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### WELCOME TO MARTIN COUNTY!

### **GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR**



**LEE BAARTS**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 opportunites 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



BRITTANY HARTMAN 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



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.

Photo credit: Whitney Scott

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.



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**, **Bean Town**, 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 amenitites 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 <a href="https://fairmont.org/mchs/">https://fairmont.org/mchs/</a>

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://mcvm.org

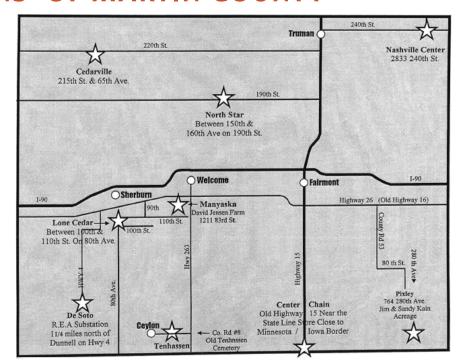
Overlooking Fairmont's beautiful Lake Sisseton is Heritage Acres. Heritage Acres captures the story of farming in southern Minnesota with an agricultural interpretive village containing well-preserved, historic buildings. At Heritage Acres, you can literally step back in time and be immersed in the past 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 MARTIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ONLINE AT www.Fairmont.org/mchs

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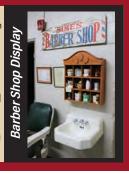
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## Heritage

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### 2024 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 PM - 4:00 PM Free admission. All of the buildings will be open.

### THRESHING DAY (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) & ANTIQUE TRACTOR DISPLAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th

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 20th • 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Ecumenical chapel service 10:00 am in the Heritage Acres Chapel. Soup and Sandwich Dinner 11:00 am - 1:00 pm 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 am - 3:00pm), a small engine display, and kids train rides! There is no charge to watch these activities.

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### **HERITAGE ACRES CONTACTS**

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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

### SHOPPING

### SHOP LOCAL



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 wellpreserved, historic buildings and fixtures from a past era.

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



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



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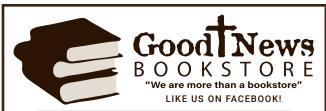


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## DOWNTOWN FAIRMONT PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

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, 101 hog statues are featured throughout Martin County.









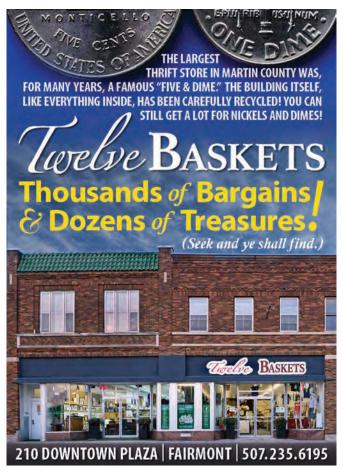
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Pictured to the right is the unveiling of 36 hog statues for the "Going Hog Wild" project.

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









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### RAISE A GLASS OR CONE!

While visiting Martin County, you will find a variety of locally owned and operated eateries with delicious food, friendly service, scenic views, and great atmospheres.

Farimont has sweet, locally owned ice cream and froyo places to visit. In the summer, Dairy Freeze is a locally loved destination. Serving everything from Blue Goo Flavor Burst with sprinkles to raspberry mountaintop sundaes, Dairy Freeze is a Fairmont summer classic for residents and visitors alike.

Dairy Queen Soft-serve ice cream and signature shakes top the menu at this classic burger and fries fast-food chain. And who dosen'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.



Take a break and enjoy any one of these delicious ice cream treats our on a hot summer day!





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Looking for a delicious caffeine boost? Check out any one of the tasty options right here in Fairmont! There is something for everyone at Grafitti Corner, Scooters, Loxley Coffee, 5Lakes Nutrition, Indulge & Co. and Caribou.



While shopping and exploring downtown Fairmont, take a break and check out the Fairmont Brewing Company, Edie's Restaurant, Jake's 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.

