



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS







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KENT LEE

LEADERSHIP









ARTS *and* ENTERTAINMENT

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT - THE ARENA AND BLOOMINGTON BISON EXPANDED CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS THIS SEASON, SELLING 21 OF 24 SUITES — UP FROM FIVE LAST YEAR — STRENGTHENING LOCAL SUPPORT AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY.

SMARTER SERVICE - STREAMLINED CONCESSION OPERATIONS INCREASED PER-GUEST SPENDING BY MORE THAN 25 PERCENT, STRENGTHENING THE GUEST EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORTING REINVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY AMENITIES.

RECORD GROWTH - ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ATTENDANCE INCREASED 22 PERCENT IN 2025, WELCOMING MORE THAN 233,000 GUESTS AND REINFORCING BLOOMINGTON AS A VIBRANT PLACE TO GATHER AND CONNECT.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT - A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH LIVE NATION BROUGHT MAJOR TOURING ACTS LIKE YELLOWCARD AND A DAY TO REMEMBER TO BLOOMINGTON, PRODUCING ONE OF THE FIVE HIGHEST-GROSSING SHOWS IN VENUE HISTORY AND DRIVING REGIONAL VISITATION AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

BREAKING RECORDS - RECORD-SETTING PERFORMANCES BY BACHMAN TURNER OVERDRIVE, JOHN CLEESE, AND THERESA CAPUTO AT THE BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE BLOOMINGTON'S ABILITY TO DELIVER DIVERSE, WORLD-CLASS ENTERTAINMENT RIGHT HERE AT HOME.





COMMUNITY *and* DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT TOWN



DOWNTOWN STREETScape LAUNCH

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE 600 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET, LAUNCHING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape AND RESHAPING THE HEART OF THE CITY WITH IMPROVEMENTS FOCUSED ON SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND GATHERING SPACES.

STATE-DESIGNATED CULTURAL DISTRICT RECOGNITION

DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AS A STATE-DESIGNATED CULTURAL DISTRICT, POSITIONING THE AREA FOR CONTINUED CULTURAL INVESTMENT AND LONG-TERM GROWTH.

RECORD DOWNTOWN VISITATION

MORE THAN 100 EVENTS GENERATED AN ESTIMATED 2.9 MILLION VISITS TO DOWNTOWN IN 2025, REFLECTING STRONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND REGIONAL DRAW.

HOUSING REHABILITATION LEADERSHIP

BLOOMINGTON WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS A TOP-PERFORMING HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANTEE.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN NEIGHBORHOODS

THE CITY SECURED AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 IN FUNDING AND CONTINUED TARGETED HOUSING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN REGENERATION AND PRESERVATION AREAS.

LIBRARY

COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE

THE BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUED SERVING AS BLOOMINGTON'S LIVING ROOM, WELCOMING MORE THAN 284,000 VISITORS IN 2025.

STRONG CIRCULATION & PROGRAMMING

NEARLY 1.3 MILLION ITEMS WERE CHECKED OUT, AND 782 PROGRAMS ENGAGED RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES.

RECORD-BREAKING SUMMER READING

SUMMER READING PARTICIPATION REACHED RECORD LEVELS, REFLECTING STRONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

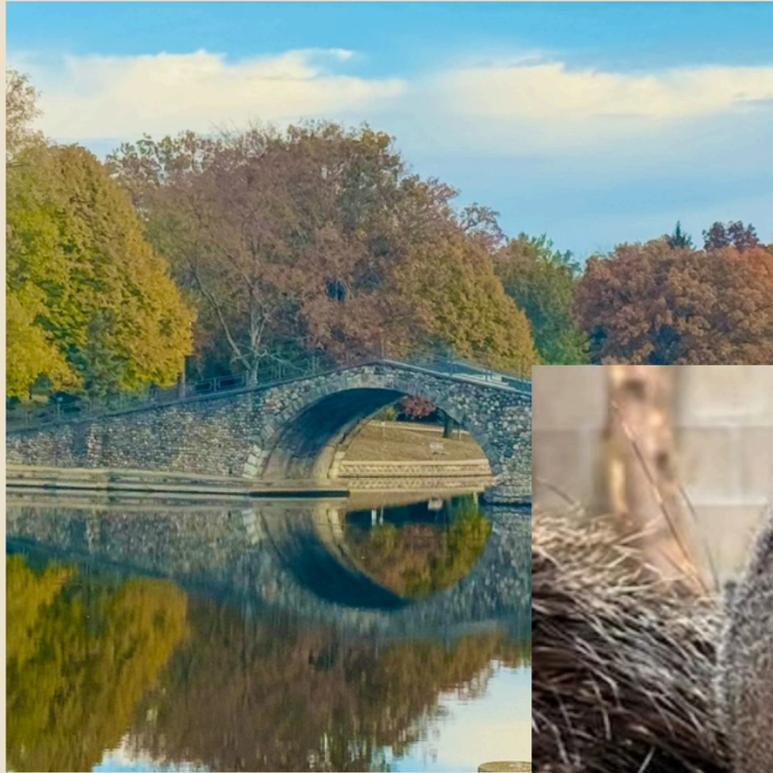
EXPANDED OUTREACH WITH BPL ON-THE-GO

MORE THAN 11,700 ITEMS WERE DELIVERED DIRECTLY INTO NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOMES THROUGH MOBILE OUTREACH SERVICES.

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

WITH 23 PERCENT OF ITS ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY SOLAR PANELS AND THE ADDITION OF NATIVE PRAIRIE PLANTINGS, THE LIBRARY CONTINUED ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INNOVATION.





