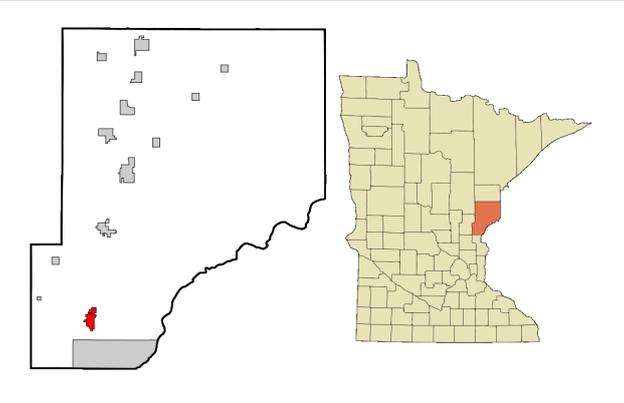


Pine City, Minnesota

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— City —	
	
Downtown Pine City	
Logo	
Nickname(s): Pine, P.C.	
Motto: North. Nice <i>and</i> close.	
	
Location in the state of Minnesota.	
Coordinates: 45°49′38″N 92°58′17″W^[1]	
Country	United States
State	Minnesota
County	Pine
Government	
• Mayor	Paul Janssen
• City Council	Brian Scholin, Paul Miller, Steve Ovick, Mary Kay Sloan
• City Administrator	Holly Wilson
• Fire Chief	Tom Miller
• City Planner	Nathan Johnson

Area ^[1]	
• Total	3.91 sq mi (10.13 km ²)
• Land	3.44 sq mi (8.91 km ²)
• Water	0.47 sq mi (1.22 km ²)
Elevation	951 ft (290 m)
Population (2010) ^[1]	
• Total	3,123
• Estimate (2012) ^[1]	3,083
• Density	907.8/sq mi (350.5/km ²)
• Demonym	Pine Citian
Time zone	CST (UTC-6)
• Summer (DST)	CDT (UTC-5)
ZIP code	55063 (pop. 9,348)
Area code(s)	320
FIPS code	27-51064 ^[2]
GNIS feature ID	0649445 ^[3]
Website	http://pinecity.govoffice.com
For additional travel information, see Pine City Wikivoyage ^[4]	

Pine City is a city in Pine County, Minnesota, United States. The population was 3,123 at the 2010 census but that figure is being challenged by City officials.^{[5][1]} Pine City is the county seat of, and the largest city in, Pine County.^[6] The Initiative Foundation named Pine City "Outstanding Community" of 2009^[7] and the NAMM Foundation identified it as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education in America" for 2010, 2011, and 2012.^[8]

Its name is a loose translation of "Chengwatana" (White-Pine Town), originally an Ojibwe village located just east of Pine City, along the Snake River. The Ojibwe name for the city is *Ne-zhingwaakokaag* (on a land-point full of white pines). A portion of the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation is located within Pine City.

History



Historic Pine City Aerial, overlooking the railroad

The Dakota Indians were the first in the area. With the Ojibwa expansion, the area became a mixture of the two. By early 19th century, the area became predominantly Ojibwa. They trapped and hunted on the land and traded furs at the nearby trading posts. With the Treaty of St. Peters of 1837, dubbed the "White Pine Treaty", lumbering began in the area. Lumbering, though, was limited by access to the available waterways.

In the late 19th century, European settlers came to the Pine City area, which was still heavily forested with thick stands of white pine, some of the largest in the state. When the railroad arrived in Pine City so began a logging expansion. Pine City prospered and grew into a city that had everything needed to serve residents, farmers, and the fast expanding lumber industry. Pine City was founded in 1881.

When Buchanan County was merged with Pine County in 1861, the county seat was consolidated to Pine City because it was already well-established. Because of its location on the far southern edge of Pine County, there have been attempts over the years to move the county seat to more centrally located Hinckley and Sandstone. However, being the most populous city in the county, Pine City always prevailed as the county seat.

In 2005, the city became the first in rural Minnesota with an annual gay pride event, East-Central Minnesota Pride, and one of only two rural communities to hold such an event in the United States. A book capturing Pine City's history in vintage photos was written as part of the Images of America series and became available in 2010.

Christmas trees for the Minnesota Governor's Residence have often come from the Pine City area.

