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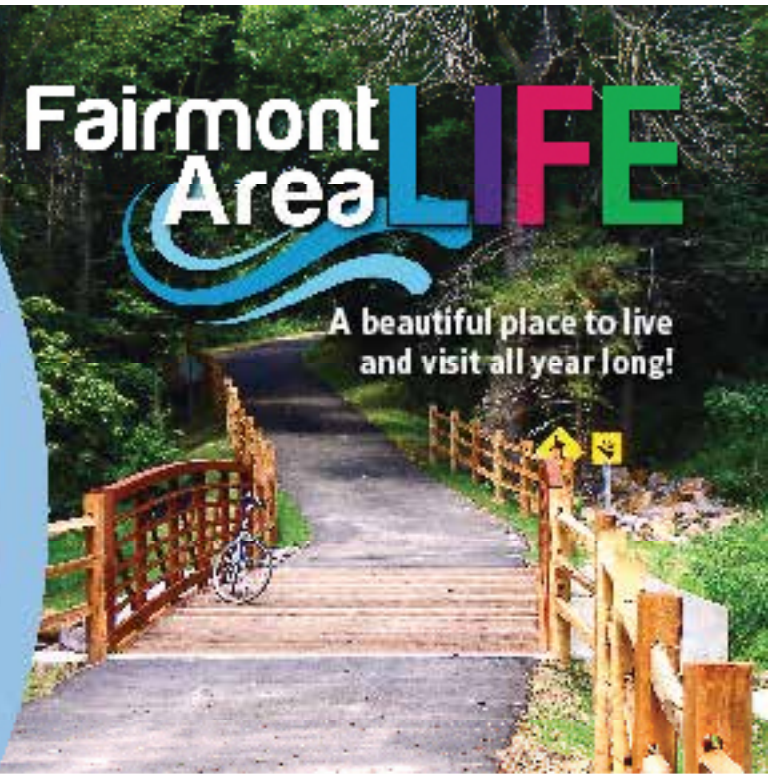
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# WELCOME TO MARTIN COUNTY!

## GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR



**LEE BARTZ**  
MAYOR  
CITY OF FAIRMONT

Welcome to Fairmont! We are so excited to have you here. Our beautiful community has many amazing sites for you to see and experience. Our 5 lakes are always populated whether folks are fishing, swimming, boating, snowmobiling or admiring the beautiful scenery no matter the season. Recreation and outdoor activities are many in our city. Many of our parks have a shelter house, playground equipment, and benches to rest and relax. Fairmont walking trails continue to expand throughout the city and around our 5

lakes to offer beautiful scenery while on a walk. Fairmont has multiple soccer fields at one location, softball fields and baseball fields. Squeals of laughter and excitement are contagious as patrons enjoy our awesome Aquatic Park. I am proud to say, Fairmont community member volunteers and numerous private financial donations have restored historic buildings in our city. We cannot wait for you to see them! Our Red Rock Center, the Martin County Historical Museum and our Fairmont Opera House, to name a few, are ready for visitors to explore. There is so much to do in Fairmont, whether you are here for a short time or an extended time. Please enjoy our large number of local restaurants, the many retail and specialty shops and as expected, the Fairmont Minnesota nice by our community members. Thank you for visiting the town we are so blessed to call home! We hope you will enjoy your time here and hope to see you again very soon!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER



**KANDI MENNE**  
PRESIDENT  
FAIRMONT CHAMBER

The communities in Martin County never fail to deliver quality of life assets for our residents, businesses, organizations and visitors!

If you live and work here, I urge you to check out the many the amenities available for you to enjoy, the opportunities are endless. Stop at the Chamber and Visit Fairmont office and we will point you in the right direction, complete with the updated map of Fairmont roads and trails.

## WELCOME FROM VISIT FAIRMONT



**NICOLE JOHNSTON**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
VISIT FAIRMONT

Thank you for your interest in the Fairmont area. Whether you are preparing for a visit to Martin County or are already here for business or pleasure, we want to help you get the most from your stay!

The city of Fairmont is woven around a chain of five beautiful lakes and offers a wide range of recreational opportunities throughout every season. Be sure to visit one of our amazing parks, take a step back in time with our legendary historical sites, go for a dip at the Fairmont Aquatic Park, enjoy dinner with a view at our

lakeside dining establishments, or stick around for one of our cultural or sporting events. Our indoor mall and historic downtown district provide a relaxed and leisurely shopping environment. Fairmont is the perfect place to kick back, relax, and recharge. We hope you have a great stay and welcome you back for a return visit.

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## ENJOY THE VIEW!

To visit Fairmont is to discover a charming gem of the midwest. Located in Southern Minnesota and rich with natural beauty, the Fairmont area is home to 5 lakes (4 connected by channels), over 25 parks, and beautifully maintained biking and hiking trails.

On your visit, you will also find opportunities to expand your local and worldwide cultural scope with local festivals and passionately directed performing art centers like **The Fairmont Opera House** and **The Red Rock Center for the Arts**.

Looking for a shopping experience full of cute, locally owned boutiques and second-hand stores with amazing deals? Look no further than Downtown Fairmont! In Fairmont's downtown you will also find instagramable art murals, and local, artistic attributes to our pork industry. Discover more on page 11



Photo credit: Whitney Scott

The City of Lakes has great opportunities to be active. Go kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, or boating on our 5 lakes. Swim and splash at our amazing Aquatic Park! Discover our many trails, perfect for running, walking, and biking. You will find opportunities in Fairmont to be active all year round with local fitness establishments and their variety of fitness class offerings.

Fairmont also has two golf courses (Interlaken and Rose Lake Golf Clubs) and three courses of 18-hole disc golf at Cedar Creek Park. During the winter, Cedar Creek Park is also a great place to take in the beauty of Minnesota winters while cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Martin County also has more than 140 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the winter, and ATV trails in the summer.



Photo credit: Whitney Scott

Go back in time and visit our local Heritage Acres, Martin County Historical society, or the Martin County Veterans Memorial. You can also learn more about our history by visiting our various sites listed on the Minnesota National Register. Discover more on page 8.



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Looking for some peace and relaxation? Fairmont lakes are great for fishing and ice-fishing. There are over 15 fishing piers and 4 boat launch options across our 5 wonderful lakes. Discover more specifics about our lakes and fishing on page 28.

If relaxation for you doesn't involve worms, check out our local spa options located in downtown Fairmont or throughout the area. Bring a book, foldable chair, or hammock and relax with a lake view at one of our many parks. Enjoy a beverage, appetizer, or dinner at the lakeside establishments of **Ambiance**, **The Channel Inn**, and **The Marina Lodge** or on the patios of **Green Mill**, **Beantown**, or **Tami's On the Ave** during your time in Fairmont.



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Thinking about staying longer after your visit? Fairmont is a wonderful place to call home. With a variety of class offerings and activities to be involved in, our great school district will prepare and develop students to become well-rounded, academically equipped, and engaged people. Our friendly and involved community members will welcome you into the various clubs, missions, organizations, churches, and neighborhoods throughout our area. In Fairmont, you will find all the charming qualities of a small town: locally owned/operated eateries, city-wide, seasonal celebrations, community parades, lake recreation, well-maintained amenities like trails and parks, and a caring community where people get to know you by name.

Learn more about YOUR visit to Fairmont, Minnesota from the contacts below!



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## TAKE A STEP BACK

It was thanks to the rolling hills surrounding our picturesque lake setting that Fairmont was named. It was originally called Fair Mount. Since the establishment of a fort here in 1826, Fairmont has been steeped in an intriguing history.

