

# Welcome to the Forest City Community

*Welcome to a community where  
"Nature's Close and Friends are Closer."*

*Forest City is nestled along the Winnebago River, on Highways 69 & 9. With 4153 residents, Forest city offers a hometown atmosphere combined with a quality school system, a four year liberal arts college, multiple recreational opportunities and attractions, two Fortune 500 companies, and over 150 local business ready to serve.*

*Two major attractions, Heritage Park of North Iowa and Mansion Museum reflect local the heritage and agricultural roots of the community.*

*Forest City offers many cultural and energetic events throughout the year: live musical concerts & plays, biking, running, & golf events, as wells as the Waldorf College Community Artist Series and Forest City Community Schools Fine Arts Programs.*

*Want to learn more? Contact the Forest City Chamber of Commerce.*

*"Where Nature's Close  
& Friends are Closer"*



# Newcomers

The following organizations and agencies provide helpful information and services you may need as a newcomer to the community. Whether you have recently moved or are considering making Forest City your home, feel free to contact the Chamber of Commerce and we will be glad to help you find the answers you need.



# Education

Forest City is home to the Forest City Community School District and the Forest City Christian School, both provide Pre-K through 12 education. Forest City is also home to Waldorf College, a four-year liberal arts college.



## Auto Registration/ Driver's License

Forest City is located in Winnebago and Hancock County. Driver's license and car registration must be completed in the Treasurers office in the county of residency.

Winnebago County                      winnebagoountyia.org  
Hancock County                        hancockountyia.org

## Utilities

The city provides **electricity, water** and **sewer**. Contact City Hall for hook up.                      (641) 585-3574

### Gas Service

Prairie Energy                              (641) 923-2654  
Black Hill Energy                            (888) 890-5554

**City garbage** pick-up days                www.cityofforestcity.com  
**Recycling pick up** is 1st & 3rd weeks of the month on your garbage pick-up day.

### Home Phone/Cable/Internet

WCTA    (641) 592-6105  
Mediacom                                        (800) 332-0245

## Housing

First Choice Realty                         (641) 585-2404  
Missal Realty & Insurance                (641) 582-3554  
Haugen Realty                                (641) 585-4663  
Housing rentals & programs               (641) 585-5560

## Employment

Synico Staffing                                (641) 585-1913  
Iowa Workforce Development            (800) 562-4692

## Daycare

Hanson Family Life Center                (641) 585-5187  
Iowa Childcare Resource & Referral    (877) 216-8481

## Pre-Kindergarten-12

### Forest City Community School District

145 S. Clark Street                              (641) 585-2323  
www.forestcity.k12.ia.us

### Summer Lunch Program

Forest City Schools offer a FREE summer lunch program for all kids under 18. Activities are provided daily by the YMCA.

### Forest City Elementary

1405 West I Street                                (641) 585-2670

### Forest City Middle School

206 West School Street                        (641) 585-4772

### Forest City High School

218 W. School Street                            (641) 585-2324

### Forest City Christian School

203 Walnut Street                                (641) 585-3233

## Waldorf College

Waldorf College is a four-year liberal arts college.  
Residential Programs                            800-292-1903  
Online Programs                                 877-267-2157

## Sports Facilities

Waldorf College Bolstorf Synthetic Turf Field & Lights  
Forest City High School Football Synthetic Turf  
Forest City High School Resurfaced Track  
Forest City & Waldorf Synthetic Turf Softball & Baseball Fields

## Libraries

Forest City Public Library                    (641) 585-4542  
Luise V. Hanson Library (Waldorf)        (641) 585-8110

# Business

Home to over 150 businesses, Forest City has employment opportunities as well as varied products and services in the community. The largest employers are: Winnebago Industries, 3M Distribution, Waldorf College, Forest City Community School District, CDI, and Mosaic.



# Attractions

Forest City is rich in history and full of recreational opportunities for the whole family. Revisit Forest City's past by visiting the Mansion Museum or Heritage Park of North Iowa. Spend time outdoors walking the paved trails & bike paths, exploring the Winnebago River Trail, or enjoying a round of golf.



