABLE INSTALLATIONS AROUND BLOOMINGTON

If you see work being done in front of or along your property line, it could be crews from local broadband providers installing fiber optics in your neighborhood. This work is not being carried out by the City of Bloomington. Work is expected to continue throughout Bloomington for the next two to five years.

What are fiber optics? Thin flexible fibers of glass or plastic in a cable used to transmit light signals from one end of a cable to the other. These fibers are frequently used in fiber-optic communications, where they permit transmission over longer distances and at higher bandwidths than electrical cables.

What will the cables do? Provide faster internet service to homes and businesses in Bloomington.

Many residents have had questions about this work, especially around property lines, rights-of-way and easements. For more information about rights-of-way or easements, contact Public Works Engineering at 952-563-4870 or engineering@BloomingtonMN.gov.

If you have difficulty identifying the company working in your area or want to report an incident, please complete a fiber installation incident report at blm.mn/fiber.



A CLOSER LOOK AT NINE MILE CREEK HYDROLOGY

Streams like Nine Mile Creek are constantly evolving. Bends, pools, riffles, cut banks, snags and the entire creek ecosystem are sculpted by the flow of water.

“The life of every creek is defined by rain,” said Bloomington’s Water Resources Specialist Jack Distel. “During a drought, water might be low. After a big rain, the creek might leave its banks and become a flood. Base full and bank full are terms for two important creek flows.”

Base full refers to normal water level, which is important to aquatic life. Bank full refers to the creek at its fullest without flowing over its banks. Bank full conditions are powerful enough to cause significant erosion and occur often enough to give them more overall influence on the creek than even the big floods, which are rare.

“Bank full is key in creek restoration and management and one major consideration in the Nine Mile Creek corridor and Moir/Central Park restoration project,” said Distel. “Our aim is to make Nine Mile Creek healthier, so it remains part of our community for many years to come.”

For more information about Nine Mile Creek corridor and the Moir/Central Park restoration project, visit bloomingtonforward.org.



HELP PLAN THE NEW MOIR PARK

How do you use Moir Park and what you would like to see new or improved there? Provide your input to help develop the new Moir Park concept plan on Wednesday, August 7, 5-7 p.m., at Moir Park Picnic Shelter, 10320 Morgan Ave. S.

Staff will use the input gathered at the event to develop concept plans for further community review and feedback. Learn more about the Nine Mile Creek corridor and Moir/Central park restoration project online at bloomingtonforward.org.



People in attendance and performers at the 2023 Bloomington Pride celebration.

CELEBRATE BLOOMINGTON PRIDE

Planning for the fourth annual Bloomington Pride celebration is underway! This event is a testament to the strength and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. Each year, thousands of individuals come together to celebrate and reaffirm their commitment to equality and inclusivity.

The celebration is organized by Bloomington residents who are establishing their own 501(c)(3) organization and is sponsored by Twin Cities Pride, the City of Bloomington, Mall of America, Larkin Hoffman and others. The event is completely free and open to all community members. Regardless of whether you identify as LGBTQ+ or wish to show your support as an ally, you are invited to join us for a day of celebration, camaraderie and empowerment.

The event will take place on Sunday, September 22, 4-7 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

For the latest updates, please visit BloomingtonPrideMN.org or follow the Bloomington Pride Facebook page at facebook.com/BloomingtonPrideMN. Let us work together to make this year's Bloomington Pride Celebration the most memorable yet.



OLDER ADULT JOB FAIR AUGUST 13

The City of Bloomington and Martin Luther Campus are partnering again to host the sixth annual Older Adult Job Fair, Tuesday, August 13, 1-4 p.m., at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S.

In a relaxed setting, the fair connects local businesses eager to discuss paid part-time and seasonal employment opportunities with experienced members of the workforce.

Registration is appreciated but not required. To register, visit martinluther-campus.com/seniorjobfair or call 952-885-8805.

The first 250 people to preregister will receive a free gift.



Left to right: Bloom in Bloomington Interns Anderson Soth, Shonte Brown, Ruby Cibik, Keya Kittridge, Kayla McMayer and Eman Mohamed.