The past stories of Martin County can be found at the Martin County Historical Society. At the Martin County Historical Society, visitors can find well-preserved artifacts and information on the past eras of Martin County. Check out the Martin Historical Society at 304 E Blue Earth Ave, Fairmont, MN. Interviews, articles, and more information about Martin County can be found on the Martin County Historical Society's website at <https://fairmont.org/mchs/>

Martin County's Veteran Memorial is also a wonderful tribute to local veterans. Located at 507 Winnebago Ave., Fairmont, the memorial currently honors all Martin County service people who have either lived here, were inducted in the service here, or came back to live here. At the Martin County Veterans Memorial, you will find a black granite wall with the names of Martin County Veterans engraved, a peaceful space for reflection, and a Bell Cobra-Fixed Wing Attack Helicopter on permanent display at the memorial site. Learn more at <https://mcvn.org>

Overlooking Fairmont's beautiful Lake Sisseton is Heritage Acres. Heritage Acres captures the story of farming in southern Minnesota with an agricultural interpretive village containing well-preserved, historic buildings. At Heritage Acres, you can literally step back in time and be immersed in the past of Martin County. Check it out at 507 Lake Ave., Fairmont, MN or while walking the bike trail along Lake Sisseton.



# THE 'LOST TOWNS' OF MARTIN COUNTY

Gone but not forgotten, the nine 'Lost Towns' are recognized via historical markers throughout the county.

Thanks to the dedication of the Martin County Historical Society, these former communities will be remembered by future generations, and visitors can trace these ghost towns with the organization's tour map.

They include Manyaska, established in 1899 and once a prosperous shipping point for livestock and grain, the town of De Soto, named for a Spanish explorer, and Tenhassen, a former bustling settlement where only its cemetery remains.

FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO  
 DOWNLOAD THE MAP, VISIT THE  
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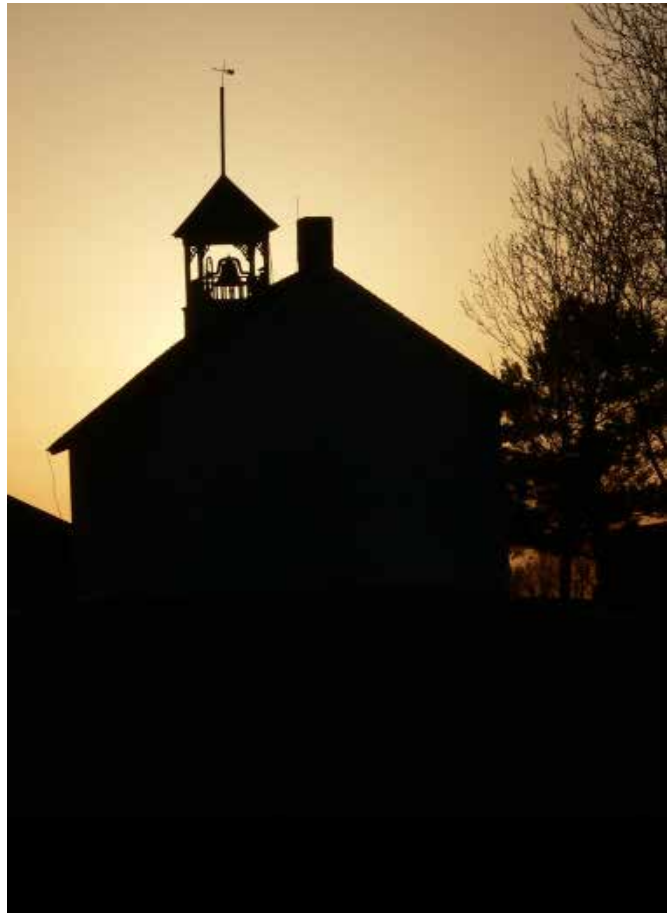


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The Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee  
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The current project is erecting a veterans memorial to all  
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## 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Heritage Acres is located on West Lake Avenue in Fairmont, right next to the National Guard Armory. Heritage Acres is open from April 1st through October 31st by appointment only unless there is an event going on.

### HERITAGE ACRES OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10th • 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Free admission. All of the buildings will be open.

### THRESHING DAY (10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.) & ANTIQUE TRACTOR DISPLAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

The threshing will take you back in time to the days of old fashion threshing! There will be kids train rides, a bounce house, wagon rides, a tractor show, vendors, and dinner. Free admission

### ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th • 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Ecumenical chapel service 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Acres Chapel. Soup and Sandwich Dinner 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Prairieville Building. There will be a charge for the dinner. No gate admission fee and all other activities are free.

During the Fall Festival there will be many antique equipment demonstrations. See the one and two row pickers at work or try picking corn by hand. Other items of interest include a corn sheller, combining beans, and plowing with horses. There will be baking in the house and pressing apples for free samples of apple juice and a fresh baked cookies. There will also be live music (11:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.), a small engine display, and kids train rides! There is no charge to watch these activities.

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### HERITAGE ACRES CONTACTS

Jerry Simon: (507) 236-1257 | Deb Pope : (507) 235-3722

We are open for tours by appointment. The chapel can be rented for weddings. The Prairieville Building can be rented for reunions.  
No alcohol allowed. Pets are allowed on the grounds, but not in the buildings.

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[www.heritageacresmn.org](http://www.heritageacresmn.org)

# SHOP LOCAL



Downtown Fairmont provides a charming, small town shopping experience because of the friendly service, wonderful shops, and beautiful seasonal decor ranging from vibrant, flower arrangements in the spring to twinkling, festive holiday lights in the winter.

With the revitalization of downtown Fairmont, you will find an adorable shopping center full of independently owned restaurants, boutiques, spas, shops, and second-hand stores! The downtown shop storefronts will catch your eye with their creatively decorated shop windows. Amidst your exploring, shopping, eating, or pampering, you will be surrounded by well-preserved, historic buildings and fixtures from a past era.



You can also find great stores like Sterling Drug, Dunhams, a Chinese restaurant, a nail salon, True Value, and an indoor playground at the local Five Lakes Centre Mall off of Hwy 15.




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# DOWNTOWN FAIRMONT PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

In downtown Fairmont, you will find many fun and unique photo opportunities to take with your family and friends. Artworks ranging from umbrellas and funky storefront murals to entire building walls dedicated to celebrating the arts of our local community are great picture opportunities of your visit to Fairmont. Sometimes, you will even find our Downtown Fairmont Street piano ready to be played!

During your visit downtown, you will also notice many decorated pigs on street corners and intersections. This project is known as "Going Hog Wild". "Going Hog Wild" was created to attract visitors to the local area while also commemorating our strong pork industry. Each hog statue spotlights local businesses and organizations along with showcasing the work of a local artist. Today, 36 hog statues are featured throughout Martin County (20 in the downtown area). Through the spring of 2023, 65 additional hog statues are scheduled to arrive and be placed throughout Martin County.



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Pictured to the right is the unveiling of 36 hog statues for the "Going Hog Wild" project.

Pictured below is the Downtown Fairmont Street piano placed in front of the consignment shop, **Giddy Up Boutique**.



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Dairy Queen Soft-serve ice cream and signature shakes top the menu at this classic burger and fries fast-food chain. And who doesn't love their DQ cakes!

Looking for froyo (frozen yogurt), coffee, baked goods, or lunch all year round? Check out Graffiti Corner! At Graffiti Corner, you will find great food and a comfortable indoor and outdoor dining space to catch up with friends, work, study, or hang out.



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While shopping and exploring downtown Fairmont, take a break and check out the Fairmont Brewing Company, Edie's Restaurant, Jakes Pizza, Domino's or El Agave on Downtown Plaza. Once refreshed you can continue to shop til you drop!

Fairmont has so many great, locally owned and operated restaurants. Whether you want to enjoy a lunch lakeside, watch sports at a lively bar and grill, or have a nice dinner with a lovely atmosphere, Fairmont's got you covered! **Flip through the food and dining pages and discover our delicious, local restaurants.**

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VISIT THE FAIRMONT FARMERS' MARKET

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FAIRMONT FARMERS MARKET

## LOOK FOR THESE MARTIN COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS

**DUNNELL:** Downtown Dunnell

**FAIRMONT:** Timberlake Orchard | 5 Lakes Centre

**SHERBURN:** Former Lighthouse/Ma Faber's building

**TRIMONT:** Trinity Lutheran Church

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In Fairmont, Cedar Creek park is home to three 18-hole disc golf courses. While playing a round of frisbee golf, enjoy the beautiful woods, trails, and views of Amber and Hall Lake at Cedar Creek Park.

