

# Central City



WELCOME GUIDE

# Central City



The Central City Growth Organization (formerly known as Central City Mainstreet) is a volunteer-run and volunteer-powered organization focused on business and community development in the Central City area.

Originally formed in 2001, it has worked to preserve historic buildings and attract and support local businesses while building community through

several yearly events.

In 2023, CCGO expanded its focus beyond the historical district, and now works to develop growth in all of Central City.



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## CENTRAL CITY HISTORY

The historic river town of Central City was first settled shortly after the US government opened the Iowa Territory for settlers in 1838. This virgin territory

was regarded by many pioneers as the ideal opportunity to obtain fertile land for farming and to start new lives. The first pioneer cabin was built on the west side of the Wapsipinicon River in 1839. Thirty years later, enough settlers had come to the area and built permanent homes that a school was built.

Central City became an eastern Iowa transportation hub for these early settlers as it was located along the busy road from Marion to Manchester. A building boom ensued, but a major fire in 1889 burned down most of the wooden commercial structures in the downtown area. After this devastating fire, brick buildings were erected to minimize future fire risk. Most of the Victorian-era brick buildings still stand today, and the historic downtown commercial district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Come soak in the history as you visit our attractive downtown, shop the unique variety of shops & businesses, tour our historic museums and take in the scenic outdoors in one of our many recreational areas. There's plenty to do and see!



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## PINICON RIDGE PARK

This 1018-acre park along the Wapsipinicon River has long been admired for its scenic

natural beauty. The hilly, heavily wooded area is divided by the river and is home to many species of wildlife. Beginning as a rural picnic ground in the 1960s, Pinicon Ridge Park has been developed into a modern recreation area and is a regional destination for many outdoor enthusiasts.

There are two entrances to the park, one each on the north and south sides of the Wapsipinicon River. Access to the south entrance is just off Highway 13 at 4732 Horseshoe Falls Rd. This side of the park is home to the lodges and shelters, the Alexander Wildlife Exhibit, watercraft in-park rentals, the landmark observation tower, hiking trails and the group campground complex. The north entrance is accessed from Hwy 13 by going west on Valley Farm Rd and turning south on Flying Squirrel Trail. You will find our main campgrounds and cabin complex on this side of the river, along with hiking trails and an off-leash area. The two sides of the park are connected by the Mary Lundby walking bridge that spans the river, and the 3-mile long Central City Trail paves the way for cyclists and hikers from the park to enter the town of Central City.

## WAKPICADA NATURAL AREA

Located on the south side of Central City and just east of the

Linn County Fairgrounds, this 352-acre natural area along the Wapsipinicon River was one of the first acquired by the Linn County Conservation Board as a wildlife management area. The area contains oxbow wetlands and several ponds that remain from the sand quarrying that took place with the four-lane construction of nearby IA Highway 13 in the 1970's.

Primitive camping is available at Wakpicada. The campground features 8 primitive campsites with fire rings. There is no electric or water service, but there are vault toilets. Wakpicada is open to equestrian camping and includes trails and boat access to the Wapsipinicon River.



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## LOCAL EVENTS

CCGO is proud to support a variety of community and local business events in Central City and surrounding areas. For a complete listing of upcoming events, visit the Events page on our website.

- Live Music in the Park
- Farmer's Markets every Thursday
- Town wide garage sales
- Car cruises and shows
- Brown Farm Days
- Weekly Bingo nights



*Visit our website!*



The 4th of July celebration features a downtown parade, vendor fair, live music, food, activities for all ages, sales & specials at our downtown businesses, and fireworks at dusk.



Our annual benefit Golf Tournament is on August 9th, with a 9:00 shotgun start. This four-person best-shot tournament is a local favorite, with lots of food, fun and prizes.

Proceeds benefit the CCGO program.



Holiday on Main will be held on December 13th. This annual event features horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa and the Grinch, a holiday shopping fair and special sales & activities at our downtown businesses. We hope you'll join us!



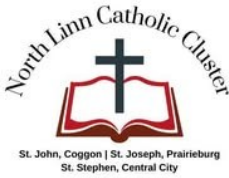
# CHURCH SERVICES



## Riverview Bible Church

216 Commercial St  
[riverviewbiblechurch.churchtrac.com/](http://riverviewbiblechurch.churchtrac.com/)  
[riverviewbiblechurch@gmail.com](mailto:riverviewbiblechurch@gmail.com)

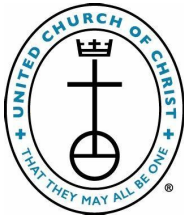
**Sunday Service: 8:30 AM**



## St Stephen's Catholic Church

4700 Valley Farm Rd  
[www.northlinncc.org/](http://www.northlinncc.org/)  
[dbq034bk@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq034bk@dbqarch.org)