CHECK OUT PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK IN FAIRMONT AT visitfairmont.com







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### FARMERS' MARKETS KEEP IT FRESH

For a real taste of Minnesota, we recommend you visit one of our popular farmers markets! Not only do you get the chance to buy locally grown produce and freshly made goods, you also meet the people behind the products. Now that's the ultimate shop local trip. We are lucky to have multiple market locations throughout Martin County, giving both residents and visitors ample opportunities to support local growers. Pick up seasonal items like flowers, apples, sweet corn, lettuce, potatoes and squash, as well as soaps, baked goods and other hand-crafted items. The Fairmont Farmers' Market is held seasonally in the parking lot of the Five Lakes Centre Mall. Credit cards and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) are accepted.

VISIT THE FAIRMONT FARMERS' MARKET

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### LOOK FOR THESE MARTIN COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS

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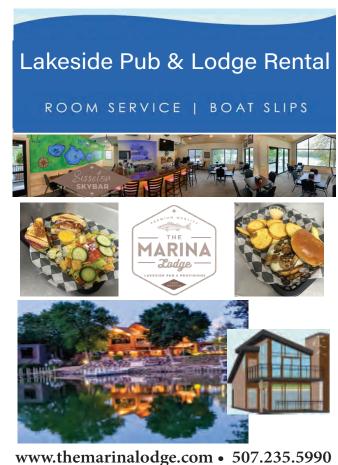
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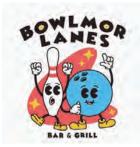
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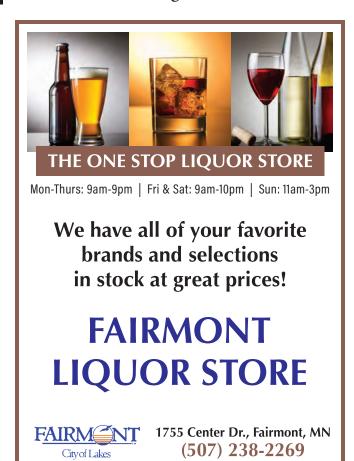






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## ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR JOURNEY

For as long as you choose to spend time in Martin County, we will treat you as a valued guest. After all, you are staying in our home.

You will find familiar hotel chains in the region, along with locally-owned and unique accommodations. The Marina Lodge lakeside luxury resort lodges, where breathtaking views of Lake Sisseton meets the style and comfort of modern convenience. The Hall Lake Cabins is a great to enjoy the cabins, and/or rent a pontoon or jetski to enjoy beautiful lakes of Fairmont. If you prefer to be more at one with nature, then consider heading to the sandy beaches of Lake Imogene, where you'll find the Flying Goose Campground & Resort.

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### TIME FOR PLAY

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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 Friday 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.

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 systmes can be found at 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 Satuday 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.





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 18hole 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.

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 vou 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.



Adventure Playground at Gomsrud Park

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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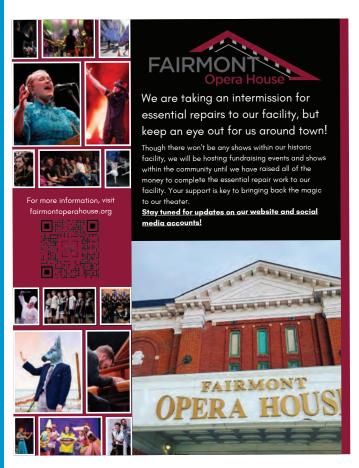
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### IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ARTS

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

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.









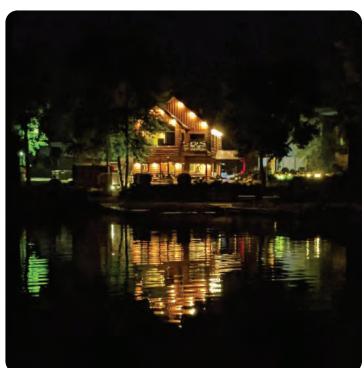
During the summer months, across the waters of Lake Sisseton, you will hear local musicians playing brilliant trumpets, dainty flutes, and beating drums. It is the Fairmont City Band! Made up of local community members, the Fairmont City Band in the summer plays a free concert in the historic, 100 year 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





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 fairmont5.com. The Sherburn Theatre can be found at 116 N Main Street, Sherburn MN. Find their shows and showtimes at sherburntheatre.com.