1,200+ ACRES MAINTAINED

PARKS AND RECREATION MAINTAINED MORE THAN 1,200 ACRES OF PARKLAND ACROSS BLOOMINGTON, PRESERVING SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE GREEN SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

TREE CITY USA - 38 YEARS

BLOOMINGTON EARNED ITS 38TH TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION AND PLANTED 370 TREES TO STRENGTHEN THE URBAN FOREST.

INCLUSIVE PLAY SPACES

NEW PLAYGROUNDS WERE INSTALLED AND THE CITY HELPED FUND THE ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND AT STEVENSON SCHOOL, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES.

RECORD GOLF PARTICIPATION

GOLF ROUNDS REACHED A NEW HIGH AT 68,700, A 9 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MILLER PARK ZOO MILESTONES

MILLER PARK ZOO CELEBRATED 134 YEARS, WELCOMED A BABY ANTEATER, AND CONTINUED PROVIDING EDUCATION AND RECREATION FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES.

PARKS *and* **RECREATION**



BLOOMINGTON POLICE

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC TRUST

COMMUNITY SURVEYS SHOWED RESIDENTS FELT RESPECTED AND TREATED FAIRLY, PAIRED WITH EXCEPTIONALLY LOW COMPLAINT AND USE-OF-FORCE RATES.

EMERGENCY & SERVICE RESPONSE

THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO NEARLY 30,850 9-1-1 CALLS AND MORE THAN 68,000 POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2025.

DISPATCH & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONALS HANDLED NEARLY 100,000 NON-EMERGENCY CALLS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

CRIME REDUCTION RESULTS

SHOOTINGS DECLINED BY 43 PERCENT, AND ALL HOMICIDES WERE SOLVED.

INVESTING IN A SAFER COMMUNITY

CONTINUED INVESTMENTS IN ACCREDITATION, TRAINING, AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY AND STRENGTHENED PUBLIC SAFETY OUTCOMES.



BLOOMINGTON FIRE

PREVENTION & RESPONSE

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINED A STRONG FOCUS ON BOTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PROACTIVE PREVENTION EFFORTS.

EMERGENCY DISPATCH COORDINATION

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONALS DISPATCHED APPROXIMATELY 14,400 FIRE CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2025.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

FIREFIGHTERS DELIVERED 64 COMMUNITY RISK-REDUCTION EVENTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AWARENESS ACROSS BLOOMINGTON.

CPR & FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

HUNDREDS WERE TRAINED IN CPR, AND THOUSANDS PARTICIPATED IN FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMMING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

LIFE-SAVING IMPACT

DISPATCHERS WERE INVOLVED IN THREE LIFE-SAVING EVENTS, INCLUDING A CARDIAC ARREST SAVE, HIGHLIGHTING THEIR CRITICAL ROLE IN PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY.



WATER



PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING

WATER

- STRENGTHENING SYSTEM RELIABILITY - ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ONE-MILLION-GALLON ENTERPRISE WATER TOWER AND ENHANCED IN-HOUSE WATER QUALITY TESTING.
- INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & MODERNIZATION - REPLACED MORE THAN 1,095 METERS AND REPAIRED 129 WATER MAIN BREAKS TO MAINTAIN SYSTEM PERFORMANCE.
- PUBLIC HEALTH & COMPLIANCE EFFORTS -CONTINUED PROACTIVE DISTRIBUTION UPGRADES AND LEAD SERVICE INVENTORY WORK TO PROTECT LONG-TERM WATER QUALITY.

PUBLIC WORKS

- RAPID EMERGENCY RESPONSE -RESPONDED QUICKLY DURING JULY FLASH FLOODING TO CLEAR STORM INLETS AND PROTECT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.
- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY & FLEET MODERNIZATION - ADDED 71 NEW PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND GENERATED APPROXIMATELY \$225,000 IN OPERATIONAL SAVINGS.
- IMPROVED NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES - ADDRESSED DRAINAGE AND PAVEMENT ISSUES WHILE COMMITTING TO RETURN CURBSIDE BULK AND BRUSH COLLECTION IN 2026.

ENGINEERING

- ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - RESURFACED NEARLY 28 LANE MILES OF ROADWAY, INCLUDING RECONSTRUCTION OF G.E. ROAD AND FORT JESSE ROAD.
- MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS - ADVANCED THE HAMILTON ROAD EAST-WEST CONNECTION TO IMPROVE MOBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY.
- SIDEWALK & TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVES - IMPLEMENTED A STRUCTURED REPAIR PLAN, COMPLETING 240 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND LAUNCHING THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS DASHBOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPERATION

2025 MARKED THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CREATED TO UNIFY PLANNING, BUILDING SAFETY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTO A STREAMLINED, RESPONSIVE PROCESS.

\$221 MILLION IN INVESTMENT & EFFICIENT REVIEW

OVERSAW MORE THAN \$221 MILLION IN INVESTMENT WHILE MAINTAINING AVERAGE TURNAROUND TIMES OF LESS THAN TWO WEEKS FOR PROJECT REVIEWS, SITE PLANS, AND BUILDING PERMITS.

PLANNING & GROWTH INITIATIVES

ANNEXED OVER 375 ACRES TO SUPPORT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND UPDATED CITY CODES TO REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE GROWTH.

BUILDING SAFETY & PERMITTING ACTIVITY

REVIEWED MORE THAN 80 PLAN SETS AND SUPPORTED OVER 4,300 BUILDING PERMITS, ENSURING SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH MODERN CODES.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

ATTRACTED \$161 MILLION IN DIRECT INVESTMENT THROUGH INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, WHILE IMPLEMENTING NEW WORKFLOWS AND SOFTWARE IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE BOTTLENECKS.



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