On Wednesday evenings at 7pm, from April to September, you can enjoy the thrill of dirt track racing at the Fairmont Raceway located at 1300 North Bixby Road Fairmont, MN. Learn more at [Fairmontraceway.com](http://Fairmontraceway.com).

Martin County also has more than 140 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the winter, and ATV trails in the summer. The snowmobile and ATV trail systems can be found at [visitfairmontmn.com](http://visitfairmontmn.com).

Martin County is full of wonderful playgrounds. You could spend a whole day visiting a new playground every hour and still not get to them all! Fairmont even has an all-accessible playground. Located at Gomsrud park, Fairmont Adventure Playground is a community initiative dedicated to providing an inclusive playground with accessible surfaces and equipment for all kids of diverse abilities to enjoy. Even during the winter months, if your kids do not want to play outside, you can take them to an indoor playground at the Five Lakes Centre Mall at 400 S State Street, Fairmont MN.

Since the 1940s, Bowlmor Lanes & Lounge in Fairmont has been a popular gathering place for families and friends. It even includes a golf simulator for those who miss the fairways during the winter months. Break out your neon on Friday and Saturday nights because Bowlmor Lanes & Lounge hosts Cosmic Bowling from 8p.m. to close! While bowling, you can also enjoy Bowlmor's burgers, chicken strips, pizza, and beverages.



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Martin County is also home to 3 wonderfully maintained golf clubs. In Fairmont, you'll find Interlaken Golf Club and Rose Lake Golf Club. Located in town, Interlaken Golf Club is home to a semi-private, 18-hole golf course along Amber Lake. Centered around Rose Lake on the outskirts of Fairmont, Rose Lake Golf Club features an 18-hole course with long stretches of green, spacious fairways. In Sherburn, you will find Fox Lake Golf Club. Fox Lake Golf Club is a semi-private, 9 hole golf course located at 15 East Park Drive, Sherburn MN. Learn more about all three of these local golf clubs at [visitfairmontmn.com](http://visitfairmontmn.com).



Adventure Playground at Gomsrud Park

Try the FREE, Fairmont 18-hole Mini Golf located right outside the Fairmont Aquatic Park. Bring your own putters or check them out at the Fairmont Aquatic Park.

Although there are many parks and trails to take man's best friend, at 1450 South Prairie Avenue you will find the Fairmont Dog Park! Along a biking trail and walkable to both Dairy Freeze and Grafitti Corner, the Fairmont Dog Park has an enclosed, safe, green grass space for your dog to run and play.

Basketball courts and hoops can be found at Gomsrud Park, Fairmont Elementary School, and Veterans Park. Tennis courts can be found at Fairmont High School and Veterans Park. Beach volleyball courts with court lights and horseshoe courts can be found at Gomsrud Park. Soccer fields can be found at the Fairmont Soccer Complex - Jeffery Kot Fields.

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## IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ARTS

There are plenty of opportunities to discover live music, arts, and culture during your time in Martin County! In our community, there is a dedicated passion to showcasing and providing entertainment opportunities of musical theater, concerts, plays, and art shows.

The Fairmont Opera House is a staple in the Martin County area. Located in downtown Fairmont, the Fairmont Opera House originally opened in 1902 and the building continues to shine in its historic glory. The facility showcases professional plays, live music and concerts, and many varieties of art performances. The Fairmont Opera House even invites community members behind the curtain and onto the stage in their annual Fairmont Area Community Theater events for adults and youth across southern MN and northern IA. Past community theater performances include: Grease, Wizard of Oz, The Odd Couple, Little House on the Prairie, Mamma Mia, and Drinking Habits. Visit The Fairmont Opera House at 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont MN. Discover more about The Fairmont Opera House at [fairmontoperahouse.org](http://fairmontoperahouse.org)

Just a couple blocks east of the Fairmont Opera House is another beautiful, 1898 historic building known as the Red Rock Center. The mission of the Red Rock Center is to bring people together through quality arts education, performing arts, and visual art experiences. Art classes for all ages are offered throughout the year. Concert and spoken word performances along with an array of art exhibits are lovely events presented by the Red Rock Center for community members to enjoy. Visit the Red Rock Center at 222 E Blue Earth Ave, Fairmont MN. Learn more about the Red Rock Center and their offerings at [redrockcenter.org](http://redrockcenter.org).





During the summer months, across the waters of Lake Sisseton, you will hear local musicians playing brilliant trumpets, dainty flutes, and beating drums. It is the Fairmont City Band! Made up of local community members, the Fairmont City Band in the summer plays a free concert in the historic, 100 year old bandshell at Sylvania Park. During performances, there is a concession stand ran by the Interlaken Heritage Days committee and benches in the park for audience members to sit on. You can also bring your own foldable chairs and snacks to enjoy while you listen to the music with family and friends. Learn more about performance dates of the Fairmont City Band in the Sentinel or [visitfairmontmn.com](http://visitfairmontmn.com)



Local restaurants also host live music! Singers and bands perform on the patios at local restaurants during the summer months. Enjoy dinner, drinks, friends/family, and good music on a summer night at one of our local eateries and bars. At The Channel Inn and The Marina Lodge, the audience is not limited to the patio. People will sail their boats to these establishments and enjoy the music from the water. Visit the websites and social media pages of local restaurants to see what live music performances they are offering!

If you are looking to watch a movie on the big screen, visit the Fairmont 5 Theatres or the Sherburn Theatre.

Fairmont 5 Theatres is located at 1201 N State Street, Fairmont MN. Get showtimes and tickets at [fairmont5.com](http://fairmont5.com). The Sherburn Theatre can be found at 116 N Main Street, Sherburn MN. Find their shows and showtimes at [sherburntheatre.com](http://sherburntheatre.com).



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# A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO VISIT



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Enjoy the local scenery while on cross-country skiing or snowshoeing adventure! There are groomed trails at Cedar Creek Park, as well as trails at Bright Lake, Timberlane and Cedar Hanson Parks. Fairmont has an indoor ice-skating at the Martin County Arena, or try your hand at some ice fishing at one of our local lakes.

## WINTER (DECEMBER – MARCH)

For around three months of the year, Martin County becomes a winter wonderland. The surrounding landscape takes on a crystal beauty that's just begging to be enjoyed. Swap your four-wheeled vehicle for a snowmobile and head out onto 140 miles of groomed trails that connect with Faribault County to the east, and Watonwan County to the north.



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## SPRING (APRIL - MAY)

As the winter snows begin to melt, it's time to breathe in the fresh smells of spring. Enjoy the budding of trees and chirping of birds on a leisurely ride or stroll along one of our many bicycling and walking trails throughout Fairmont, or at Bright Lake, Timberlane or Cedar Hanson Parks.



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Golfers can tee off at two challenging 18-hole courses at Interlaken or Rose Lake Golf Clubs. And if time is not on your side, then take to the fairways of Fox Lake Golf Club for a nine-hole round, or enjoy a free round of miniature golf next to the Fairmont Aquatic Park. Putters are available to borrow!



# AND LIVE, ALL YEAR ROUND



## SUMMER (JUNE – AUGUST)

Where better to enjoy the lazy days of summer than on the shores and waters of one of Martin County's many lakes? Enjoy scenic views from a boat, canoe or kayak. Catch a fish or two on your fishing boat or one of our many, public docks. Local area swimming pool facilities can be enjoyed by adults swimming laps or kids playing. Check out the amazing, Fairmont Aquatic park! Hiking, biking and golfing continue on from the spring months, as well as the opportunity for a round of disc golf. Fairmont has three, 18-hole disc golf courses – players throw plastic discs into a series of metal baskets – all conveniently located at Cedar Creek Park. On the Fourth of July, witness the dazzling firework show over Lake Sisseton. Don't forget to witness a summer sunset over one of our many lakes!



