



# Resident Guide

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 Jefferson Matters: A Main Street & Chamber Community

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# New Resident Checklist

## Visit the Welcome Center

Located at 201 E Lincoln Way, the Welcome Center can connect you with everything you need to know! Whether you have a question about where something is located, different kid programs, how to get involved, or what is offered here, the Jefferson Matters: Main Street & Chamber staff at the Welcome Center are always able to help. Be sure to stop by and get your Welcome Bag filled with great info, coupons, swag, and so much more!

## Change Mailing Address

Visit the Jefferson Post Office at 106 W Harrison Street or go online to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

## Check on Property Taxes

If you are a homeowner with property taxes not built into a mortgage, please call the Greene County Treasurer at 515-386-5675 to inquire about your property taxes.

## Sign Up for Utilities

- Water, sewer, recycling, and garbage are City of Jefferson-run utilities for most residents. Visit Jefferson City Hall at 220 N. Chestnut Street to set up utilities in person and pay deposits. The utility deposit is \$150 and needs to be in cash or check form. Please bring your ID with you.
- Electricity and gas can be activated by calling Alliant Energy at 1-800-255-4268 or by visiting [www.alliantenergy.com](http://www.alliantenergy.com).
- Jefferson Telecom can take care of your telephone, internet, and cable needs. Call 515-386-4141 or visit [www.jeffersontelecom.com](http://www.jeffersontelecom.com) to get started.

## Update Driver's License

The Greene County Treasurer's Office is for Greene County residents to obtain a driver's license. Call 515-386-5675 to make an appointment today.



## Register Motor Vehicles

- If you are moving here from another Iowa county, by updating your driver's license, your vehicle registration will automatically transfer to Greene County. Be sure to check that your annual registration renewal mailing is indeed sent by Greene County. It is not required that you change out your license plates; however, you can do so for \$5. Call 515-386-5675 with questions.
- If you are moving here from out of state, please visit the Greene County Treasurer's Office located inside the Courthouse at 114 N Chestnut Street in Jefferson.

## Get a Library Card

Visit the Jefferson Public Library at 200 W Lincoln Way. Children (with an adult present) must be 3 or older to sign up for a card. Adults must show a photo ID, proof of current address (if photo ID address is not current), and phone number.

## License Pets

To register pets with the City, please visit City Hall. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.



## Enroll in Greene County Schools

Visit <https://www.gccsd.k12.ia.us/page/school-enrollment-registration-resources> to enroll in the Greene County School District any time of year! For questions or assistance in enrollment please call 515-386-4168.

## Register to Vote

- There are several ways to register to vote in Greene County:
- If you have updated your Iowa Driver's License with your current Jefferson address, you can register electronically at <http://sos.iowa.gov/>.
- You may register to vote in person at the Greene County Auditor's Office located at 114 N. Chestnut Street in Jefferson. Please call 515-386-5680 with questions.



# Welcome to Jefferson!

We are so excited you have decided to make Jefferson your home. We can't wait to have you as part of this progressive community that has rediscovered rural living! As you establish your residency here, we hope you take the time to experience this exuberant community and see why it is an amazing place to "Live Here. Play Here. and Thrive Here!"



Keep your eyes open to the character around every corner, visit our captivating alleys and view our rooftop art when you experience our 168' Mahanay Bell Tower. Our Courthouse plaza displays creative art sculptures and our many historic buildings share their brick-and-mortar with beautifully painted canvases.

Our community offers many family fun activities, kid and adult programs, child care centers with creative learning curriculums, and a variety of outdoor recreational activities. Whether you are interested in biking on 89 miles of a paved trail, taking advantage of the great outdoors at our many local parks, or hitting the green at our local golf & disc golf courses- there is something for everyone to get out and enjoy!

Be sure to relish in our many iconic attractions, rich history, amazing locally owned shops, delicious restaurants, lively events, and get involved with a variety of community lead organizations! With so many to choose from, we know you will be able to find the perfect opportunity to get involved with an organization that aligns with your interests and passion.

This is truly an exciting time to be part of our community. Jefferson has made its mark on the map as a small town, tech hub providing all with high-speed fiber internet, offering a space for remote workers to thrive, and partnering with Silicon Valley leaders to bring technology education into our schools and community. Our Greene County Community School District has been heavily invested in providing opportunities for your kids to experience outstanding learning environments, passionate staff, an abundance of extracurricular activities, multiple facets of curriculum, and continuing educational opportunities. Our schools and community are dedicated to giving your kids the ability to learn and grow in a dynamic school district.

We welcome those with an entrepreneurial heart to help grow our economic vitality by bringing new and established businesses to the area. We are also proud of the huge manufacturing and agricultural backbone that has been created within our county over the years, allowing local roots to have a global impact! Greene County consists of six nationally recognized manufacturing companies: American Athletic Inc./Spalding, Bauer Built, B&D Manufacturing, John Deere, Power Lift, and Scranton Manufacturing and Jefferson is home to three large agriculture companies: Landus, NEW Cooperative, and Syngenta. From employing a substantial number of residents to making a positive impact all over the world, these industries enrich the lives of our community.



