

Lancaster

Wisconsin

Visitor & Relocation
Guide



Welcome to beautiful Lancaster, Wisconsin

Nestled in the heart of the Driftless Region, at the top of a ridge overlooking the expansive rolling hills and valleys, lies Lancaster. We invite you to explore our historic downtown, experience the timeless architecture, shop our locally owned retailers, and dine with us in our favorite hometown restaurants. Take a stroll through our beautifully manicured parks, bike through our hills and valleys, or play a round of golf while taking in expansive views of the land around us. Spend some time with us and you will quickly see why Lancaster is everyone's hometown. A high quality of life at low cost of living, Lancaster really is where you belong!

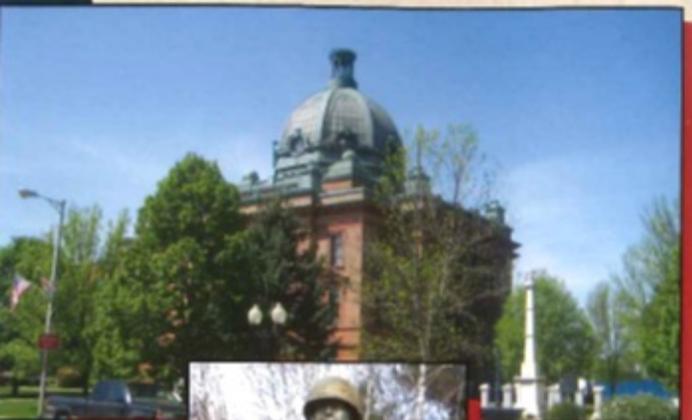
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Lancaster is steeped in History

Pioneer Era 1837-1861

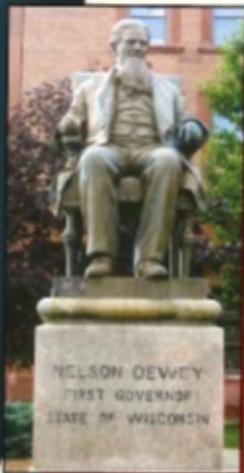
Lancaster started with just one log cabin belonging to Aaron Boice. It later grew into a village of about 800 people. It was a planned village, plotted May 1, 1837 and then settled. Given its county seat status and lack of lead ore, settlers were primarily attorneys, business people, farmers, and other artisans, not miners like other communities in the area.



Governor Nelson Dewey

The first governor of Wisconsin, Nelson Dewey, moved to Lancaster in 1837

where he was the first register of deeds. He rose quickly through the political ranks and from 1848-1852 was Wisconsin's first governor. Dewey is buried in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Cemetery on Jefferson Street in Lancaster. A statue in his honor was erected on the Courthouse Square in 1907.



Lancaster At War

There is no single event that shaped Lancaster more than the Civil War. As the county seat it served as the mobilization point for the troops and the place from whence the boys marched off to war. Many of Lancaster's soldiers were members of the Iron Brigade, fighting in the pivotal battle at Gettysburg. Amongst the soldiers from Lancaster 16 were killed, 61 wounded, and 5 taken prisoner. It significantly impacted a generation of young men for the community.

Pleasant Ridge

Settled in the 1850's north of Lancaster, Pleasant Ridge became a community of over 100 free or escaped slaves. Pleasant Ridge at one point had a church and a school. Now the one acre-cemetery is all that remains. A historical marker is located on Slabtown Road, one mile west of its intersection with Wisconsin Route 35/81.

Lancaster City Hall & The Grantland Theatre

Located at 206 S. Madison Street is Lancaster City Hall. It includes a fabulous movie theater. This striking building designed by renowned architects Claude & Starck is an excellent example of prairie-style architecture.



Grant County Courthouse

Lancaster has been home to four courthouses including the current one located in the center of town. The current courthouse was constructed in 1903. Designed by architect Armand Koch, the majestic brownstone building with its octagonal glass and copper dome is visible for miles around. Inside the courthouse dome are four breathtaking murals painted by Franz Edward Rohrbeck.