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## FALL (SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER)

This is the perfect time to take in the magnificence and beauty of autumn's changing colors. Vibrant shades of green make way for deep reds, warm oranges, and gold, creating a spectacular backdrop from which to enjoy fall activities. Pick up some sweet and juicy apples from one of two local orchards, or grab some cider or delicious homemade pies. ([www.CenterCreekOrchard.com](http://www.CenterCreekOrchard.com) and [www.TimberLakeOrchard.com](http://www.TimberLakeOrchard.com))



Go for a scenic drive around the lakes and into our surrounding countryside and parks, or head out onto the water to enjoy the pre-winter rays of sunshine. This is also a popular season for hunters, who travel to Martin County to take advantage of the water fowl, white-tail deer and pheasants that gather in the region. You can also get some target practice in at the Fairmont Trap Club's shooting range.



Both photos: Greg Abel

# Area PARKS



## Park & Location

<b>1 AMBER LAKE PARK</b>	515 Interlaken Road
<b>2 AQUATIC PARK</b>	1400 S. Prairie Avenue
<b>3 BIRD PARK</b>	505 Woodland Avenue
<b>4 BIRD POINT</b>	591 Woodland Avenue
<b>5 BRIGHT LAKE PARK</b> Camping sites, birdgolfing trails, shelter house, boat launch, restrooms	1444 Bright Lake Road Coyles, MN
<b>6 BROOD PARK</b>	150 Lake Park Boulevard
<b>7 BILLHEAD PARK</b>	610 Pioneer Drive
<b>8 CEDAR CREEK (18T)</b>	3618 Cedar Creek Court
<b>9 CEDAR CREEK PARK</b> All-season shelter house, restrooms, paved paths, nature trails, disc golf, camping	3400 Cedar Park Road
<b>10 CEDAR HANSON PARK</b> Camping sites, trails, playground, swimming beach, shelter houses, fishing piers, boat launch, showers, restrooms, dump station	691 215th Street Trimont, MN
<b>11 CHAMPLITE PARK</b>	401 S. Dewey Street
<b>12 CHRISTIANSON PARK</b>	350 Interlaken Road
<b>13 DAY FARM HERITAGE ACRES</b> Interpretive center, paved biking/walking path	507 Lake Avenue
<b>14 DOG PARK</b> Off-leash area, paved walking path, shade	1450 S. Prairie Avenue
<b>16 ERMT BELLE VUE PARK</b>	300 E. Belle Vue Road
<b>18 EAST SIDE PARK</b>	1310 Budd Street
<b>17 GERRARD PARK</b> Swimming beach, large playground, sand volleyball	250 W. Lair Road
<b>18 HOBO TRAIL PARK</b> Floating bridge, historical markers, nature trail	507 Lake Avenue
<b>19 HILDEN PARK</b>	710 Washington Avenue
<b>20 JEFFREY KOT FIELDS</b> 6 regulation (1 lighted) and 3 practice soccer fields	1801 S. Prairie Avenue
<b>21 KLEBERG PARK</b> Swimming beach, picnic tables, fishing piers, boat launch, restrooms	817 State Highway 15 Fairmont, MN
<b>22 LAKE AIRES PARK</b>	350 Lake Aires Road
<b>23 LINCOLN PARK</b> Lighthouse Log Cabin, shelter house	1301 N. North Avenue
<b>24 METHODIST HOME GREEN BELT</b>	600 Shoreacres Drive
<b>25 PERCH LAKE PARK</b> Camping sites, trails, playground, shelter house, fishing pier, restrooms, showers	2155 200th Avenue Traverse, MN
<b>26 STEVE PIERCE PARK</b>	1022 Albion Avenue
<b>27 SYLVANA PARK</b> Basketball, shelter house	401 Lake Avenue
<b>28 TENTH STREET PARK</b>	430 E. 10th Street
<b>29 TIMBERLAKE PARK</b> Trails, picnic tables, fishing piers, boat launch, restrooms	151 Calloway Road Fairmont, MN
<b>30 SIOUX PARK</b>	1030 Sioux Avenue
<b>31 VETERANS PARK</b>	402 E. 3rd Street
<b>32 WOLTER PARK</b> Playground, swimming beach, shelter house, picnic tables, fishing pier, boat launch, restrooms	2497 50th Street Fairmont, MN
<b>33 WARD PARK</b>	200 Albion Avenue
<b>34 WEST BELLE VUE</b>	171 W. Belle Vue Road
<b>35 WINDENGO AVENUE SPORTS COMPLEX</b> Lighted softball and baseball fields, paved bike/walking path, skate park	425 Windenago Avenue



CEDAR CREEK PARK IN FAIRMONT



## IT'S ONLY NATURAL

We love the outdoors in Fairmont! And thanks to our 29 city parks, covering 558 acres, we have plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy a range of recreational activities ([www.VisitFairmontMN.com/things-to-do/parks-trails](http://www.VisitFairmontMN.com/things-to-do/parks-trails)). Here's our pick for some of the best places for sports and leisure:

### AMBER LAKE PARK

515 W. Interlaken Road - 3 acres

Picnic tables, shelter house, barbecue pits, playground, restrooms, fishing, boat access and dock, handicap accessible.

### CEDAR CREEK PARK

3500 Cedar Park Road - 250 acres

Picnic tables, shelter house, restrooms, nature trails, fishing, three disc golf courses, dock access.

### FAIRMONT AREA DOG PARK

21450 S. Prairie Avenue - 1.5 acres

Two fenced in, grass play areas, water, trail access, paved parking, shade structures and seating.

### GOMSRUD PARK

250 W. Lair Road - 13.5 acres

Picnic tables, shelter house, barbecue grates, playground, restrooms, fishing, boat access and dock, kayak launch and rental kiosk, swimming beach, bath house, volleyball, and the handicap accessible Adventure Playground.

### WARD PARK

100 & 200 Albion Avenue - 4 acres

Picnic tables, shelter house, playground, restrooms, fishing, boat access and dock, swimming beach, handicap accessible.

There are 230 more acres of Martin County parks to explore ([www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/parks-home](http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/parks-home)). They all offer something different, as well as varying levels of development:

### BRIGHT LAKE PARK PRIMITIVE

1444 Bright Lake Road, Ceylon - 30 acres

Primitive camping, shelter house, picnic tables, barbecue and fire pits, pit restrooms, fishing, hiking and biking trails, horseback riding trails, boat launch.

### CEDAR HANSON PARK DEVELOPED

691 215th Street, Trimont - 80 acres

Electrical/water camping sites, primitive camping sites, campground host, hiking/biking/horseback trails, playground, firewood, swimming beach, volleyball, softball, shelter houses, picnic tables, barbecue grates, fire pits, fishing, boat launch, pit restrooms, dump station.

### KLESSIG PARK PRIMITIVE

107 State Hwy 15, Fairmont - 10 acres

Swimming beach, picnic tables, fire pits, fishing, boat launch, pit restrooms.

### PERCH LAKE PARK DEVELOPED

2163 200th Avenue, Truman - 30 acres

Modern and primitive camp sites, campground host, hiking/biking/horseback trails, playground, firewood, shelter house, picnic tables, barbecue grates, fire pits, fishing, modern restrooms, showers.

### TIMBERLANE PARK PRIMITIVE

191 Cottonwood Road, Fairmont - 50 acres

Hiking/biking/horseback trails, picnic tables, fire pits, fishing, boat launch, pit restrooms.

