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From the GM

With history as our focus, here are some interesting facts about the evolution of NLOP.



8300 (1983)

Real estate developer Trammell Crow brings “downtown” business amenities to the Bloomington strip with the first “all glass curtainwall” office tower. Its unique top floor with private elevator, staircase and skylit roof attracts tenants who want only the best. A free, covered parking ramp is also offered to tenants.

8400 (1985) This new suburban office building introduced the first destination restaurant/bar to serve both tenants and the public. Also new is the large retail promenade mimicking downtown ‘skyway’ retail spaces by providing a variety of everyday conveniences right where people work.

8500 (1987) Trammel Crow creates a signature tower by renting a helicopter to determine the best views in each direction. The building links the three-building complex with a skyway across Normandale Lake Blvd. At the grand opening, a laser light show inside the tower literally stops traffic along I-494.

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Once Upon A Time...

A Brief History of Bloomington

Long before there was a Bloomington, Minnesota - more than 10,000 years ago, this entire region was covered by massive glaciers that carved lakes, rivers, bluffs and acres of rich prairie land as they moved and melted into the earth. The first inhabitants were nomads who traveled through the area as the glaciers retreated. Later, the Indian came to hunt and roam the territory. It was the Dakota Sioux who greeted the first white settlers, most of whom were trappers and later farmers, lumberman and grain millers.

Walking on Hallowed Ground

The Dakota tribe called this area I-cha-hta-ka, which means, “to touch” or “where the water touches the banks.” It was highly regarded as sacred ground by the Indians and referred to as Ta-ku-wa-kan Ti-pi, a “dwelling place of the gods.” Today, many Indian burial mounds along the bluffs of the Minnesota River are seen as evidence of these early inhabitants who occupied the land for a long period of time.

The name “Minnesota” also originated from the Dakota Sioux when they discovered all of the crystal clear streams and lakes as they were traveling west. In their native tongue, “minne” meant “water” and “sota” meant “white” - which, when combined, became “white water” or Minnesota.



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1620-1858

Native Americans live along the Minnesota River. Fort Snelling is completed in 1823 and Euro-Americans arrive by steamboat.

1858-1900

Bloomington becomes a town on **May 11, 1858**, the same day Minnesota became a state. A farming community develops, the telegraph is available and in 1892 a town hall is built near Old Shakopee Road. The population grows to 1,000.



1900-1918

Farming expands to include dairy cattle and raising sheep. Truck farming and vegetable stands gain in popularity.



1918-1945

A consolidated school district provides an education to students from first to twelfth grades. Bus transportation begins.

Historic Timeline

Visit www.bloomingtonmn.gov/com/bloomington-history

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Land Treaties/Fort Snelling

The Dakota Indians signed their first land treaty in 1805 with Zebulon Pike who had been hired by the U.S. Government to secure land to build a fort. Fort Snelling was completed in 1823, and its prime location on the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers gave way to countless Euro-Americans who arrived by steamboat to this new settlement.

In 1852, a party of settlers from Bloomington, Illinois staked claims near the Minnesota River and in 1858, 25 residents incorporated the town of Bloomington, the same year Minnesota became a state.

Old Shakopee Road and Nine Mile Creek

According to the Bloomington Historical Society, this city's most famous street, Old Shakopee Road was originally an Indian trail that led from Shakopee to Fort Snelling. It later became a stagecoach route that crossed a small stream at what is now Penn Avenue. That stream was fittingly named Nine Mile Creek because it measured that distance to Fort Snelling.

Because Nine Mile Creek was a convenient stop to water their horses, it wasn't long before hotels were built there followed by the town hall, telephone office, general store, fuel yard and the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. By then it was 1892, and stagecoach transportation was replaced by the electric train.

From Fur Trading to Farming

As people continued to arrive by ox carts and covered wagons, land purchases were made for \$1 an acre.

Bloomington remained a farming, blacksmithing and flour milling community until after World War II when returning veterans realized it was a great place to live and raise their families. It was then established as a post-WWII housing boom suburb connected to the urban street grid of Minneapolis and eventually serviced by two major freeways, Interstates 35W and 494.

Fast Forward to the MOA

Today Bloomington is the fifth largest city in Minnesota according to 2016 estimates. It is the home of the Mall of America, the largest mall in the United States.



