



The City of Braham, Minnesota, is uniquely located close to the corners of four counties—Pine, Isanti, Chisago and Kanabec. The City is located in both Isanti and Kanabec Counties. The Braham Industrial Park is in the northwest corner of the City in Kanabec County. Hwy 107 passes through the heart of the City that sits two miles north of Hwy 65 approximately 50 miles north of the Twin Cities' metro area. With a population of 1,800 and many businesses, Braham offers a quiet, small-town setting that combines rural living with modern amenities that keeps the community thriving. Braham is best known for its beautiful downtown hanging baskets in the summer and annual Pie Day the first Friday in August. Five parks offer a variety of playgrounds, skate park, picnic tables, and a trail system in the City for family outings. Many great service organizations and churches are located in the Braham area.

A LITTLE ABOUT US

Organization—

Braham is a Statutory Plan A City. The City Council consists of the Mayor and four Council Members, and meets the first Tuesday of every month. The Mayor serves a two-year term and the Council serves four-year terms.

City departments include administration, police, volunteer fire, streets, municipal liquor, building/planning/zoning, water and wastewater. The City has a 24-7 police department that believes in Community-Oriented Policing and works with area law enforcement agencies, and a volunteer fire department with First Responders. The City has a total of 12 full-time and 16 part-time employees, and 15 volunteer firefighters.

The City's Municipal Liquor Store, Home Town Liquor, is located on Hwy 107 on the north end of the City. The store has continually operated at a profit and often supports other departments in the City. In 2018, the City's municipal liquor store contributed \$3,500 to the Braham Police Department for its Lexipol Records System, \$37,000 for the Body-Worn Cameras System, and \$8,000 to the Braham Fire Department for a commercial dryer.



Community—



Braham is best known for its annual Pie Day festival held the first Friday in August. The event is organized by volunteers on the Pie Day Committee, and draws thousands of visitors to enjoy many varieties of pie, craft and food vendors, a trivia contest, amateur-baking competition,

and children's arts & crafts. The fun includes the Sweet As Pie car show featuring vintage and collector vehicles.

Braham has an active Chamber of Commerce that meets monthly, and organizes the annual Braham Appreciation Day the first Saturday in June, City-wide garage sale, Braham Area Business Expo, and Farmer's Market.

Other events include the Braham Fire Department's annual Smelt Fry & Bake Sale in April and an Open House & Chili Feed in October; and Braham Firefighters Relief Association's annual Beer Garden held in conjunction with the Braham Area Chamber of Commerce's Appreciation Day the first Saturday in June.

The East Central Regional Arts Council is centrally located in Braham and offers grants and workshops to individuals and organizations in the five-county area that includes Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine counties, for performing, visual, media, creative writing and other arts projects, and holds the annual IMAGE Art Show.

KBEK Radio Station and the Weise Auditorium are located in Braham and features live shows every weekend.



Braham is the home of a 300-seat Community Event Center that is owned and operated by the local nonprofit organization Tusen Tack, who also owns and operates a thrift store in the City. Events held in the center include dances, movies, bingo, dinner theatre presentations, expos, weddings, reunions and craft fairs. The Braham Community Event Center houses the local food shelf and library link, as well as educational opportunities and various exhibits.

Braham is a strong and busy volunteer community, with organizations such as the Braham Girl Scouts, Braham Cub Scouts, 4H, Ambassador Program, Blue Star Moms, Garden Club, Horizons, Quilters, Friends of the Library, Grandy Lions, Moose Lodge, and VFW.

Several multi housing units are in Braham.

Park Manor is a 32-unit housing development operated by the Braham HRA. Elmhurst Commons is a 36-unit housing development that has both low-moderate income housing and market rate housing. Braham Meadows is a 42-unit housing development and is an HRA low-moderate income housing complex not affiliated with the City.



Economic Development—

Braham offers many of your everyday essential businesses. To name a few, some of the smaller businesses include a bowling alley, law office, bank, grocery store, salon, funeral home, dental office and eating establishments. In addition, there are larger employers like East Central Energy, Aurelius Mfg., Braham Ford Motor Service, the North Star Family Advocacy Center and more. Local public transportation is provided by Heartland Express.



East Central Energy



Aurelius Mfg. Co., Inc.



The Braham Industrial Park consists of 25-acres. Utilities and fiber optic are run to the park. Phase I of the park is certified Shovel-Ready and has three lots still available. Phase II is undeveloped, with four lots still available. Businesses in the Industrial Park include Leaf's Towing & Recovery, Central LLC Crematory, and Diversified Bronze & Mfg. Inc.

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Genesis Wireless is located in Braham and provides high speed internet to the City and some of the surrounding communities, with fiber optic to the central hub and Industrial Park of Braham.

Utilities—



The City's well for the public drinking water is designed to pump up to 1,000 gpm and currently pumps at 400 gpm. The water is filtered through a Water Treatment Facility. The water tower was replaced with a 250,000 gallon tower in 2010. A second production well is proposed for the near future, as the City's current backup well has a pumping capacity of 100 gpm.

The City's Wastewater Treatment Facility was upgraded to a 400,000 gpd capacity in 2012. The City's NPDES Permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant is in the renewal process and will have new phosphorus limits to be addressed in the future when Braham's growth causes the plant to get closer to full capacity. The plant is currently operating at about half capacity. The City contracts with PeopleService, Inc. for operations of both the water and wastewater facilities.

Education—



Braham's K-12 schools have 732 students, and Early Childhood Special Ed has 21 students. The Braham Elementary School was awarded "A School of Excellence" Award for 2018. The Braham Police Detective works in the High

School part time, giving a police presence in the schools as tragedies have struck so many schools in our nation.