### WOLTER PARK DEVELOPED

2497 50th Street, Fairmont - 2 acres

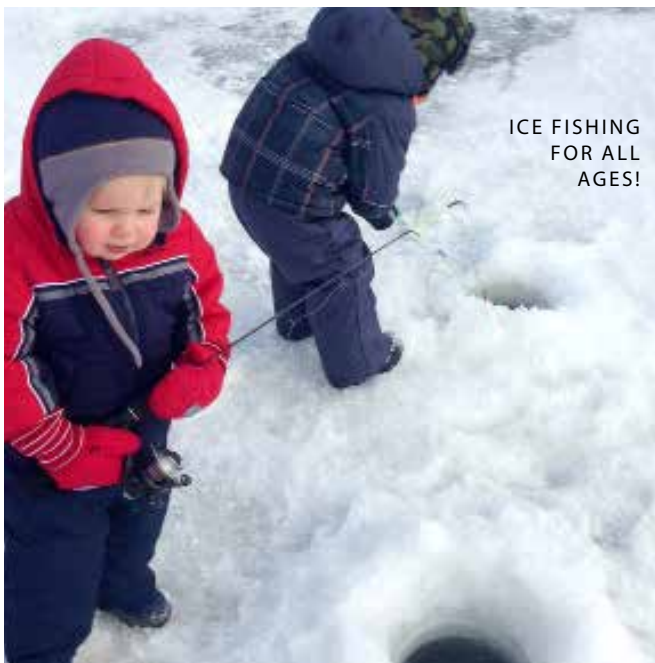
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 Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Orangespotted Sunfish, Walleye, White Crappie, Yellow Bullhead, Yellow Perch, Bigmouth Buffalo, Common Carp, Freshwater Drum, White Sucker, Johnny Darter, Golden Shiner, Spottail Shiner

### Lake Sisseton

#### 139 Acres, 19 Feet Deep

Lake Sisseton's shoreline of rock, gravel, sand and woody debris provide good habitat for fish. And since it is a popular fishing lake, the DNR stock this lake with Walleye fingerlings every other year. In 2014, the FLF stocked this lake with 300 Bluegills. You'll find aerators on this lake as well in the wintertime, so don't get too close with your skis, snowshoes or snowmobile and be sure to obey the thin ice markers. *Local lore says there still are remnants of Indian trails along the lake's bank. This lake was named for the Sisseton branch of the Dakota Indian tribe that once dominated this region now known as...Martin County.*

 Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, White Crappie, Yellow Bullhead, Yellow Perch, Bigmouth Buffalo, Common Carp, Freshwater Drum, Quillback, White Sucker, Bluntnose Minnow, Fathead Minnow, Golden Shiner, Johnny Darter, Shiners, Spottail Shiner

For more information on Fairmont Lakes visit [www.FairmontLakesFoundation.com](http://www.FairmontLakesFoundation.com)

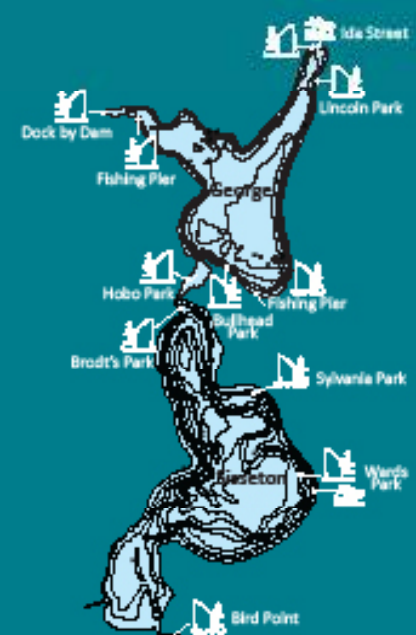


# Budd Lake

## 224 Acres, 23 Feet Deep

Budd Lake is the middle of the Fairmont Chain of Lakes. You will see four solar powered aeration devices that are actually aerators that circulate the water from the surface down to a depth of approximately 6'. This 24-hour circulation action helps improve the oxygen levels in the water which is not only good for the fish, but also helps to control the amount of algae in the lake! This circulation also promotes more consistent water quality as Budd Lake is the City's main source for its drinking water! Knowing that, we think it's imperative that we all be mindful and use good stewardship practices to help keep this lake (and all the lakes) as clean as possible! *This lake is named after our very first settler of the city of Fairmont....William H. Budd.*

- Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, White Crappie, Yellow Bullhead, Yellow Perch, Bigmouth Buffalo, Common Carp, Freshwater Drum, Quillback, White Sucker, Fathead Minnow, Golden Shiner, Johnny Darter, Spottin Shiner, Spottail Shiner

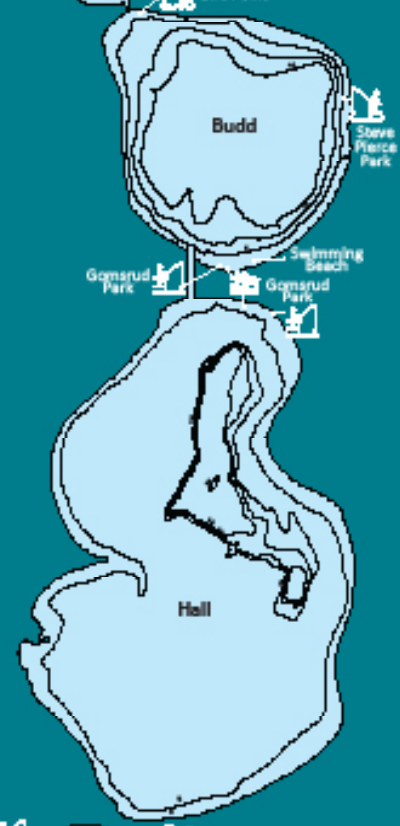


# Hall Lake

## 552 Acres, 27 Feet Deep

Hall Lake is the largest and deepest of the chain of lakes. It is a great lake not only for waterskiing, but also for sailboats, jet skis, wind surfing, fishing, snowmobiling, pond hockey, etc. While boating on the west side, pay attention to the buoys as the Dutch Creek outlet has created some shallow waters there. Gomsrud Park, between Hall and Budd Lakes, has the largest parking area and boat launch in the city. In 2014 the DNR stocked Hall Lake with Walleye fingerlings. *This lake is named after one of our early settlers, E. Banks Hall, who in 1856 owned land on the eastern shore.*

- Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, White Crappie, Yellow Bullhead, Yellow Perch, Bigmouth Buffalo, Common Carp, Freshwater Drum, Quillback, Shorthead Redhorse, White Sucker, Fathead Minnow, Golden Shiner, Johnny Darter, Shiners, Spottin Shiner

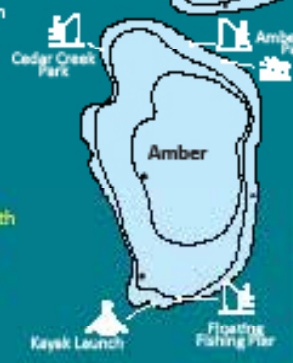


# Amber Lake

## 182 Acres, 19 Feet Deep

Amber Lake is the only lake not connected with the rest of the chain. Since it is on the upstream end of our Fairmont Chain of Lakes, and sits at a higher elevation than the others, a dam is needed to separate Amber Lake from Hall Lake. If we didn't have the dam in place, most of the water would drain into the others, making Amber more of a slough or swamplike wetland. In 2014 the DNR stocked this lake with Walleye fingerlings and the FLF stocked it with 400 Bluegills. *We think this lake was named by some of the original settlers, back in the 1800's, who probably came from Amber, New York.*

- Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Orangespotted Sunfish, Walleye, White Crappie, Yellow Bullhead, Yellow Perch, Bigmouth Buffalo, Common Carp, Freshwater Drum, Quillback, White Sucker, Emerald Shiner, Fathead Minnow, Golden Shiner, Johnny Darter, Spottin Shiner


 Fishing Pier  
 Boat Launch



# SPLISH, SPLASH!

Here is a short guide to the many beaches, lakes, and pools of Martin County!

## BEACHES

### GOMSRUD PARK FAIRMONT

South side of Budd Lake and north side of Hall Lake  
 Located in the middle of town, these beaches are easily accessible and well maintained by the City of Fairmont.

