



# Storm Lake Relocation Packet

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Dear Future Storm Lake Resident,

We've all moved. We've all carried boxes of books and dishes, lugged sofas off trucks, carried beds up stairs and lost a few items along the way. Honestly, we have all vowed to never move again! When you relocate to Storm Lake, that last part may just be true.

It is time to welcome you to Storm Lake! A vibrant community on the shores of a beautiful, 3200-acre lake, it's an amazing place to visit and an even better place to live. Storm Lake offers an impressive quality of life, perfect for families, students, young professionals and retirees alike.

Storm Lake boasts a progressive educational system. Public and parochial schools – both K-12 – build the foundation for the city's success. Storm Lake is also home to Iowa Central Community College, a two-year community college, and Buena Vista University, one of the Midwest's top colleges offering both graduate and undergraduate degrees.

Buena Vista Regional Medical Center is a newly remodeled, state-of-the-art hospital providing both primary and urgent care alongside a surgery center and a number of specialty clinics.

The energetic downtown is home to a tremendous variety of locally owned retail stores that complement several national chains. In addition to shopping, visitors and residents indulge in some of the best food around at our local restaurants.

We are a diverse community - both in population and opportunity. Cultures from around the world are not only represented, but celebrated, and, if needed, translation services are available.

The city offers incredible economic opportunity. Unemployment is considerably lower than national averages, due, in no small part, to our educated, motivated workforce and a thriving business and industrial sector. Home prices are affordable and the real estate listings contain properties for all budgets.

Whether you've made the decision or are still contemplating a move, Storm Lake United is here to help during this stressful time. We have assembled this comprehensive relocation packet to smooth the transition to your new hometown. Maps, city and county information as well as utility, real estate, educational, health service and church contact information are contained in this relocation guide.

The Storm Lake United staff and I are here to help in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions that you may have. We're here to welcome you... we're here to show you how life should feel!

Sincerely,



Gary Lalone

Storm Lake United Executive Director

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# City Map of Storm Lake

## **City Services and Hook Ups**

### **Water Hook Up**

Storm Lake City Hall  
Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Erie  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.8020

### **Garbage**

Garbage Hauling Service  
P.O. Box 755  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.6742

### **Recycling**

Harold Rowley Recycling Center  
1247 630<sup>th</sup> St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.7171

**Dog and Cat Licenses** can be purchased at the Police Department (\$10 for spayed/neutered: \$20 for not spayed/neutered). Dogs and cats shall not run at large: \$5 fee for any picked up.

**The Building Department** is located on the 1st floor of City Hall. Building Permits are required for projects involving shingling, siding, decks, signs, fences, electrical or plumbing, and for any structural change to buildings. Electrical and plumbing work must be done by a licensed contractor. For more information, call 732-8002.

**The Storm Lake Fire Department** consists of a full time Chief, full-time firefighter and 28 volunteers. The Fire Station is located at 820 Oneida Street. For non-emergencies, call 732-8024.

**The Storm Lake Police Department** coordinates a city wide Neighborhood Watch Program that organizes and encourages neighbors to take ownership of their streets and community. Please contact the Police Department at 732-8010 to get more information on this very important crime prevention endeavor. The office is located at 401 East Milwaukee.

The Community Service Division has been developed to assist in dealing with issues that arise from Storm Lake's rich ethnic diversity. The Police Department employs two Community Service Officers that are bi-lingual

and who assist in language translation, cultural differences and bridging the gaps that exist in society today.

**Snow Ordinance:** The new ordinance allows for parking of vehicles and trailers on City Streets throughout the year with the following exceptions:

- Parking is not allowed on streets designated as no parking routes by City Code (these streets are signed “No Parking” and parking is not allowed under any circumstance)
- Parking is not allowed on City streets during a **Declared Snow Emergency** between the following hours: Residential Streets between the hours of 10:00PM and 6:00AM Central Business District between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM

Parking in the Central Business District or downtown is prohibited between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM during a declared Snow Emergency. In addition, during a declared Snow Emergency parking is only allowed in two of the four city owned downtown parking lots. These two parking lots are: The parking lot located at the corner of Geneseo and West 6th Street. The parking lot located on the east side of the 700 block of Erie Street.