**Sunday Service: 8:00 AM**

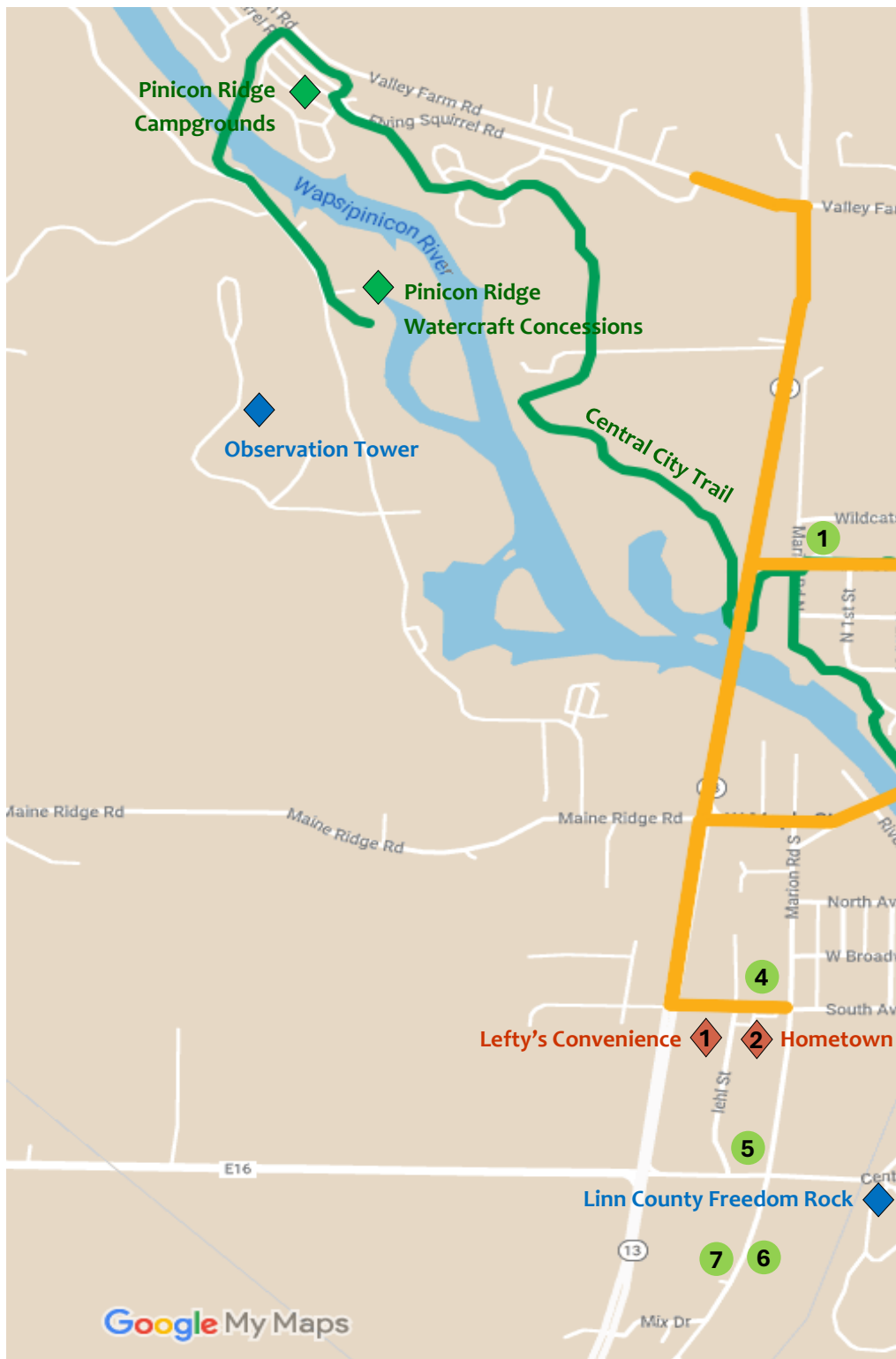


## United Church of Christ

38 North 5th St  
[centralcityucc.org/](http://centralcityucc.org/)  
[centralcityucc@gmail.com](mailto:centralcityucc@gmail.com)

**Sunday Service: 9:00 AM**







Map showing the location of the North Linn Fish & Game Club (2) and the Meadowview Golf & Country Club (1). The map includes Ford Rd, Sawyer Rd, and Game Club Rd. A trail is also indicated near the top left.

