

**Frodo's Travel and Visitor's Guide**

# **The City of Townsville**



# Laws of Townsville

The following is a brief overview of major laws which differ from legal traditions elsewhere in the Empire, and is not intended as an exhaustive study of the ordinances of Townsville. Travellers who need further guidance are advised to find a local guide or lawyer who is familiar with the thirty-two volumes of Acts of the Selectmen, and the opinions of the magistrates which further define and comment on them.

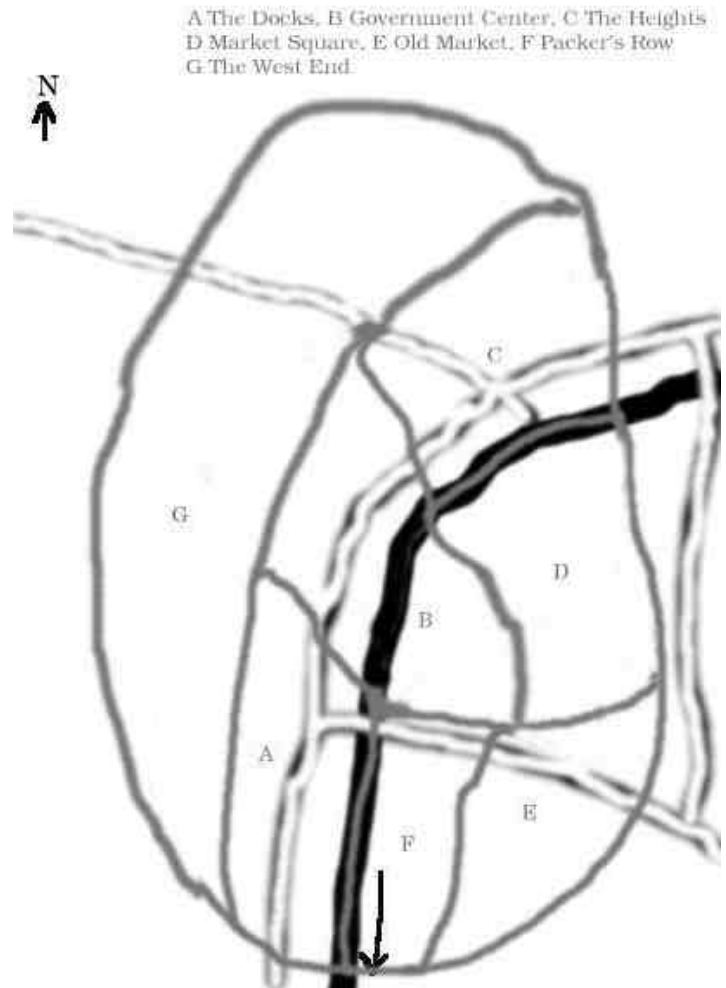
No person taller than 4'6" may carry a weapon or projectile in a public area, unless licensed for the purpose by the constabulary, the military, or the Board of Selectmen.

On the advice of the Division of Public Safety, it is decreed that no person taller than 4'6" may ride in a carriage over a bridge, or on an animal over a bridge; and that all persons over 4'6" in height must wait to cross a bridge until after all persons under 4'6" in height have finished crossing. As per order of the Board of Selectmen, infringers of this law shall receive punishment as decreed by the mayor of Townsville, with none of the usual strictures or limitations on the mayor's powers of enforcement.

By decree of the Board of Selectmen, a restaurant or eating establishment that offers a buffet advertised as "all you can eat" need not allow more than two trips to the buffet by persons taller than 4'6". Furthermore, magistrates of the district are instructed that the implied contract with a diner in an "all you can eat" restaurant is void if it can be shown that the diner had intentionally missed an earlier meal before coming to the buffet.

Any antiquity found that pre-dates the reign of Ludwig the Fat is the common property of the

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people of the Moot and shall be given to the Office of Antiquities along with a modest payment for the labor involved in cataloguing and filing the antiquity. Failure to do so shall be construed as grand theft.