The Soldier's Monument

The first publicly conceived Civil War monument was dedicated in Lancaster on July 4, 1867. Over 10,000 people attended the dedication which lists 750 names. It is located on the Courthouse Lawn.

Blue Boy Statue

One of only two like it in the nation, dedicated by William McKinley Circle of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lancaster's Blue Boy Statue on the Courthouse Lawn was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1906. It has recently undergone restoration.

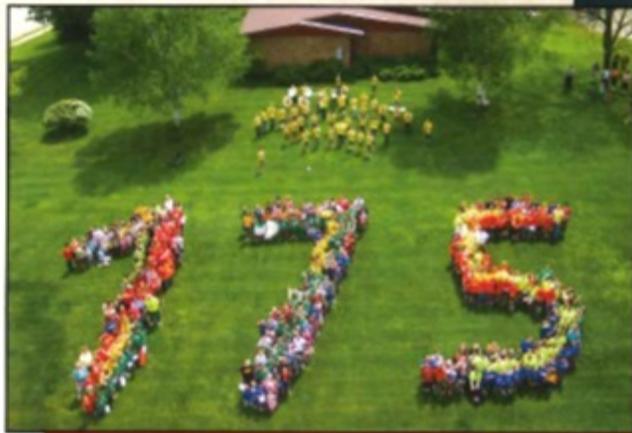
Cunningham Museum

Browse through artifacts of the Civil War, World Wars and Grant County's early black and Indian settlements at the Cunningham Museum. Located 129 East Maple Street,

it is open Tuesdays and Thursdays:
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. or
by appointment.
Phone
608-723-4925 or
608-723-2239.



Celebrating Lancaster Today



Lancaster continues to make history through the present day. Lancaster schools have been consistently ranked in the top 10 in US News and World Report's top schools in Wisconsin list. Its schools also host championship athletic teams and exemplary music and arts programs. The community continues to support its architectural integrity and is an excellent community in which to live, work, and play. The community celebrated 175 years in 2012.

More on Lancaster's history can be discovered in Lancaster's book: *Lancaster, A Window Into Its Past*, written by James B. Hibbard, published in 2012 in honor of Lancaster's 175th birthday. The book is available for purchase at the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce Office located in City Hall.

Parks & Recreation

Memorial Park (35.5 acres)

As Lancaster's most heavily used recreation area, the park includes picnic shelters and tables, baseball and softball



Memorial Park

diamonds, playgrounds, basketball court, volleyball courts, child and handicap fishing pond, and sledding hill.

Lancaster Area Veteran's Memorial

The Veteran's Memorial is located in Memorial Park and commemorates Lancaster area veterans. It features 12 granite tablets, dedicated brick pavers, and two sentinals standing guard. The entire monument consists of American-made products.

Lancaster Municipal Swimming Pool

Located in Memorial Park, the swimming pool includes a child wading pool, diving board, and bath house.

Lancaster Municipal Golf Course

The municipal golf course is located off of Lincoln Ave. near Memorial Park.

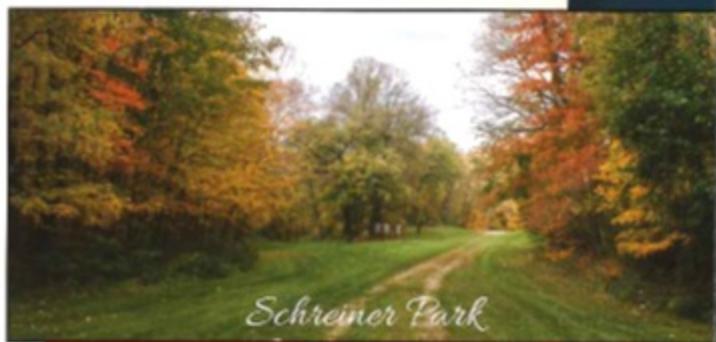


Golf Course

The 18-hole golf course (USGA Rating – Blue 68.8; White 67.3; Red 67.4 – Yardage – Blue 6124; White 5797; Red 4917 – Slope 119) provides golfers with a fantastic recreational opportunity. First available tee time is 7 a.m. 608-723-4266. lancastercountryclub.com