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### A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO VISIT



### WINTER (DECEMBER - MARCH)

For around three months of the year, Martin County becomes a winter wonderland. The surrounding landscape takes on an 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. 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.

Picture Credit: Shanna Larson

### 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.

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 ROUN

### **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!



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.

### 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 and www. TimberLakeOrchard.com)



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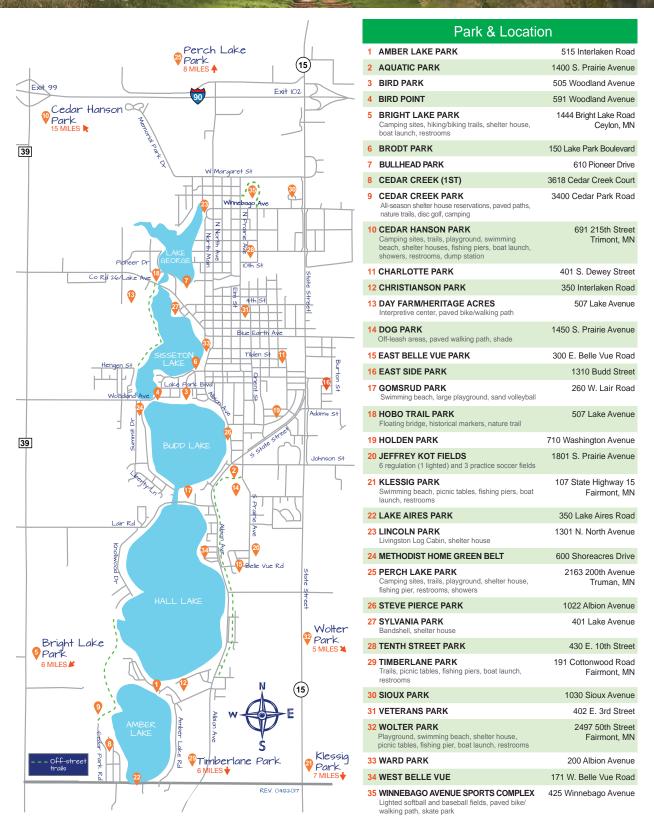
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### Area PARKS







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### 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). 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). 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

Playground, swimming beach, shelter house, picnic tables, barbecue grates, fire pits, fishing, boat launch, pit restrooms.



### CAST OFF YOUR TROUBLES

Believe it or not, you can fish in Martin County during all 12 months of the year. Enjoy calm waters and glorious sunshine from spring through fall, or visit a frozen lake during winter to get your catch of the day.



If you're new to fishing, or need some supplies or permits, stop by these local businesses:

### **Sommer Outdoors**

1447 ALBION AVENUE, FAIRMONT

Hours: Seasonal, Call (507) 235-5225 Services: Licenses, live bait, tackle, and expert advice.

### Walmart

1250 GOEMANN ROAD, FAIRMONT

Hours: Open 24 hours Services: Licenses and tackle

### **Dunham's Sports** 400 S. STATE STREET, FAIRMONT

Hours: M-F, 10am-4pm, Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, Noon-5pm Services: Licenses and tackle

### Fox Lake Tack & Trading Company

FOX LAKE VILLAGE, 8 MAIN STREET, WELCOME

Hours: Seasonal. Call (507) 848-6063 Services: Live bait, firewood, groceries, custom leather work, zipper repair, knife sharpening



**OUR INTENT** is to have a useful and interesting piece of information to help guide you around our lakes, have fun learning a little history and help us all understand our responsibilities for our waters.

### **FAIRMONT LAKES FOUNDATION, INC.**

is a non-profit organization formed to promote the stewardship of our city's lakes. Our general purpose is to lead and educate our community and its visitors to take responsibility for the quality and care of our city's lakes while increasing awareness of the need to preserve and enhance the value of these natural resources.



