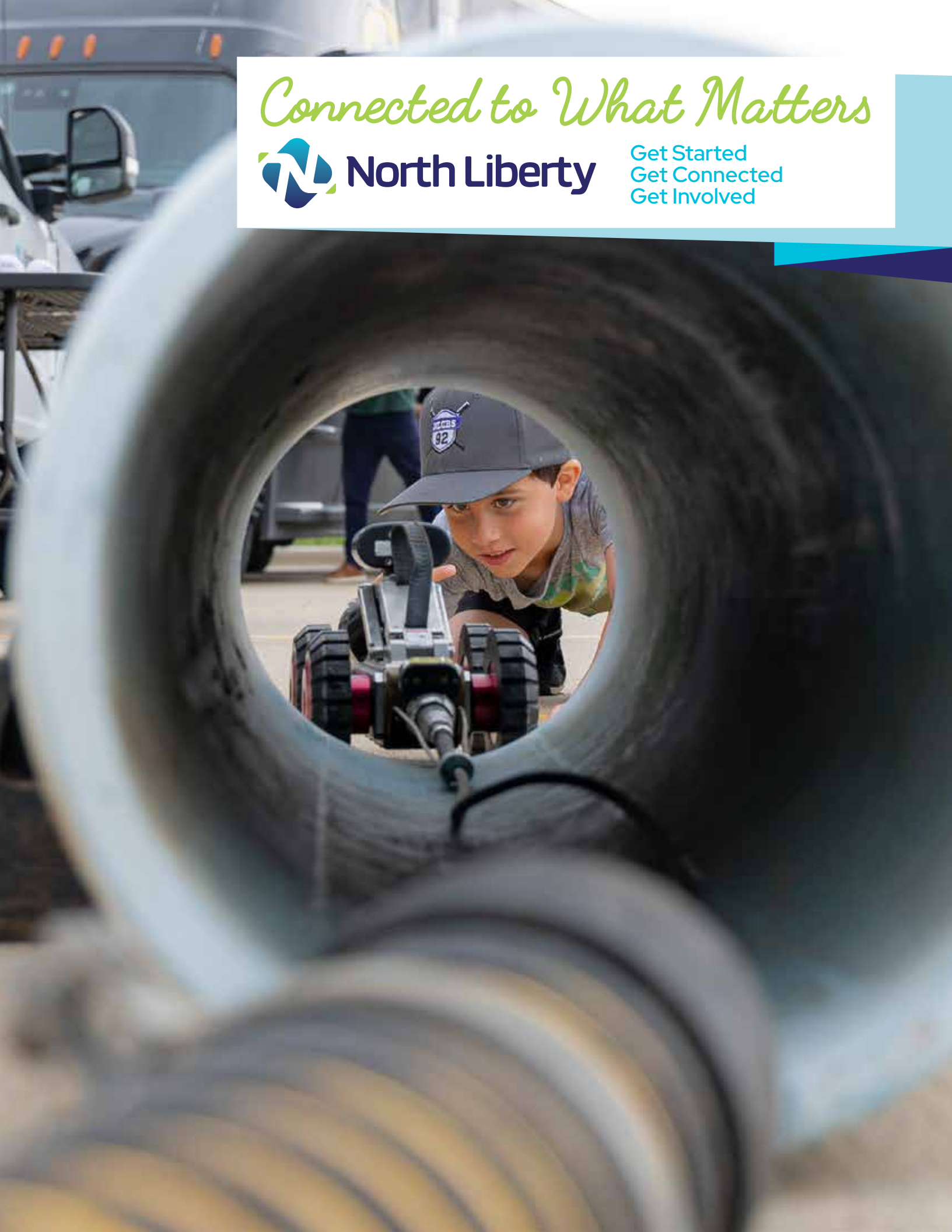


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# Connected to What Matters

Over the past century, our town, once known as Squash Bend, has transformed from a small farming community of 190 at its founding to a town of more than 20,000 neighbors. We're glad you're here.

Think of this as one of those quick-start guides that comes with your new TV. If you're new to town, this guide is intended to help you find your footing. If you've been around here a bit, we hope it helps you feel more connected by getting to know your Neighborhood Ambassador or learning something new about our town. If you need to connect to a human, visit City Hall at 3 Quail Creek Circle or call (319) 626-5700. Find links to information for new residents at [northlibertyiowa.org/welcome](http://northlibertyiowa.org/welcome).

## How Do I Get Started?

Here are some common questions asked by new residents. More FAQs can be found at [northlibertyiowa.org/FAQ](http://northlibertyiowa.org/FAQ).

### How do I sign up for utilities?

Sign up for water, waste water, trash and recycling through the city, either in person at City Hall or online. Gas, electric, phone, television and internet are provided by private utility companies.