Timeline

- 1804 – The seasonal living of the Ojibwe changed when Europeans arrived.
 - 1837 – With the Treaty of St. Peters, dubbed “White Pine Treaty”, lumbering began in the area.
 - 1848 – The Ojibwe community of Chengwatana forms as an official village.
 - 1856 – Chengwatana became the county seat for Pine County.
 - 1872 – Two years after a fire at the Chengwatana courthouse, by popular vote Pine City became the county seat and a new courthouse was built.
 - 1881 – Pine City incorporated as a village west of Chengwatana due to the railroad’s location west of Cross Lake. Chengwatana declined into a ghost town.
 - 1894 – Pine City’s Robinson Park became a staging area, a “ground zero”, for support and relief from the Great Hinckley Fire.
 - 1903 – Adam Bede speaks at Associated Press annual dinner in New York City.
 - 1939 – Pine City built a plain, yellow brick, two-story rectangle city hall but gave the building to the county after becoming nervous it might lose its county seat status because of the need for better office space. Even so, the words “Pine City village hall” were carved over the east entrance.
 - 1952 –The towered, Romanesque Revival style courthouse building built in 1886 was struck by lightning, causing it to burn.
 - 1954 – In a bond issue, the county raised the money needed for a new courthouse and added it onto the north end of the one-time city hall (which ironically is used in part by city hall today), using the same marble wainscoting and terrazzo floors. The words “court house” were carved over the north entrance.
 - 1960 – Interstate 35 was completed through Pine City and by 1961 it was under construction north of Hinckley.
 - 1978 - First International Polkafest held here.
 - 1980 – Jean Lindig Kessler crowned Princess Kay of the Milky Way.
 - 1992 –30-foot tall voyageur statue erected on the north shore of the Snake River, near downtown.
 - 1993 – Karla Nelson named AAU Ms. America.
 - 2005 – People around the region hosted first annual East-Central Minnesota Pride in Pine City.
 - 2007 – A few years after a failed attempt to split the county in two, a new courthouse was erected on the northern edge of Pine City near the freeway.
 - 2009 – Shane Bauer, whose mom lives near Pine City, and two other American hikers were detained in Iran on July 31. Bauer was held in captivity until September 2011.
 - 2012 – June 5, with H.R.3220 the Pine City post office was renamed the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office".
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Present day

Pine City is reached as a day trip for tourists from the Twin Cities who enjoy the downtown's specialty stores and restaurants as well as a nearby casino and recreational opportunities, including the scenic St. Croix River valley. Also, a local historical site situated along the Snake River, the North West Company Post, has become a tourist draw; it was used by French fur traders nearly two centuries ago.

Pine City is also home to two golf courses, the Pine City Country Club, a nine-hole, par 36 public course that opened in 1971, and Pokegema Lake Golf Course, a course located just west of town.

The Pine County Fair ^[9] takes place in Pine City each year in late July/early August. A highlight of the fair is a two-night demolition derby that is one of Minnesota's largest, drawing several thousand spectators each evening. The five-day event is a free gate fair and also features free on-site parking.

Politics

Pine City is located in Minnesota's 8th congressional district, represented for many years by Jim Oberstar, a Democrat and now represented by Democrat Rick Nolan. Pine City is in State Legislative District 11B, represented by State Senator Tony Lourey (DFL) and Representative Tim Faust (DFL).

A new courthouse and county offices were relocated from downtown to the north end of town in 2007. The former courthouse was renamed Pine Government Center in 2010 and now houses city government and other community organizations including the Chamber of Commerce.



Pine County Courthouse

2013 Mayor and City Council

Mayor	Paul Janssen	January 2013 to January 2015
At-large	Mary Kay Sloan	January 2011 to January 2015
At-large	Paul Miller	January 2011 to January 2015
At-large	Steve Ovick	January 2013 to January 2017
At-large	Brian Scholin	January 2013 to January 2017

- **City government:** The city of Pine City is led by a mayor-council form of government. Mayoral elections occur every two years. City council seats are contested every four years. However, not all of the council members are elected in the same year, as the council elections are staggered throughout odd-numbered years. The council consists of five members elected to represent the city as a whole (that is, at-large).

The longest-serving mayor in Pine City's history was Jane Robbins. (See also: List of mayors of Pine City, Minnesota)

Geography

According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 3.91 square miles (10.13 km²), of which 3.44 square miles (8.91 km²) is land and 0.47 square miles (1.22 km²) is water.^[1] It is located in telephone Area code 320.