### SPRING FISHING CONTEST To Be Determined

### **BECOME A MEMBER!**

Because together we can make a difference.

We meet the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$50 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$500

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### CONTACT

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. PO Box 523, Fairmont, MN 56031 info@FairmontLakesFoundation.com

### KAYAKS RENTALS & LAUNCHES

Rental & Launch located at Gomsrud Park on the south side of Budd Lake. Launch only located on the south side of Amber Lake.

See our website for more details.



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### **LAKESHORE CLEANUP**

- Use your bag or our FLF Lakeshore Cleanup Bags whenever possible to help keep our lakes free from debris!
- Take part in our scheduled Lake clean-up projects.

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www.FairmontLakesFoundation.com





Enjoy these lakes all year round! Paddling, Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Skiing, Skating, Snowshoeing, Pond Hockey, Ice Fishing and more!





### 82 Acres, 11 Feet Deep

This shallow lake is considered a 'gem' by many because of its peaceful serenity. In 2014, the Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. (FLF) stocked this lake with 300 Bluegills, so you know you will find an ample supply of fish along with 7 public fishing locations. Once the geese leave the area, usually between November and January, aerators will be installed by the city of Fairmont and the FLF. They are intended to keep open water on the ice to maintain healthy oxygen levels for our marine life. Back in the day, this lake was originally called 'George's Lake' for George Tanner, who owned abutting land.

Elack 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



### 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



### 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, Spotfin Shiner, Spottail Shiner



### 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.

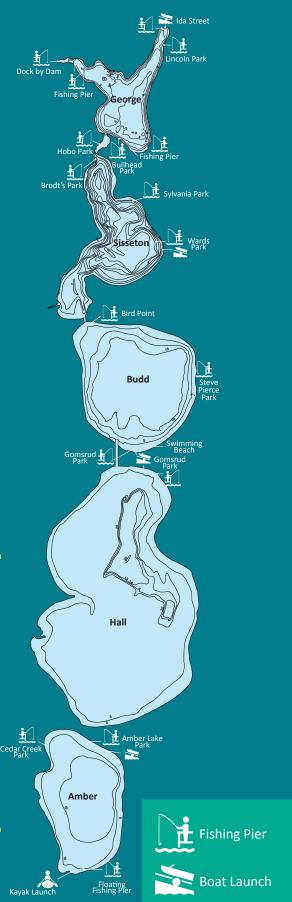
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### 182 Acres, 19 Feet Deep

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, Spotfin Shiner



### 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.



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

### TRUMAN POOL

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

### 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



### Open Daily in June, July & August

4 pools • Superslides • Diving boards • Aqua Climb Interactive Water Play Features • Sand Lot Concession Stand • Incredibly Affordable Admission



Beat the summer heat at the COOLEST outdoor waterpark!

1400 S. Prairie Avenue, Fairmont www.fairmont.org.aquaticpark 507.238.9292 507.238.3949 (off season)



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# **BUILDINGS GUIDE**

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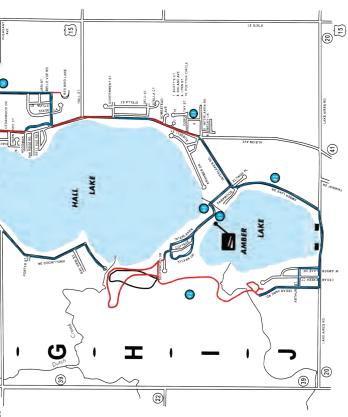
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The Martin County Fair is a wonderful place for the whole family to enjoy all of the events and activities that your family has grown to love about the fair over the years. As Minnesota's "Other Big Fair," the Martin County Fair features the largest 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!



Tracy Lawrence......August 17, 8:30 p.m.

