Welcome to



Freeport

"The City with a Smile"

Freeport City Hall • 125 Main St E. • PO Box 301 320-836-2112

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Email: clerk@freeportmn.org Website: www.freeportmn.org Follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/freeportmn for updates on the city and happenings around town!

Join us on the last Tuesday of each month for city council meetings • 7PM

City Staff:

City Clerk/Treasurer- Jon Nelson; Public Works Director- Loren Goebel;
Administrative Assistant- Kelsey Molitor
Fire and Rescue Department: Fire Chief- Andy Grieve; Assistant Chief- Branden Roering; Assistant Chief- Larry Hoeschen; Secretary- Loren Goebel

City Council Members:

Mayor- Mike Eveslage Council Members- Nick Arnzen, Sarah Blake, Tim Hennen, Jake Renneker

Thank you for being a part of our community!



Services:

Garbage/Recycling: West Central Sanitation 1-800-246-7630
Telephone/Internet/Cable Services: Albany Mutual Telephone 320-845-2101

Electric: Xcel Energy 800-895-4999

Natural Gas Services: CenterPoint Energy 800-245-2377 Water/Sewer: Freeport City Hall 320-836-2112

Please Fill out the New City Resident – Water connection form as soon as possible. You can return it by mail, or drop it off at City Hall Office or drop box outside our building.

The city accepts cash or checks for payment. There is a drop box at City Hall for check payments only. You can also make one-time electronic payments on our website. Forms are available for automatic withdrawal to pay your utility bill. The automatic withdrawal would come out of your account on the last business day of each month. If you enter an email address at the bottom of the form, you will receive your monthly bills by email instead of by postcard in the mail. This is optional.

The city allows residents to install a second water meter for irrigation purposes. This can be beneficial to save on sewer charges while watering your lawn.

You can find City Ordinances and Codes on our website or ask to view them at City Hall.

Friendly FYIs

Call Before You Dig... (1-800-252-1166) If you are going to be doing any digging in your yard, call Gopher State One Call a few days before...there is no cost to you to have them come out and mark your lines safely.

Sump Pumps: Water discharged from sump pumps needs to be ran outside and not into the sanitary sewer system. Hoses may not cross over sidewalks.

Garbage: Please pull your garbage cans from the road after collection to keep our roads and alleys clear for traffic. Pick up any remaining garbage that may have blown out of your containers.

Parking: All vehicles, RVs, boats, trailers etc. that are parked or stored on property must be on an improved surface, and not within the front yard in order to remain in compliance with city code. Vehicles may be parked on city streets and parking lots for no more than 48 hours unless otherwise posted.

Grease & Oil: We often experience an excess of grease and oil in our sanitary sewer line. This is extremely problematic not only for the city, but for you and your fellow residents. We ask that residents refrain from dumping grease down drains. Continuing to use drains for grease disposal could result in your personal lines getting blocked and causing backups, along with City sewer lines.

Permits: You can find all necessary permits for residential and commercial building, additions, decks, fencing etc. on our city website under downloads or stop by the office to get a copy. Contact city staff to answer any questions during the process.

Burning permits can be obtained on the MN DNR website, <u>www.dnr.state.mn.us</u> or by contacting Freeport Fire Department 320-836-2411.

West Central Sanitation offers lawn waste pickup every Friday from April-November, weather permitting. Any excess lawn waste that you are unable to fit in the lawn waste bin should be in a compostable bag. Check their website, Facebook page or call them to find out exact start and end dates to yard waste pickup.

Pets: The City of Freeport requires pets to be licensed. Stop by City Hall or send an email to request a form. Rabies vaccination records are required. Once registered, your pet will be issued an ID tag, which can be helpful if your pet ends up lost.



Please pick up your pet's waste, keeping your pet within your property.

When walking your dog they must be on a leash.

Also register your pet with the city. They will be issued an identification tag.

This is only a small \$5 charge and helpful when your pet is lost.

You can find parks and recreational areas around the city at the following locations:

<u>Freeport Lions Community Park</u>, 205 7th St SE– tennis court, gazebo, picnic tables, playground equipment, and restrooms. Contact City Hall for more info

on renting the Lions Park.

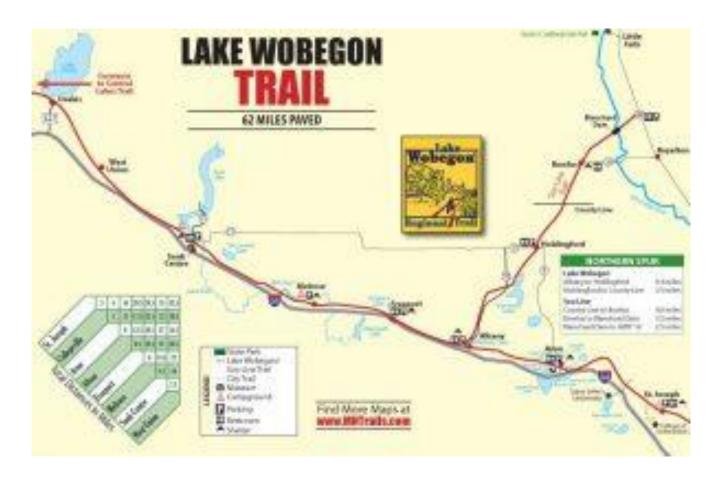
Sacred Heart North Park – 303 2nd Ave NE

<u>Softball Park</u> – Next to Lions Park Next to Sacred Heart Church

Lake Wobegon Trail: Enjoy the beautiful

paved Lake Wobegon Trail that runs through Freeport and find a place to rest at the covered picnic shelter.