As an hereditary gift to the Jones clan, for their services to the Moot, the selectmen grant members of the Jones clan exclusive permission to wear red carnations on their persons on Founder's Day.

Women of the Jones clan are given the exclusive right to retain their maiden names upon marriage.

## CENSUS DATA FOR THE MOOT, 2500

From the Bureau for Social Policy Division of Counting Heads, as mandated by the Assembled Parliament of the Moot in conjunction with the Office of the Assistant to the Mayor of Townsville:

	Townsville	Citysville	Elsewhere	Total
Halfling	5,277	403	17,682	23,362
Human	919	481	1,112	2,512
Elf	158	50	111	319
Dwarf	153	84	236	473
Human mule	85	25	15	125
Dwarf mule	4	3	2	9
Elf mule	2	0	1	3
Other	3	1	18	22
Total	6,601	1,047	19,177	26,825*

\* The Bureau of Weights, Measures, and Accuracy of Statistics did a review of the census methodology, and reports an estimated undercount of 600-750 persons. Virginia Smith's government watchdog group, Citizens for Getting It Right the First Time, respectfully submits that the more than 20,000 sentient residents of the Townsville Dungeon have been undercounted in this census.

Persons who are not specially licensed to import the following goods are advised that some of these goods will not be allowed, and others will have high tariffs:

Bretonnian alcohol; cats; dogs; equines that stand taller than 20 hands; grains; gunpowder; helmets with ornamentation upon them; monsters; pewter goods; tobacco; warpstone; weapons designed to bludgeon, cut, or pierce

Be it known that handing someone a pamphlet or leaflet which the recipient did not request shall be construed as littering, and the full force of the law shall be brought to bear upon the leafleteer.

## Customs of Townsville

In order to avoid insulting your hosts, visitors to the Moot should have hats appropriate to their station. The customs for when a hat is to be worn and when it is to be doffed are very elaborate in the Moot, but in most instances visitors will avoid major faux pas by tipping or removing their hats in the same situations that they see Mootlanders tipping or removing their hats. The major exceptions, of course, being those cases when it is Festag, or potatoes are served.

Whenever the words "the Dungeon" are used to refer to the Townsville Dungeon, they must be whispered. Alternately, the Dungeon can be referred to as "you-know-where."

## Seasonal Events

*Hexenstag* - New year's festival. To chase away bad luck, people dress up in fearsome costumes. Parades, resanctification of the Temple of Esmeralda.

*Jahrdrung* - Lucky Dragon restaurant celebrates the Cathay new year with fireworks and dances.

*Pflugzeit* - Townsville Horticultural Society holds its annual flower show mid-month.

*Sigmarzeit* - The fourth week of this month marks the Nuln University spring break. During this time, many students come to Townsville to celebrate and get drunk. As a result, the first week of Sommerzeit is usually spent cleaning the city and repairing minor property damage.

*Sommerzeit* - Celebrations of Emperor Ludwig's Day on the 18th of the month (also referred to as Founder's Day), commemorating the day in year 1000 that Emperor Ludwig the Fat issued the royal charter granting Mootlanders administrative autonomy and an electoral seat. Grand state-sponsored parade. Many small area fairs.

*Vorgeheim* - Third week, crafts fair. Strictures on foreign goods are relaxed during this week so that both foreign and domestic craftsmen's products can be made available. Friends exchange gifts on the last day of the fair.

*Gehemnistag* - The day of mystery. Both moons are full on this day, the day of locked doors and shuttered windows. Shops and places of commerce closed.

*Nachgeheim* - Annual multi-sporting event. Includes three-legged races, pie-eating con-

tests, obstacle courses, sausage-eating contests, egg races, egg-cooking/eating contests, etc.

*Erntezeit* - Harvest festival month. Beer festival month. Holy days throughout the month for the Cult of Esmeralda.