Lancaster Public Library (Schreiner Memorial Library) & Ryland Park (2 acres)

Located just two blocks off the square in Lancaster. As Lancaster's Lifelong Learning Center, it is the home to a large collection of books, audiobooks, movies, music,



Schreiner Park

newspapers, magazines, and much more. It also provides public access computers and free wireless internet. Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday (Oct.-April only) 1-4 p.m. 608-723-7304 schreinermemoriallibrary.wordpress.com.

Schreiner Park (20 acres)

One of Lancaster's oldest parks, dedicated in 1905. This community park has been developed with nature trails, exercise course and picnic shelter. This park is intended primarily as a nature preserve.

Parks & Recreation contd.

Klondyke Park (10.4 acres)

Approximately two miles north of the city's corporate limits adjacent to the Grant River. Great for picnicking and fishing. The area is also used for nature study and was the site of the first public water source for the city.

Schacht Soccer Field (3.7 acres)

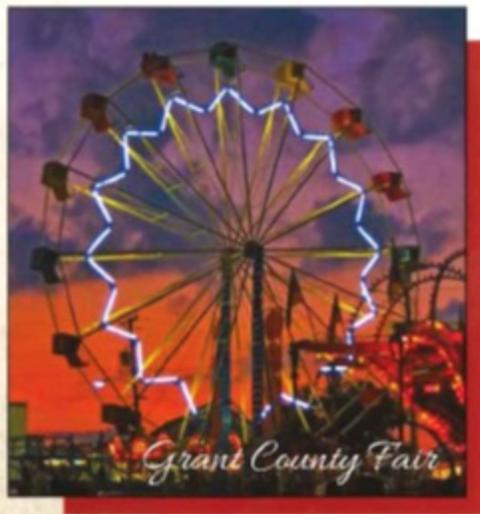
Located on the north side of the city, this donated park been used for Lancaster Youth Soccer since 2002.

Baus Park (5 acres)

Located on the south side of the City. The land was developed into a park and includes a football/soccer field, basketball court, and playground equipment.

Lancaster Trail

Created as an Eagle Scout project, this nature trail located on County Highway K north of Lancaster features a picnic area and a nature-rich hiking trail nestled in the rolling hills of our driftless region.



Annual Events

Night on the Square

(Third Thursday in July)

The Night on the Square is Lancaster's annual hometown summer celebration bringing young and old alike for local demonstrations of talent, food, and live music, as well as kids games and space for local organizations to promote their causes.

Grant County Fair

(Weekend of Third Saturday in August)

One of the oldest fairs in Wisconsin, the Grant County Fair features a tremendous 4-H and FFA show of livestock, crafts, and other activities. It also features a full midway, grandstand events, and delicious local foods.

Harvest Festival Parade

(First Saturday in October)

The Harvest Festival Parade showcases Lancaster's businesses and organizations that help make Lancaster a great place to live, work, and play. It is also a favored parade for area schools' marching bands because of the strong competition.

Hometown Holiday Celebration

(First weekend in December)

Santa visits the Courthouse Saturday, Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary and Foundation Festival of Trees all weekend, and carriage rides around the square bring the holiday spirit to Lancaster.

Eat & Shop

Lancaster enjoys a vibrant local foods culture, exceptional retail opportunities, and hometown customer service.

Stop in one of our family-friendly restaurants for a great meal with the



kids, or spend an evening getting to know each other over drinks and appetizers.

There's a little something for

everyone in our restaurants with menus with unique, local twists. Don't forget the locally baked goods or meat and cheese specialties!

Spend an afternoon exploring our wonderful boutiques, gift shops, and flower shops. Our excellent customer service teams will help you find the

perfect pair of shoes, dress, or special piece of jewelry, and let our gift shops help you find that perfect gift to make them say wow!

