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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 21,000 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. If you need to connect to a human, visit City Hall at 360 N. Main Street or call (319) 626-5700. Find links to information for new residents at 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.

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. 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 the city has declared an on-street parking prohibition to allow crews to efficiently clear snow from streets.

Can I get help with food or other services?

The North Liberty Community Pantry, online at nlcpantry.org, 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 get my driver's license?

The closest station is in Coralville, and you can make an appointment at iowadot.gov/mvd.

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.





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, 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, 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 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. Centennial Park is currently home to play structures, a walking trail, a great lawn and the state's largest bioswale, but in 2025 will celebrate the opening of an amphitheater and event center, followed by splashpad and more play structures, shelters and additional trail.

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 and picnic shelters.

Liberty Centre

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

980 North Liberty Road

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, live music each Friday in June and July and Summer Lunch & Fun.

Multi-use Trails

We have more than 25 miles of trails and side-paths in town, with connections to nearby communities, perfect for recreating or commuting.

Plaza at City Hall

360 N. Main Street

The public plaza at City Hall is a great gathering place in Old Town, North Liberty's original footprint, and offers hometown community events in the summer months.

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 & Highlights

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.



The graphic is a promotional poster for a "one-day family pass" at the North Liberty Recreation Center. It features a green and blue color scheme with a dashed border. The North Liberty Recreation logo is in the top left. The text "one-day family pass" is written in a large, stylized font across the center. Below this, a green box contains the following text: "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 northlibertyiowa.org/recdesk.com for updates. Expires June 30, 2025. Limit one per household."

Financial Assistance

If the cost of classes or passes is a barrier, the Recreation Department offers financial assistance to North Liberty residents. Details are at northlibertyiowa.org/financial-assistance.

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.

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, now in the new permanent building at 360 N. Main St., is the city's administrative office.

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.

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

Building North Liberty's Next Stage

Centennial Park's event center opens fall 2025.

The event hall at Centennial Park is the perfect for business meetings, graduation and birthday parties, networking events, family reunions, weddings and other special events, and reservations are now available.

With access to a catering prep kitchen, two private dressing rooms, modern audio-visual equipment and built-in colored accent lighting to customize every event, the Centennial Center is a premier venue in the heart of the corridor.

More at northlibertyiowa.org/centennialpark



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, with the application available on our website.

Meetings

City council meetings are regularly held at 6:00 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.





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.

City Slate

Year-round collection of some 40 free events, including mega kites, citywide scavenger hunts, live music, holiday programs and more. Find the year's calendar at northlibertyiowa.org/cityslate.

55+ Connections

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

Fire & Ice

Forget hibernating and beat the bitter with a outdoor fun to get you out of the house. Held the last Saturday 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.

Movies on the Plaza

Meet at the plaza at City Hall for family-friendly movies on the lawn. Bring a blanket and meet your neighbors. Held in the summer.

Blues & BBQ

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

Street Dance

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

Halloween Trail

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.





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.

Future Ambassadors get behind-the-scene tours of City facilities, engage in conversations with staff and learn the intricacies of city government while developing a strong sense of community.

To find an Ambassador or learn more, look them up at northlibertyiowa.org/BeGreat.

North Liberty Youth Council

Established in 2022, the North Liberty Youth Council invites local high school students to engage more deeply with the city, develop leadership skills, plan and host community events, support the community through service projects and advocate for other young people in North Liberty.

Participation in the North Liberty Youth Council requires around three to six hours of service each month. This includes attending Youth Council meetings, participating in group service projects and planning and hosting Youth Council-sponsored community engagement events and programs throughout the year.

Youth Council meetings are held at the Ranshaw House twice a month and include regular opportunities to engage with city staff and community leaders.

To learn more, visit northlibertyiowa.org/youthcouncil

