# PINE ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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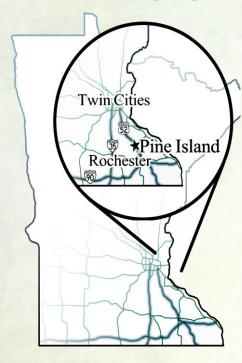




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## **WELCOME TO PINE ISLAND!**



Welcome to Pine Island, Minnesota. We are excited that you have chosen this community to call home. Located along the banks of the Zumbro River, Pine Island is a 15-minute drive north from Rochester and less than an hour south of the Twin Cities. With one of the state's busiest highways bisecting us, exposure and convenience in transportation are exceptional. Perhaps the most important reason people enjoy calling Pine Island home is that we offer an engaged, compassionate populace that patronizes our local businesses. You can catch a show at the theatre, pursue our historic downtown district, challenge friends to a game of bowling, or grab your bike and take in the scenic views as you ride along the beautiful Douglas State Trail.

Our community is rich with history: Pine Island was given its name from the Native American phrase "Wazuweeta" meaning Isle of Pines. In 1911 a group of small dairies built a prize-winning, world-record 7,000 pound cheese on a railroad flatcar. We celebrate the Cheese Festival every June and the historic Creamery building is used for a variety of community events. 3,400 and growing residents celebrate our heritage and find that opportunities for recreation and business here are unlimited. We'll see you on the banks of the Zumbro!



## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

www.pineislandmn.com/city\_hall/new\_resident.php

Pine Island City Hall	507-356-4591	www.pineislandmn.com
Pine Island Public Schools	507-356-4849	www.pineisland.k12.mn.us
Van Horn Public Library	507-356-8558	www.pineisland.lib.mn.us
BEVCOMM	507-356-8302	www.bevcomm.net
Xcel Energy	800-895-4999	www.xcelenergy.com
Minnesota Energy Resources	800-889-9508	www.minnesotaenergyresources.com
Economic Development Authority	507-356-8103	www.pineislandeda.org

#### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- Pine Island Chamber: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 12pm at the American Legion
- Pine Island School Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7pm in the 5-12 Forum Room
- Pine Island City Council: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm in the upstairs of City Hall



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The Douglas Trail occupies an abandoned railway corridor between Rochester and Pine Island, totaling 12.5 miles of paved surface.

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Antique Tractor Drive
- Breakfast with Santa
- Chamber Trunk or Treat
- Citywide Garage Sales
- Free Summer Concert Series
- Holiday Expo
- Island Classics Car Shows
- PTO Mock Rock
- National Night Out
- · Pine Island Cheese Festival
- Pine Island Winter Fest
- PTO Fall Carnival
- Taste of Pine Island

...and so many more!

#### ORGANIZATIONS

- American Legion Post #184
- Boy & Girl Scout Troops
- Cheese Festival Committee
- Island Riders Saddle Club
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Pine Area People for the Arts
- Pine Island Area Chamber of Commerce
- Pine Island Area Historical Society
   Trailhead City Park
- Pine Island Image Committee
- Pine Island Lions Club
- Pine Island Senior Citizens
- Toastmasters Club 4535

#### CITY PARKS

- Bandshell Park
- Collins Park
- Community Gardens
- Dog Park
- Nature Preserve on 8th SE
- Skate Park
- Skating Rink
- Sports Fields & Tennis Court
- Welcome Shelter
- · Z-Trail Park

...view a full list of park addresses at www.pineislandmn.com/recreation/parks.php



I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to the Pine Island Schools. We are extremely proud of our schools and believe that you will quickly be able to sense our level of pride when you review our academic, art, activities, and athletic successes. We strongly believe that preparing our students for the future means that we provide a technologically advanced environment with a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). This commitment is evident through our various programs and our one to one tablet/laptop program. We invite you to visit our schools to feel the energy that inspires us every day to provide an exemplary education for our students. Thank you for taking the time to view what we are so very proud of: our schools, our staff, our students, and our community.

—Tammy Champa, Superintendent, Pine Island Public Schools



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