



your Fargo...

**A community where you can make your mark.
The place where you can call home.**

In 2023, Fargo experienced many changes. Yet, what makes Fargo unique, remains constant: we are a community big enough to offer everything you need and yet small enough to make it your own.

Thank you for being a part of Your Fargo, a place where your contributions matter. Together, we shape the future of our community and continue to strive everyday to be Far More!



Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney
Mayor of The City of Fargo

THE CITY OF
Fargo
FAR MORE 

Fargo's Steadfast Commitment to You...

-  **Caring**
for residents
-  **Preparing**
for the future
-  **Collaborating**
with partners
-  **Growing**
with efficiency
-  **Serving**
all people
-  **Honoring**
those who
protect & serve

★ **Caring** for residents

- City of Fargo snowplow operators work diligently to clear snow from over 700 miles of streets.
- Cross-departmental staff members helped the community fill hundreds of thousands of sandbags – with the help of countless volunteers – to combat a potential spring flood in 2023.
- Fargo Cass Public Health’s Harm Reduction Division continues to reach out to those experiencing homelessness and facilitates transitions from the streets or shelters to permanent housing options.

★ **Preparing** for the future

- Fargo is developing a comprehensive, city-wide Growth Plan by gathering input from residents, business owners and planning experts.
- We are accommodating new growth with the major Hector International Airport terminal expansion and the southside Fargo Parks Sports Complex.
- Our team is maintaining roads, bridges, flood mitigation and essential infrastructure through the Engineering Department’s Capital Improvement Plan.
- We continue our efforts at reducing our carbon footprint through the Sustainability and Resiliency Plan.
- Fargo is dedicated to maintaining our quality City services and honoring the steadfast commitment to public safety within budget constraints.

★ **Collaborating** with partners

- Progress on the FM Diversion Project brings this metro area closer to permanent flood protection.
- Fargo partnered with local, state and federal partners to collectively demolish the vacant Lashkowitz High Rise to redevelop the riverfront property into affordable housing and mixed-use space.
- We celebrated the breaking of ground on EPIC Companies’ Project UNITE in Downtown Fargo.
- The organization supported the Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion’s training for The City of Fargo departmental leaders.



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★ **Growing** with efficiency

- The Fargo Inspections Department issued 1,879 building permits (a 2% increase from 2022).
- The 32nd Avenue South infrastructure project is a successful example of responding to resident feedback and traffic streamlining operations.
- Construction began on Fargo Fire Station No. 8 in south Fargo.
- The Fargo Police Department successfully received grant funds to reconstitute its Traffic Safety Unit.
- The newly-renovated Fargo Water Reclamation Plant ensures cleaner wastewater is being released and Fargo continues to lead the region in its environmental stewardship.
- New public art projects were installed on the super water tower in North Fargo (holding 2.5 million gallons, this is the largest tower in the state), electrical boxes, MATBUS vehicles and Fargo Public Schools.

★ **Serving** all people

- City Administrator Michael Redlinger and Assistant City Administrator Brenda Derrig – both seasoned public servants – began their tenures in their new positions.
- Fargo’s Water Treatment Plant received the distinction of the best-tasting drinking water award in North Dakota for the second consecutive year. Fargo is the only city to win this honor in back-to-back years in the history of the award.
- Fargo’s Communications and Governmental Affairs Department earned national recognitions for the Spirit of the Sandbagger ceremony as well as its promotion of the Fargo Library’s Summer Reading Program.

★ **Honoring** those who protect & serve

- First responders – including Fargo Police Department (FPD) officers and Fargo firefighters – risked their lives to save the injured on July 14 during a critical incident where FPD Officer Jake Wallin lost his life and FPD Officers Andrew Dotas and Tyler Hawes were critically injured. FPD Officer Zach Robinson heroically neutralized the threat with incredible restraint and tenacity.
- We witnessed our united metro community rally behind our first responders in the subsequent months to honor the service and sacrifice of our guardians.