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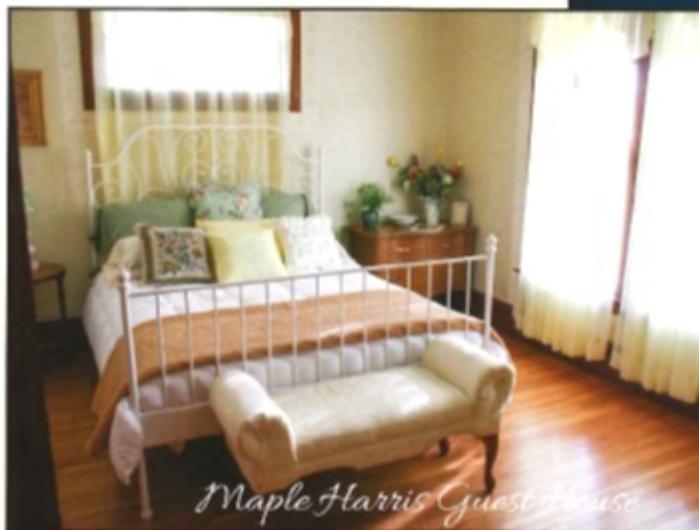
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Our schools consistently meet and exceed standards of excellence both in the classroom and athletics. Our choices of quality housing opportunities surpass that of our neighbors. And our wonderful amenities make Lancaster a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family or retire.

City of Lancaster UTILITIES & INFORMATION

ELECTRICAL: Alliant Energy
319-786-7292 • alliantenergy.com

NATURAL GAS: WE Energies
800-242-9137 • we-energies.com

WATER: City of Lancaster
608-723-4246 • lancasterwisconsin.com

SANITARY SEWER: City of Lancaster
608-723-4246 • lancasterwisconsin.com

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: TDS Telephone
1-866-571-6662 • tdstelecom.com

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

For life-threatening emergencies dial 911

CITY OF LANCASTER POLICE: 608-723-4188

LANCASTER FIRE DEPT & EMS: 608-723-2357

PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY: 608-723-6447
Downed trees & power lines, water main break or other emergency.



Lancaster Public Schools

Winkill Elementary 4K-5th grade

Leah Whitford, Principal
861 W. Maple St.
608 723-4066

Lancaster Middle School 6-8th grade

Mark Uppena, Principal
802 E. Elm St.
608-723-6425

Lancaster High School 9-12th grade

Mark Uppena, Principal
806 E. Elm St.
608-723-2173

District Office

Rob Wagner, District Administrator
925 West Maple Street
608-723-2175
lancastersd.k12.wi.us

Lancaster Parochial School

St. Clement School 1st-6th grade

Josh Jensen, Principal
330 West Maple Street
608-723-7474
saintclementschooll.com

Lancaster Pre School

Kate Neises, Director
216 S. Monroe St.,
608-723-4384
lancasterumc.org/preschool

Grant County Services

As the county seat, Lancaster is home to the beautiful Grant County Courthouse, Grant County Administration, and the Grant County Fair.

Grant County Courthouse

130 W Maple St, Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-2752

www.co.grant.wi.gov

Grant County Circuit Court, Clerk of Courts, Child Support

Grant County Administration

111 S. Jefferson St., Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-2675

www.co.grant.wi.gov

County Clerk, Treasurer, Social Services, Health Department, Personnel Department, Register of Deeds, Unified Community Services, Veterans Service, Victim Witness Coordinator, Zoning & Sanitation