BLOOM IN BLOOMINGTON INTERNSHIPS IN FULL SWING

Fifteen Bloom in Bloomington interns started their work in June at Mall of America, Larkin Hoffman, Artistry and the City. Bloom in Bloomington strives to support and grow a more diverse and accessible workplace for the community by matching young people with employers in local government, nonprofit and private sectors.

A big welcome to the following City interns: Eman Mohamed and Shonte Brown, HRA; Weemon Yeakehson, Communications; Kayla McMayer and Megan Van Cao, Public Works; Ruby Cibik, Assessing; Gracie Lebak, Bloomington Police; Anderson Soth, Port Authority; Althea Forstner, Artistry; Leon Debooze Blackmon and Keya Kittridge, Office of Racial Equity Inclusion and Belonging.

Learn more at blm.mn/bloom.

HATCH BLOOMINGTON: CAST YOUR VOTE

The City and the Minneapolis Regional Chamber are partnering to offer Hatch Bloomington. The competition offers entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch their business ideas and compete for a chance to receive \$100,000 in financial assistance to kick-start a brick-and-mortar business in Bloomington.

In May, contest organizers received more than 60 applications. Twenty-five semifinalists were selected in early June. On June 26, the semifinalists presented their pitches to a panel of nine judges who narrowed the field down to 10 finalists. The field was narrowed to three finalists with a round of community voting. Now it is time to select a winner!

Learn more about the contestants and how to cast your vote at hatchbloomington.com.



Jessica Martinez was the 2023 Omar Bonderud award winner.

NOMINATE HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMPIONS YOU KNOW!

Do you know someone or an organization that works to ensure the people of Bloomington have equal opportunities in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services and education? Celebrate their contributions to our community by nominating them for the 2024 Omar Bonderud Award. The deadline for nominations is August 31.

Human rights champions recognize that peace and progress need thought and action. Since 1974, Bloomington's Human Rights Commission has recognized 41 local people and organizations in Bloomington with the Omar Bonderud Award. Each, in a significant way, changed our city.

For more information, visit blm.mn/bonderud or call 952-563-8733.



SKATE CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS

Whether you want to learn to skate or take your skating to the next level, the Bloomington Ice Garden Skate School has a class that provides a fantastic foundation for recreational skating, figure skating and hockey.

BIG Skate School skate classes are open to both Bloomington residents and nonresidents. Beginner to advanced level skaters of all ages can develop their skills in a safe and fun environment.

Registration opens on August 19 for fall classes. Tuesday classes start September 24 and Saturday classes start September 28. All classes are held at BIG, 3600 W. 98th St.

For more information, visit blm.mn/BIG, call 953-563-8841, or email rgelecinskyj@BloomingtonMN.gov.

READY TO HAVE A BALL? SIGN UP FOR AN ADULT SPORT LEAGUE

Full adult sports registration begins soon! Read on to learn more about the different leagues available and when registration begins for each.

- Adult Softball—Team registration is open through August 9. Play begins August 19.
- Adult Indoor Volleyball—Team registration is open August 7 - September 7. Play begins September 16.
- Adult Kickball—Team registration is open through August 12. Play begins August 22.

Teams can register online at blm.mn/webtrac. For more information, visit blm.mn/adultsports. For registration questions, contact Anthony DiBella, adibella@BloomingtonMN.gov or 952-563-8676.



WRAPPING UP MIDWEEK MUSIC & MARKET

Need a midweek pick-me-up? Unwind and enjoy the dog days of summer at the last remaining Wednesday evening Midweek Music & Markets on August 7, 14 and 21, 5-8 p.m., in the east lot at Civic Plaza at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Enjoy lively music, delicious treats from local food trucks and the variety of offerings from farmers market vendors.

Saturday morning farmers markets continue at Civic Plaza through October 12. It's the perfect opportunity to support local growers and artisans while soaking up the last rays of summer. Mark your calendars, bring your friends and family, and enjoy these special events. For more details, visit blm.mn/market or call 952-563-8877.

ON THE ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BLOOMINGTON

Join us for the third annual On the One Music Festival on Saturday, August 17, 2-9 p.m., at Bloomington Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave. S. This free, all-ages festival features the finest urban eclectic music in the Twin Cities, including R&B, Hip-Hop, Reggae, Neo-Soul, Afrobeats and spoken word.