### WOLTER PARK EAST CHAIN

North side of East Chain Lake  
 Clean and friendly, this park can be found in the small and quaint village of East Chain.

### CEDAR HANSON PARK TRIMONT

North side of Clear Lake  
 The largest lake in Martin County, it offers approximately one mile of shoreline.

### KLESSIG PARK MN/IA BORDER

East side of Iowa Lake  
 A small park that sees fewer crowds, this is the perfect place to swim, fish and have a picnic.



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Go boating, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, tubing, jet skiing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, and surfing on our lakes!



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## LAKES

### FAIRMONT AREA

Amber, Bardwell, Budd, Buffalo, Hall, Imogene, Keister, George, Mud, Wilmert, North Silver, South Silver, Pierce, Canright, Iowa, Sisseton.

### TRIMONT AREA

Cedar, North, Clam, Buffalo, Fish, Creek, Big Twin, Little Twin, Watkins.

### SHERBURN AREA

Fox, Round, Seymour, Temperance.

### WELCOME

Eagle Lake

### CEYLON

Susan, Fish, Clear, Okamanpeedan, Tuttle, Clayton, Bright.

### EAST CHAIN

East Chain, Sager, Little Hall, Swag, Rose.

### NORTHROP

Charlotte, High, Martin, Murphy, Perch.





## SWIMMING POOLS FAIRMONT AQUATIC PARK

Located in Fairmont, the Aquatic Park will keep the kids entertained all day long. With its zero-depth splash pool, slides, and multi-level interactive play area, this is what the word fun was invented for. Swim one of the six lanes in the recreational pool, dive off a springboard, or race down the 125-meter speed slide.

[www.Fairmont.org/aquaticpark](http://www.Fairmont.org/aquaticpark)

## TRUMAN POOL

The City of Truman operates a swimming pool from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Call (507) 776-8561.

[www.trumanmn.us/recreation](http://www.trumanmn.us/recreation)



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## MARTIN COUNTY WEST POOL

Open to the public and available for classes, open swim, and private events, the Martin County West Indoor Swimming Pool is located at Sherburn Elementary School. Call (507) 764-3651.

[www.cityofsherburn.com/indoor-swimming-pool](http://www.cityofsherburn.com/indoor-swimming-pool)

## CHAIN OF LAKES YACHT CLUB

Available to members only, the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club outdoor pool overlooks the adjacent lake. It is heated, has a slide, diving board, and toddler pool. Call (507) 238-1522. [www.chainoflakesyachtclub.com](http://www.chainoflakesyachtclub.com)

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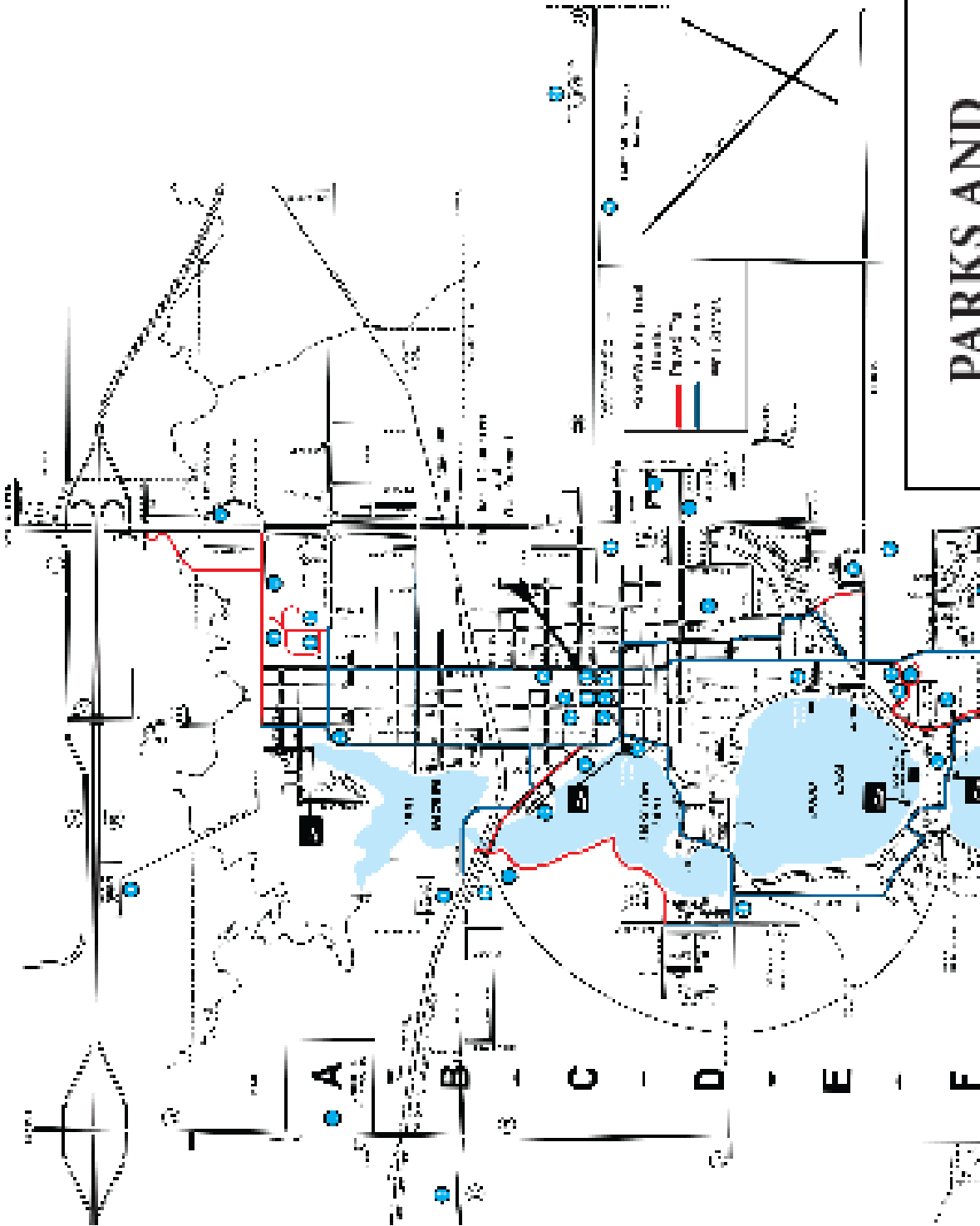
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- BEACH PL. E-3
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## PARKS AND





# MINNESOTA'S OTHER BIG FAIR



The Martin County Fair is a wonderful place for the whole family to enjoy all of the events and activities that your family has grown to love about the fair over the years. As Minnesota's "Other Big Fair," the Martin County Fair features the largest number of attractions, events and activities of any other fair in rural southern Minnesota including: quality musical entertainment featuring local and big name talent, a variety of games, rides and other amusements in the Midway by Family Fun Shows; local and regional livestock shows; 4-H, FFA and Open Class Exhibits; business booths featuring specials, sales and giveaways; Amateur Talent Contests for both adults and children; Auto Racing at Fairmont Raceway adjoining the Fairgrounds; great meals and fair food from local organizations and vendors; farm equipment display and tractor driving contest; children's shows; Pork Cook-Off; and much more!



General Frontier Bull Riding Company.....August 15, 7:00 p.m.  
 Johnny Holm Band.....August 16, 8:30 p.m.  
 Lonestar.....August 17, 8:30 p.m.  
 The White Sidewalls.....August 18, 6:00 p.m.  
 Lauren Alaina.....August 19, 8:30 p.m.

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## FIND SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

### CEYLON COMMUNITY DAY

CEYLON - APRIL 15, 2023

This annual community auction and sale attracts people from across the state and surrounding areas. You'll find an eclectic mix of items, from small motorcycles to large pieces of farming equipment. While you're finding a bargain, enjoy food vendors, baked goods and rummage sales throughout the town. Call **(507) 236-2921** or **(712) 260-9690** for consignment info.