*Brauzeit* - Pot luck day on the green. All persons expected to bring dishes to this giant smorgasbord for the whole city. The event takes place over two days and clean-up takes places over the following two weeks.

*Ulriczeit* - Civic holiday on which annual licenses, contracts, and liens are renewed. Takes place on the 20th of the month, and on that one day all people are licensed for all civil tasks.

*Vorhexen* - During the last week of the year, bonfires are lit. Resolutions to give up certain bad habits are traditionally made, and items, generally symbolic, related to the resolution, are thrown into the bonfires.

## Sightseeing

*The Changing of the Guard* - The honor guard which protects against thrill-seekers entering the old Dungeon of Overdarkhaven, and protects the city from its denizens. [The Arena]

*The Chocolatier* - Every business day at four o'clock sharp, Tucker Burrbottom selects one lucky child from the throng in front of the Chocolatier shop and publicly makes a chocolate cast of his face. [The Heights]

*The Clock Tower* - The Clockenspiel hourly presents a short clockwork display of various cheerful and humorous occurrences: a man eating sausages, a young Mootlander lad and

lass courting, a nagging wife harassing a clockmaker. Each hour is represented by the number of clockwork scenes displayed. [Parliament House, Government Center]

*Festhaus* - An open-air cafetorium with many benches and a large stage at one end, as well as several smaller platforms scattered throughout. Beer stalls and carts selling sweetmeats and pretzels and such are arrayed along the outskirts of the area, and performances take place throughout the day, the performers paid by the coalition of stall and cart merchants, and through tips. [The Block, Old Market]

*In Our Fathers' Footsteps Tour* - Bronze footprints which provide a walking tour of historical sites and homes in the city of Townsville. [Starts at the Common Green, Government Center]

*Ludwig's Promontory* - Called Moot Point by the more frivolous elements, this outcropping, which resembles a man's face, was named in honor of the Emperor who bestowed the royal charter allowing Mootlanders autonomy. [The Heights]

*Throckbottom Municipal Snotball Stadium* - Home to the Short Order Cooks, sponsored by the Cult of Esmeralda, and the Townsville Power, sponsored by the Most Ancient and Honored Order of Freighters and Teamsters. [Government Center]

*The Townsville Petting Zoo* - Ponies (and pony rides!), hedgehogs, pygmy goats, guinea pigs, lambs, bunnies. [Elector's Park, West End]

*Townsville Public Gardens* - Marvel at the elaborate tapestry of flowers, creating the largest "paintings" in all the Empire. New designs are unveiled each year. [Common Green, Government Center]



*The Townsville Wild Animal Preserve* - Goats, snakes, geese, deer, foxes, otter, stoats. [Elector's Park, West End]

## Historic Sites

### *The Arena & Dungeon*

Fifteen hundred years ago, this area was the site of the human fortress of Overdarkhaven. The fortress was built over a gaping maw into a pit of chaos; horrible mutants surged up from the depths of the earth. The dungeon of the fortress, it is said, contains many heavy gates and magical wardings, but even they proved not always effective against



the horrors from the nether-realms. What is known with certainty is that the last line of defense against the denizens of the Dungeon of Overdarkhaven is a large metal gate located in the center of the arena.

The human soldiers who guarded the fortress were a very violent, rowdy bunch—even more so than most humans—due to the baleful influence of the chaos pit. To give his soldiers (and himself) an acceptable means of working off this aggression, General Thrug Darkblood, the high commander of Overdarkhaven, had an arena built. Combatants would battle, sometimes simply sparring, but other times to the death. It is said that criminals or prisoners of war would be made to battle within the arena for the pleasure of spectators, and sometimes the trap door in the center of the arena would be left open, to add to the danger: opponents might be forced back into the pit, to fall to their deaths if they were lucky, and to survive the fall if they were not; or creatures from below might attack those within the arena pit.

About a dozen years after the official charter was granted to Mootlanders, wizards from around the realm sealed the Dungeon for good. The gate to the Dungeon still remains in the center of the Arena Shopping District, an iron door covered in chains and padlocks, with numerous magical wardings.