Produced by The Avant Garde and hosted by Chadwick "Niles" Phillips, this lively event showcases local artists sharing their craft and passion. Attendees can enjoy food from vendors such as Sambusa Samosa and Soul to Soul BBQ, along with refreshments from Northstar Tavern.

Central Station Park is adjacent to the Bloomington Central Park light rail station. The venue offers a large, open grass area for performances. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs for added comfort while enjoying the show. For more information, visit blm.mn/ontheone.



AUGUST ARTS IN THE PARKS EVENTS

Some of the biggest Arts in the Parks shows are held in August and, as usual, all of them are free. Learn more at blm.mn/artsparks. The lineup includes:

August 4 Tim Sigler Band

Tim Sigler Band will play in the last of three Sunday Funday events 4-6:30 p.m., at Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave. S. there will be food vendors and beer sales.



August 8 Blues and BBQ

Join about 1,000 others expected at the annual Blues and BBQ, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Normandale Lake Bandshell, 5901 W. 84th. St. Enjoy the Lamont Cranston Band, food for purchase by two BBQ vendors and beer sales by NorthStar Tavern.



August 17 On The One Music Festival

Round out your summer with the third annual On The One Music Festival, 2-9 p.m. at Central Station Park, 8100 33rd Ave. S. Enjoy music and numerous food vendors.





NEW ORDINANCE UPDATE WILL ADDRESS FALSE ALARM ACTIVATIONS

Residents rely on the Bloomington Police to respond to every alarm system activation in the city, and the police are proud to serve.

In an effort to address increasing false alarms, the City enacted an ordinance and penalty for repeat false alarm activations, which was last updated in 2000. New updates to both are expected soon.

Most cities throughout the state charge a penalty for false alarm response, which helps cover the cost of the officers' time. Medical alarms do not count towards penalties for false alarm response.

To minimize false alarms:

- Know your codes so you can end false alarms fast.
- Report faulty equipment to your provider.
- Secure all doors and windows.

For more information, visit blm.mn/code and search Article IV: Business Licenses and Regulations, § 14.138 - § 14.146.

BY THE NUMBERS

Each year, the Bloomington Police Department responds to 2000+ residential or commercial alarms. Approximately 50% are false alarms.

Many are repeat calls to the same location.

GROWTH THROUGH OPPORTUNITY INTERNS AT THE CITY

This summer, Bloomington Police Department is partnering with Empower Inclusion to offer a Growth Through Opportunity internship to provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities new work experiences.

Two interns, Jonny and Gage, rotated across City departments and try out a job in each one on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

"BPD is excited to partner with Empower Inclusion to offer this internship because we know it will be an enjoyable and thrilling 10 weeks for both Jonny and Gage," Officer Desmond Daniels said. "It is important to the Bloomington Police Department to be inclusive and share with others not only what we do, but also the amazing work of all of our partners at the City of Bloomington. This program will open doors for participants like Jonny and Gage and offer them the opportunity to learn many new jobs and build their resume for future endeavors."

UPCOMING COPS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

One of the best ways to keep Bloomington safe and connected is to get to know each other. Here are three events coming up this August intended to keep the "unity" in community by strengthening neighbor-to-neighbor connections and increasing trust and respect between police officers and community members to help make Bloomington safer.

- **National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6**, is a national crime prevention program held each year on the first Tuesday of August. With more than 300 organized watch groups hosting National Night Out parties in Bloomington this year, there is likely to be one near you. Details at www.blm.mn/nno.
- **Cops and Cones, Tuesday, August 20**, 1-2:30 p.m., at Scoops Ice Cream, 7700 W. Old Shakopee Road offers games with giveaways, a squad car and free ice cream for kids. Details at blm.mn/copsandcones.
- **Cookout with Cops, Wednesday, August 21**, 5-7:30 p.m., Moir Park, 10320 Morgan Ave. S. offers free food, drinks and raffle prizes (while supplies last). Bring a lawn chair or blanket, seating is limited. Details at blm.mn/cop-cookout.



CHANGES TO SPEED LIMITS MADE WITH SAFETY AND EASE IN MIND

With public input and City Council approval, Bloomington has updated speed limits. Local neighborhood street speed limits are now 25 miles per hour. Posted speed limits on larger roadways were also updated and vary from 25 to 35 miles per hour.