## Government

**City Hall** (641) 585-3574  
305 North Clark Street [www.cityofforestcity.com](http://www.cityofforestcity.com)  
Hours Monday-Friday 8 AM- 4:30 PM

**Post Office** 312 N. Clark Street  
Hours M-F 9-11 AM Noon- 4:45 PM, Saturday 9-11 AM  
Lobby open 24 Hours

## Business

Chamber of Commerce (641) 585-2092  
Forest City Economic Development (641) 585-5560  
both are located at 145 S. Clark Street

## Local Healthcare

Mercy Family Clinic (641) 585-2904  
Forest City Family Dental (641) 585-4636  
Wilson Dental (641) 582-5431  
Family Eye Care (641) 585-3590  
Accelerated Rehab (641) 585-1550  
Forest City Chiropractic & Sports Clinic (641) 585-3032  
Koenen Chiropractic (641) 582-4625  
Miller Pharmacy (in Mercy Clinic) (641) 585-3931  
Shopko Pharmacy (641) 582-2780

## Regional Hospitals

Mercy Medical Center- Mason City (641) 428-6300  
Hancock County Memorial Hospital (641) 843-5000  
Mayo Clinic- Albert Lea (507) 373-2384

## Media

Forest City Summit (641) 585-2112  
K1OW FM 107.3 (641) 585-1073  
Globe Gazette (Mason City) (641) 421-0500

## Attractions

Heritage Park of North Iowa  
[www.heritageparkofnorthiowa.com](http://www.heritageparkofnorthiowa.com)  
Mansion Museum  
[www.mansionmuseumforestcityiowa.org](http://www.mansionmuseumforestcityiowa.org)  
Winnebago Industries Welcome Center & Tours  
(641) 585-6936

## Performing Arts

Community Artist Series (Waldorf College) [www.waldorf.edu](http://www.waldorf.edu)  
Waldorf College Fine Arts [www.waldorf.edu](http://www.waldorf.edu)  
Forest City High School Fine Arts (641)585-2324

## Sports/Recreation

Parks & Recreation (641) 585-4860  
Forest City Aquatic Center (641) 585-2650  
YMCA (641) 585-5220  
Indoor Swimming Pool [forestcityymca.org](http://forestcityymca.org)  
Youth & Adult Programs  
Y-Winner after school program

## Forest City Outdoor Recreation -

Bear Creek Golf Course [bearcreekfc.com](http://bearcreekfc.com)  
Cross-County Ski Trails (641) 585-4860  
Disc Golf Course [www.forestcityia.com](http://www.forestcityia.com)  
Outdoor Ice Skating Rink (641) 585-4860  
Pilot Knob State Park (641) 581-4835  
Winnebago River Water Trail [winnebagoccb.com](http://winnebagoccb.com)  
15 miles paved walking/biking trails [forestcityia.com](http://forestcityia.com)

## Other Activities

Forest Theatre 215 N Clark Street  
Super Bowl Bowling Alley (641) 581-2618

Questions? Contact the Chamber office at 641-585-2092 or [www.forestcityia.com](http://www.forestcityia.com)

# Facts & Figures

## Population & General Information

<b>Total Population</b>	<b>4,153</b>
Median Age (Years)	35.2
Avg. Household Income (1999)	\$40,031
Per Capita Income (1999)	\$18,285

### Sales Tax

Winnebago County	7%
Hancock County	6%

Type of Government: Mayor/ Council  
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect: Yes  
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Percent of Streets Paved: 85.0

## Groups & Organizations

4-H	(641) 588-2261
FFA	(641) 585-2324
Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts	(641) 581-5879
Lions Club	(641) 585-5260
Rotary	(641) 585-2450
Relay for Life	(641) 585-1480
MOPS	www.mops.org
Pheasants Forever	(641) 581-2959

Find a complete list at [www.forestcityia.com/  
community-resources/clubs-and-organizations](http://www.forestcityia.com/community-resources/clubs-and-organizations)

## Forest City Events

Click on the calendar on [www.forestcityia.com](http://www.forestcityia.com)

## Miscellaneous Information

### Piano/Guitar/Dance Etc. Lessons

Contact the Chamber of Commerce for information.

### Churches

There are nine churches located within city limits.  
[www.forestcityia.com/community-resources/churches](http://www.forestcityia.com/community-resources/churches)

<b>Neighborhood Food Bank</b>	(641) 585-1360
<b>J&amp;W Redemption Center</b>	(641) 590-2925
<b>Family Alliance for Veterans of America</b>	(641) 585-5995
<b>Forest City Veterinary Clinic</b>	(641) 585-2211
<b>Farmers Market (Summer)</b>	Shopko Parking Lot

*Find out what the locals already know! You will find information about where to buy pumpkins, watch fire-works, & the route that the locals use to drive into Mason City on the **Hints & Tips for Newcomers Guide** on our website [www.forestcityia.com](http://www.forestcityia.com).*

## Distances from Forest City to:

Chicago, IL	441 miles
Des Moines, IA	138 miles
Minneapolis, MN	140 miles
Milwaukee, WI	369 miles
Omaha, NE	273 miles



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[www.forestcityia.com/New\\_Residents](http://www.forestcityia.com/New_Residents)

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