





# Manly



Though Worth County was organized on May 1, 1858, Lincoln township was set apart by the supervisors in April 1876, when an election of officers was held. Lincoln township is currently a six-mile square with 36 sections consisting of about 23,040 acres. The first settler in Lincoln township was recorded as Darius Garner, who came to the southeast corner of the township in 1856 and lived there until his death in 1859.

The town of Manly wasn't officially established until many years later when the railroad came to the area. In 1871, the Central of Iowa railroad laid track from Mason City through the future Lincoln township to Northwood. In 1877, the Burlington/Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad (BCR&N) joined the Central of Iowa track with its own track from Plymouth Junction. This site, originally named Manly Junction after Central of Iowa's freight agent, J.C. Manly, was laid out at the junction of two railroads – the Rock Island and the Chicago Great Western. In October of 1898, Manly Junction was incorporated as the Town of Manly and in August of 1973, the Town of Manly officially became the City of Manly under the State of Iowa's Home Rule Act.



Today, Manly is a small town of 1,323 residents, and sits in a location that is 16 miles south of the Minnesota border at the Junction of Highway 65 and Highway 9. Two major cities are located within 125 miles – Minneapolis/St. Paul to the north and Des Moines to the south.

As Manly started out as a railroad town, it continues to grow and develop around the rail industry, creating new jobs and new tax base with each development that occurs in the community. One such development is that of the Manly Terminal north of town. The Manly Terminal is an ethanol and multi-product (caustic soda, sulfuric acid, HCL, oil, etc.) storage and reload facility on a unique 100-acre site. This facility is located within 300 miles of over half of all ethanol produced in the United States and offers access to multiple Class I rail carriers through the Iowa Northern Railway Company, who are partners in the Manly Terminal. This partnership allows local companies to ship their products via the Manly Terminal on the rail carriers who offer the best price.

The Iowa Northern Railway Company is owned and operated by the Sabin family, with brothers Dan and Mark Sabin at the helm of the company. Both brothers were raised in Manly and felt the community was an ideal location to construct the Manly Terminal, not only for business reasons but also because they wanted to bring additional development to their hometown.

The Sabin family also implemented the unique Manly Junction Railroad Museum, which documents the railroad history in Manly and across America. It includes photos, historical items, one-of-a-kind items, and unique displays. The museum is open by appointment by calling 641-454-8029. Visitors can also go to the Caboose Museum which sits along Highway 9 in Manly.

In addition to the Manly Terminal and the museums, there are multiple other developments that have



happened within the Terminal footprint and on adjacent development land known as the Manly Logistics Park. New Heaven Chemical, with owners from India, made its first investment in the United States in a sodium methlyate facility. Additionally, the Anderson Company has a rail car repair shop with the Terminal and Sukup Manufacturing Company has a steel warehouse in the Manly Logistics Park. Sukup's warehouse stores the steel in Manly before transporting it to their manufacturing facility in Sheffield, Iowa for use in the manufacturing process.

As the railroad continues to thrive, Manly continues its effort to grow the community. The town helped create Sterling Acres, which is a new subdivision on the northwest side of town that offers lots for new housing construction. The subdivision has rolling hills and is surrounded by trees at its perimeter. Additionally, a new sports complex with three ball diamonds, a playground, and concessions and bathroom facilities are nearby, making this location a great place to build a new home. The lots are affordable, and if you are interested in building here, contact Steve or Eric Molstad at 641-357-5601 for more information.

There are multiple amenities for all ages in Manly. Besides the new sports complex and playground that come alive with the sound of children playing every summer, there is also a great city park, complete with a shelter house and a playground, adjacent to Highway 65 next to the Manly Family Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center was constructed within the last 10 years and has a zero-depth entry and diving boards in the deep end.

For more outdoor fun the Pioneer Town and Country Club on the east side of town at 410 Club Terrace, offers a 9-hole golf course. Though it is a private club, it is open for public use at designated times.

The Manly Public Library is also a great community asset. It is located at 127 Grant St. and offers computer access, movie rentals, and of course books for all ages.

For some card games, tasty meals, and interesting presentations, head on over to the Manly Senior Center, which offers daily meals Monday through Friday. The American Legion #110, located at 110 East Elmore St., is also a great place to share a story or a cold drink with a friend.

Manly students join other kids from Plymouth, Hanlontown, Nora Springs, and portions adjacent to these communities to attend the Central Springs Community School District. The district's mission is to cultivate a positive learning environment that engages and empowers all students. The elementary school and high school students attend classes at the campus in Manly while the middle school students attend the campus in Nora Springs.

Manly celebrates its railroad and agriculture history with an annual celebration called Railroad Ag Day in August. The committee is constantly growing and welcomes new volunteers who are interested in being involved in a family orientated day. Those that are interested are encouraged to contact city hall.

# Reference

**CITY OF MANLY & COMMUNITY CENTER**  
106 Broadway Street South, PO Box 516..... 641-454-3090  
[www.cityofmanly.com](http://www.cityofmanly.com)  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 4 pm

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**MANLY SENIOR CENTER**  
137 Main Street East, PO Box 194 ..... 641-454-2145  
To reserve meals, call the day before or by 8:30 am the day of. Menus are available at the Senior Center & City Hall.

**CENTRAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**MANLY POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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