

Welcome

Newcomer's

# GUIDE 2024-25

## Welcome to Mendota!

**Mendota was founded** in 1853. The name "Mendota" is derived from a Lakota word meaning "junction of two trails," which was found appropriate for the city since there was a nearby railroad junction.

**Mendota's population** is 7,061 people as of the 2020 census: 25 percent are ages 0-18 and 75 percent are ages 19 and older.

**Mendota is located** in LaSalle County. The median property tax in Mendota is \$3,900 per year for a home worth the median value of \$130,242. LaSalle County collects, on average, 2.97% of a property's assessed fair market value as property tax.

**City government** is an aldermanic form with a mayor and eight aldermen. The city council meets formally at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month except when a holiday falls on the Monday. Meetings are held at 607 8th Ave. The city has a revolving loan fund and tax

increment financing. An industrial park offers business and light manufacturing opportunities.

**Mendota Police Department** has 15 full-time and seven part-time commissioned officers. Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch handles 24-hour emergency communication for police, fire and ambulance calls, including the Enhanced 911 emergency call system. MPD communications and records department is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fourteen radio-equipped cars are on 24-hour service. The police department also has one resource officer for Mendota High School.

**Mendota Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service** is located at the firehouse at 610 Main St. It has a combination of career and paid-on-call personnel for fire, rescue and paramedic services. The department responds to all fire, medical, and rescue calls for the city of Mendota, and also provides

contractual response for the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District. The fire protection district is approximately 130 square miles and is one of the largest in the State of Illinois. They are a member of the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 25, which includes all of LaSalle County (second largest in Illinois) as well as part of Bureau County. This mutual aid association gives the Mendota Fire Department a vast number of available resources for fire, medical, and specialized rescue responses.

The department's fleet includes two fire engines, one aerial tower, a heavy-duty rescue vehicle, one rapid response vehicle and three ALS ambulances. The city of Mendota has a class 4/8B fire insurance rating.

**Sewage service** is by a modern tertiary process with a capacity to treat a maximum of 2,400,000 gallons per day. There is once-a-



week garbage pickup and every other week pickup for recyclables.

**Four deep wells** provide about 750,000 gallons of water for Mendotans daily. The tower near Lake Mendota has a capacity of 500,000 gallons. The tower near I-39 has a capacity of 750,000 gallons. Treatment capacity is 4,000,000 gallons per day. The 750,000-gallon tower was put into service in November 2010. A shallow well and treatment facility was completed in 2015.

**Mendota's streets**, all

100 miles of them, are hard-surfaced and most have curbing. Resurfacing is done where the greatest need is evident each year as funds are available.

**Utilities serving Mendota** are Commonwealth Edison from the district office in Dixon, 1-800-334-7661; Northern Illinois Gas served from the Ottawa district office, 1-800-942-6100; Frontier telephone 1-800-483-4000; cellular phone service and internet providers are also available.

**The trading area** ex-

tends for about a 20-mile radius from town and has a population of about 20,000. Agricultural wealth in the area is among the highest in the nation. The city is served by three federal highways - U.S. 52, 34 and 251; one state highway, Rt. 92; and one interstate, I-39. Interstates 80 and 88 are nearby.

**Mendota's weather** shows a mean annual temperature of 50 degrees, an annual rainfall of 33 inches and humidity average of 70 percent. The town is 760 feet above sea level.

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## "World's Greatest Little City"

## NEED TO KNOW

...To register to vote at the city clerk's office, 800 Washington St., a person must have lived 30 days in the precinct and have two forms of identification, one of which must be a photo ID with birthdate and permanent address.

...Units of garbage are limited to one city-issued 90-gallon toter. Additional garbage must use stickers,

purchased at the city clerk's office and Sullivan's Foods. Toters may not be removed from the premises. For more information, call the city clerk's office at (815) 539-7459.

...Garbage company will not pick up electronics, appliances, bricks, cement, lumber or other building material scraps with regular garbage pickup. They will

pick up one large item (such as mattress or furniture) each week. Mattresses must be wrapped in plastic. No appliances or air conditioners will be collected.

...Recyclables are picked up free of charge every other week. Recyclable materials include newspaper, rinsed plastics (codes: 1 PET, 2 HDPE, 3 PVCV, 4 LPDE, 5 PP, 7 Other), clean aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, and a variety of papers including magazines, junk mail and envelopes, cereal boxes, and computer paper. Electronics may only be disposed of at an electronic recycling center or during a special electronic drop off day.