FIND OUT THE LATEST ON THE MARTIN COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE & EVENTS AT

www.MNOtherBigFair.com

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GO TO www.MNOtherBigFair.com
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# FIND SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

#### **CEYLON COMMUNITY DAY**

CEYLON - APRIL 13, 2024

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 1, 2024

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 7- 8, 2024

This annual community festival celebrates all Fairmont has to offer. The kick-off to the two-day festival on Friday evening is a free community meal, live music and inflatables. On Saturday you will find numerous children's activities, food vendors, a huge craft show, activities on the lakes including rubber duck races, the grand parade and it wraps up with a family-friendly street dance with live music and food vendors. Check the event schedule for a full listing of activities:

www.ihdfairmont.org

#### **FAIRMONT TRIATHLON**

GOMSRUD PARK - JUNE 14-15, 2024

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

#### SHERBURN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

SHERBURN - JUNE 14, 15, & 16, 2024

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 Saturday. Call John Tirevold at **(507) 764-4491** for info.

#### GRANADA FIREMANS' HOG ROAST AND STREET DANCE

MAIN STREET, GRANADA – JUNE 21, 2024 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, 2024

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 12-14, 2024

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

#### **HERITAGE ACRES**

FAIRMONT - AUGUST & OCTOBER

August 11: 10-4 Threshing Day. Threshing at 1:00, kiddie games, train and wagon rides

October 20: 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 19-21, 2024

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 26-28, 2024

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 22, 2024

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 2025

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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.





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



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# WHY MOVE TO MARTIN COUNTY?

- K-12 HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION
   OFFERINGS
- AFFORDABLE COST OF LIVING
- MANY RECREATIONAL AMENITIES
   (PARKS, TRAILS, ETC.)
- LAKE RECREATION
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY
   AND ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT
   & CONNECTION



# LOCAL HOUSING SNAPSHOT

ACCORDING TO point2homesw.com, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS IN FAIRMONT IS APPROXIMATELY 5,102, WITH A NEARLY 92 PERCENT OCCUPANCY RATE.

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 \$154,900. THE MEDIAN HOME VALUE IN THE U.S. IS \$\$428,700.

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# **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



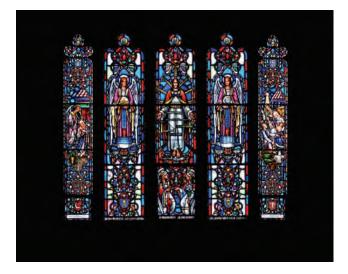
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# PLACES OF WORSHIP

#### **ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

#### ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

515 East 5th Street, Fairmont 507-235-8826

#### REGIONAL WORSHIP CENTER (ASSEMBLY OF GOD)

2 Cross Roads Drive, Sherburn
507-764-7491 www,rwcsherburn.splus.org
Email: rwc-sherburn@outlook.com
Pastor Joshua Caldwell
10:00 a..m Sunday Morning Service
7:00 p.m. Midweek Blessings Bible Study

#### **BAPTIST**

#### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

218 East Creamery Street, Granada 507-525-1138

#### **FAIRMONT BAPTIST CHURCH**

1345 Albion Avenue, Fairmont
507-238-2790 www.fairmontbaptistchurch.org
Email:fairmontbaptist@midconetwork.com
Pastor Jerry Clark
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Prayer Meeting

#### **CATHOLIC**

#### St. John Vianney Catholic Church

901 South Prairie Avenue, Fairmont 507-235-5535 www.fmcatholic.org Father Jeff Dobbs

Email: admin@fmcatholic.org 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF EAST CHAIN 2481 50th Street, Fairmont (East Chain) 507-235-5535

#### ST. LUKE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

303 South Lake Street, Sherburn,MN 507-407-2944 Father Jonathan Fasnacht 8:30 a.m. -Wednesday Mass 10:30 a.m. -Sunday Mass (Jan.-March, July-Sept.) 5:00 p.m.-Saturday Mass (April-June, Oct.-Dec