Citizens and visitors can find out about a declared Snow Emergency in one of the following ways:

- Notification will be given to all local and regional media for dissemination to the general public.
- A web site with up to date information has been set up to inform citizens and visitors of issues involving declared Snow Emergencies. That web site is [www.213snow.com](http://www.213snow.com). Links to the web page are also provided from the City of Storm Lake web page at [www.stormlake.org](http://www.stormlake.org).
- A telephone hot line has been set up at 712-213-SNOW (7669). This hot line will provide citizens and visitors with a notification message regarding the current status of a declared Snow Emergency within the City of Storm Lake.
- Citizens can sign up on the Snow Emergency web site ([www.213snow.com](http://www.213snow.com)) for e-mail alerts regarding any new declarations.

**City Administration:** The City of Storm Lake welcomes you to our great community. City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00pm in the Council Chamber located in City Hall. The council meetings are broadcast live on Cable TV Channel 3.

## **Utility Providers**

### **Gas**

[Alliant Energy](#)

P.O. Box AJ  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
Phone: (800) 822.4348

### **Electric**

[MidAmerican Energy](#)

1018 N Vestal St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (888) 427.5632

## **Cable Television, Phone & Internet**

[Vast](#)

118 E 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 213.7425

Mediacom

720 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
712-732-5527

Century Link

426 Lake Ave  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
712-732-8348

## **Real Estate Firms**

### **Century 21 – The Professional Group**

813 Flindt Drive  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.2143

### **Colburn & Elk: Insurance & Real Estate**

718 Lake Ave  
PO Box 1066  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.3358  
Toll Free: (800) 677.4531

### **Real Estate Specialists**

731 Lake Ave  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.7594

### **Weaver Realtors**

607 Lake Ave  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 213.4663  
Toll Free: (888) 808.1721



## **Apartment Listings**

### **Holly Heights**

1800 E. Milwaukee  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732-9179

(low income housing, handicapped apartments available)

### **Lake Pointe Villa**

408 Barton St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.9338  
(senior living)

### **Lakeview Manor**

904 E. Milwaukee  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732-1126

(low income housing, senior and handicapped housing)

### **Maplewood E. Apartments**

524 Oates Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732-2236  
(rent based on income)

### **McCord Manor**

210 E. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732-1425  
(senior housing 62+ or handicapped)

### **North Park Apartments**

1727 580<sup>th</sup> St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732-3198  
(rent based on income)

**Paradise Park**

607 W. 9th St.

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Phone: (712) 732-2200

(low income housing)

**Seneca Place Apartments**

1405 Seneca St.

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Phone: (712) 732-1969

**Peterson Apartments**

1114 Lake Ave

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Phone: (712) 732-5651

(HUD apartments available)

