

Top 10 Reasons Why Living in Jefferson Just Makes Sense



1. MINUTES MATTER. Time is valuable and who doesn't crave more quality time? In Jefferson, you don't have to deal with bumper-to-bumper traffic as most of the things you need are just minutes away. You could walk your child to school, go home over your lunch hour, and spend less time in the car and more time with family.

2. LOW COST OF LIVING. Affordable housing in Jefferson means you can more comfortably live the way you want! Whether you'd be interested in a new or existing home, resources are available to help you including local builders, realtors, and lenders.

3. GREAT SCHOOL SYSTEM. Did you hear the school bond passed in Jefferson to build a new high school? Greene County voters approved a \$21.48 million bond issue for a new high school and regional academy, equipped and staffed by Iowa Central Community College, as well as renovations to the current high school for use as a middle school. The total project will cost \$35 million, with the community stepping forward to make up the difference. If you move back, your kids could take advantage of Greene County's new and renovated schools.

4. SAFE & SECURE. Safe Choice Security previously named Jefferson as the safest town in Iowa. The study considered both property and violent crime statistics to get a realistic insight into the actual incidences of crime in Iowa's towns and cities. Jefferson's officers are vigilant in their role to protect residents, and many have experience interacting with larger federal and state agencies. The vast majority of police calls are dedicated to public service.

5. LOCAL COMPANIES ARE HIRING!

Jefferson and the surrounding area is home to American Athletic, Aureon, B&D Manufacturing, Bauer Built, Greene County Medical Center, Landus Cooperative, Midland Power Cooperative, Power Lift, Scranton Manufacturing, and Wild Rose Casino & Resort. In addition, Jefferson received news that Pillar Technologies has signed a letter of intent to renovate a downtown building for a new office, and this company will employ software designers, engineers, and train future employees.

6. FOUR SEASONS TO ENJOY. You'll never be bored with the same weather all year because Jefferson has four seasons, each more beautiful than the last. In the summer, swim at the Jefferson pool, join a recreation league, and join the fun at the Bell Tower Festival and Greene County Fair. Fall brings football games and trips to Deal's Orchard for apple picking and hayrack rides. When winter arrives, go sledding at Seven Hills and ice skating across from the public pool. Then in spring, there's camping at Spring Lake and fishing along the Raccoon River.

7. MANY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

The Greene County Community Center, located in the heart of Jefferson, has full basketball courts, an indoor walking track, racquetball courts, exercise equipment, and wellness classes. Plus, the Raccoon River Valley Trail allows bike riders and walkers to travel from Jefferson to Des Moines on 80+ miles of paved trails. Perhaps you enjoy bowling, golfing, or swimming. We have it all in Jefferson!

8. BIG CITY SHOWS IN A SMALL TOWN.

The History Boy Theatre Company, located off the square, is a regional "up and comer" with theatrical shows featuring a mix of professionals and local talent. Did you know the local theatre where you saw movies when you grew up is now owned by the community? Sierra Community Theatre offers the latest sound system and picture quality. Wild Rose Casino & Resort has hosted big stars

such as Wynonna Judd, Kenny Rogers, Blues Traveler, Oak Ridge Boys, Travis Tritt, and Reba McEntire—right here in Jefferson.

9. EXCELLENT HEALTH CARE. Greene County Medical Center is a community-based system, committed to providing excellence in health services from beginning to end of life. It recently completed an expansion/renovation project totaling \$22.5 million.

10. GIGA—WHAT? Google might brag about offering Gigabit internet service in big cities, but you can get high-speed internet in our small town. Jefferson Telecom has invested in the community by providing fiber to all homes and businesses in Jefferson and to rural farmsteads in the surrounding area. This fiber enables Jefferson Telecom customers to get the speed they need to work from home, stream movies, do online gaming, and much more. Speaking of working from home, have you ever thought about teleworking? You may be able to keep your current job but work from home in Jefferson.



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