I am so honored to be the mayor of this vibrant community and hope you'll enjoy your experience as a Jefferson resident as much as we do.

*Matt Gordon, Mayor of Jefferson*

# Important City Information



## Garbage & Recycling

**Curbside solid waste** occurs weekly, blue trash carts must be streetside by 6am. If you are unsure of your trash day, please call City Hall at 515-386-3111. If you are moving to a newly constructed home, please call 515-386-3111 for the delivery of a new blue trash cart.

**Curbside recycling** occurs every other week. Please see the recycling calendar for future dates. All recyclables must be in green containers. If you do not have a green container, please pick one up at City Hall. Questions about what is recyclable? [Click here!](#) Recyclables can also be taken to our recycling drop boxes located at 905 N Cedar Street.

**Free residential dumpsters** are available for use once a year for one week. To reserve a free dumpster, please call City Hall at 515-386-3111 or fill out this [form](#).

**Curbside yard waste happens** the last week of the month starting in April on your normal trash day. Yard waste must be in compostable paper bags, marked with an orange yard waste sticker. Stickers can be bought at City Hall for \$1.00 per sticker. Yard waste can always be dropped at the yard waste site located near 605 W Russell Street, near Daubendiek Park.

## Codes & Regulations

### Snow Removal/Parking:

Property owners are expected to remove snow, ice, and accumulations from sidewalks within 24 hours of a weather event. Once there is a one-half inch of snow until snow ceases to fall, there is no parking on any public street, alley, or City-owned street parking.

### Lawn & Weed Maintenance:

Lawns and weeds should not be allowed to grow more than 8 inches on developed properties. Violations will result in a \$130 fee for City-hired maintenance.

### Golf Carts & UTVs:

Golf carts/UTVs are allowed to be operated within City limits. Golf carts/UTVs are prohibited on any City street that is a primary road extension through the City, such as Highway 4 or Highway 30. Carts/UTVs are only able to cross these streets. Must have a valid driver's license and must have a slow-moving vehicle sign and bicycle safety flag.

## Building Permits

Building permits are needed for new constructions, renovations, fences, pools, etc. A building permit form can be filled out [here](#). Please call 515-386-4660 for more information or questions.

## Report a Concern

Report a concern or request information by going to [www.cityofjefferson.com/forms](http://www.cityofjefferson.com/forms). For power and streetlight outages please call Alliant Energy at 1-800-255-4268. For Police or Fire Emergencies, dial 911.

## Local Businesses

Jefferson has a vibrant and growing business community. For more information on local business, download the FREE app called **Jefferson, IA** today!



# Important Phone Numbers

## City Numbers:

- Airport: 515-386-4429
- City Hall/ General Questions: 515-386-311
- Building/Zoning/Code Compliance: 515-386-4660
- Cemetery: 515-386-3111
- Jefferson Matters: Main Street & Chamber: 515-386-2155
- Fire Department: 515-386-3112
- Golf Course: 515-386-4178
- Greene County Rec Center: 515-386-3412
- Greene County Development Corporation: 515-386-8255
- Library: 515-386-2835
- Maintenance Shed: 515-386-3252
- Police: 515-386-2136
- Parks & Rec: 515-386-4173
- PAWS: 515-386-9814
- Recycling: 515-386-3252
- Sanitation: 515-386-8260
- Swimming Pool: 515-386-9171
- Utility Billing: 515-386-311
- Water Department: 515-386-2611
- Wastewater Department: 515-386-4711



## City Amenities:

- City Hall: 220 N Chestnut Street, 515-386-3111
- Fire Station: 220 N Chestnut Street, 515-386-3112
- Greene County Community Center: 204 W Harrison Street, 515-386-3412
- Greene County Community School District: 101 Ram Drive, 515-386-4168
- Jefferson Community Golf Course: 501 Greenwood Road, 515-386-4178
- Jefferson Public Library: 200 W Lincoln Way, 515-386-2835
- Police Department: 1005 E Lincoln Way, 515-386-2136
- Public Works: 305 E Head, 515-386-3252
- Parks:
  - Chautauqua Park
    - Playground equipment, shelter house, basketball court
  - Daubendiek Park
    - Walking trail, bathrooms, shelter house, disc golf course
  - Head Park
    - Playground equipment, shelter house, bathrooms, sand volleyball pit
  - Kelso Park
    - Playground equipment, shelter house, soccer field, bathrooms
  - Russell Park
    - Playground equipment, basketball hoops, tennis court, shelter house, bathrooms
  - Washington Park
    - Playground equipment, basketball hoops, shelter house, bathrooms

## County Numbers:

- Assessor: 515-386-5660
- Auditor: 515-386-5680
- Drivers License: 515-386-5675
- Motor Vehicle: 515-386-5675
- Recorders: 515-386-5670
- Sheriff: 515-386-2136
- Treasurer: 515-386-5675
- Voter Registration: 515-386-5680