Parks

The city has 12 city parks, which includes two undeveloped parks (Cross Lake Preserve Park, Fawn Meadows Park); two passive parks, manicured but lacking recreational equipment (Meadow Ridge Park, Thomas Park); and eight active parks, with playgrounds and/or sports facilities, including:

- a community garden and a public fishing pier (Challeen Park)
- four ballfields (City Ballfields)
- three ice rinks (Hilltop Park)
- a public boat landing (Riverside Park)
- a performing stage (Robinson Park)
- a disc golf course (Voyageur Park)
- a skate park and a public beach (West Side Park)
- a Gulf War veteran memorial (Woodpecker Ridge Park)



Winter scene with native pines in the background

Climate

Below is a table of average high and low temperatures throughout the year in Pine City.

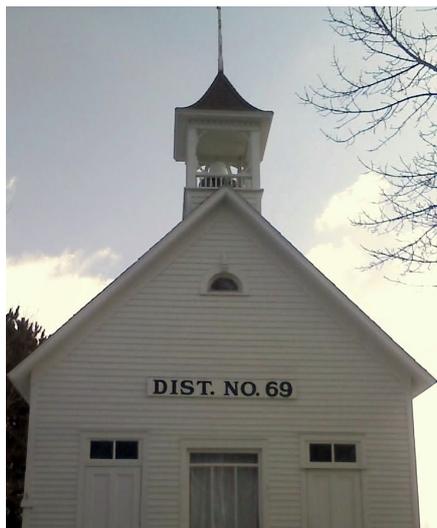
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg high °F (°C)	21 (-6)	27 (-3)	38 (3)	54 (12)	67 (19)	75 (24)	80 (27)	78 (26)	69 (21)	55 (13)	39 (4)	25 (-4)
Avg low temperature °F (°C)	4 (-16)	17 (-8)	30 (-1)	40 (4)	51 (11)	56 (13)	56 (13)	53 (12)	43 (6)	32 (0)	21 (-6)	6 (-14)

Places of interest



Pine City's famous roadside attraction, the
Voyageur, in Voyageur Park

- Chengwatana State Forest
- North West Company Post
- Pine Center for the Arts
- Pine City Country Club
- Rural School Dist. 69 Museum
- Saint Croix State Park
- Stumne Mounds, Native American burial grounds
- Voyageur Statue, in Voyageur Park
- Wednesday flea market, Pine County Fairgrounds



Rural School Museum, Built 1908

Transportation

Airports

Pine City is served by the Rush City/Pine City Regional Airport, seven miles south.

Mass transit

Presently, the Rush Line Corridor task force is studying the feasibility of rail service to serve area commuters and the Northern Lights Express passenger line is proposed to serve area residents. For travel within the city, there is local taxi service available.



Main Street, formerly U.S. Route 61

Bus

Pine City is served by the Arrowhead Transit intra-county system. An intercity bus service called Jefferson Lines runs from Pine City to St. Paul or Duluth twice daily.

Major highways

Pine City is located along Interstate 35 between the Twin Cities and Duluth. The St. Croix Scenic Byway ^[10] also passes through Pine City. The major highways include:

-  Interstate 35
-  Pine County Road 7
-  Pine County Road 8
-  Pine County Road 9
-  Pine County Road 11
-  Pine County Road 61
-  Minnesota State Highway 361 *Decommissioned* {Now County Road 61 }
-  U.S. Route 61 *Decommissioned* {Now County Road 61 }
-  Minnesota State Highway 324 *Decommissioned* {Now County Road 7 }

Rail

Pine City is located on rail lines owned by BNSF Railway and leased by St. Croix Valley Railroad.

Trails

There is a planned non-motorized trail, dubbed the Twin Cities-to-Twin Ports Trail, that has been awarded federal and state funding to begin to connect the Sunrise Prairie Trail, near North Branch, Minnesota with the Willard Munger State Trail, near Hinckley, Minnesota.

Business and industry

MINPACK, Inc. is one of the largest employers, with over 100 employees. Atscott Manufacturing Company, has 85 employees. Both have their headquarters in Pine City. Other large employers in the community include Wal Mart, Product Fabricators, Inc., Broekema Beltway, ISD 578, Therapeutic Services Agency, Pine County, Lakeside Medical Center and Lake Superior Laundry.

Shopping

Pine City serves as a shopping hub for such surrounding Minnesota communities as Askov, Braham, Brook Park, Henriette, Hinckley, Finlayson, Rock Creek, Rush City and Sandstone, as well as Grantsburg, Wisconsin, and each of their respective townships. Serving as a subregional center, Pine City accommodates a much larger population by day as residents from the smaller, aforementioned, surrounding communities both shop and work there.