...The city incinerator, located on South Seventh Avenue near the sewage treatment plant, is open from 3-6 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Tree limbs, leaves and yard waste only are accepted. Hours vary during winter months.

...The water deposit for all who rent in the city is \$150. Water bills are sent out monthly and are due on the 15th.

...Licenses are required for all dogs and cats at \$5 each and are available April 1 through May 31 at



Mendota Governmental Offices  
800 Washington St.

the city clerk's office. After May 31, a penalty of \$10 is added.

...All contractors (roofing, plumbing, electric, etc.) must be registered with the city. Information can be obtained on the city website, [www.mendota.il.us](http://www.mendota.il.us).

...There is an ordinance against blowing grass clippings into the street.

...Burning dry leaves and small branches only is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays as long as the fire is attended by a responsible adult but

no burning is allowed on any streets.

...A leaf vacuum program runs in October and November. Leaves are picked up on Monday in the First Ward, Tuesday in the Second Ward, Wednesday in the Third Ward and Thursday in the Fourth Ward. Friday is used as a catch-up day.

...After a snowfall of two inches or more, cars must be off the streets so city crews can remove snow.

## We can advocate for you with Social Security

Mendota Area Senior Services



### Programs & Services:

- Transportation Services
- Caregiver Support & Services
- Options Counseling
- Lending Closet
- Senior Health Insurance Program
- Educational Opportunities (Computer Lab & Resource Center)
- Advocacy
- Information & Assistance
- Congregate Meal Site
- Senior Center

1901 Tom Merwin Drive, Mendota, IL  
815-539-7700

[mendotaseniors1978@yahoo.com](mailto:mendotaseniors1978@yahoo.com)

**Wasmer**  
FUNERAL HOME  
*Celebration-Of-Life-Center*

Catherine Wasmer, Director

Bus: 815-539-8500 - Cell: 815-228-6260  
2112 W. Main St., Mendota, IL 61342

## Mendota takes pride in educational facilities

Mendota has three grade schools, one high school, one Catholic school and one Christian school. Nearby is a community college; several four-year colleges and universities are an hour drive or less.

**Mendota Public Grade Schools, District 289**, serves nearly 1,000 students in three public grade schools under Superintendent Mr. K. Bradley Cox. The elementary district has a total of 181 certified staff and support employees. Mendota also has two parochial schools - Holy Cross Catholic School and Northern Illinois School of Christian Excellence.

**Blackstone Grade School** on the west side of town at 1309 Jefferson St., serves 199 students in grades K-1. Stacy Kelly is the principal, phone (815) 539-6888.

**Lincoln Grade School** on the east side of town is located at 805 Fourth Ave. and has 314 students in second, third and fourth grades. Elyssa Albers is principal, phone (815) 538-6226.

**Northbrook Middle School** is District 289's



largest school, housing 458 fifth through eighth grade students. They also provide classes for preschool students. Paula Daley is the principal and Beth LeBeau is the assistant principal at Northbrook. The school is located at 1804 Guiles Ave., on the north side of town, phone (815) 539-6237.

**Holy Cross School** is a Catholic school serving 176 students in preschool-eighth grade. Michael Struna, principal, is assisted by 20 staff members. Students attend Pre-8 classes at the school located at 1004 Jefferson St., phone (815) 539-7003.

**Northern Illinois School of Christian Excellence** is a non-denomination Christian school serving 47 students in preschool-12th grade. Brian and Sandy Hamiel are co-administrators. The school, which is a ministry of Victory Baptist Church, is located at 505 Seventh Ave., phone (815) 830-8941.