A speed limit of 20 miles per hour for school zones is currently being finalized for:

- West 84th Street for Poplar Bridge Elementary School.
- West 102nd Street (France Avenue to Normandale Boulevard) for Olson Middle and Elementary schools and Jefferson High School.
- West 106th Street for Oak Grove Elementary and Middle schools.

These speed limit changes were informed by existing roadways, feedback received from the Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan and public engagement, studies regarding effective speed limits and engineering best practices.

For more information, visit blm.mn/letstalk.

AT YOUR SERVICE: PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AFAF SALEH

When Afaf Saleh began working as a public health nurse for the City of Bloomington in 2021, she held a bachelor's degree and experience as a nurse in a neurology intensive care unit. She was already a regular visitor to Bloomington, having friends and family here and as a member of the Dar Al Farooq Mosque.

"I love this community," Saleh said. "I meet so many wonderful people. I get to learn new cultures and contribute by providing health education and resources."

Seeing the impact of her work inspires Saleh. "There are legitimate reasons for not being able to access health care, such as transportation, and public health nurses work to reach those individuals one person at a time," she said.

For more information about the Public Health services Saleh helps provide, visit blm.mn/ph.



In 2023, the Family Home Visiting team that Saleh serves on made nearly 1,400 client visits, offering education and support for pregnant people, new parents and families.



VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 13

The August 13 primary election is approaching fast. In Bloomington, the polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election. Offices on the ballot may include U.S. senators, U.S. representatives, and county commissioners.

REGISTER TO VOTE

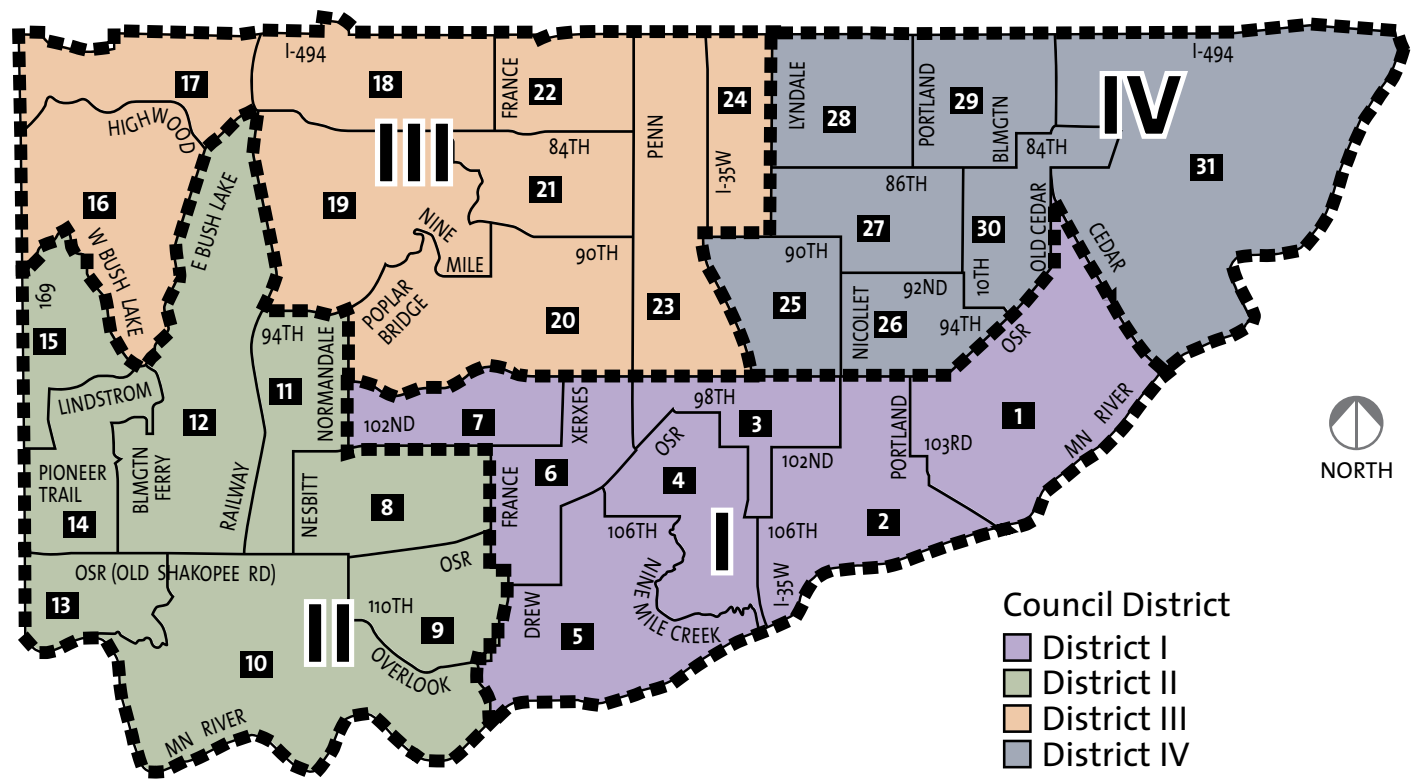
Voters are allowed to register at their polling place on Election Day. To register, you must provide proof of residence. Learn more about how to register at your polling place by visiting blm.mn/voting.