In addition to a Walmart Supercenter, Pine City is home to three retail shopping centers: Pine Plaza, Evergreen Square and Northridge Center. Pine Plaza, located in the central business district, was Pine City's first shopping center. It is anchored by an old-fashioned drive-in A&W All-American Food Restaurant, one of the few remaining carhops in the state. *Evergreen Square* is anchored by Shopko and is also home to such stores as Radio Shack and T-Mobile. Pine City's newest shopping center is Northridge Center, located at the city's developing northern freeway interchange, home to a Verizon store, a Mexican restaurant and several service-related enterprises.

From early spring to late fall, a large flea market takes place every Wednesday morning at the Pine County Fairgrounds. Vendors feature everything from antique tools and furniture to fresh flowers and produce. A farmers market called *Market in the Park* is held seasonally each Friday at the south side of the park.

Downtown Pine City

Pine City has one of the most evident downtowns between the Twin Cities and the Twin Ports. Robinson Park is in the heart of it and forms the center of the town square, with the old train depot to the east, a library to the south and many mom and pop shops lining 5th Street on the west side of the park.

Demographics

As of the census^[2] of 2000, there were 3,043 residents, 1,222 households, and 734 families in the city. The population density was 1,076.3 people per square mile (415.2/km²). There were 1,275 housing units at an average density of 451.0 per square mile (174.0/km²).

Racial makeup (2010)

95.58% White, 1.54% Native American, 1.22% Hispanic or Latino of any race, 0.74% Asian, 0.26% African American, 0.19% from other races, 0.03% Pacific Islander and 1.67% from two or more races.



Farmers' Market, Robinson Park



Downtown Pine City street scene



Pine City's A&W Carhop



Downtown Pine City street scene

Diversity

After the Census 2010 count of same-sex partners in Minnesota, it was discovered that the Greater Pine City area was home to some of the most concentrated same-sex coupled households of any rural area of the state.^{[11][12]}

Population statistics

The city has continued to grow since it was incorporated. Much of the growth of the area occurs around the lakes in the neighboring townships, in Pokegama, Chengwatana or Pine City Township, and as of the latest Census, the Pine City Zip Code (55063) had 9,348 people living in it.

Historical populations			
Census	Pop.		% ±
1890	535		—
1900	993		85.6%
1910	1,258		26.7%
1920	1,303		3.6%
1930	1,343		3.1%
1940	1,708		27.2%
1950	1,937		13.4%
1960	1,972		1.8%
1970	2,143		8.7%
1980	2,489		16.1%
1990	2,613		5.0%
2000	3,043		16.5%
2010	3,123		2.6%
Est. 2013	3,572		14.4%
U.S. Decennial Census ^[13]			

Other demographics

There were 1,222 households out of which 30.0% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 42.8% were married couples living together, 12.8% had a female householder with no husband present, and 39.9% were non-families. 34.7% of all households were made up of individuals and 19.7% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.38 and the average family size was 3.04.

In the city the population was spread out with 25.3% under the age of 18, 10.5% from 18 to 24, 25.0% from 25 to 44, 17.9% from 45 to 64, and 21.3% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 37 years. For every 100 females there were 88.2 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 84.0 males.

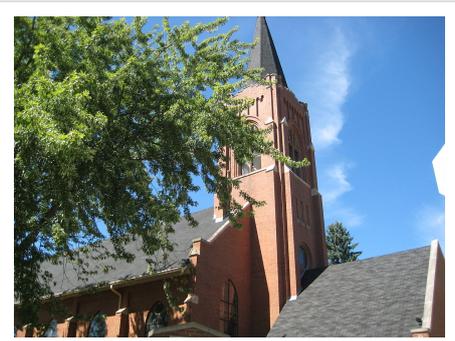
The median income for a household in the city was \$29,118, and the median income for a family was \$37,639. Males had a median income of \$30,951 versus \$20,759 for females. The per capita income for the city was \$16,802. About 10.8% of families and 15.0% of the population were below the poverty line, including 24.4% of those under age 18 and 14.1% of those age 65 or over.

Ancestry of Pine City residents is primarily German (36%), Norwegian (17%), Swedish (15%), and Czech (8%).