The Lake Wobegon Trail measures 54 miles in Stearns County. The trail is open to bicycling, snowmobiling without studs, walking and rollerblading. The trail was built on two abandoned railroad corridors – the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and the Soo Line. For more trail info check out the website at https://www.lakewobegontrail.com



Local Organizations



Freeport Lions Club:

The Freeport Lions Club has been proudly serving the community since

1965. Service projects include many wonderful projects and causes, which enhance our Freeport community. Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at Ackie's Pioneer Inn at 7pm. We are always seeking new members willing to serve our community. P.O. Box 184 Freeport, MN 56331 Follow us on Facebook

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Commerce: The Freeport Chamber of Commerce has now joined forces with The Melrose Area Chamber of Commerce. The members are committed to the economic vitality of our region and actively work to encourage growth of our communities in and around the area.

P.O. Box 216 Melrose, MN 56352

Visit us online

www.melrosemn.org melrosechamber@outlook.com

Freeport Business Directory

Freeport is a small business melting pot. You can also find a business's website if available to explore more of what they have to offer:

Apartments

Freeport Square Apartments 320-836-2535

Auto Repair & Service

Hiltner Company 320-836-2122 Hoeschen Auto 320-836-2130 Ivan's Auto Body 320-836-2985 Fastlane Repair 320-339-1417

Bar & Grill - Off Sale Liquor

Corner Pub & Grill 320-836-2120 The Pioneer Inn Bar & Grill 320-836-2695

Chiropractor & Massage

Integrated Health & Wellness Center LLC 320-836-7150

Churches

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish 320-836-2143 Harvest Church 320-836-2997

Community Center

Freeport Community Center 320-836-2526

Contractors

Hiltner Construction 320-836-2916 Roof 1-Roofing & Sheet Metal Services 320-836-7663

Electrical Contractors

Freeport Electric Inc 320-836-2865

Farm Equipment & Service

Freeport Farm Center Inc 320-836-2171 Hartung Sales 320-836-2697

Feed Store

Famo Feeds 836-2145

<u>Financial Insurance, Services &</u> Planning

Diversified Wealth Management 320-836-2166

Farm Bureau Financial Services 320-836-2772

Financial Services

Freeport State Bank 320-836-2126 Magnifi Financial 888-330-8482

Fire Department

Freeport Fire Department 320-836-2411

Flooring, Carpet & Rug

Hennen Floor Covering 320-836-2177

Flour Wholesaler & Manufacturer

Swany White Flour Mills 320-836-2174

Gas Stations

Schmidty's 320-836-2850 Freeport Gas & Grocery 320-836-7152

Salon, Spa & Beauty Services

Lu's Hair Design 320-836-2424 Melbelles Hair Gallery 320-836-2360 Uptown Hair Studio & Spa 320-836-7194

HVAC

Mid Central Heating & AC 320-836-2502

Ice Cream Shop

Oak Station – Open Seasonally 320-836-2053

Lumber

Hennen Lumber Company 320-836-2135

Machine Shops

Millwood Metalworks 320-836-2707

Marine

Backwater Inc. 320-266-0797

Photographers

Integrity Photography & Design 320-428-6644

Post Office

Freeport Post Office 320-836-2104

Restaurants

Charlies Café 320-836-2105 D'lish Coffee & Catering 320-836-7177

Schools

Sacred Heart School 320-836-2591

Screen Printing

Freeport Screen Printing Inc 320-836-2393

Senior Center

Freeport Senior Center 320-836-2900

Specialty Tours

Jeanne B's Tours 320-249-8149

Steel & Trim Distributer

Dakota Steel & Trim 866-987-9080

Stone Products

Albany Stone 320-493-8552

Storage

MKI Storage 320-267-1533 Red Roof Storage 320-836-2618

Trailer Manufacturer

Rockwell American 320-836-2550

Tree Service

Carr's Tree Service 888-470-3355

Towing

Hiltner Company 320-836-2122

Veterinarians

Freeport Veterinary Service 320-836-2788

Welding & Fabrication Shops

Millwood Metalworks, Inc 320-836-2707

Well Drilling & Service

Atkinson Well & Pump 320-836-2597

<u>Zoo</u>

Hemker Zoo 320-836-2426