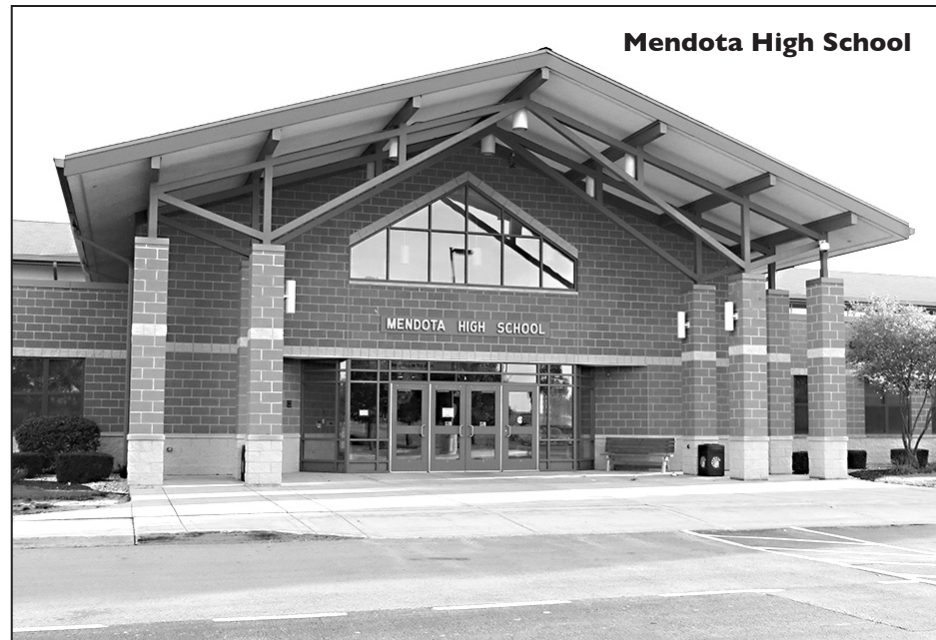
**Mendota High School District 280** has an enrollment of 508 for the 2024-25 school year. Three administrators, superintendent Denise Aughenbaugh, principal Joe Masini and assistant principal Nicole Cromwell, work with a

total of 70 certified and support staff. The high school facility opened for classes in January 2003 at 2300 W. Main St. on the northwest side of town. The school offers college preparation and vocational classes and has a variety of sports for both girls and boys. MHS may be reached at (815) 539-7446.

**Illinois Valley Community College**, 815 N. Orlando Smith Ave., Oglesby serves Mendota residents and is easily accessed from I-39 or

Route 251. The college district covers all and parts of eight counties in North Central Illinois.

**Four-year colleges and universities** in the surrounding area include Northern Illinois University, DeKalb; North Central College, Naperville; Rockford College, Rockford; Illinois State University, Bloomington-Normal; Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington-Normal; Bradley University, Peoria; Augustana College, Rock Island.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley** - Main office is located at 424 W. Madison, Ottawa; phone (815) 433-3953.

**Nightengale's Thrift Shop** - Located at 708 Jefferson St., Mendota. Used/new clothing, household items, books & toys. Donations gladly accepted. All proceeds benefit Trinity Health Clinic. Phone (815) 539-6100.

**Meals on Wheels** - Contact OSF Saint Paul at (815) 539-7461.

**Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry** - Located at 710 Sixth Ave., Mendota; phone (815) 538-2211.

**Mendota Area Senior Services** - Located at 901 Tom Merwin Drive (inside the Mendota Civic Center); phone (815)

539-7700 or (815) 539-9673. Numerous assistance programs and activities available for senior citizens.

**Abigail Women's Center** - Located at 1610 Stroble Ave., Mendota; phone (815) 538-3044. The clinic offers free confidential pregnancy tests, referrals, counseling and baby clothes. For more information, visit [www.abigailwomenscenter.com](http://www.abigailwomenscenter.com).

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**Driver's License Facility** - Located on U.S. 34 East, Mendota; phone (815) 539-7849. Hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living** - Located at 18 Gunia Drive, LaSalle; phone (815) 224-3126 or 1-800-

822-3246. Assistance for people with various disabilities.

**Illinois Valley P.A.D.S.** - Located at 1320 Menards Drive in Peru; call (815) 224-3047. Visit online at <http://ivpads.com/>.

**United Way of Illinois Valley** - Located at 2220 Marquette Road, Suite 2, Peru; call (815) 223-8339. Visit online at <http://www.unitedwayiv.org/>.



## Mendota city clerk's office offers a variety of services

Anyone who needs to get a license for a dog or cat can do so at the city clerk's office located at 800 Washington St. (at the corner of Washington Street and Illinois Avenue).