Grant County Sheriff's Department

1000 N Adams St. Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-2157

grantcountysheriffwisconsin.com

Aging & Disability Resource Center of SW WI

8820 HWY 35/61 South, 608-723-6113
www.co.grant.wi.gov

UW Extension of Grant County

916 E Elm St, Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-7321

grant.uwex.edu

Grant County Fairgrounds

916 E Elm St, Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-2135

grantcountyfairwi.org

Health & Human Services

Grant Regional Health Center

507 S. Monroe St., 608.723.2143
grantregional.com

Family Medical Center

9177 Old Potosi Rd, 608-723-4300
lancasterfamilymedical.com

Grant Regional Community Clinic

507 S. Monroe St., Suite 1 608-723-2131

High Point Family Medicine

507 S. Monroe St., 608-723-3100

Family Advocates of SW WI

608-348-5995 familyadv.org

Southwest Opportunities Center

Industrial Drive, 608-723-6659, socinc.org

Lancaster Assoc. of Churches Food Pantry

7-8 p.m. Monday & Thursday 608-723-7070
In the Lancaster Congregational Church

Faith

Bethlehem Evangelical & Reformed Church
354 S. Madison St. 723-4419

Calvary Community Church
9175 Old Potosi Rd. 723-4383

Christ Lutheran Church, ELCA
250 S. Grant St. 723-4092

Community of Christ
325 W. Walnut St. 723-4862

Faith Lutheran Church, WELS
132 S. Tyler St. 723-4563

First Presbyterian Church
133 W. Oak St. 723-4441

Grace Bible Church
9755 Hwy 61 North 348-7574

Lancaster Congregational Church
225 S. Madison St. 723-2267

Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist
200 Alona Lane 723-6196

Lancaster United Methodist Church
216 S. Monroe St. 723-4384

St. Clement Catholic Church
135 S. Washington St. 723-4990

Get Involved

American Legion Auxiliary Richard Burns Unit 109

Meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 6 months of the year in the Senior Citizen Room, City Hall. 723-6213

Boy Scouts Troop 88 / Cub Scouts Pack 66

Cub Scouts meet Sundays 6-7:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Congregational Church
608-723-4151

Boy Scouts meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Memorial Park
608-778-5251

Classy Chassis Auto Club

Meets early evening the 1st Friday of the month at Memorial Park or at a Member's house. Call Joel at 723-7817.

Girl Scouts

Call 608-778-6505

Grant County 4-H Clubs

Youth and Agriculture Center
916 East Elm Street, Suite A, Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-2125
grant.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development

Grant County Genealogical Society

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Youth & Ag in Lancaster, or Pioneer Ridge Apartments Community Room in Platteville. Call 608-568-3124.

International Order of Oddfellows

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. at 225 S. Madison Street. Call 723-4393.

Lancaster Jaycees

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at Lancaster City Hall Senior Center. Call 723-7106

Lancaster Lions Club

Meets 1st Wednesday of month at 6 p.m. September-May at Lancaster Country Club, June-August at Lancaster Memorial Park or lower level of Classic Cuts Salon.

Tri County Human Resource Association

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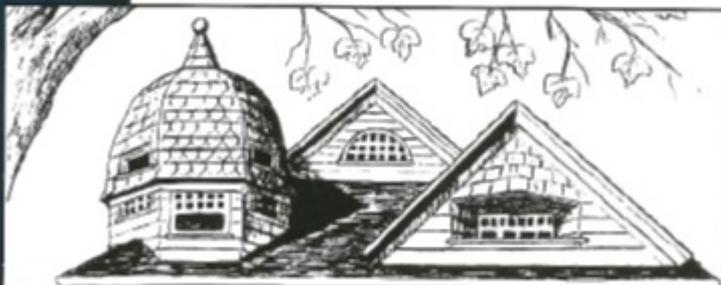
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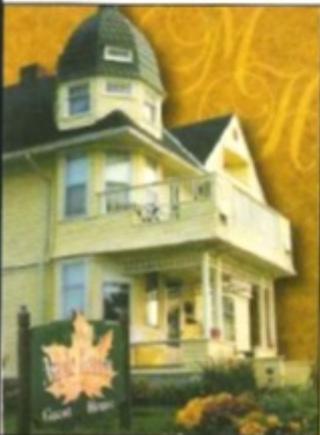
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