### How do I get a different trash bin?

We offer three different collection options to fit different needs and budgets. When you move in, you should find trash and recycling carts. You can change your garbage option or add curbside compost, through City Hall or online.

### Where do I get my pet license?

All dogs and cats older than four months should be licensed. Register online or at City Hall. You can find current fees and a form at [northlibertyiowa.org/petlicense](http://northlibertyiowa.org/petlicense). You can also get a pass for Red Fern Dog Park.

### Can I park on the public street?

For the most part yes, unless the street has signs saying otherwise. But you also can't park on the street when there's two inches of snow fall or if the city has declared an on-street parking prohibition to allow crews to efficiently clear streets.

### Where do get my driver's license?

The closest station is in Coralville, and you can make an appointment at [iowadot.gov/mvd](http://iowadot.gov/mvd).

### Can I get help with food or other services?

The North Liberty Community Pantry has been serving our community for three decades and is a great place to start for neighbors who need food, clothing or other items. They're a connection to other local agencies for additional resources.

### Where do I register to vote?

You can register with the Johnson County Auditor or when you get a driver's license. If you're already registered, you'll need to update your address when you move. For details, just visit [johnsoncountyiowa.gov/auditor/elections](http://johnsoncountyiowa.gov/auditor/elections).

*Dear neighbor,*

I moved to North Liberty with my wife, Valerie, on Halloween Day two decades ago. While we chose North Liberty because of the location, we've grown to love this city for everything it is. We eventually built a home here, started our family here and have grown with North Liberty.

And while it's still growing – the University of Iowa's decade-old "coming soon" sign will soon be a state-of-the art hospital, for example – North Liberty has remained a small town at its heart, and the best parts of the community my family fell in love with.

North Liberty is the kind of place you can talk to city leaders in the grocery store, run into friends at the park, or wave to neighbors out walking their dogs. We're a town of great neighborhoods full of great neighbors.

*Welcome to our neighborhood.*

— Mayor Chris Hoffman



*Estimado vecino,*

Me mudé a North Liberty con mi esposa Valerie, el día de Halloween de hace dos décadas. Aunque elegimos North Liberty por su ubicación, hemos llegado a amar esta ciudad por todo lo que ofrece. Con el tiempo construimos una casa aquí, comenzamos nuestra familia en este lugar y hemos crecido con North Liberty.

Y aunque esta ciudad continúa creciendo – por ejemplo, el cartel de "próximamente" de la Universidad de Iowa, que tiene una década de antigüedad, pronto se convertirá en un hospital de última generación –, North Liberty sigue siendo una pequeña ciudad en su esencia y las mejores partes de la comunidad enamoraron a mi familia.

North Liberty es el tipo de lugar donde puedes hablar con los dirigentes municipales en la tienda de comestibles, encontrarte con amigos en el parque o saludar a las personas que pasean a sus perros. Somos una localidad de grandes vecindarios llenos de grandes vecinos.

*Bienvenido a nuestro vecindario.*

— Alcalde Chris Hoffman

*Cher voisin,*

Il y a vingt ans, le jour d'Halloween, j'ai emménagé à North Liberty avec ma femme, Valerie. Nous avons choisi North Liberty en raison de son emplacement, mais nous avons appris à aimer cette ville pour tout ce qu'elle est. Nous avons fini par y construire une maison, y avons fondé notre famille et avons grandi avec North Liberty.

Et même si elle continue à se développer – le panneau « prochainement » de l'université de l'Iowa, vieux de dix ans, laissera bientôt place à un hôpital ultramoderne, par exemple – North Liberty est restée une petite ville dans son cœur, et les meilleurs éléments de la communauté dont ma famille est tombée amoureuse.

North Liberty est le genre d'endroit où l'on peut discuter avec les responsables de la ville à l'épicerie, rencontrer des amis au parc ou saluer les voisins qui promènent leur chien. Nous sommes une ville avec de superbes quartiers et d'excellents voisins.

*Bienvenue dans notre quartier.*

— Maire Chris Hoffman





## Parks, Trails & Greenspace

Discover public spaces near you!

### Centennial Park

*1565 St. Andrews Drive*

Our largest park and home to many of our community's events, including its biggest, Blues & BBQ, which happens the second Saturday each July. Centennial Park is currently home to play structures, a walking trail, a great lawn and the state's largest bioswale.

### Penn Meadows Park

*310 N. Dubuque Street*

Know someone playing baseball? It'll probably be here. In addition to nine ball fields, Penn Meadows is home to tennis and pickleball courts, a splashpad and play structures, a seasonal skating rink and picnic shelters.

