

Buffalo's Lakes

There are many beautiful lakes in the area with their own individual characteristics. **Buffalo Lake** offers diverse fishing opportunities accessed by three City-maintained boat ramps and a fishing pier at Sturges Park right by downtown Buffalo. Sturges Park is the home of the band shell where the popular Concerts in the Park take place Thursday evenings from late June to the end of August. The shape and predominant wind directions on Buffalo Lake make it a desirable wind surfing area. A skating area is cleared on the lake in the winter.

Lake Pulaski is renowned for its clear waters making it a favorite water skiing and swimming lake. Griffing Park, located on the southwest shore of the lake, is home of Pulaski beach, which offers a public boat ramp and a swimming beach.



Civic Center

The Civic Center is awchirl during the winter months with activity as it houses indoor and outdoor ice rinks for hockey and skating enthusiasts. The remainder of the year the building hosts several community events put on by civic organizations and private parties.

Community Center

The Community Center is located on Central Avenue, next door to the City Center. Staffed by a Director and part-time Administrative Assistant, the center is the hub for activities and home to the senior nutrition program, which offers low cost nutritious meals to our seniors. The facility is also available for use by local community organizations.

Municipal Airport

The Buffalo Airport has a 3,200 foot paved runway and landing lights that beacon night pilots. It services small aircraft for the flying enthusiast and provides for helicopter landings. Hangar rental, flight training and airplane sales and service are based at the airport.

City of Buffalo Website

We have a wealth of information on our website including information on City events, ordinances, job openings, property information, streaming City Council and Planning Commission meetings, building permit information, and much more. Links are also streamlined through our main website for our various departments, venues, and other subsidiaries of the City.
www.ci.buffalo.mn.us



Frequently Called Numbers

Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)	911
Buffalo Police Department	763.682.5976
City Center (City Hall - Administration)	763.682.1181
Buffalo Wireless Internet Group (BWIG/Bison Quantum Connect)	763.684.5423
Buffalo Utility Billing	763.682.1001
Buffalo Library	763.682.2753
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Community Education	763.682.8770
BHM School District 877	763.682.5200
Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce	763.682.4902
Charter Spectrum (Cable)	800.581.0081 or 888.GET.CHARTER
CenterPoint Energy	800.245.2377
Gopher State One	800.252.1166 or 811
Wright County Government Center	763.682.3900
Buffalo Fire Chief	763.238.5415
Buffalo Post Office	763.682.2500
Metro West Inspection Services	763.479.1720
Trailblazer Transit	763.682.1600 or 844.743.3828

Buffalo Allied Transit (M-F 5-8 pm) (same numbers as above for Trailblazer Transit—same day reservations must be made by 5:45 pm)



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Buffalo Civic Center
Buffalo Community Center
Buffalo Police Department, Minnesota
Buffalo Wine and Spirits
BWIG - Buffalo Wireless Internet Group



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Buffalo is a mix of small community charm and suburban amenities with a charming downtown area and various large retail located on the main highways of Highway 55 and Highway 25. Buffalo is located 42 miles northwest of Minneapolis.

*Extensive trails and parks
Picturesque Downtown and open spaces
Strong Neighborhoods
Diverse recreation programs
Highly regarded school district
A variety of local businesses*

Social Media

Facebook: Welcome Home - City of Buffalo
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City of Buffalo Departments

Administration ~ Airport ~ Buffalo Wireless Internet
Buffalo Wine and Spirits
Civic Center ~ Community Center
Fire Department ~ Parks and Recreation
Police Department ~ Public Works
Utility Services ~ Wild Marsh Golf Club

Introduction

The City of Buffalo was formally incorporated in April of 1887. Buffalo is now a community of more than 15,500 residents and serves as a major service center for the Wright County area. Buffalo is the county seat and has a number of service industries including hospitals, clinics, attorneys and financial institutions.

Growth in the City of Buffalo is guided by a comprehensive plan, which details proposed land uses within the corporate limits and into areas of projected growth. As a result of the plan, Buffalo offers unique, modern and up-to-date shopping facilities and residential housing opportunities.