Religion

Pine City is home to several churches, of various denominations, including:

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Evergreen Community Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- Grace Baptist Church
- Hustletown Community Church
- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
- Journey North Church ^[14]
- Kingdom Hall – Jehovah's Witness
- Living Hope Christian Center
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Pine City Church of Christ
- Pine City Evangelical Free Church
- Trinity Baptist
- Zion Lutheran Church



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Education and academic institutions

The Pine City Public Schools (Independent School District #578) serve more than 1,600 area students through one PK–6 elementary school (Pine City Elementary), a 7–12 Junior/Senior High School, which was named a U.S. News & World Report "Best High School",^[15] and the Pine City Area Learning Center. Pine City is also home to St. Mary's School (Catholic), which serves preschool and K–6 students.

Pine Technical College is a two-year institution offering a wide variety of technical and general education courses. It is also part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Pine Tech's gunsmithing curriculum is one of the only programs of its kind in the country and draws students from throughout North America.

The Pine City Public Library is part of the East Central Regional Library. The ECRL holds nearly 400,000 volumes and serves over 65,000 cardholders in the region. Pine City is also home to the George E. Sausen Memorial Law Library, located inside the Pine County Courthouse.

Elementary schools

- ECFE/Community Education (early childhood), *700 6th Avenue SW*
- Pine City Elementary School: grades K-6, *700 6th Avenue SW*
- St. Mary's School: grades K-6, *815 6th Avenue SW*

Junior high schools

- Pine City Junior High School: grades 7-9, *1400 Main Street S*

Senior high schools

- Pine City Senior High School: grades 10-12, *1400 Main Street S*
- Pine City Area Learning Center (ALC): grades 9 - 12, *1225 Main Street S*
- Vision School, Pine Plaza, *870 Main Street S*

Health and utilities

Pine City's Lakeside Medical Center has a full-service clinic and nursing home facility. Allina Medical Clinic – Pine City provides a variety of family medicine, obstetrics, and orthopedic surgery services. Kanabec Hospital (now FirstLight Health System) opened a new family practice clinic in January 2011. The \$3 million facility encompasses 13,500 square feet (1,250 m²). Pine City is also home to three chiropractic clinics and *Sprouts*, a local market featuring organic and health foods.

Utility providers are regulated monopolies. East Central Energy provides electrical utilities to the community and is a co-op member of Great River Energy. Minnesota Energy supplies gas and US Cable provides cable television. The city treats and distributes water and several local businesses provide garbage removal and recycling services.

Amateur sports

The Pine City Pirates is the city's baseball team, featuring mostly local players and competing in the Eastern Minny North League, which is part of the Minnesota Baseball Association. Though presently not fielding a team, amateur baseball has been a part of Pine City culture for years and has enjoyed many successes in the past. The Pirates have had several state appearances including: 1950, 1952 B 2nd, 1953 B 3rd, 1961 and 1962.

Arts

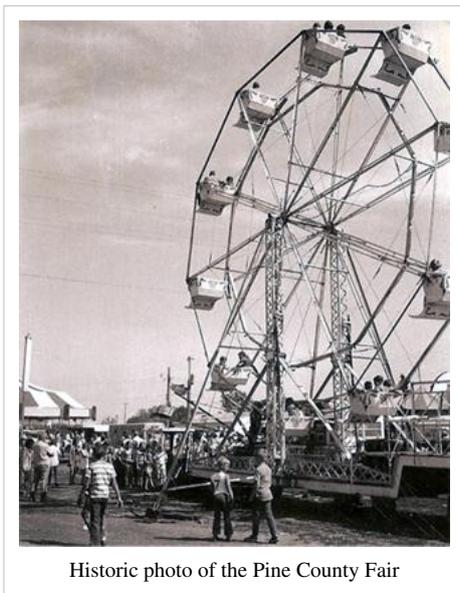
Pine City's growing arts community placed it on 2010, 2011 and 2012 lists of "Best Communities for Music Education in America." Musical ensembles at Pine City High School give free performances throughout the school year. The high school band has built its reputation under the direction of Mr. Bradley Mariska.^[16] A major new development is the Pine Center for the Arts, which opened in downtown Pine City in 2009. The center is a regional arts facility that houses a variety of educational and performance-based programs relating to theatre, music, visual art, literature, and dance. Classes and special events take place throughout the year. Pine City has an active community theater, the *Heritage Players*, which performs semiannually. The *Pine City Arts Council* sponsors a variety of annual events, most notably a free Friday night summer concert series held in Robinson Park.

Major annual events

The following community and regional events are held in and around Pine City.