Legend has it that for years after the final sealing of the Dungeon, a former soldier of Overdarkhaven who settled in Townsville continued to daily pace back and forth by the grate, sword in hand, despite the strong chains and powerful magics already guarding it. The soldier, by the name of Boz, was considered not-quite-right in the head, but was allowed to continue this vigil until his final days.

But of course, those are just charming old legends, and the Arena Marketplace is a busy and delightful shopping district, especially for tourists to the city of Townsville. [Old Market]

Some of the highlights in the Arena Marketplace include:

- \* The Wax Museum, complete with a replica dungeon. The little ones can enjoy peering through the bars and pretending to be fearsome beasts.

- \* The Museum of Unexplained Pelts and Hides.

- \* The Test of the Warrior, a festive performance held at noon each Festag throughout autumn on the Arena Stage. Five dancers with colorfully ribboned batons perform an elaborate stylized mock combat.

#### *John A. E. Jones Memorial House O' Justice*

In 1381, finding their own quarters in the City Hall to be cramped (particularly after then Mayor Jones asked to Townsville Boys' Marching Band to practice daily in City Hall), the Court of Supreme Magistrates and Mediators resolved to relocate the court to Elisabeth Thistle's household. The Board of Selectmen, upon petition from Elisabeth Thistle, resolved in 1382 to build the new Courthouse, named for the late chief justice John A. E. Jones. [Government Center]

### *Our Lady of the Blessed Hearth*

The central church of the Cult of Esmeralda. The Mother Superior of the Blessed Hearth is traditionally considered the matriarch of the Cult and other churches to Esmeralda pay the Mother Superior and her agents respect and courtesy. On the passing of a Mother Superior, the next Mother Superior is “chosen” by a family meeting of the Cult of Esmeralda. All the Fathers and Mothers of the various churches to Esmeralda gather in Townsville to discuss who will become the next Mother Superior. If the Mother Superior has a consort, he is often referred to as the Father Superior, but holds no especial power over the Cult. The period of time between the passing of one Mother Superior and the election of a new one is the only time during which the hearth fires within the churches of Esmeralda are extinguished. [Government Center]

### *Parliament House*

The seat of Mootish government, where the selectors meet to choose the elector, and to vote upon matters which affect the entire Moot. The current Prime Minister is Briar Thistle. [Government Center]

### *Townsville City Hall*

The seat of government for the city of Townsville. Inquiries and requests should always be passed through the Office of the Assistant to the Mayor. [Government Center]

## Theatres

*Glossop Theatre* - Tragedies, histories, and comedies, plus their yearly musical extravaganza. [Government Center]

*Ilsa's Dancers at the Docks* - Musical revue. [The Docks]

*Public Stage* - Available for use via arrangement with the Town Hall. [Common Green, Government Center]

*The Roundabout Juggling Dramatists* - A comedy group with their own permanent theatre. [Old Market]

*Townsville Puppet Palace* - Classic stories retold. [Government Center]

## Galleries

*The Deirdre Thistle Gallery* - Contemporary work and commissioned pieces. [The Heights]

*Elven Tribal Art* - Sculpture, masks, textiles, artifacts, footwear, and jewelry; special exhibitions. [Old Market]

*Penniworth's* - Paintings and statuary by both famous and up-and-coming artists; appraisals and restoration. [Old Market]

*The Quilt Museum* - Antique quilts and needlework. [West End]

## Shopping

The spectacular assortment of shops and shopping plazas throughout Townsville provide the modern traveller with anything he might reasonably want or need. A few areas of special note:

*The Block* - Items auctioned at the Block include antiques, livestock, indentured servitude (debtors), and estate items. It is also a place where gambling is done on the outcome

