



Osseo Mayor Greeting

Come and visit the Historic City of Osseo!

"This is Paradise", Pierre Bottineau exclaimed, as he scanned the beautiful prairie before him. He was determined to make this spot a settlement. This happened in July 1852, years before Minnesota was a State. Originally called Bottineau Prairie, and then called Palestine, the area now known as Osseo was originally founded as one of the first settlements in Minnesota. Osseo once was a major supplier of firewood to the early Minneapolis area. When the Great Northern Railroad came to Osseo it became the largest potato port in the United States.

Osseo is a small and quaint city with a population of 2,465. Residents and Osseo businesses enjoy a thriving downtown area along Central Avenue. Our city covers one square mile of area, and is situated between the cities of Maple Grove and Brooklyn Park along US Highway 169 in the northwest suburbs of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Come and experience beautiful Osseo, MN!

Osseo remembers its past as it looks to the future. We have an authentic downtown with a new street and beautiful streetscape improvements. We invite you to walk our paving stone sidewalks and shop our unique stores. Enjoy one of Osseo's favorite spots at the Osseo Bakery. Stop in the old time soda fountain at Main Street Pharmacy. Or experience the old fashioned service at the Osseo Meat Market, where you can gaze at an extensive antique collection. Stop in Dean's Supermarket where the staff is always friendly. We have great restaurants including authentic Greek cuisine at Olympia Café, or award winning Thai food at Ruan Thai Restaurant. Lynde's Restaurant & Catering is a great place to have breakfast or meet friends for lunch, and they can cater your next event. Or grab a burger at Duffy's Bar and Grill. Other great places to eat include Dick's Bar & Grill, Kopper Kettle, and the Osseo Legion. Attend a play at the critically acclaimed live professional theater at Yellow Tree Theater.

Summers boast beautiful flowers and exciting music and movies in the park at our new band shell at Boerboom Park. Summers also bring out the vendors at the Osseo Farmers Market on Tuesdays from July through September. The Osseo Lions celebrate

Lions Roar weekend with an amusement area, street dances with live music, food, a fantastic parade, and fireworks the first weekend after Labor Day. The Osseo Marching Band Festival is a great hit with marching bands from the area filling the streets with beautiful sounds and filling the neighborhoods with friendly excitement.

The winter holiday season brings bright colored lights and small town atmosphere to Boerboom Park with a fire truck parade, hot cocoa, large bon fire, and a visit from Santa Claus.

We offer many diverse housing options, including many choices for seniors. We have safe and friendly neighborhoods with solid well built homes. A professional Police Department helps ensure a low crime rate. And our Fire Department is well trained and equipped to handle all emergencies. They're located beneath our historic water tower on Central Avenue. And the noon and 6 p.m. whistle you hear? That's the sound of a traditional way of life here in our small town. Come for a day, or discover a great place to raise a family.

We welcome you to make Historic Osseo your destination!

For more information about shopping, visiting, or living in the City of Osseo, please call Osseo City Hall at (763)425-2624 or visit us at www.discoverosseo.com.

Sincerely,

Steve Menth, Mayor
Historic City of Osseo