Emily McConville, city clerk, and her staff take care of all business that concerns the general public. In addition to the above licenses, her office accepts water bills, registers voters, provides information relating to lot lines, zoning and other concerns,

provides copies of public records such as birth and death certificates, offers notary public service, and takes reservations for the shelters at Lake Mendota, Strouss Park and Blackstone Park.

The city clerk's office provides in-house services such as bookkeeping and accounting for major city funds and keeps records for the city council and its committees. It also handles payroll functions for city employees.

# CITY OF MENDOTA

*"World's Greatest Little City"*  
*Where Pride of Community*  
*Is A Way Of Life*

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**Mayor:**  
**David W. Boelk**

**City Clerk:**  
**Emily J. McConville**

**Treasurer:**  
**Rob Letterly**

### Aldermen:

**First Ward:** John Hessenberger  
**Jim Fitzpatrick**

**Third Ward:** Kyle Kim  
**Jay Miller**

**Second Ward:** John Holland  
**Leo Hochstatter**

**Fourth Ward:** Mark Peasley  
**Vicki Johnson**

**Mayor, City Clerk**  
**Phone: 815-539-7459**

**Economic Development**  
**Phone: 815-539-7459**

**Police Department (non-emergency)**  
**Phone: 815-539-9331**

**Fire Department (non-emergency)**  
**Phone: 815-539-3434**

**Parks & Streets**  
**Phone: 815-538-4786**

**Waste Water Department**  
**Phone: 815-539-6879**

**Building Permits**  
**Phone: 815-910-9111**

**Water Department**  
**Phone: 815-539-6307**

**Building Code Enforcer**  
**Phone: 815-993-7748**

**Emergency:**  
**Police, Fire, Ambulance Service: 911**

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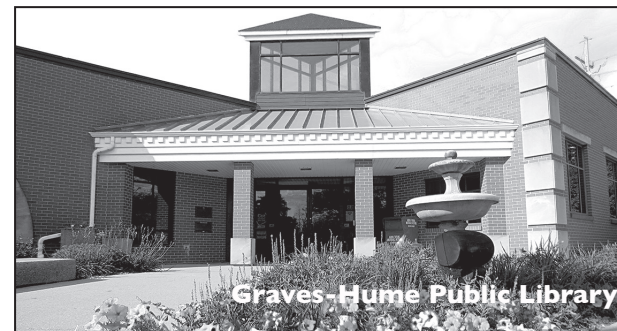
## Graves-Hume Public Library is an information resource

Graves-Hume Public Library, 1401 W. Main St., is at the corner of Main and Meriden streets in Mendota. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the library's Adult Department, a wide variety of popular reading material as well as older fiction, including most classics and many useful and interesting non-fiction titles are available. Magazines, newspapers, DVDs, CDs and books on CD are also available.

In addition, The Mendota Reporter is available on microfilm. Tables and study rooms are available for quiet study and staff members will help find elusive pieces of information.

Graves-Hume Public Library is part of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System and PrairieCat Online Catalog with access to the collections of over 136 libraries along with eReadIllinois and Libby for downloadable e-books and audiobooks. The library has four computers available to the public with free internet access (library card is not required). WiFi is also available throughout the building.



Copier, scanner and fax machine is available for patron use, as well.

The Children's Department has books in English and Spanish, magazines, puppets, puzzles, a cozy reading corner, play area and art room. Computers with child development programs can be found in the Youth Section. Youth summer reading clubs are offered and special events are scheduled throughout the year.

To access the library website visit <https://graveshume.org/>.

To get a library card:

The Graves-Hume Library District offers full library service to all residents of the district. A library card will be issued free to an applicant who is a resident of the district (the city limits of Mendota).

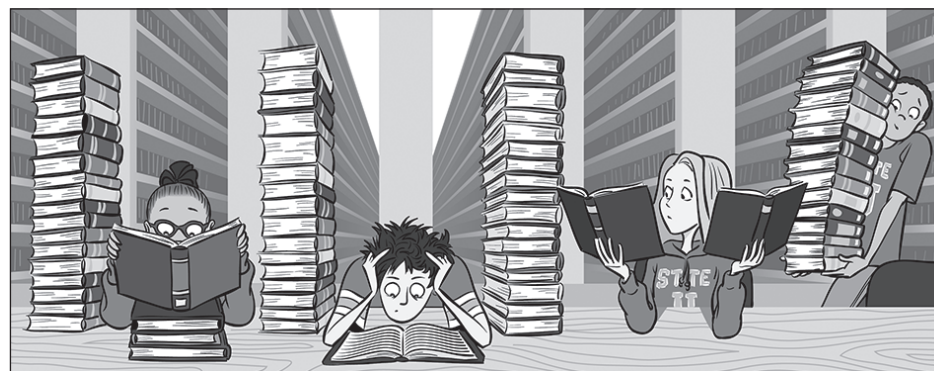
To obtain your library card, please come to the Library and bring a photo