Spring, summer, and fall

- East-Central Minnesota Pride – June 2, 2013 (9th Annual)
- *Freedom Fest* – June 28–30, 2013
- *Art Fest* in Robinson Park – July 20, 2013 (36th Annual)
- Pine County Fair – July 31-August 4, 2013 (121st Annual)
- *Czech Booyah (stew) Festival*, at Sokol Camp – August 11, 2013 (82nd Annual)
- Pine City PRCA Championship Rodeo, Labor Day Weekend, 2013 (7th Annual)
- North West Company Post's "Rendezvous" *Fall Gathering* – September 21–22, 2013 (35th Annual)
- Highway 61 Film Festival – October 4–6, 2013 (3rd Annual)



Historic photo of the Pine County Fair

Winter

- (Ice) *Fishing Derby*, Pokegama Lake – January 20, 2013 (44th Annual)
- Pine Pond Hockey Classic, West Side Park - February 8–10, 2013 (2nd Annual)
- *Holiday Madness* and lighted parade – December 6, 2013

Media

Newspapers

The major weekly newspaper in the area is the *Pine City Pioneer*, with a circulation of over 3,000. The *Pioneer* is owned by Kanabec Publishing and edited by Mike Gainor. Papers from the Twin Cities are also commonly read.

Television

Pine City receives TV signals from the Twin Cities. Channels include Twin Cities Public Television, WCCO 4, KSTP-TV, KMSP-TV, KARE, WFTC and KSTC-TV.

Radio

WCMP (AM) and WCMP-FM are the two local Pine City stations. The rest are "fringe" stations from surrounding areas. Pine City also receives radio stations from the Twin Cities, St. Cloud and western Wisconsin areas.

Station call sign	Frequency	Tower location	Format	Notable personalities
WCMP (AM)	1350 AM	Pine City, MN	Nostalgia	"Ugly" Del Roberts
WCMP-FM	100.9 FM	Pine City, MN	Country	Doug Fredlund
KMKL	90.3 FM	North Branch, MN	Christian Contemporary	
KNOW-FM	94.1 FM	Pine City, MN	News (Minnesota Public Radio)	
KBEK	95.5 FM	Mora, MN	Oldies	Doug Fredlund
WYSG	96.3 FM	Hinckley, MN	Christian music (LifeTalk Radio)	
KCMP	97.5 FM	Hinckley, MN	Adult Album Alternative (The Current)	
KSJN	104.5 FM	Hinckley, MN	Classical	The Late George Donaldson Fisher
WGVY	105.3 FM	Cambridge, MN	Oldies/Soft Adult Contemporary	
WXCX	105.7 FM	Meenon, WI	Classic Hits	

Fictional references

- In the motion picture *Drop Dead Gorgeous* (1999), starring Kirsten Dunst, there was a fictitious "Miss Pine City" character, portrayed by an actual Pine Citian, Amy Olson.
- Craig Wright, best known as the writer of HBO's *Six Feet Under*, set a series of plays in fictitious "Pine City, Minnesota." These have been performed across the United States: *The Pavilion*, *Orange Flower Water*, *Molly's Delicious*, *Melissa Arctic* and *Grace*, which takes place in Florida, but is about people who come from "Pine City."
- Author Dean Hovey wrote three fictional mystery novels that are set in Pine City: *Where Evil Hides*, *Hooker* and *Unforgettable: A Pine County Mystery*.
- Author Richie Ryan wrote "What We Are: Richie's Story" and "What We Are II: Summer Heat", adult fiction, both set in Pine City.
- In the film *Tommy Boy*,^[17] a deer is hit near Pine City on Tommy Boy's sales trip.

- The Larry Millett book "Sherlock Holmes and the Red Demon" is set against the backdrop of the devastating Hinckley Fire and in the Pine City area.

Pine City in pop culture

- Missing child Aaron Mitchell Anderson, of rural Pine City, appeared in the music video for Runaway Train (Soul Asylum song). After his picture was shown, his full name appeared in large capital letters on the screen along with the words "missing since April 7, 1989".^[18]
- During a battle with a rare form of Leukemia, Pine City resident and U.S. Air Force Cadet Brian Bauman appeared in the March 4, 1996 issue of People (magazine) after receiving a bone marrow match from his Korean homeland.^[19]
- In 2011, a Guinness World Record was set at the Frisbee golf course in Voyageur Park for most holes of disc golf played in a 24-hour period. Dan Schnabel beat the previous record set by over 100 holes and finished with 1,305 holes played including three aces during that time period.^[20]

"Places like Pine City are replacing suburbs as the next wave in community development."