#### **EPISCOPAL**

#### ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

102 North Park Street, Fairmont 507-238-2686

#### **EVANGELICAL FREE**

#### BETHEL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

1125 South State Street, Fairmont 507-235-5513

Email: staff@bethelefc.org

www.bethelfct.org

Pastor Seth Watson, Pastor

Pastor Matt Baker, Associate Pastor Pastor Peter Erickson, Youth Pastor

8:30a.m. English Service & Online Service

11:00a.m. English & Spanish Service

#### **EAST CHAIN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

507 280th Ave, Granada 507-773-4404 www.eastchain.com eastchain@eastchain.com

Pastor Ben Fox

Youth Pastor Alex Andrews

9:00a.m. Coffee&Rolls

9:30a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30a.m. Worship Service

#### **EVANGELICAL COVENANT**

#### **EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF TRIMONT**

61 East Main Street, Trimont 507-639-4171

#### **FAIRMONT EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**

901 Woodland Avenue, Fairmont

507-235-6407 www@fairmontcovenant.com

Email: office@fairmontcovenant.com Facebook: Fairmont Evangelical Church

Pastor: Dan Wheeler

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

#### **LUTHERAN**

#### EAST CHAIN LUTHERAN CHURCH

411 280th Ave, Blue Earth 507-773-4201

#### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

61 East Apple Street, Trimont 507-639-7925

#### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Senior Rev. Dr. Allison Cobb

Associate Interm Rev. Chervl Indehar Sunday 8:30a.m. Traditional Worship Sunday 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Praise Worship Sunday 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship

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507-238-1387 www.immanuel-fairmont.org

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Rev Wade Daul, Senior Pastor

Rev Alexander Goodwin, Associate Pastor

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 Sunday Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Family Education Hour (September-May)

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#### SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES (WELS)

114 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont 507-236-3873 sherperdofthelakes.net

Interm Pastor - Martin Lopahs 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Blble Study

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

108 South James St, Northrop, MN 56075

507-436-5289

Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com

www.sjlnorthrop.com Rev. John Henry III

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Devine Service

#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

317 South Main Street, Sherburn

507-764-5312

#### ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

211 Budd Street, Fairmont 507-238-9491

Email: splcoffice@splfairmont.org

www.splfairmont.org

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worhsip Service

#### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

110 East 4th Street North, Truman

507-776-2801

Email: officemanager@spltruman.com www.stpaulslutherantruman.com

Rev. Timothy A. Chase

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. - Sunday School (September-May)

10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study (All Year)

#### ST. PETER LUTHERAN (Circle of Faith Parish)

201 South West Street, Cevlon

507-632-4416

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

31 West Main Street, Trimont 507-639-4111

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH(ELCA)

102 North 7th Avenue East, Truman

507-776-4781

Email: trinitytruman4781@gmail.com

www.trinitv-truman.org

Pastor Carol

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service

#### **TRINITY LUTHERAN** (Circle of Faith Parish)

204 2nd Street, Welcome 507-728-8259

#### WAVERLY LUTHERAN (Circle of Faith Parish)

1333 220th Street, Trimont

507-728-8259

#### ZION (FRASER) LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

1623 170th Street, Fairmont, MN

507-436-5289 zionfraser.com

Pastor John Henry III

Email: silnorthrop@gmail.com 10:00 a.m. - Devine Service

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# PLACES OF WORSHIP (CONTINUED)

#### **METHODIST**

#### **EAST CHAIN UNITED METHODIST**

2519 50th Street, Fairmont 507-236-1137 or 507-399-1636

#### TRIMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

111 Apple Street E., Trimont

507-639-5711

Pastor: Embrace Network

Email: trimontumc@gmail.com Facebook:trimontumc

www.trimontumc.org

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

#### **FAIRMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

119 East 2nd Street, Fairmont

507-235-5579

Email: umcfmtofc@gmail.com

www.umcfairmont.org Pastor Jeff Adams

9:00 a.m. - Sunday Service

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont

Office:507-235-5382 www.fairmontucc.org

Rev. Cory Germain uccsecretary319@gmail.com

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (preK-6th grade)
Services also available live or later on website
2:00 p.m. Service on Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12
5:30 p.m. Free Community Meal last Wednesday of

each month

#### ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

301 North Main Street, Fairmont 507-235-3500 sjucc301@gmail.com Pastor Richard W. Abel 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

#### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

214 North Dugan Street, Welcome 507-728-8248

#### TRUMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

401 West Ciro Street, Truman 507-776-2671

#### ADDITIONAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER -DAY SAINTS** 

625 Johnson Street, Fairmont 507-525-8984

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FAIRMONT

625 Johnson Street, Fairmont

507-238-1939

Email: wurster.jacob@gmail.com

Facebook: Christian Church of Fairmont

Pastor: Jacob Wurster 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

#### **GRACE TABERNACLE**

319 North Prairie, Fairmont

218-260-9195

#### **OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

306 W Main St Ceylon 507-632-4674

#### **HAVEN EXPERIENCE**

1920 Center Creek Drive, Fairmont havenexperience@churchtrac.com

Facebook: Haven Experience

10:00 a.m. Sunday Music and Message

#### FAIRMONT HISPANIC SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

1503 North State Street, Fairmont

507-238-2519 Pastor: Ben Sosa

7:00 p.m.- Wednesday Prayer Meeting

9:30 a.m. Saturday Sabbath School & Church

11:00 a.m. Saturday Worship

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The Southern Minnesota Educational Campus houses the Senior Citizens Center and (CER) Fairmont Community Education and Recreation. CER furnishes lifelong learning and recreational opportunities for all ages, and partners with other organizations to ensure a high quality of life for area residents.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

#### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION & RECREATION**

Fairmont CER (507) 235-3141 GHEC CER (507) 447-2211 Martin County West CER (507) 764-2336 Truman CER (507) 327-6917

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FAIRMONT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #2752
PreK-12th Grade (507) 238-4234

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PreK-12th Grade (507) 447-2211

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PreK-12th Grade (507) 764-2330

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PreK-12th Grade (507) 776-2111

FAIRMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (Fairmont)
PreK-6th Grade (507) 235-5513

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Special education and alternative learning programs (507) 235-4099

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL (Northrop) 9th-12th Grade (507) 436-5249

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PreK-12th Grade (507) 436-5289

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PreK-8th Grade (507) 238-9492

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### HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

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Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont is a community-based health care provider that brings the resources and expertise of Mayo Clinic to Fairmont and surrounding areas. As part of a system of 60 sites in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, the local medical center serves the community through routine and specialized care services, as well as on- and off-site wellness support and community engagement. A dedicated team of physicians, advanced practice providers, visiting specialists and allied health staff care for patients at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and its additional locations in Armstrong, Sherburn and Truman. Mayo Clinic Health System is the largest employer in Fairmont and continues to advance local medical capabilities to keep patients healthier and closer to home.

The **Center for Specialty Care** provides high quality orthopedic specialty services in a friendly environment. The organization employs a skilled team of physicians, physician assistants, a family nurse practitioner and physical therapists.

**Baywood Home Care** is a company that provides private in-home care so that all adults that need care can continue living at home. Baywood provides senior care as well as care for those who are injured or suffering from illness. Our clients are adults from 18 to 100+.

In addition to primary care services, Martin County has chiropractic, massage and alternative healthcare clinics, as well as area fitness centers, coaches and nutritional advisors.

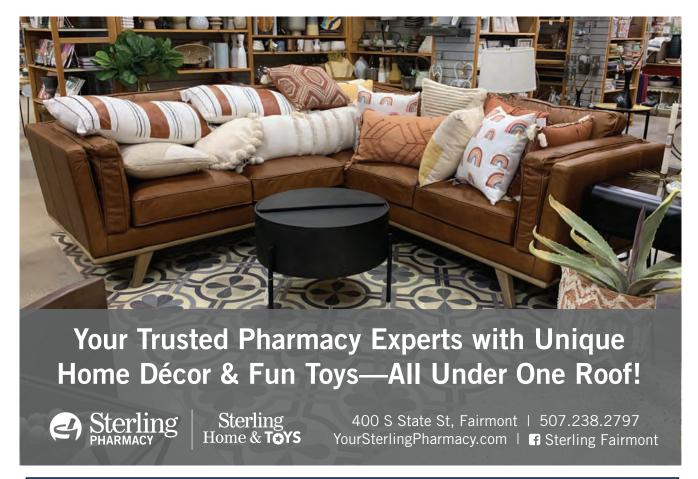
There are also a number of assisted living facilities, offering both at home and on-site healthcare. These include **Goldfinch Estates**, **Ingleside**, and **Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center** in Fairmont, **Temperance Lake Ridge** in Sherburn, **Trimont** 