### Liberty Center

*820 W Cherry Street*

It's not just home to some of your favorite places to eat. The pond is stocked by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and its trail, cleared year-round, sees lots of walkers.

### Red Fern Dog Park

*820 W Cherry Street*

A public place for off-leash dogs, the park offers dedicated spots for small dogs, a walking trail and lots of grass for happy pups.

### Ranshaw House

*515 Community Drive*

This restored home, built in 1908, offers space for local non-profits and free programs, like the city's youth council and Summer Lunch & Fun.

### Multi-use Trails

We have more than 20 miles of trails and side-paths in town, with connections to nearby communities, perfect for recreating or commuting.

### Looking Ahead

**Centennial Park** will add an event center and amphitheater, splashpad and more play structures, shelters and bathrooms, and additional trail starting in 2024. **Penn Meadows Park** will have resurfaced and expanded parking. The new **City Hall** will have a public plaza.

## The Community Center is the Center of Your Community

The North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry Street, is home to our library, recreation center and pools. Residents can use the indoor track for free year-round, participate in a variety of classes and programs, and get space for a meeting, birthday party, fundraiser and more.

### Daily Use, Memberships & Passes

Our recreation facilities include indoor and outdoor pools, two gyms, an indoor track, weight and cardio equipment, meeting rooms and an indoor play area. A variety of facility passes and memberships are available. Financial aid is available for passes and classes; inquire with the front desk. North Liberty residents can use the indoor track year-round for free.

### Get a Library Card

Your library card is your pass to books, movies, databases, audio books, our digital collection and even cake pans. Get yours, for free, of course. Bring your photo ID and, if it doesn't include your current address, a piece of mail.

### Reserving Community Facilities

Our Recreation Department rents out gyms, pools, meeting rooms and park facilities. Contact the Recreation Department at (319) 626-5716. Additional space is available at the library primarily for community organizations. Contact the North Liberty Library at (319) 626-5601.

### Before- and After-School and Camps

Our popular Recsters program offers childcare during the school year, on school holidays and during the summer.

### Indoor and Outdoor Pools

The Pacha Aquatics Center has a year-round indoor pool, popular with lap swimmers and kids learning to swim as well as families during open swim times, and an outdoor pool with slides and other play features that is busy during the summer season.

### Community Activity Guide

We typically publish three activity guides each year listing programming and community events, and monthly highlights. You can find them both online or in person at the Community Center.



**North Liberty**  
RECREATION

# one-day family pass

**We invite you to come try the Community Center, 520 W. Cherry St., to see what it has to offer.** This pass offers all members of your family free access to track, gyms, pools, cardio and weight areas for one day, subject to current operations and procedures. Visit [northliberty.recdesk.com](http://northliberty.recdesk.com) for updates. Expires June 30, 2024. Limit one per household.

### Ranshaw House

Just north of the Community Center is the historic Ranshaw House. Built in 1908 and refurbished this century, the house is home to free programs and offers space to local social service agencies for a home base in North Liberty.

### Keep Up with City News and Events

You can sign up to receive our monthly newsletter called the North Liberty Bulletin, a no-more-than-once-daily digest of news items, as well as road closures and various public meeting agendas sent to your email inbox by signing up at [northlibertyiowa.org/subscribe](http://northlibertyiowa.org/subscribe).

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram, just search "North Liberty," and connect to neighbors through Nextdoor by signing up at your home address.





## City Government

### City Hall

City Hall, currently located at 3 Quail Creek Circle, is the city's administrative office. In 2024, City Hall will move to a new, permanent facility at 360 Main Street.

### Mayor & City Council

North Liberty is governed by a city council of five members and a non-voting mayor, each serving a four-year term in office. Together, the city council sets policy, budgets and local laws. You can contact the entire council via email at [council@northlibertyiowa.org](mailto:council@northlibertyiowa.org).

The council oversees City Administrator Ryan Heiar, who operates the city's day-to-day business and staff.

### Advisory Commissions

The mayor and city council appoint the members of several boards and commissions that make recommendations on issues such as development, parks and other local issues. Volunteer commissioners are appointed each spring.

### Meetings

City council meetings are regularly held at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, and streamed live on our website, Facebook and YouTube. Meetings are held in the City Hall and you can attend – and comment at – these meetings live in person.

### Building North Liberty's Next Stage

Centennial Park will add an event center and stage, splashpad and more play structures, shelters and bathrooms, and additional trail starting in 2024.

Mark your mark and help advance our progress through a gift, eligible for tax deduction, to the Community Foundation of Johnson County. Donations will accelerate the completion of the park.