—Jack Schultz, 2005^[21]

- Jack Schultz, founder of a Midwestern economic development firm and author of the book "Boomtown USA" (Published February 1, 2004), said 12 small cities in Minnesota (including Pine City) that he coined "agurbs" were among a group of 397 nationwide to outperform major metropolitan areas and were poised to boom.

Notable residents

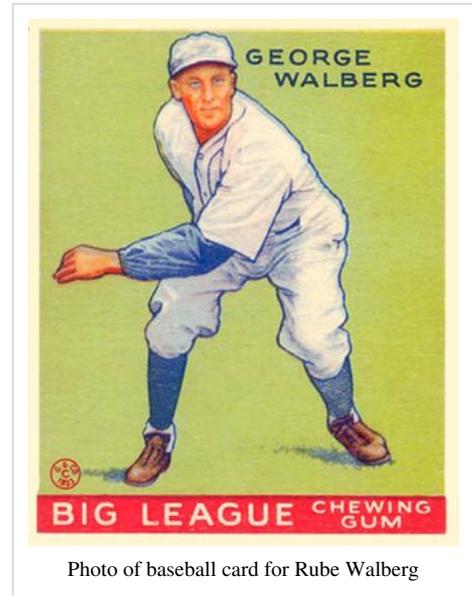
The following list includes those who were either born in, or who have resided (or presently reside) in Pine City:

- Ashley Ackley^[22] - transgendered war vet, first in the World to re-enlist as another gender
- Shane Bauer – photojournalist
- James Bede – politician, US Representative 1903-1909
- Grant Bischoff^[23] – professional hockey player, 1988 NHL Entry Draft, Minnesota North Stars
- Al Blake - professional wrestler a.k.a Vladimir Petrov, or "The Russian Assassin"
- M.A. Brawley - politician, MN House 1876^[24]
- Ben Boo – politician, mayor of Duluth from 1967-1975
- John E. Brown - inventor^[25]
- Randall K. Burrows aka. R.K. - politician, MN Senate 1874^[24]
- Roy Carl Carlson - politician, MN House 1975-76^[24]
- George I. Clem - politician, MN House 1947-48^[24]
- Thomas Connor - fur trader, established the North West Company Post, Medal of Honor recipient
- Bert J. Enger^[26] – philanthropist, memorialized by Enger Tower
- Olivia M. Erickson - person whom which Red Top, Minnesota was named after
- Daniel Fedder^[27] - person whom which the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office" was named after (Acts of the 112th United States Congress)
- Angela Foster - author, poet^[28]



Photo of farmhouse where Bob Mould sequestered himself to and wrote his first solo-album "Workbook"

- Andy Greder^[29] - writer, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Reuters
- Zach Hammill^[30] - director
- Frederick A. Hodge - politician, MN Senate 1895-98^[24]
- Christian Isackson^[31] – Gopher hockey player; drafted by Buffalo Sabres



- Nathan Johnson^[32] - author
- Joe Karas - politician, MN House 1949-56^[24]
- Mesa Kincaid – radio personality, KQRS-FM, WCCO-FM and KSTP-FM
- Jean Lindig Kessler - 1980 Princess Kay of the Milky Way
- Ron Kubesh – professional football player, Baltimore Colts
- Jacob Marteny^[33] aka. Keenan Chavez - adult film star, Colt Studios
- Levi H. McKusick aka. L.H. - politician, MN House 1883-86, 1889–90; MN Senate 1899-1902^[24]
- Al Milgrom^[34] – U Film Society Director, founder of Rivertown Film Festival, later called Minneapolis–Saint Paul International Film Festival
- Johnny Mold aka. Jammin' – professional snocross racer
- Bob Mould – musician, Hüsker Dü, Sugar (American band)
- Adolph Munch - politician, MN House 1872^[24]
- Karla Nelsen – bodybuilder; 1993 AAU Ms. America
- Anna Dickie Olesen – politician, first woman to run for the United States Senate
- Aubrey Olson,^[35] National Goodwill Ambassador, Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon
- Nicholas Olson,^[36] National Goodwill Ambassador, Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon
- L.C. Pedersen - politician, MN House 1919-22^[24]
- Jane Robbins – politician, 32nd mayor of Pine City and its first female mayor
- Allison Rosati – news anchor, WMAQ-TV
- John Sayer - fur trader, established the North West Company Post
- Jon Rydberg – Paralympic athlete
- Jessica Schoper^[37] - actress
- Jeffrey W. Stock - inventor^[38]
- Lee Swanson – news producer, KGTV, KATU
- Rudy Takala - public policy commentator
- Joseph Edward Therrien aka. Joe - politician, MN House 1923-30, 1943-46^[24]
- Glenn Truesdell - politician, MN House 1959-60^[24]
- Rube Walberg – professional baseball player, New York Giants, Philadelphia Athletics, Boston Red Sox
- Jeff Warner aka. J.W. Storm – professional wrestler
- Josh Willcoxon - minor league football player, Minnesota Sting
- Michael Willert - children's author^[39]

