



**City of Bloomington  
Committee of the Whole  
Regular Session Meeting  
October 20, 2025**



## Components of the City Council Agenda

### Recognition and Proclamation

This portion of the meeting recognizes individuals, groups, or institutions publicly, as well as those receiving a proclamation, or declaring a day or event.

### Public Hearing

Items that require receiving public testimony will be placed on the agenda and noticed as a Public Hearing. Individuals have an opportunity to provide public testimony on those items that impact the community and/or residence.

### Public Comment

Each Committee of the Whole meeting shall have a public comment period not to exceed 30 minutes. Every speaker is allotted up to 3 minutes to speak. Individuals wishing to email public comment or speak remotely must email comments and/or register online at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person must register up to 5 minutes before the start of the meeting. Speakers will be selected at random.

Public comment is a time to provide feedback. Committee of the Whole does not respond to public comment. Speakers who engage in threatening or disorderly behavior will have their time ceased.

### Consent Agenda

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee of the Whole Member, City Manager, or Corporation Counsel so requests; in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the Regular Agenda.

The City's Boards and Commissions hold Public Hearings prior to some Committee of the Whole agenda items appearing on the Committee of the Whole's Meeting Agenda. Persons who wish to address the Committee of the Whole should provide new information that is pertinent to the issue before them.

### Regular Agenda

All items that provide the Committee of the Whole an opportunity to receive a presentation, ask questions of City Staff, seek additional information, or deliberate prior to making a decision will be placed on the Regular Agenda.

### Mayor and Council

**Mayor** - Dan Brady

#### City Council Members

- Ward 1 - Jenna Kearns
- Ward 2 - Micheal Mosley
- Ward 3 - Sheila Montney
- Ward 4 - John Danenberger
- Ward 5 - Michael Straza
- Ward 6 - Cody Hendricks
- Ward 7 - Mollie Ward
- Ward 8 - Kent Lee
- Ward 9 - Abby Scott

**City Manager** - Jeff Jurgens  
**Sr. Deputy City Manager** - Billy Tyus  
**Deputy City Manager** - Sue McLaughlin

### City Logo Design Rationale

The **CHEVRON** Represents:  
Service, Rank, and Authority  
Growth and Diversity, A Friendly and  
Safe Community A Positive, Upward  
Movement and Commitment to Excellence!

#### Mission, Vision and Value Statement

##### Mission

To Lead, Serve and Uplift the City of  
Bloomington

##### Vision

A Jewel of the Midwest Cities

##### Values

Service-Centered, Results-Driven, Inclusive

#### Strategic Plan Goals

- Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
- Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities Grow the Local Economy
- Strong Neighborhoods
- Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City
- Prosperous Downtown Bloomington



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Government Center Boardroom, 4th Floor, Room #400  
115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, IL 61701  
Monday, October 20, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Public Comment**

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to [publiccomment@cityblm.org](mailto:publiccomment@cityblm.org) at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person or remotely may register at [www.cityblm.org/register](http://www.cityblm.org/register) at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting for in-person public comment and at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting for remote public comment.

**4. Consent Agenda**

No Items to be presented.

**5. Regular Agenda**

- A. **Bloomington Public Library Renovation and Expansion 1st Year Update Presentation, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.) (Presentation by Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director, 10 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 5 minutes.)
- B. **Presentation on the 250th July 4th Celebration for 2026, as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.) (Presentation by Eric Veal, Parks & Recreation Director, and James Wayne, Superintendent of Recreation, 10 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 10 minutes.)
- C. **Presentation on Proposed Amendments to the Citywide Bulk Waste Pickup Program, as requested by the Administration Department.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.) (Presentation by Sue McLaughlin, Deputy City Manager, and Mose Rickey, Public Works Director, 10 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 15 minutes.)

**6. City Manager's Discussion**

**7. Executive Session**

**8. Adjournment**

Individuals with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who require reasonable accommodations to observe and/or participate, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 309-434-2468 [mhurt@cityblm.org](mailto:mhurt@cityblm.org).



**Regular Agenda Item No. 5.A.**

**For Committee of the Whole:** October 20, 2025

**Ward Impacted:** City Wide

**Subject:** Bloomington Public Library Renovation and Expansion 1st Year Update Presentation, as requested by the Library Department.

**Recommended Motion:** None; Presentation Only.

**Strategic Plan:**

**Goal 2.** Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities Grow the Local Economy

**Objective 2d.** Well-designed, well maintained City facilities emphasizing productivity and customer service

**Background:** The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the Bloomington Public Library Expansion and Renovation took place on August 1st, 2024. Library Director, Jeanne Hamilton, will present the highlights from the 1st year in the new library spaces.