Join us with your support. Learn more about the timeline and make a donation now at [northlibertyiowa.org/nextstage](http://northlibertyiowa.org/nextstage)





## What are Neighborhood Ambassadors?

They're volunteers passionate about advancing the quality of life for their neighbors. These on-the-ground local leaders partner with the city to help close the information gap between the city and residents, build community through gatherings and projects, and connect neighbors to each other and to community resources.

Ambassadors are community minded, value diversity and are the eyes, ears and voices for their corners of North Liberty.

The Great Neighborhood program has ambassadors assigned to neighborhoods, ambassadors in our senior-living facilities and language ambassadors to strengthen the city's communication with residents who are English-language learners.

To find your Ambassador, look them up by your neighborhood. You can find the most up-to-date directory online at [northlibertyiowa.org/BeGreat](http://northlibertyiowa.org/BeGreat).



### Neighborhood Key

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | <i>Aspen Ridge &amp; Liberty Farms</i>       | 18 | <i>Penn Meadows</i>                              |
| 2  | <i>Fox Run</i>                               | 19 | <i>W Zeller Street &amp; Liberty Heights</i>     |
| 3  | <i>Deerfield</i>                             | 20 | <i>Chestnut</i>                                  |
| 4  | <i>8 Point Trail</i>                         | 21 | <i>Garner</i>                                    |
| 5  | <i>Progress Street &amp; Jones Boulevard</i> | 22 | <i>Beaver Creek</i>                              |
| 6  | <i>Goose Lake</i>                            | 23 | <i>Holiday</i>                                   |
| 7  | <i>Chesterfield Commons</i>                  | 24 | <i>Golfview</i>                                  |
| 8  | <i>Kansas Avenue</i>                         | 25 | <i>Cottonwood &amp; Lynwood</i>                  |
| 9  | <i>Lake North</i>                            | 26 | <i>Broadmoor Estates</i>                         |
| 10 | <i>The Preserve</i>                          | 27 | <i>Creekside Adjacent &amp; Woodland Meadows</i> |
| 11 | <i>Harvest Estates</i>                       | 28 | <i>Creekside</i>                                 |
| 12 | <i>Quail Creek</i>                           | 29 | <i>Windsor Farms</i>                             |
| 13 | <i>Quail Ridge</i>                           | 30 | <i>Fox Valley</i>                                |
| 14 | <i>Quail Ridge Park</i>                      | 31 | <i>Arlington Ridge</i>                           |
| 15 | <i>Liberty Centre</i>                        | 32 | <i>Penn Heights</i>                              |
| 16 | <i>Cedar Springs</i>                         | 33 | <i>Scanlon Farms</i>                             |
| 17 | <i>West Penn Street</i>                      | 34 | <i>Vintage Estates</i>                           |
|    |  | 35 | <i>Mickelson Estates</i>                         |





## Community Events

North Liberty hosts events throughout town over the course of the year. Here's just a few of the regularly held events in our community. A calendar of all public events can be found at [northlibertyiowa.org/events](http://northlibertyiowa.org/events).

### City Slate

Year-round collection of some 40 free events, including mega kites, pool parties, live music, holiday programs and so much more. Find the year's calendar at [northlibertyiowa.org/cityslate](http://northlibertyiowa.org/cityslate).

### Senior Connections

Providing community members 55 years and older a chance to get together for lunch and socialization. Held each Friday.

### Beat the Bitter

Forget hibernating and embrace winter with a week full of activities to get you out of the house. Held the last week each January.

### Remarkable Rigs

Meet the trucks and drivers and others who keep the city going at this public works showcase.

### Playground Crawl

Spend the afternoon exploring the city's playgrounds and parks, with treats and activities at each stop.

### Free Fishing Weekend

Spend the day outdoors and fish without a license at Liberty Centre Pond. Held the first full weekend each June.

### Summer Reading Program

Reading challenges and events for all ages, all summer long. Coordinated by the North Liberty Library. Held each summer.

### Ranshaw House Concert Series

Bring a picnic, meet friends and enjoy live performances from local musicians at the historic Ranshaw House. Held Fridays in June and July.

### Summer Lunch & Fun

Providing a free, healthy meal for all North Liberty kids up to age 18 each weekday of the summer.

### Blues & BBQ

A day of live music, mouthwatering barbecue, Iowa craft beer and family fun. Held the second Saturday of each July.

### Summer Send-Off

Celebrate a great summer, and get ready for the school year, with one last hurrah. Held the weekend before the start of school.

### Neighbors & Flavors

Celebrate Welcoming Week with food, music and community from around the world. Held each September.

### Halloween Moonlight Walk

Friendly ghosts are out, and you're invited. Come in costume and have a fun, not-so-frightful time. Held each October.

### Breakfast with Santa

A hot breakfast and chance share a Christmas wishlist with Santa. Held each December.