ID and a piece of mail, both stating your current address. If your ID does not have your current address, please bring two forms of identification that include your name and current address along with a photo ID. Children under 18 must have the signature of a parent or legal guardian. The library card will be good for three years from the date of issuance or until termination of residence in the district, whichever period is shorter.

Library cardholders in good standing may use their library cards at any library in the state that offers reciprocal borrowing privileges.

Non-resident cards:

A person who lives outside the library district may obtain a library card by providing the information listed above (ID and proof of address) plus an annual fee.



## LOCAL CHURCHES

### CHRIST'S CHURCH

1107 Main St.  
(815) 503-1273

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1209 Sixth St.  
(815) 875-1724

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

1003 Fifth St.  
(815) 538-5603

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

100 East Sixth St.  
(815) 538-5587

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC

1010 Jefferson St.  
(815) 538-6151

### MENDOTA BIBLE CHURCH

Rt. 251 South  
(815) 538-6876

### NEW COVENANT ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1600 13th Ave.  
(815) 539-7107

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

607 10th Ave.  
(815) 539-5626

### UNITED PENTECOSTAL

Rt. 251 North  
(815) 539-6861

### VICTORY BAPTIST

505 West Seventh Ave.  
(815) 539-9081

### ZION UNITED METHODIST

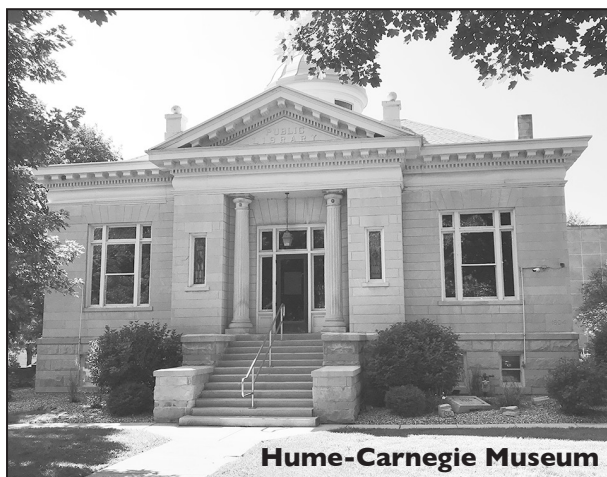
808 Jefferson St.  
(815) 538-2186

# Three local museums showcase Mendota's past

Mendota is fortunate to have three museums within the city, all within blocks of each other. The Hume-Carnegie Museum is a showcase for memorabilia of the past highlighting area businesses, industries and families as well as being a historic building itself. The Union Depot Railroad Museum is a working Amtrak station that houses railroad memorabilia and across the street, the Breaking the Prairie Museum and Chapel features agriculture and the lives of the early settlers.

**Hume-Carnegie Museum** opened in 1996 and is housed in a former library, a Carnegie building completed in 1904. The museum is a result of the vision of Horace D. Hume. Old and new were merged in the remodeling of the structure and the historic flavor of the original building was thus retained.

One of the many displays in the museum contains pictures and articles about Wild Bill Hickok, who was born in Troy Grove. In 2008, a life-size bronze statue of Wild Bill was placed in front of the Hume-Carnegie Museum. In addition to the many displays of local history, various exhibits throughout the year highlight Native American artifacts and memorabilia,



**Hume-Carnegie Museum**

pictures from the Civil War, World War I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War. Of special fascination to young and old alike is the collection of photographs of Mendota, its businesses, homes, streets and people from the past. The photo collection was reproduced and assembled by Norma and Leo Muhlach.

The Hume-Carnegie Museum is located in Veterans Park on Washington Street. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays March through second Sunday in December and at other times by appointment. Guests are greeted at the library's original circular front desk under the dome. For information call (815) 539-3373.