**Robert Guntren**

115 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Phone: (712) 732.3632

**Wilshire Arms**

1811 West 5th St

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Phone: (712) 732-3284

## **Storm Lake Schools**

### **Storm Lake Community Public Schools**

Administration Building - 419 Lake Avenue ~ 732-8060

High School - 621 Tornado Drive ~ 732-8065

Alternative High School – 306 Cayuga ~ 749-5180

Middle School - 1811 Hyland Drive ~ 732-8080

Elementary School – 1810 Hyland Drive ~ 732-8111

Community Education - 419 Lake Avenue ~ 732-5711

### **Parochial**

[St. Mary's Private School](#) - 312 Seneca ~ 732-4166

### **Secondary**

[Faust Institute of Cosmetology](#): 1290 Lake Ave. ~ 732-6570

[Iowa Central Community College](#): 916 Russell St. ~ 732-2991

[Buena Vista University](#): 610 W 4th Street ~ 800-383-9600

### **Day Care Information**

Child Care Resource & Referral Center ~ 877-216-8481

BV County Department of Human Services ~ 749-2536

## **Churches**

### **All Saints Episcopal Church**

121 W Marina Road  
Phone: (712) 732.1314

### **Buddhist Temple**

6018 Rothmore Rd.  
Phone: (712) 732.8265

### **Church of Christ**

225 East 6th Street  
Phone: (712) 732.1750

### **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

712 Hwy 110  
Phone: (712) 732.4527

### **First Baptist Church of Storm Lake**

105 E 3rd Street  
Phone: (712) 732.2822

### **Faith Bible Christian Outreach Center**

1601 West Milwaukee Avenue  
Phone: (712) 732.7760

### **Faith United Assembly of God Church**

1501 W. Milwaukee Avenue  
Phone: (712) 732.2226

### **Grace Lutheran Church– MO Synod**

1407 West 5th Street  
Phone: (712) 732.5005

### **Hope Evangelical Free Church**

2015 West Milwaukee Avenue  
Phone: (712) 732.2887

**Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal Mi**

521 Michigan Street  
Phone: (712) 213.1205

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness**

525 Geisinger Road  
Phone: (712) 732.2928

**Lakeside Presbyterian Church**

110 East 3rd Street  
Phone: (712) 732.2076

**Storm Lake Area Unitarian-Universalists**

**Southeast Asian Community Christian Church**

815 East 5th Street  
Phone: (712) 732.7361

**St. John Lutheran Church– MO Synod**

402 Lake Avenue  
Phone: (712) 732.2400

**St. Mark Lutheran Church– ELCA**

1614 West 5th Street  
Phone: (712) 732.5255

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

320 Seneca Street  
Phone: (712) 732.3110

**United Methodist Church**

211 East 3rd Street  
Phone: (712) 732.5458

**Zion Lutheran Church**

1725 555 Street  
Phone: (712) 732.5223

[Western Iowa Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

318 E 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Phone: (712) 732.4968

**Newspapers**

[Storm Lake Times](#)

220 West Railroad St  
P.O. Box 487  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.4991  
Toll Free: (800) 723.4992

[Storm Lake Pilot Tribune](#)

527 Cayuga St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.3130

## **Recreation**

It's time to dip your toe in and soak up all of the fun Storm Lake has to offer. It's time for the vacation you deserve.

Whether you're a boater or a swimmer, a shopper, a gourmet, a biker...or if you just want to sit back and relax on the beach, you'll find it all in Storm Lake. Quickly becoming one of the Midwest's premiere destinations for not only leisure travel, but conventions, meetings, special events and family-friendly getaways, Storm Lake provides activities and amenities one would not expect to see in a smaller city.

Home to a thriving arts community, unique shops, fine cuisine and one of the Midwest's top universities, visitors can easily fill every moment of the day. Whether it's for a few thrilling waterslide rides with the kids at the area's top waterpark or a quiet dinner for two at a lakeside table, Storm Lake is attracting visitors from all points of the compass.

It's time to see for yourself... it's time to see how life should feel.

Check out the tourism page for all of the recreation opportunities in Storm Lake!

## **Storm Lake United**

Storm Lake is a testament to the good life.

There's something special about Storm Lake...something that's just not seen everywhere else. It's a small city with big sophistication. It's friendly people, an inviting community, a center for business and a favorite of travelers. It's a year-round destination with a fascinating history and a promising future.

Perched on the banks of a 3200-acre lake, Storm Lake is one of Iowa's richest, most diverse communities. It has positioned itself not only as one of Iowa's premier vacation spots, but a city where business booms. Small businesses and multinational corporations thrive in this Northwest Iowa city.

Storm Lake United is your connection to the city. Building on the collective dedication of its members, partners and the community's residents, Storm Lake United is committed to the continued success of Storm Lake and the surrounding area.

Storm Lake is an ideal mix of business and pleasure. If you're here for a visit or contemplating a move, doing a bit of shopping or looking to develop a new business or industry, make sure to stop and take in a colorful, captivating sunset by the lake. Experience the warmth of the people, feel the energy of the community and watch the beauty of the city unfold.

Storm Lake United is a leadership organization focused on enhancing the quality of life in the Storm Lake area. Storm Lake United will achieve results by implementing creative strategies to promote business growth and tourism.

Storm Lake United is the Chamber, Tourism and Area Development office in Storm Lake. You will see all three different facets displayed in our website, [VisitStormLake.com](http://VisitStormLake.com). If you would need any help in your relocation to Storm Lake, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (712) 732.3780!



## **Buena Vista County**

### **BV County Courthouse**

215 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.2542

**Drivers License** - may be obtained at the BV County Courthouse. Open daily 8:20am to 4:00pm; testing daily 8:30am to 3:15pm. Newcomers from out of state must have an Iowa Driver's license and vehicle registration plates 30 days after residency is established. For more information, call 749-2571.

### **BV County Assessor**

P.O. Box 148  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.2543

### **BV County Auditor**

215 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
P.O. Box 220  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.2542