### NORTHROP DAY

JUNE 3, 2023

Come for a day of fun in Northrop! There will be food and entertainment on Main St in front of the Old Northrop Bar for kids and adults

### INTERLAKEN HERITAGE DAYS

FAIRMONT - JUNE 9 - 10, 2023

There is something for everyone in this community celebration, which includes a downtown parade, singing, dancing, a carnival, booths and food vendors. Don't miss the rubber duck racing and canoe rides, and come and join us for a free community meal.

[www.IHDFairmont.org](http://www.IHDFairmont.org)

### FAIRMONT TRIATHLON

GOMSRUD PARK - JUNE 16-17, 2023

Now into its 16th year, around 200 athletes gather at Gomsrud Park for this triathlon event, along with more than 80 volunteers and hundreds of enthusiastic spectators. The line-up includes both an Olympic distance and sprint distance triathlon for individuals or teams, as well as a mini event for kids aged four to 16. There is also a duathlon, which involves running and cycling. [www.FairmontTriathlon.org](http://www.FairmontTriathlon.org)

### SHERBURN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

SHERBURN - JUNE 16, 17, & 18, 2023

Enjoy some tasty food before taking to the dance floor in this fun weekend festival. Free entertainment is provided in the city park, and the three-day event culminates with a parade on Sunday. Call John Tirevold at **(507) 764-4491** for info.

### GRANADA FIREMANS' HOG ROAST AND STREET DANCE

MAIN STREET, GRANADA - JUNE 24, 2023

Bring your dance moves and an appetite to this annual shindig in the heart of Granada. The festivities start at 5 p.m. and go on well into the night.

### 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

SISSETON LAKE, FAIRMONT - JULY 4, 2023

Celebrate our country's independence at one of the largest fireworks displays in Minnesota. This colorful spectacle kicks off after dark and can be viewed from Ward and Sylvania Parks. Call Visit Fairmont at (507) 235-8585 for details.

### TRIMONT FUNFEST

TRIMONT - JULY 7-9, 2023

This three-day event is all about celebrating summer in a small town. There are activities for the whole family, including sports, Bingo, games, entertainment, food, raffles, silent auction, and a parade.

[www.TrimontFunFest.com](http://www.TrimontFunFest.com)

### HERITAGE ACRES

FAIRMONT - AUGUST & OCTOBER

August 13: 10-4 Threshing Day. Threshing at 1:00, kiddie games, train and wagon rides

October 15: 10-4 Fall Festival. Church Service at 10:00 am. Soup and sandwich dinner 11- 1p.m. Cornpicking, apple pressing, bean combining, baking, etc.

### WELCOME SUMMER FESTIVAL

WELCOME - JULY 14-16, 2023

There is much to be enjoyed over the course of this three-day, action packed festival. Enjoy food, a beanbag contest, street dances, city-wide rummage sales, bake sales, a parade, and softball tournaments. Contact Kim Holm at (507) 236-1791.

### TRUMAN DAYS

TRUMAN - JULY 22-25, 2023

Known as a family-friendly community, Truman certainly lives up to its reputation during its popular celebration. Find hidden treasures in city-wide rummage sales, browse the craft fairs, or enter the kids into a pedal pull. With a parade, sports events and a street dance, there is much to keep you entertained. Call City Hall at (507) 776-7951.

### GLOWS PARADE & FESTIVAL

FAIRMONT - NOVEMBER 17, 2023

The holiday season officially begins when the Glows parade comes to town. Get into the festive spirit at about 4p.m., when Santa arrives on the North Pole Express at Fairmont Airport. Then head downtown and pick your spot from Ward Park to Lincoln Park to enjoy the parade of lighted floats and vehicles that will pass you by, beginning at 6 p.m. Call the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce at (507) 235-5547 for info.

### SOUTHERN MN POND HOCKEY

FAIRMONT - JANUARY 12-14, 2024

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**FAIRMONT TRIATHLON**

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**June 17, 2023**

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CITY OF LAKES & LIGHTS

**Friday, November 17**

OVER 70 LIGHTED UNITS KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

**[ 4:05 PM** Santa arrives at the Fairmont Airport **]**

**[ 6:00 PM** Glows Parade begins at Wards Park **]**

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## COMMUNITY INTRODUCTION

Known as the 'City of Lakes,' Fairmont is the commercial and tourism hub of Martin County in southern Minnesota.

With more than 680 businesses operating within the city, an educated population, access to transportation links, and state-of-the-art healthcare, Fairmont has steadily built a reputation as one of the leading rural communities in the state.

Residents here enjoy a high quality of life and a low cost of living – it was ranked 10th in towns that take the least of your money, and our property tax rates are among the lowest of Minnesota cities with similar

demographic and geographic characteristics.

Located on I-90, and within easy driving distance of major population areas like Minneapolis/St. Paul and Des Moines, Fairmont is the ideal destination for families looking for affordable housing and employment opportunities, as well as for active retirees who want to enjoy the many recreational activities on offer.

We are proud of our agricultural and industrial heritage, and we are well placed to grow and develop in the future, thanks to land availability, a skilled workforce, and a business-friendly outlook.



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**ABOVE:** THE SETTING SUN SHIMMERS OVER BUDD LAKE AS BOATS RETURN TO DOCK AT GOMSRUD PARK IN FAIRMONT.



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AROUND 67 PERCENT OF OCCUPIED HOMES ARE OWNER OCCUPIED, AND THE REMAINING 33 PERCENT ARE RENTAL HOUSEHOLDS.

ACCORDING TO REAL ESTATE WEBSITE ZILLOW, THE MEDIAN HOME VALUE IN FAIRMONT IS \$54,900. THE MEDIAN HOME VALUE IN THE U.S. IS \$428,700.

IN 2022 THE CITY OF FAIRMONT CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STUDY WHICH WILL WORK TO ATTRACT DEVELOPERS TO PROVIDE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

# OUR COMMUNITIES



There are 10 communities across Martin County, and all are waiting to welcome you!

## CEYLON

Ceylon is a small and quiet community located in the southwestern region of the county. There are a number of great fishing and recreational lakes nearby as well as a local bar and grill. Don't miss the Annual Community Day auction in the spring, when the entire town swells from 400 to 3000 people for one day.

## DUNNELL

You will find Dunnell south of Sherburn on Hwy 4. If you're looking for a slice of nostalgia, seek out the U-Turn Bar & Museum. For a great place to eat, stop by The Still Bar & Grill.

## EAST CHAIN

Although un-incorporated, this tiny village on the north shore of East Chain Lake is a friendly community with four churches, several strong businesses and the East Chain Activity Center, which caters to events of all kinds and sizes. Thanks to the commitment of Martin County, the East Chain 4-H Club and East Chain Sportsman's Club, the village is also home to beautiful Wolter Park, a county park on the lake offering amenities the whole family can enjoy.



COMMUNITY CHURCH IN  
DUNNELL, MN

## FAIRMONT

The 'City of Lakes' is the county seat and is home to five major bodies of water. That makes Fairmont a popular destination for those seeking year-round outdoor and cultural activities, as well as shopping and dining opportunities.



## GRANADA

A quiet town surrounded by farmland, Granada sits on the eastern side of Martin County. Though small in population, this community has a lot to offer. Granada is home to a K-12 public school district, a city park with shelter house, a volunteer fire department and first responder service, a local gas station, a bar & grill, a crafters retreat, and an unsurpassed community spirit. The town is located just off Interstate 90 and only a few minutes from Fairmont.

## NORTHROP

Just a short drive from Fairmont, the major industry for Northrop is agriculture. Take advantage of the three parks located within the city.

## SHERBURN

Sherburn is a quaint community with a wealth of beautiful architecture and year-round recreational activities, including a theater, golf course, and events arena.