**Union Depot Railroad Museum**, a working depot, was dedicated in August of 1997 during the Sweet Corn Festival. Located at 783 Main St., the museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from March through the second Sunday in December. For information call (815) 539-3373.

Mendota was born from the junction of three railroads so the museum holds special meaning for the town's residents, many of whom worked on the railroad, had family members who did, or just recall railroading in earlier days.

The highlight of this museum is the HO railroad layout of what Mendota looked like in the 1930s and '40s. It highlights the

railroad tracks and yards as well as Main Street in downtown Mendota. The model fills most of one room and was lovingly constructed over several years by Ray Tutaj. James Carrow continued to keep the model in working condition and added some interactive rails to the model. There is also an interactive HO model with a station handmade by master craftsman Charlie Martin.

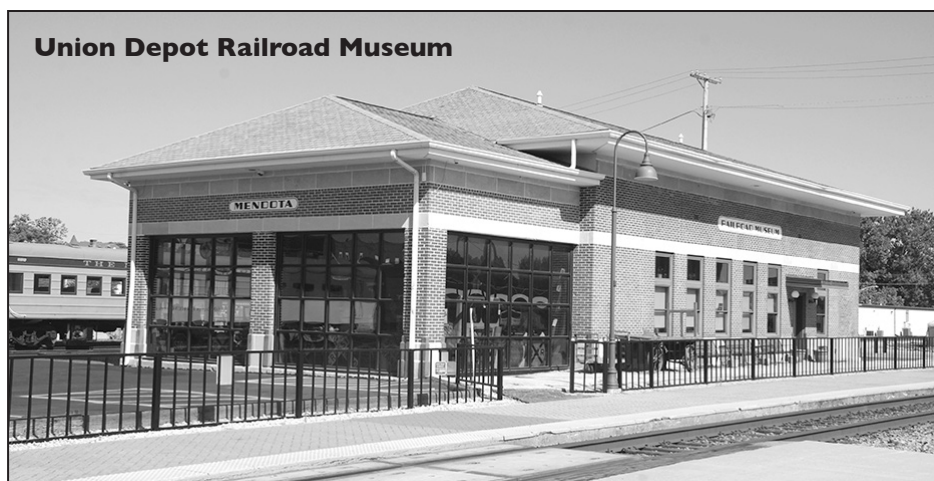
Photos of the past show what early Mendota looked like including the old steam engines, the buildings that were required to run the railroad and the people who tended them.

Three trains, the Illinois Zephyr, the Carl Sandburg and the Southwest Chief, each stop twice daily at the Amtrak station/museum off approximately 14,000-15,000 riders per fiscal year.

The third museum, **Breaking the Prairie**, was built in 2001 and features exhibits about agriculture. Displays explain the role early cultivation tools and practices played in transforming the great prairie, which was important in the beginning of Mendota's

history. It is located across the street from the Union Depot Railroad Museum on 5.8 acres of land where the railroad and railroad yards were once located, tying together the two industries that originally brought people to the Mendota area. The Mathesius Brothers' Barn was expanded in 2013 to accommodate more exhibits.

A chapel was then added to the Breaking the Prairie Museum to honor the role that the church played in Mendota's beginnings and the importance of spirituality and socialization in the agricultural community. Special artifacts include a leaded glass window and pulpit from Compton Immanuel Lutheran Church, a Western Cottage organ manufactured in Mendota in the 1880s and '90s, white poplar pews constructed by the International Fellowship of Christian Farmers and several hand-carved wooden items which demonstrate the abilities of Roland Zimmerman, a local craftsman and member of the Mendota Museum and Historical Society. The chapel is available to be rented for weddings, baptisms, or other activities.