### Central City Trail



Riverview Bible Church

 United Church of Christ

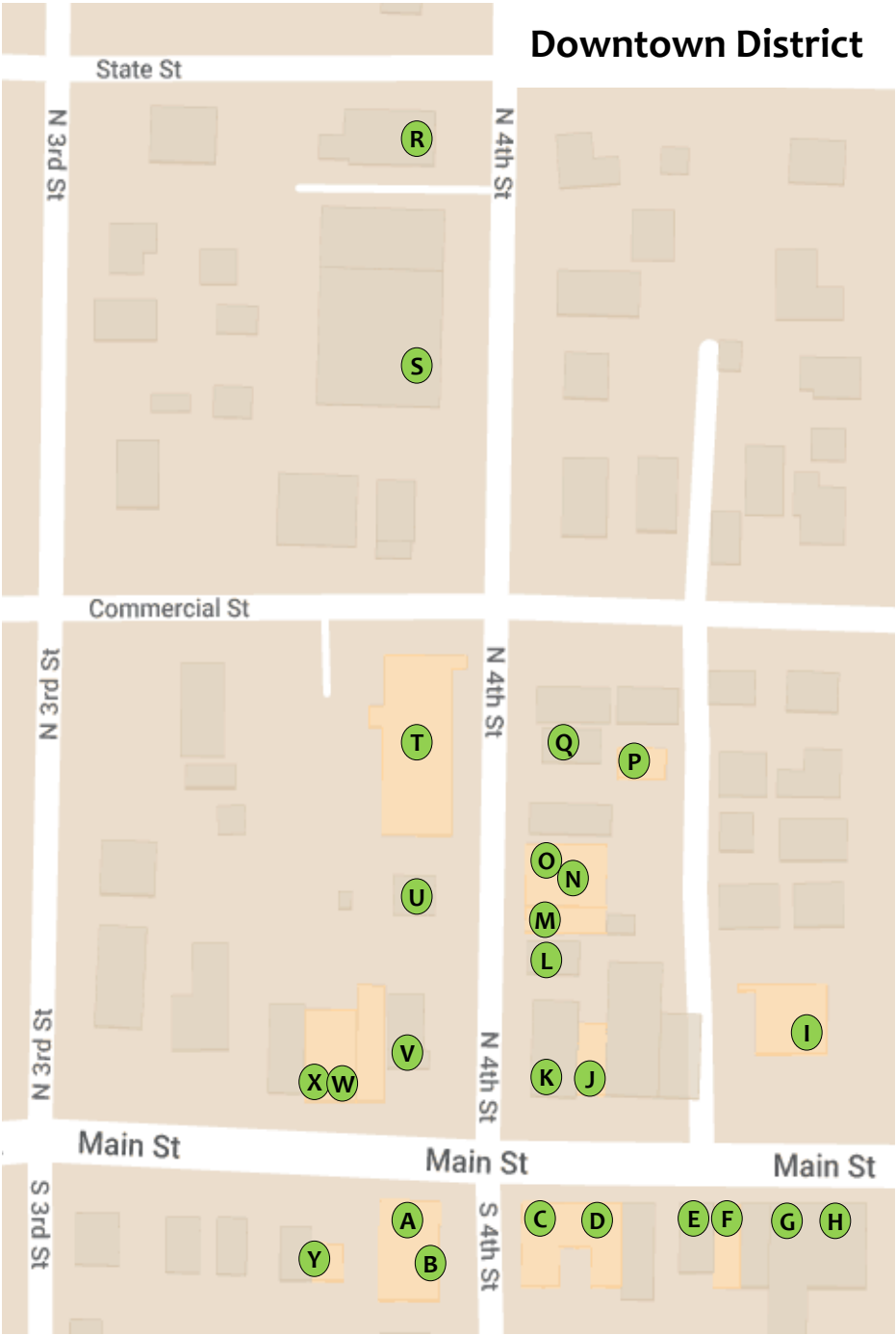
## 1 Meadowview Golf & Country Club

## North Linn Fish & Game Club

## Market

**3 Linn County Fairgrounds**

# Downtown District



## Legend

A: Foxy's Chill & Grill

B: AMVETS (upstairs)

C: Ohnward Bank & Trust

D: Nichole Sieck

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E: Simply Homemade

F: Parlor on Main

G: Sweetopia

H: \*coming soon\*

I: Lucky's Bait / Clark's  
Outfitters

J: Beanie's Coffee

K: CC Family Pharmacy

L: Fit Box

M: BIT Brewery

N:

O: Love Your Look

P: Rural School Museum

Q: Library Museum

R: Wapsi Weaving

S: CC Public Library

T: Heartland Bank & Trust

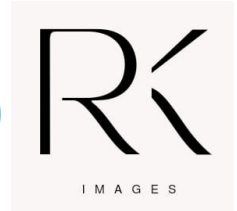
U: Neighbor Insurance

V: Station 1 Automotive

W: Golden Comb

X: Up A Creek

Y: Sawyer House Museum





# Growthland



# DIRECTORY

## Essentials - Gas, Groceries & Laundry

- 1** Dollar General
- 1** Hometown Market \$ ATM 319-438-6617
- 2** Lefty's Convenience (also has live bait) \$ ATM 319-438-3496
- 3** Maytag Laundromat - open daily 7:00 am - 9:00 pm at 64 South 5th St