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# **HELPING YOU MAKE YOUR BEST MOVE**

Helpful resources to get you settled into your new life in the Fairmont area. These organizations can help provide you with the information you need to ensure a smooth transition to our beautiful community

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

FAIRMONT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Business information (507) 235-5547

VISIT FAIRMONT/Tourism and Relocation Info. (507) 235-8585

FAIRMONT CITY HALL (507) 238-9461

MARTIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE (507) 238-3126

FAIRMONT POST OFFICE (507) 235-6368

CAREERFORCE IN FAIRMONT (507) 618-5610

MARTIN COUNTY LICENSE CENTER (507) 235-3335

SOCIAL SECURITY 877-405-0414

#### UTILITIES

**ELECTRICITY & WATER** 

City of Fairmont (507) 238-9461

**NATURAL GAS** 

Minnesota Energy Resources (800) 889-9508

#### GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Waste Management (507) 235-9859 Hometown Sanitation (877) 545-4877

#### CABLE/INTERNET/PHONE

Midco (800) 888-1300 Frontier (800) 921-8101

#### **NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM (Fairmont) (507) 238-8100

CENTER FOR SPECIALTY CARE (507) 238-4949

FAIRMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT (507) 235-5289

GOLD CROSS AMBULANCE (507) 238-2123

FAIRMONT POLICE/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (507) 238-4481

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# **BUSINESS & INDUSTRY**

The economic drivers of Fairmont and Martin County are agriculture and industrial businesses.

Fairmont is one of the state's leading agricultural communities, but also has a significant manufacturing base, as well as a healthy combination of national and homegrown companies. Our county is the largest producer in Minnesota for both hogs and corn, and it is in the state's top 10 for soybeans and cattle.

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.

Our most recent Regional Demographic and Economic Profile shows that over 52 percent of Fairmont's population aged 18 to 25 has some college education or an associate's degree, and more than 17 percent of the total population has a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

This same profile reports an average commute time of just 14.8 minutes, while almost half of the workforce travels less than 10 minutes. For more information, resources, and an economic profile of Martin County, visit the resources below.

AN ECONOMIC PROFILE OF MARTIN
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# **BACON CAPITAL USA**

Did you know that Martin County is Bacon Capital USA? Martin County is the #1 pork producing county in MN and the pork industry helps drive the economy of Martin County and Minnesota. Bacon Capital USA is a group that promotes our county and the huge impact agriculture has on our community and economy, especially pork.

Their website features Bacon Capital USA merchandise, recipes and events related to pork in Martin County and beyond. Watch for the Bacon Capital USA mascot, Marti C. Magic at events all around the Midwest promoting our county!

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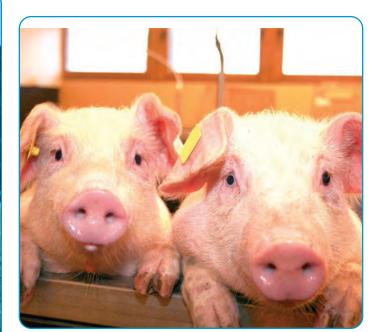
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# FAIRMONT AND MARTIN COUNTY AGRICULTU

BY WANDA PATSCHE OF MINNESOTA FARM LIVING

Fairmont and Martin County is the home to a vibrant and sustainable agricutural 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.

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.





Wanda Patsche is a farmer and agriculture advocate where she reaches out to bridge the disconnect between consumers and farmers. She currently writes a blog and Facebook page, **Minnesota Farm Living**, where she shares her farming story.

Read more from Wanda at
Minnesotafarmliving.com
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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.

FOR UP-TO-DATE LAND
AND BUILDING INFORMATION VISIT

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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**

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# CITY OF FAIRMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

(507) 238-3925 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

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

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

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)

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