## TRIMONT

Clean and friendly with two parks located in town. Anderson Park hosts Trimont FunFest in July and National Night Out in August. Memorial Park hosts Sundae's in the Park throughout the summer, showcasing local musical talents, and is home to their local Veteran's Memorial. A small grocery store, liquor store and hardware store are located at the Trimont Town Center and serve the community needs. Cedar Lake and Big Twin Lake are nearby with Cedar Lake offering camping.

## TRUMAN

With its mix of family farms, friendly country living, and a fresh perspective on the future, this is a great place to grow a business, raise a family, or simply live the good life. Area residents stand squarely at the crossroads of the American dream; returning to their roots, but with all the benefits and privileges of the region's solid foundation in education, recreation, commerce, and technology, Truman offers medical and emergency services, three local churches, public and parochial educational options, and a variety of dining, retail, and recreational opportunities. Public amenities include a city park and playground, a library, and an outdoor swimming pool.

## WELCOME

Welcoming by name and welcoming by nature. Get to know the community at the Welcome Summer Festival, the third weekend in July. Find award-winning cuts of meat at the local meat locker. There's also a four-diamond baseball/softball complex, camping facility, and bar and grill.



GRAF PARK PLAYGROUND IN TRUMAN, MN



BEAUTIFUL FARMLAND NEAR CEYLON, MN

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8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

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Father Jonathan Fasnacht

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## LUTHERAN

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Thanks to our business-friendly climate and experienced workforce, a number of agricultural-based businesses have chosen to locate here. They include Avery Weigh-Tronix, CHS, Green Plains Renewable Energy, Advanced Drainage Systems, Kahler Automation, Fairmont Vet Clinic, and Devenish Nutrition.

There are more than 680 businesses operating in the city, including two Fortune 500 companies, 3M and CHS. The population of Fairmont is approximately 10,500, but our businesses serve a much wider base with well over 20,000 residents in Martin County alone.

The unemployment rate in Martin County is 3.9 percent, which is below the national figure of 6.2 percent.

Of the roughly 10,000 residents aged 16 and over in the county’s labor force, nearly 5,000 are in Fairmont, making the city an attractive prospect for potential employers.

Local employers report high productivity, motivation and low absenteeism, providing another reason for companies to relocate here – we have been ranked as the 13th best place in Minnesota to start a business.

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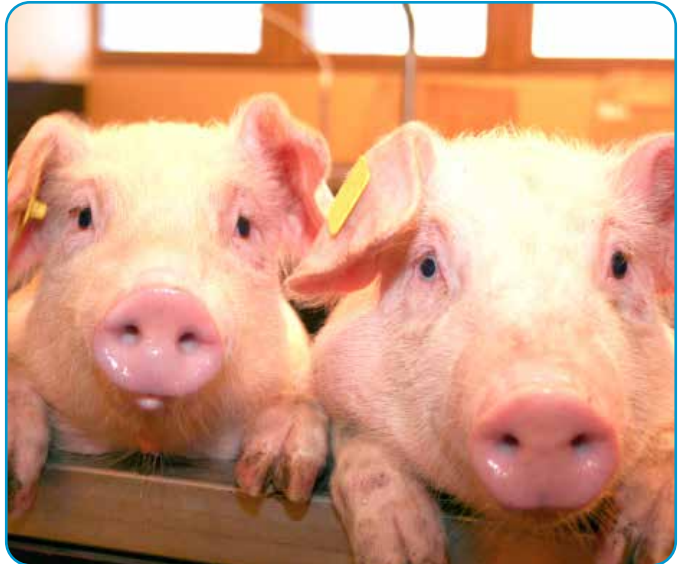


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Fairmont and Martin County is the home to a vibrant and sustainable agricultural environment. The county is home to over 150 pig farms. In fact, Martin County raises over 1,700,000 pigs per year, which makes it the number one hog producing county in Minnesota. That equates to over 40 million pounds of bacon each year, which is why we are the self-proclaimed **Bacon Capital USA**.

Fairmont and the surrounding community uses the Bacon Capital designation as a way to have fun and showcase local pig farming. If you are visiting the area, you may just run into “Marty the Pig” the Bacon Capital’s mascot!

You may see pig statues placed outside businesses around the county. “Going Hog Wild” is a community initiative that was developed to share what makes our county a great place to visit and call home. You won’t have to look far to find them as there is a goal to have 100 by the end of 2023. Feel free to take a picture with your favorite one!

Another way to celebrate pork in Martin County is by using the county’s very own Martin County Magic Seasoning. It is a great seasoning for all types of pork cuts as well as other foods and meats. It is available at local grocery stores. The seasoning is popular and is used across the U.S. Just another way that puts Martin County on the map.



Pigs are not the only thing we raise in Martin County. Corn and soybeans are paramount to the county’s ag economy. Martin County is the home to fertile soils. In fact, many refer to the county as a garden spot for crops due to the productive soils. Corn is primarily raised for livestock feed and ethanol. Martin County is the home to two ethanol plants, Green Plains and Valero.

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The county is also home to CHS soybean processing plant where soybeans are processed into soybean meal and soybean oil. Soybean meal is used to feed livestock, while soybean oil is used for biofuels as well as other innovative uses.

Agriculture is a key industry in our community. It not only provides many jobs to our local economy, but also allows us to do our part to feed the world.



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## LAND AVAILABILITY

Fairmont has a fully serviced industrial park with 62 acres of land available. Seventeen of those acres are certified under Minnesota’s Shovel Ready Certification Program.

The city also has two commercial subdivisions that are shovel ready, with state highway and interstate access. Lot sizes vary from 1.5 to 5 acres. Land and buildings with immediate access to utilities are also available for housing, retail and commercial developments.

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## TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Fairmont is easily accessible, thanks to its close proximity to Interstate 90, railway links, and its municipal airport. It is centrally located between the three major cities of Sioux Falls, Rochester and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Fairmont Municipal Airport has a 5,500 feet runway, a 3,300 feet crosswind runway, a modern terminal with pilots’ lounge, fuel service, rental car availability, and nearby hotel/motel accommodations.

The city also has dual rail access through Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific, and bus routes are provided by Martin County Transit and Jefferson Bus Lines.

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# BUSINESS SERVICES & SUPPORT

## CAREERFORCE IN FAIRMONT

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CareerForce in Fairmont works with partners to help job seekers find employment and area businesses to find the skilled workers they need. Services include classes, workshops and other trainings, as well as career fairs.

## CITY OF FAIRMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

(507) 238-3925 [www.Fairmont.org/community-development](http://www.Fairmont.org/community-development)

The Community Development Department is a one-stop shop for all development needs, including economic development, planning and zoning, and building codes. The department promotes all commercial, industrial and residential activity, coordinating everything from site reviews to incentives.

## FAIRMONT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(507) 235-5547 [www.FairmontChamber.org](http://www.FairmontChamber.org)

The chamber serves as a strong, non-profit professional organization whose mission is to promote a healthy business climate. We achieve this through leadership, communication, and education. Our goal is to provide improved programs and services to enhance the business climate and community through advocacy, promotion, networking and resources.

## FAIRMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(507) 238-3925 [www.FedaMN.com](http://www.FedaMN.com)

The mission of the FEDA is to maintain Fairmont as a quality community through business retention, expansion, and a favorable business climate. The FEDA has created a strategic plan that includes six major economic development components – retention, financing, workforce development, recruitment, site development, and housing.

## MARTIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(507) 238-3126 [www.MartinCountyEDA.org](http://www.MartinCountyEDA.org)

The MCEDA partners with the Regional Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation to provide one-on-one free and confidential business consulting, training, and mentorship to individuals, start-ups, and established businesses across many industries in Martin County through a facilitation program called IGNITE. Our mission is to Inspire Growth and Nurture Innovative Talent through Empowerment.

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC)

(507) 389-8875 [www.MyMinnesotaBusiness.com](http://www.MyMinnesotaBusiness.com)

SBDC offers one-on-one, confidential consulting to established businesses and start-ups. SBDC also helps to find and secure the capital you need to operate and expand. Finally, SBDC offers an array of training sessions at no cost or nominal cost.

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