## Restaurants & Food

- 5** American Legion - Post 421 \$ ATM 319-438-2480
- B** AMVETS (*upstairs* at 15-1/2 South 5th St) \$ ATM 319-438-3131
- J** Beanie's Coffee & Cakes 319-438-3020
- M** BIT Brewery 319-438-3100
- A** Foxy's Chill & Grill \$ ATM 319-438-3333
- Hometown Market Deli 319-438-6617
- F** Parlor on Main 319-438-3340
- E** Simply Homemade Sweets & Treats 319-389-7782
- 4** Subway Restaurant 319-438-1711
- G** Sweetopia Emporium & Grandma Sue's Bakery sweetopiachocolates.com

## Outdoors - Recreation - Entertainment

- Blue Moon Carriage 319-540-5536
- I** Clark's Outfitters 319-835-8259
- I** Lucky's Bait & Tackle (*also has fishing licenses*) 319-835-8259
- 1** Meadowview Country Club \$ ATM 319-438-1063
- D** Nichole Sieck Photography 319-438-2626
- 2** North Linn Fish & Game Club nlfclub.com
- Pinicon Ridge Park 319-438-3005
- Regan's Face Painting 319-361-0739
- River Dock Canoe Rental 319-332-8715
- D** RK Images reneekrattimages@gmail.com
- Studio Dee Dance info.studiodee@gmail.com
- X** Up A Creek 319-438-6737
- USA Communications 800-248-8007
- R** Wapsi Weaving 319-899-1054

## Hair Care

- W** Golden Comb 319-241-2034
- O** Love Your Look 563-608-4430

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## Automotive

After Hours Automotive	319-350-8606
Blairs Ferry Automotive	319-447-6310
<b>6</b> Bodak Automotive Specialties	319-438-6155
Corridor RV Repair	319-899-5732
Holub Trucking	319-981-5202
Iowa Diesel Repair	319-558-8752
<b>V</b> Station 1 Automotive <i>(also has fishing licenses &amp; bait)</i>	319-438-6222

## Pet Care

Beds and Biscuits Boarding Kennel LLC	319-438-6263
<b>7</b> Riverbend Pet Spa	319-438-3050

## Financial

<b>T</b> Heartland Bank & Trust	<b>\$ ATM</b> 319-438-6621
Holub Insurance Agency	319-438-1487
<b>U</b> Neighbor Insurance	319-438-6596
Novey Tax & Accounting Services	319-540-2847
<b>C</b> Ohnward Bank & Trust	319-438-6001

## Community

Central City GO	319-387-7980
<b>P, Q, Y</b> Central City Historical Society	centralcityia.gov
<b>S</b> Central City Public Library	319-438-6685
Central City Senior Dining	319-438-6691
City of Central City	319-438-1713
<b>3</b> Linn County Fairgrounds	<b>\$ ATM</b> 319-929-3247
Linn News	319-438-1313
North Linn Area Food Pantry	319-329-3271
Rudd Sanitation	319-438-6563
<b>2</b> US Post Office	319-438-2029



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## Home Repair & Services

Banes Landscaping	319-929-1710
Bard Materials	319-438-6017
Central City Manufacturing	319-438-3031
Central Foundation Inc	319-438-6014
Don Hogan Construction	319-360-7591
H&H Drywall	319-447-1368
Hall Home Construction	319-447-7706
Hennick Tree Service & Stump Grinding	319-241-5005
Hoddy Gates Electrical Service	319-854-7436
Legend Coating Solutions	319-538-1115
Strip Shop	319-521-6067
Wapsi Banks LLC	319-899-2041
Wapsi Current Electrical Service	319-560-9850

## Health and Wellness

A to Z Therapeutic Massage	319-241-2275
Bales & Noring Dentistry	319-438-6213
<b>K</b> Central City Family Pharmacy	319-438-1988
<b>L</b> Fit Box	help@ccffitbox.com
LeClere Chiropractic	319-438-1089
Sun & Moon Massage	319-440-0493

## Miscellaneous

Airy Auctioneering / Realty	319-350-0474
Apple Kids	319-438-6342
Gettin' Lippy	319-361-4200
Growthland Company	319-350-0474
Innovative Ag Services	319-438-6194
ITS Signs LLC	319-775-0641
Rite Environmental	319-235-7401
Vita Plus	319-438-6114

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