NLOP circa 1985

Of course Bloomington is also the birthplace of **Normandale Lake Office Park**, this 1.7-million-square-foot office complex situated on 27 acres of land that once belonged to the mighty Dakota Sioux Indians. ■

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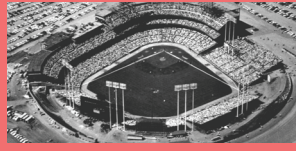
8000 (2001) With new developer TIAA-CREF now on the scene, its architects take a major turn from full marble lobbies to warm wood paneling to set a new standard for public lobby spaces. The Cinderella staircase with backdrop waterfall connects the skyway to the ground level with a grand flourish.

8200 (2009) Focused on LEED Gold, the final tower is developed to demonstrate outstanding excellence in energy-saving, environmentally sound design. ■



1945-1961

2 & 3 bedroom homes are built, schools expand, streets are paved to accommodate a growing population. Bloomington becomes a city.



1961-1978

Major freeways bring industrial growth and major league teams including the Minnesota Twins, Vikings and Northstar hockey.



1978-1995

The community builds a History Clock Tower in celebration of its history and promise for the future. Population 88,250.



1995-today

Bloomington continues to grow and flourish in all aspects of an All-American City of the day.

Events + Updates

April 10

Backyard Compost Seminar

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - 8000 Tower Classroom

Compost basics for people who are starting or already composting. To register for this **FREE SEMINAR** email 8000conciierge@executiveconciierge.comcastbiz.net.

April 11

Electronics Recycling

8000 Tower Loading Dock, 9 - 10 am

8500 Tower Loading Lock, 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Be sure and take advantage of this electronics-recycling event. Bring your items to either loading dock and Recycle Technologies will take it from there. Each tenant will be invoiced directly from Recycle Technologies and the charge is \$0.35/lb. Please be sure to register.

April 30

Update from City of Bloomington on Normandale Lake

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - 8000 Tower Classroom

Representatives will be here to give an update on the Normandale Lake project.

May 1

CSA Seminar by Untiedt's

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - 8000 Tower Classroom

A Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) rep from Untiedt's will talk about how to become a shareholder in your local food community. Become a member and receive a box of locally grown fresh produce each week. To register, email 8000conciierge@executiveconciierge.comcastbiz.net

May 1 & 2

Spring Boutique

10 am - 1:30 pm - 8500 Tower Atrium

Don't miss this popular shopping extravaganza for gift-giving or to treat yourself.

May 13-17

Commuter Challenge Fairs

May 13, 8000 Tower - May 14, 8200 Tower, May 15, 8300 Tower, May 16, 8400 Tower, May 17, 8500 Tower

Between now and June 30, take the bus or train, bicycle, carpool, or telework instead of driving alone to work. Enter to win Grand Prizes, including a **\$500 Visa Gift Card**, **electric scooter**, and you'll automatically be entered into NLOP's bike drawing! One bike will be given away at each building. Can't make a fair? Visit www.494corridor.org to sign up and request free resources. Bagels, juice & coffee will be served!

June (date TBD)

Farmer's Market

Every Wednesday from 11 am - 1:00 pm

Untiedt's Vegetable Farm will be bringing in fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables for a farmer's market. Watch Normandale.com for details.

June 6

Biking 101 Seminar

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - 8000 Tower Classroom

Designed for beginner commuter and experienced bikers. Includes Q&A and individualized route planning.

June 11

Bike Safety Check

11:30 am - 1 pm - 8200 Tower Parking Ramp, B Level

"Freewheel Bike" mechanics will be here to check your bike. Registration is required. Email lisa.simonson@cushwake.com. This is an adult bike only event and just one bike will be tuned up per person.

June 19

Memorial Blood Drive

8 am - 4 pm - 8500 Tower Loading Dock



Sign up online @ www.mbcherohub.club. Enter username and password. Click 'Donate Blood' and enter code 0370.

June 20

Annual 3k Walk/5k Run

Details to come.



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Overnight Courier Boxes

Pick up M-F 6:30 p.m.
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8300 Tower, 1st Floor
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Post Office

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Main Bloomington Post Office

952-884-3698

Restaurants

Caribou Coffee

8000 Tower, 1st Floor
952.486.9500

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8200 Tower, 1st Floor
952.303.3483

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8300 Tower, Suite 130
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