**Community Groups/Interested Persons Contacted:** N/A

**Financial Impact:** N/A

**Attachments:**

None



**Regular Agenda Item No. 5.B.**

**For Committee of the Whole:** October 20, 2025

**Ward Impacted:** City Wide

**Subject:** Presentation on the 250th July 4th Celebration for 2026, as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department.

**Recommended Motion:** None; Presentation Only.

**Strategic Plan:**

**Goal 5.** Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

**Objective 5d.** Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents

**Objective 5e.** More attractive city: commercial areas and neighborhoods

**Background:** The City of Bloomington's annual 4th of July celebration at Miller Park is a community tradition dating back to at least 1921, per archives at *The Pantagraph*. The community enjoys having structured events throughout the day, and the evening's McLean County Sky Concert fireworks show sponsored by the City, State Farm, and Cumulus Radio creates timeless memories for families of all ages. Traditional 4th of July offerings include: paddle boats, the Miller Park Zoo, the splashpad, Putting Zoo (mini-golf), and fireworks. Recent additions include the Classic Car Cruise Celebration and Family Fun Zone featuring inflatables and face painting.

The City and Town of Normal feature the same coordinated fireworks display from Miller Park and Fairview Park with music broadcast on WJBC. Gateway Fireworks Displays from St. Louis has coordinated the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal shows for 2018-2019 and 2021-2025. A new request for proposal ("RFP") will need to be issued for a fireworks contract. America celebrates its 250th Independence Day on July 4, 2026 (1776-2026). With that, both the Town of Normal and City of Bloomington are recommending a larger and lengthier display for 2026 - and a return to the traditional 20-24 minute display in 2027 and beyond. For the 250th celebration of America in 2026, we are also offering the opportunity to coordinate a one-time, standalone family-friendly event featuring a drone show on Friday, July 3, 2026, at a location to be determined.

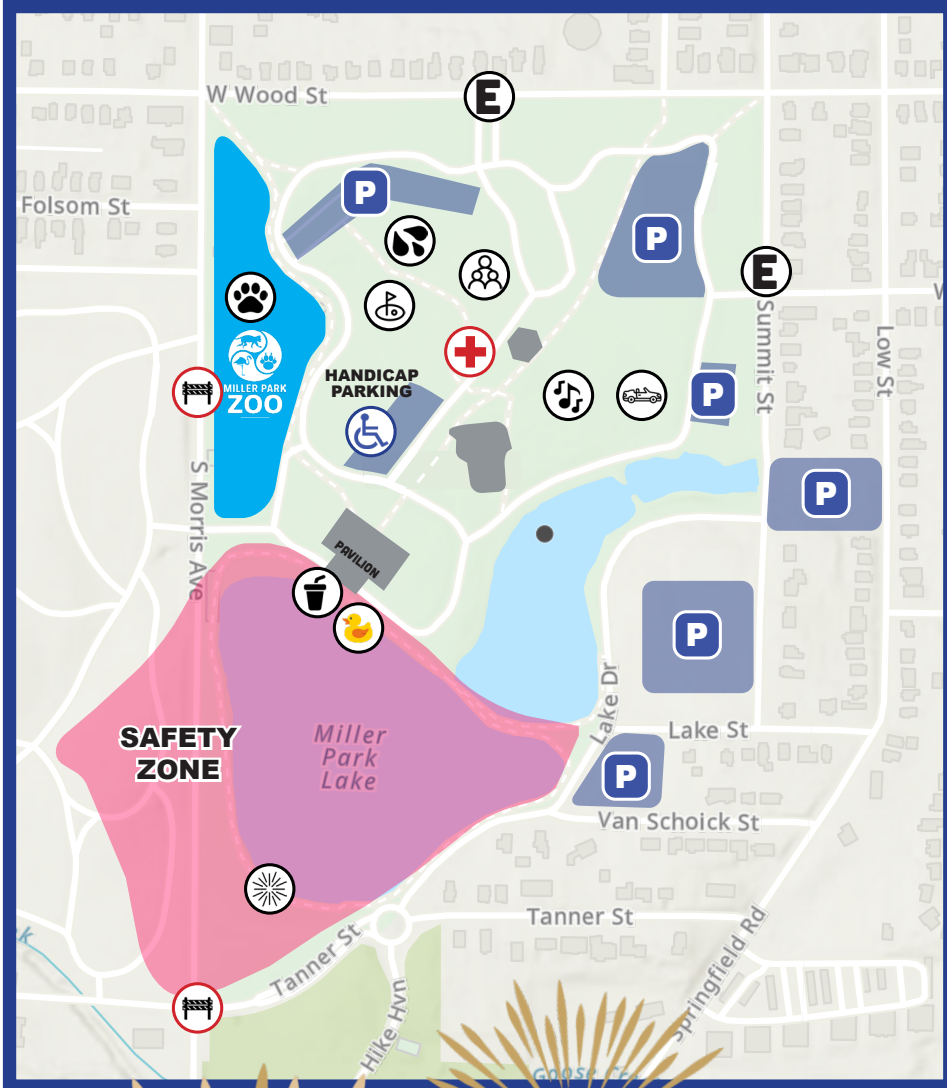
**Community Groups/Interested Persons Contacted:** N/A

