

Area Features & Attractions

8161 33RD AVENUE SOUTH #1704 BLOOMINGTON CENTRAL STATION

- **Mall of America**

- Since opening its doors in 1992, Mall of America has revolutionized the shopping experience and become a leader in retail and entertainment.
- Mall of America is one of the top tourist destinations in the country as well as one of the most recognizable brands.
- Along with an extensive range of retail, restaurants and entertainment, there are many unique features to Mall of America likely to be found in any community.
- Mall features include: 520 stores; 50 restaurants; Nickelodeon Universe, the nation's first Nick theme park and largest indoor amusement park; 1.2 million gallon aquarium and other exciting attractions.
- Hundreds of mall walkers use the Mall as a place to exercise and socialize with fellow walkers.
- More than 4,000 couples from around the world have exchanged vows in the privacy of the elegant Chapel of Love Wedding Chapel at the Mall.
- Metropolitan Learning Alliance is a Mall campus available for high school students from five Minneapolis-area school districts, offering classes in adult basic education and English as a second language.
- Other Mall features include: 20,000 free parking spots; dedicated pick-up and drop-off facility for buses and frequent city bus service; two miles from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport

- **Light Rail Transit (LRT)**

- 12-mile Hiawatha line links downtown Minneapolis, the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America.
- The LRT provided 10 million rides in 2008, an average of 30,500 per week day.
- The LRT has proven to be a powerful catalyst for development in a corridor that once had large tracts of vacant and underutilized land.
- A recent survey of customers leaves no doubt that were it not for buses and light rail, many more people would be driving solo on the region's roads and highways.

- **Bloomington Central Station**

- New community that brings together businesses, homes, hotels, restaurants and public green space in one amazing place to live, work and play.
- Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge offers a 34-mile, 14,000-acre corridor of marsh, grassland and forest in the valley of the Minnesota River. The Refuge supports an array of year-round activities including: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, canoeing, boating, biking, horseback riding and snowmobiling.
- To get a glimpse of the multiple habitats within the Minnesota Valley take a hike on the Hillside trail just outside the Bloomington Visitor Center. The half-mile loop trail will take you through prairie, hillside forest, and wetlands.
- Also includes Fort Snelling, Hyland Lake Park Reserve, 3 golf courses, 108 tennis courts and 123 parks.