

# BN GREAT

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Museum of History

*Enjoy the perks  
of a Fortune 500  
community with a  
college town vibe!*

Calling Bloomington-Normal home is all about being in a great place to live, work and play.

When you live on the original Mother Road at the crossroads of Illinois – where Interstates 39, 55 and 74 intersect – everything you need or want is at your fingertips:

- High quality of life with a lower cost of living
- Easy commutes everywhere
- A variety of great arts, sports and entertainment options
- Air and rail via \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- So, you don't ever have to leave home, but if you get that big-city itch once in a while ... you're about 2½ hours from Chicago or St. Louis and less than three from Indianapolis.

## Here's more about BN Great

### Education

In addition to two public school districts covering pre-K through high school, nine private schools and two Illinois State University laboratory schools, BN is ranked one of the 10 best college towns in the U.S. These institutions give us definition:

- \_\_\_\_\_, the first public university in Illinois and ranked among the top 100 public universities in the nation
- \_\_\_\_\_ ranked among the top liberal arts colleges in the nation
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### Exciting Annual Events

BN offers a lot to choose from, but these are truly unique:

- \_\_\_\_\_, acclaimed one of the 10 best theater festivals in the U.S.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- The Chief Del Thomas Annual Fire Truck Parade



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## Food and Drink

Eating and drinking local is a growing trend, and BN is right in step with a host of unique, locally owned restaurants and craft breweries. is a “farm-to-fork” operation serving original dishes to satisfy diverse tastes at four distinct restaurants. You also can dine on steak and seafood while serenaded by piano at ; go Asian with Mama Sue’s cooking at ; try Indian at ; dig the bold food and drink at the home of ; or check out the original

## Get Out and Do It

BN offers something for everyone, from the Mother Road, , to upscale shopping at , museums and hiking trails. A few examples of cool ways to recreate or just hang out:

- and shopping and restaurant districts provide an eclectic experience from home décor at to the .
- , designed by the late Arnold Palmer
- on U.S. 66 in McLean
- , an outdoors paradise with mountain biking, hiking, fishing, sailboarding, horseback riding, camping and much more.
- And BN is a .

## Sports

- (NCAA Division I)
- (NCAA Division III)
- baseball (Frontier League)
- state championship events in three sports
- Robust activities for all ages – including cricket – in both and

## Arts and entertainment

BN has a rich cultural environment that ranges from national touring shows to local companies like , artists and up-and-coming musicians. Some of the most popular venues:

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is all about!