### **BV County Recorder / Registrar**

P.O. Box 454  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 213.7430

### **BV County Treasurer (Tax Department)**

Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 749.2533

### **BV County Treasurer (Motor Vehicle Department)**

P.O. Box 149  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 749.2534

### **Veterans Service Office**

1709 E. Richland St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 749.2562  
Toll Free: (866) 844.8150

## **Post Office**

### **Storm Lake United States Postal Service**

509 Cayuga

Phone: (712) 732.1329

## **Storm Lake Public Transportation**

### **Rides - Regional Transit Authority**

Phone: (800) 358.5037

Storm Lake Cab Company

611 W 5<sup>th</sup> St

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Phone: (712) 732.4420

## **Safety Information**

Emergency Phone Number: 911

### **Storm Lake Police Department**

401 E Milwaukee Ave

Storm Lake, IA 50588-1866

Phone: (712) 732.8010

### **Storm Lake Fire Department**

820 Oneida St.

Storm Lake, IA 50588-1866

Phone: (712) 732.8010

### **Buena Vista Sherriff's Office**

411 Expansion Boulevard

Storm Lake, IA 50588-3512

Phone (Non-Emergency): (712) 749.2530

### **Buena Vista Regional Medical Center (Hospital)**

1525 W 5<sup>th</sup> St

Phone: (712) 732.4030

## **Healthcare Providers**

### **Buena Vista Regional Medical Center (Hospital)**

1525 W 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.4030

### **Meylor Chiropractic**

1411 E Lakeshore Drive  
P.O. Box 344  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.7280

Tri-State Nursing  
205 Flindt Drive  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 213.3500

### **UnityPoint Buena Vista Clinic**

620 Northwestern Drive ~ P.O. Box 742  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.5030

### **UnityPoint Family Health Center**

2015 W 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.6650

### **United Community Health Center**

715 W Milwaukee Ave  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 213.0109

## **Financial Institutions & Credit Unions**

### **Central Bank**

600 Lake Ave ~ P.O. Box 578  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.2190

### **Citizens Community Credit Union**

609 Flindt Dr  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.5400

### **Citizens First National Bank**

529 Lake Ave ~ P.O. Box 1227  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.5440

### **Farm Credit Services of America**

1015 590<sup>th</sup> St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (800) 798-5250

### **MetaBank**

121 East 5th St ~ P.O. Box 1307  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.4117

### **Security Trust & Savings Bank**

601 Lake Ave ~ P.O. Box 429  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.3022

### **United Bank of Iowa**

1270 Lake Ave  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.1620

## **Insurance Agents**

### **American Family Insurance**

808 Michigan St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.3578

Cherry Corner Insurance Agency  
315 East 5th Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.2056

[Colburn & Elk: Insurance & Real Estate](#)

718 Lake Ave  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.3358  
Toll Free: (800) 677.4531

Heartland Insurance  
711 Lake Avenue  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.6691

[Northwestern Mutual Financial Network](#)

525 Cayuga Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.4967

[State Farm Insurance](#)

323 W. Milwaukee  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.5057

[Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn](#)

*Insurance Services*  
112 E 5th St ~ PO Box 459  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.3747

**Contractors**

Reding's Gravel and Excavating

1420 E Richland St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.4059

[Taylor Contracting](#)

307 Flindt Drive  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.1619

**Concrete Work**

Northwest Concrete Products

6134 Hwy 71  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 258.4208

GCC Alliance Concrete Inc.

1908 Expansion Blvd  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.6195

Smith Concrete Services, Inc

816 Vestal St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.4131

**Electrician**

Stanton Electric  
402 E 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: (712) 732.4145

**Heating & Cooling**

Keller Plumbing, Heating & Air

213 E Railroad St.  
Storm Lake, IA  
Phone: (712) 749.8181

# Major Community Calendar

April

[Fiesta Latina](#)

May

[Fishing Tournaments](#)

June

[LakeFest](#)

[Marathon to Marathon](#)

July

[The Star Spangled Spectacular](#)

[Ridiculous Days](#)

[Buena Vista County Fair](#)

August

[Wood, Wine and Blues](#)

September

[Thanks with Franks](#)

[Labor Day Celebration](#)

October

[Chills & Thrills Trick or Treat](#)

November

[Holiday Open House](#)

December

[Miracle on Lake](#)

[Municipal Band Concerts \(Band Shell – Sunset Park\)](#)

June through July

Sundays at 2:00pm

[BV County Races \(BV Raceway, Alta\)](#)

Wednesday Nights (Summer)

[Storm Lake Farmers Market](#)

Saturdays 8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m. (June -October 15)

Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (July - September 15)

BV County Courthouse Square

[2016 Taste of Storm Lake](#)

Thursdays in the summer (June-September)

Chautauqua Park Shelter House

[BVU Homecoming](#)

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## **State Links**

Iowa Government - [www.iowa.gov](http://www.iowa.gov)

Iowa Tourism - [www.traveliowa.com](http://www.traveliowa.com)

Western Iowa Tourism Region - [www.visitwesterniowa.com](http://www.visitwesterniowa.com)