Recreation

Buffalo has an excellent system of City parks with three major parks located on scenic Buffalo and Pulaski Lakes. A full range of recreational activities is conducted in the City park system. The City also owns and operates a civic center, baseball, softball and soccer fields and jointly cooperates with School District 877 on maintenance of lighted tennis courts. Two Parkshore Pavilions, located at Buffalo and Pulaski Lakes, offer summer pontoon, paddleboat, rowboat, canoe and bike rentals.



Do the Roam!

Looking for a fun way to explore beautiful Buffalo? A fun activity for the kids while traveling? Enjoy the Buffalo Roam tour! The Buffalo Championship Rodeo Association had businesses commission the creation and decoration of life-size buffalo statues in 2004. Since then, the herd has grown to 24 life-size statues that can be found in businesses, parks, museums and storefronts all over our friendly town. Each Buffalo has its own design and own story to tell!

Maybe you've seen them while driving through? Maybe you noticed them downtown while visiting the area. Maybe you've lived here for years and have never truly counted how many there are!

Stop in at the City Center at 212 Central Ave or the Chamber office at 205 Central Ave for the full-size map of the statues and start your hunt! Talk about a photo opportunity!! Share your roam photos by tagging your pictures on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram #ItsBetterinBuffalo #BuffaloRoamMN!



City Government

The City Council includes the mayor and four council members. The mayor serves a two-year term while council members serve four-year terms.

The City Council has several advisory commissions to help determine future policies for the City. They address issues dealing with parks and recreation, planning and zoning, library, airport long-range planning, strategic planning, as well as commercial and industrial development.

Local elections are held in November on even numbered years. Voter registration may be done at the polling location on Election Day or at the Wright County Government Center prior to Election Day. Polling locations within the City are Northwinds Elementary School, Zion Lutheran Church, or the Buffalo High School, depending on your precinct number.

The City of Buffalo is in the Second Congressional District, the 29th State Senate District and Legislative Districts 29A and 29B.



City Services

The **City Center** offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Offices within the City Center include Administration, Utility Billing, Finance, Wireless Internet (BWIG/Bison Quantum Connect), Information Technology, Engineering and GIS.

The **Buffalo Police Department** provides 24-hour patrol service and responds to all criminal complaints, medical emergencies and other calls for service within the Buffalo City limits. The Buffalo Police Department is a full-service police department, participating in numerous community-based programs. We have two full-time school resource officers and work with area schools delivering anti-drug and violence programs.

The **Buffalo Fire Department** consists of 30 well-trained volunteers who live within the City of Buffalo. They are all trained in firefighting and lifesaving techniques.



"For All Ages...For Almost Any Reason!"

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Toll-Free 1-844-743-3828

The City's **Streets and Parks Department** maintains our streets and sidewalks, maintains our many parks, sprays for mosquitoes weekly in the summer and waters the many beautiful flowers in the City.

They also provide snow removal in the winter months. The snow removal ordinance requires no on-street parking from November 1 to April 1 between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. if there is a snowfall. On nights when snow has fallen, no on-street parking is allowed until after snow is plowed in the morning.

The City's **Utility Department** provides electric, water, wastewater, storm sewer, garbage and recycling services. Residents receive an itemized bill once a month that will include all the above applicable services.

The **Buffalo Wireless Internet Group (BWIG)**, owned and operated by the City of Buffalo, continues to serve as the support center for providing Internet service to our customers.

Buffalo's **Electric Utility** is municipally owned. In other words, it's owned by the community. Being municipally owned, the City maintains and operates its distribution system as a non-profit organization. As a non-profit entity, the City's electric rates are substantially lower than other utilities in the area.

Virtually every parcel within the City of Buffalo is served by municipal **Water and Wastewater**. Buffalo gets its water from underground wells. The water treatment plant is located at the corner of 2nd Avenue NE and 5th Street NE. In early 2009, construction was completed on a new eco-friendly wastewater treatment plant off Highway 25 S. It is the first of its kind in the U.S. and its design and functionality have earned several engineering awards.