**Financial Impact:** Discussion only at this time.

**Attachments:**

1. 4th of July Miller Park Event Map
2. 4th of July Light Pole Banner MOCKUPS

# CITY OF BLOOMINGTON 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY AT MILLER PARK



## EVENTS SCHEDULE

**9:00 AM-Noon**  
Paddle Boat Rental Hours

**9:30 AM-4:30 PM**  
Zoo Hours

**9:30 AM-8:00 PM**  
Splashpad Open














**10:00 AM-7:00 PM**  
Putting Zoo Hours

**1:00-4:00 PM**  
Classic Car Cruise Celebration  
with LIVE Music!

**5:00-8:00 PM**  
Family Zone  
(Inflatables & Facepainting)

**9:15 PM**  
Sky Concert  
(Fireworks set to Music)

## KEY

	Car Cruise		Parking
	Concessions		Park Entrance
	Family Zone		Putting Zoo
	Fireworks		Road Closure
	First Aid/Police		Splashpad
	Live Music		Zoo
	Paddle Boats		

## MILLER PARK RULES (ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY)

- No Fireworks (even Sparklers)
- No Bicycles
- No Alcohol
- No Pets (Service Animals Permitted)





## Regular Agenda Item No. 5.C.

**For Committee of the Whole:** October 20, 2025

**Ward Impacted:** City Wide

**Subject:** Presentation on Proposed Amendments to the Citywide Bulk Waste Pickup Program, as requested by the Administration Department.

**Recommended Motion:** None; Presentation Only.

### **Strategic Plan:**

**Goal 1.** Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

**Objective 1d.** City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

**Background:** Back in 2018, changes were made to the Bulk Waste curbside pickup program. These changes consisted of eliminating the bi-weekly free curbside pickup as well as the creation of the Citizens' Convenience Center ("CCC"). This Center allows for the disposal of bulk waste, landscape waste, and appliances free of charge to anyone who holds an ID indicating he/she is a resident of the City of Bloomington. The City also then offered bi-annual bulk waste free curbside pickup. Since 2018, the CCC has consistently been exploited, mostly by landlords and contractors. These parties have regularly brought multiple loads of bulk waste on a weekly basis, free of charge. Simultaneously, City crews have continued to provide weekly curbside pickup for \$25/bucket fee as well. The operation, in this manner, is inefficient as crews have to determine where bulk has been placed to pickup.

Staff recommend offering bi-weekly free curbside bulk waste pickup as was done prior to 2018. The first bucket of waste would be free, and any subsequent bucket would be \$30 each (i.e. 1=\$30, 2=\$60, 3=\$90). The fee has not been reviewed since 2009, and staff believe this would deter non-compliant residents and contractors from abusing the system. This service would be offered year-round except during leaf pickup in late fall. This should reduce piles of waste sitting in yards waiting for the bi-annual pickup as well. Additionally, this change should also be beneficial to senior citizens and the disabled if they're unable to bring waste to the CCC.

Staff recommend closing the CCC to bulk waste, but continue to allow yard waste and appliances. Staff also recommend ceasing operations completely between January - March of each year to allow the two employees stationed at the CCC to be placed on solid waste-street/snowplow work. During that time period, there should be minimal yard waste, and residents will continue to receive free recycling pickup curbside. In addition, the reduced use of the CCC could make a full-time employee ("FTE") available to street sweep, which has been a struggle over the last few years to keep up with, according to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") standards.

**Community Groups/Interested Persons Contacted:** N/A

**Financial Impact:** Discussion only at this time.

**Attachments:**

None