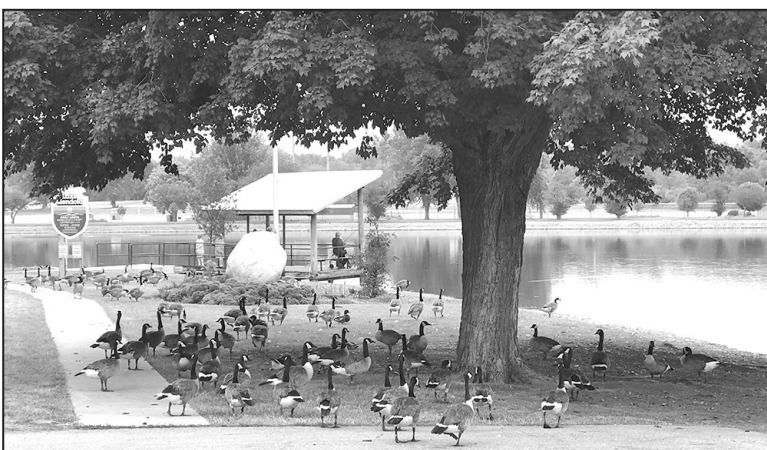


**Union Depot Railroad Museum**



**Breaking the Prairie Museum**

## PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

**Apple Orchard Park****Blackstone Park****Strouss Park****Lake Mendota Park****Lake Mendota****Pickleball Courts**ELECTED  
OFFICIALS**City of Mendota  
MAYOR**

**David Boelk**  
803 Meadowview Drive  
(815) 538-3924

**CITY CLERK**

**Emily McConville**  
1404 Ben Mar Ave.  
(815) 539-7459

**TREASURER**

**Rob Letterly**  
1714 Peri Drive  
(815) 910-7652

**FIRST WARD**

**James Fitzpatrick**  
807 Pennsylvania Ave.  
(815) 538-2474

**John Hessenberger**  
1406 Hillcrest Drive  
(815) 539-9934

**SECOND WARD**

**Leo Hochstatter**  
1102 S. Park Ave.  
(630) 841-1315

**John Holland**  
902 West Lawn  
(815) 528-5367

**THIRD WARD**

**Kyle Kim**  
504 First Ave.  
(815) 538-2414

**Jay Miller**  
702 First Ave.  
(757) 412-9374

**FOURTH WARD**

**Vicki Johnson**  
206 Ninth St.  
(815) 910-0816

**Mark Peasley**  
2111 Cedar Ave.  
(815) 252-7243

**LaSalle County Board**

**Joanne McNally**  
905 Meadowview  
(815) 538-7591

**Gary Small**  
821 E. US 52, Utica  
(815) 481-4566

**Ray Gatza**  
3490 E. First Road, Peru  
(815) 883-0500

# Fun things to do in and around Mendota

In the Mendota area, many activities are available for all ages, from structured groups and family fun events to spur-of-the-moment happenings.

Cultural events offered include plays presented by Mendota Community Theatre, ranging from comedies and dramas to musicals and reviews. In addition, a summer production is sponsored by the Mendota Education Foundation (MEF), which shares resources with Mendota Community Theatre and Mendota High School. Because of this cooperative effort, the summer shows have been coined "3M productions."

Mendota High School's Fine Arts Department also presents several events each year. Drama students present a play every other year. The other years, students put on a musical. Music students perform several concerts a year, both instrumental and vocal.

Two summer events that bring fun and excitement to town every year are the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival held the second weekend in August and the Mendota Tri-County Fair held over Labor Day Weekend.

The Annual Sweet Corn Festival held in downtown

Mendota has been the highlight of summer for generations with plenty of food, carnival rides, music, pageants, craft and flea market vendors, a huge parade and, of course, free Del Monte sweet corn served to the thousands of festival goers.

The Tri-County Fair, also a long-time Mendota tradition, takes place at the historic fairgrounds on First Avenue along the east edge of town. Demolition derbies, truck/tractor pulls, moto cross and plenty of food are part of the excitement of the four-day event.

Graves-Hume Public Library is not just a place for printed material but also has a wide variety of DVDs, CDs and videocassettes; an extensive collection of audiobooks; a microfilm reader and printer; four computers with free internet access; and WiFi. Periodically, special programs are offered for children and adults. In addition, Graves-Hume Public Library is part of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System and PrairieCat Online Catalog with access to the collections of over 136 libraries along with eRead Illinois and Libby for downloadable e-books and audiobooks.

Mendota has three muse-



ums, due to the generosity and hard work of its citizens.

Hume-Carnegie Museum highlights the everyday and business life of the city's past. Special exhibits are presented periodically.

Union Depot Railroad Museum houses the Amtrak depot and railroad memorabilia including a model of the rail yards and downtown area as it looked in the 1940s.