An election judge helps voters at the polling place at Civic Plaza.

SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE

The City is hiring election judges to staff its polling places for the general election on November 5. Election judges receive training, are paid for their time and provide a vital service to their community. For more information and to complete an online application or call 952-563-8729 visit blm.mn/election-judges.



BLOOMINGTON VOTES: ELECTION GUIDE

Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking	Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
1 Atonement Lutheran Church 601 E. Old Shakopee Road	Southwest entrance South lot	23 Bloomington City Hall 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road	West entrance West lot
2 Grace Covenant Church 10201 Nicollet Ave. S.	Southeast entrance East lot	24 Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Ave. S.	Southwest entrance Southwest lot
3 St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1701 W. Old Shakopee Road	Northeast entrance North lot	25 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Ave. S.	North entrance North lot
4 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 W. Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot	26 Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Ave. S.	Main entrance North lot
5 Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 10715 Zenith Ave. S.	Main entrance North lot	27 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 E. 90th St. (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot
6 Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 W. Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot	28 Unity South Church 7950 1st Ave. S.	Main entrance South lot
7 Crosspoint Church 9801 France Ave. S.	Main entrance (E) East lot	29 Portland Avenue United Methodist Church 8000 Portland Ave. S.	Main entrance West lot
8 Bloomington Covenant Church 10150 Xerxes Ave. S.	Main entrance (E) East and North lots	30 Cedar Valley Church 8600 Bloomington Ave. S.	Door 4 West entrance South lot ADA: Door 1 East entrance
9 Transfiguration Lutheran Church 11000 France Ave. S.	Main entrance (W) West lot	31 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center 3815 American Blvd. E.	West entrance Visitor lot (W)
10 MN Masonic Heritage Center 11411 Masonic Home Drive	Main entrance (W) West lot		
11 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Blvd. S.	Northeast entrance (left doors) North lot		
12 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot		
13 Founders Ridge 6600 Auto Club Road	Main entrance		
14 Bloomington Lutheran School 10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (S) South lot ADA: East side		
15 Hyland Vistors Center 10145 Bush Lake Road	West entrance West lot		
16 Peace Lutheran Church 8600 E. Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot		
17 Westwood Community Church 6301 Cecilia Circle	Main entrance (W) Main lot (W)		
18 St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Ave. S.	Main entrance (W) West lot		
19 The Church of St. Edward's 9401 Nesbitt Ave. S.	Southwest entrance, upper lot Southwest lot		
20 St. Michael's Lutheran Church 9201 Normandale Blvd.	Main entrance (E) East lot		
21 Penn Lake Library 8800 Penn Ave. S.	Main entrance		
22 Southtown Baptist Church 2600 W. 82nd St.	Main entrance (W) Northwest lot		

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HOW CAN I CAST MY BALLOT?

In the upcoming primary election, Bloomington voters have three options for casting a ballot.

1. By mail: Request to have a ballot mailed to you by completing an online absentee ballot application at mnvotes.org.
2. Early in person voting is available now through August 12. Vote early Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, August 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Monday, August 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.
3. On Election Day: Vote in person at your polling place. Because of redistricting, many voters' polling places have changed. Remember to check your polling place location at mnvotes.org.

Minnesota has no-excuse absentee voting. This means that all eligible voters may vote early if they choose.