Awards and nominations

Year	Award	Description	Nominator(s)	Result
1983	Star City Award	The City was recognized in 1983 by then-DEEDS Commissioner Mark Dayton for its leadership in working with local businesses to ensure continued growth.	John Sparling, Small Business Development Consultant	Won
2008	C.C. Ludwig Award – Mayor Jane Robbins	The League of Minnesota Cities' highest honor for an elected official, the C.C. Ludwig Award, was presented to the mayor for going the extra mile; for her contributions to improved municipal government, for the admiration and respect of the general public toward her, and for her selfless conduct focused on the greater good of the community.	Nathan Johnson, City Planner	Won
2009	Initiative Foundation "Outstanding Community"	The foundation chose Pine City to receive the award because of an uncommon spirit of citizen volunteerism and significant progress toward business, technology, environmental and early childhood issues. The award highlighted efforts to revitalize downtown, attract high-tech companies, preserve local lakes, promote early childhood education and restore community pride.	Nathan Johnson, City Planner	Won
2010	Minnesota Star Lake - Cross Lake	The Cross Lake Association was awarded this honor because of its care for Cross Lake, and managing local natural resources and protecting the environment.	Cross Lake Association	Won
2010	Horizons Community	Pine City successfully completed the Northwest Area Foundation's Horizons Program, an 18-month leadership development program for rural towns with populations of 5,000 or fewer and with poverty rates of at least 10 percent. The program aimed to help the community understand and alleviate symptoms of poverty, and build social capital and prosperity.	Nathan Johnson, City Planner, and Lezlie (Ballis) Sauter, Community Action Council Rep.	Won
2010	"Best Community for Music Education" in America	The award highlighted the community's support of the arts and music and education, all in one.	Bradley Mariska, Pine City High School Band Director	Won
2010	Women in City Government Leadership Award - Mayor Jane Robbins	The mayor was awarded the award for her unique, individual achievements in Pine City, as well as her leadership and mentoring roles both inside and outside of the community.	Nathan Johnson, City Planner	Won
2011	Minnesota Community Pride! Showcase Award	This award highlights the celebration of diversity and culture in the community, particularly with East-Central Minnesota Pride and Pine City's embracing of its people, as well as its courage and the fact that it is a welcoming community.	Nathan Johnson, City Planner	Won
2011	"Best Community for Music Education" in America	The award highlighted the community's support of the arts and music and education, all in one.	Bradley Mariska, Pine City High School Band Director	Won
2011	Yellow Ribbon Community	The City was officially proclaimed a Yellow Ribbon Community by Governor Mark Dayton. To earn the status, Pine City developed a sustainable action plan demonstrating its commitment to service members and military families. In the plan, the community identified and connected leaders in key areas across the community, leveraging existing support activities, building awareness throughout the community and identifying ways of taking action.	Jessica Paulson, Yellow Ribbon Chair, and Cynthia Foster, Committee Member	Won
2012	"Best Community for Music Education" in America	The award highlighted the community's support of the arts and music and education, all in one.	Bradley Mariska, Pine City High School Band Director	Won
2012	"Outstanding Conservationist"	The award highlighted the community's consideration for the environment, particularly with a large-scale rainwater garden projects in the Woodpecker Ridge Neighborhood, the largest project of its kind in Greater Minnesota.	Pine County Soil & Water Conservation District	Won

2013	ArtPlace	Nominated for support from ArtPlace, an unprecedented private-public collaboration of nine of the nation's top foundations, eight federal agencies including the National Endowment for the Arts, and six of the nation's largest banks. ArtPlace supports creative placemaking with grants and loans, research and advocacy. Finalists will be chosen for their potential to have a transformative impact on community vibrancy.	John Nuechterlein of the American Composers Forum	Nominated
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