The Breaking the Prairie Agriculture Museum focuses on the lives of early settlers and explains the role early cultivation tools and practices. The Breaking the Prairie Chapel honors the role played by the church in Mendota's beginning and the importance of spirituality in the agriculture community.

Scouts for both boys and girls and the Mendota

Agri Kids 4-H Club provide structured learning and fun groups for youngsters.

For the sports-minded, organized baseball programs are available for several age groups from Little League to men's and women's leagues. The Strouss Sports Complex provides an opportunity for younger boys and girls leagues. A youth soccer league gets underway each spring.

Soccer fields, a disc golf course, basketball, tennis, volleyball and pickleball courts provide places for casual athletes to just have some fun.

The Mendota Area YMCA building on Rt. 251 South was completed in 2013. The facility is equipped with Nautilus, elliptical and cardio equipment and offers a variety

of fitness classes. Youth programs include various recreational and sport programs, an after-school program and summer day camp. As a satellite of the Illinois Valley YMCA in Peru, local membership allows patrons access to both facilities.

Mendota has several parks located throughout town. Probably the most visited is the 18-acre Lake Mendota set in a 68-acre park. Trees along the shore shade fishermen, picnic tables are available in the open and under shelters, and playground equipment keeps youngsters occupied.

Lake Mendota is also a favorite place for walkers who want to get in a little exercise in a tranquil setting. Geese and other waterfowl have made the lake their home, and park visitors often enjoy feeding the birds.

Lake Kakusha, a larger lake, was installed originally for flood control but has evolved into a great fishing hole. There is a shelter by the boat dock. Only boats with small trolling motors are allowed on the lake.

Another park that appeals to nature lovers is Snyder's Grove Nature Preserve located east of Mendota on the Triumph Blacktop. Trails lead hikers

over a bridge and through the trees where wildflowers bloom and wild animals and birds may be seen or heard. The grove has picnic tables, a shelter and restrooms.

On the east side of town is Blackstone Park, which offers picnic facilities, a shelter, playground equipment and tennis courts.

Apple Orchard Park, located in the southwestern part of town, winds along Mendota Creek and has playground equipment and a basketball court.

Veterans Park in the downtown area is where many of the activities are held during the Sweet Corn Festival the second weekend in August each year. During the warm months, everyone looks forward to Lunch in the Park held on select Fridays. Local civic and school organizations take turns sponsoring the picnic lunch under the park's huge shade trees.

Mendota Swimming Pool is another favorite place for people of all ages during the hot summer months. Swimming lessons are available for young and old.

For those who concentrate on fitness, Doenier Field offers a place for the public to run, jog or just walk.

## OSF Saint Paul Medical Center provides quality healthcare for area

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, a 25-bed critical access hospital, has been dedicated to providing quality health care to Mendota and the communities we serve since 1951.

Relocated to its new state-of-the-art facility at 1401 E. 12th St. in Mendota in 2011, OSF Saint Paul became the 11th OSF HealthCare hospital on April 1, 2015.

OSF HealthCare is a Catholic, 15-hospital health system serving Illinois and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, driven by our Mission

to "serve with the greatest care and love."

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## Chamber of Commerce a source for information

Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce serves as an information center for new residents in the community. A newcomer's packet is available, which lists all pertinent information on schools, business, housing and churches in Mendota.

Both local and regional phone books are available at the chamber office, a national chamber of commerce directory, community calendar, recreational activities, organization listings, profile books, business and industry directories as well as maps of Mendota, LaSalle County and the State of Illinois.

Event and activity guides for LaSalle County and the Heritage Corridor region are available at the Chamber office, as well.

Mendota gift certificates, which can be redeemed at more than 65 stores in the community and make excellent gifts, may be purchased at the Chamber along with memorabilia from the Sweet Corn Festival.

The Chamber also posts a monthly calendar in The Mendota Reporter to list events sponsored by local not-for-profit organizations.

The Chamber is housed at 800 Washington St. in downtown Mendota, phone (815) 539-6507. For more information visit their website at [www.mendotachamber.com](http://www.mendotachamber.com), the festival website at [www.sweetcornfestival.com](http://www.sweetcornfestival.com) or e-mail Sam Setchell at [president@mendotachamber.com](mailto:president@mendotachamber.com).



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**LaSalle County Housing Authority** – Call (815) 434-0380.

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