## LODGING & ACCOMMODATIONS

Name	Location	Price	# of Rooms	Rating	Amenities
The Dockside	The Docks	6s	8	2	
The Heritage	Government Center	2g	10	9	restaurant, guides, concierge, room service, porter, maid service, bar breakfast
Parliament Hill Guest House	Government Center	1g	2	7	breakfast
Star's Hollow	The Heights	1g, 4s	6	7	room service, bath
Bailey Tower	Market Square	1g	12	5	balcony, breakfast
Donkey Row Apartments	Market Square	18s	18	6	shared kitchen, laundry facilities
Rutherford's	Market Square	16s	4	6	breakfast, dinner
Bott Manor	Old Market	1g	3	7	maid service
The Jabberwock's Lair	Old Market	1g, 4s	12	5 / 9*	guides, tours, meals, room service, gift shop, petting zoo, "mystery weekends"
Mrs. Lovett's	Packer's Row	14s	1	3	meals, laundry, barber on premises
Wesson House	Packer's Row	12s	8	4	keyed entry, laundry facilities, pawn shop on premises
Master of the House	West End	18s	8	6	restaurant, bar

\* The Jabberwock's Lair has great ambiance, being a themed resort area, but is average in its more traditional services.

of sporting events. Anything that is of a variable price is generally hawked at the Block. [Old Market]

*Farmer's Market* - This daily selection of fresh produce, milk, eggs, and other foodstuffs represents the vast array of area farmers. [Common Green, Government Center]

*Trade Fairs* - Various trade fairs take place throughout the year, at numerous locations.

### Clothing

*Bangles and Dangles* - Low-priced jewelry and decorations. [Arcade South, Old Market]

*Bodmin* - Bespoke hatter to the elector. [Arcade West, Old Market]

*Bullwag's Fine Furs, Pelts & Leathers* [Old Market]

*Dagney's Canes, Ties, Kerchiefs, and Other Accessories for the Gentleman* [Arcade West, Old Market]



## RESTAURANTS & EATERIES

Name - Cuisine	Location	Price	Ambiance	Food	Service	Hours
Hook and Whistle - fish bar	The Docks	4s	2	4	4	2p-9p
The Leaky Bucket - fish bar	The Docks	1-2s	1	5	3	10a-8p
The Net - fish family bar	The Docks	3s	3	7	4	11a-8p
The Apple Cart - deli pastry produce	Government Center	4s	6	7	6	11a-7p
The Heritage - inn fine dining bar	Government Center	9s	7	7	9	11a-1a
Sarah's Soup and Salad - soup salad	Government Center	2-3s	4	6	5	11a-7p
Baker's Delight - bakery public oven	The Heights	2s	4	7	6	4a-6p
The Chocolatier - candy	The Heights	1-2g	7	8	9	3p-8p
Mary Jo Ellen's - family	The Heights	6s	7	7	7	7a-10p
The Sunny Side - breakfast	The Heights	5s	6	8	7	5a-noon
Wesley's - fine dining bar	The Heights	2g	9	9	8	6p-1a
The Daily Grind - coffee pastry	Market Square	4s	9	7	5	6a-4p
The Food Court - anything	Market Square	2-7s	4-6	5-7	4-6	10a-7p
Lucky Dragon - Cathayan bar	Market Square	6s	8	6	7	4p-1a
Sandwich Board - deli	Market Square	6s	5	6	5	11a-7p
The Bottery Barn - candy	Old Market	9s	4	8	6	24/7
Hillary's House of Chicken - chicken	Old Market	3s	2	8	7	1p-7p
Grumpy's - bar	Packer's Row	3s	3	6	2	2p-3a
Hogshead Deli - deli	Packer's Row	4s	3	7	5	11a-6p
Mrs. Lovett's - meat pies	Packer's Row	3s	2	7	5	11a-7p
Bread & Beans - bakery public oven	West End	1s	3	6	7	4a-7p
Family Feedbag - family bar	West End	2-3s	6	5	6	11a-9p
The Happy Swallow - bar	West End	4s	4	6	8	5p-midnight
Master of the House - inn family bar	West End	3s	6	6	7	5p-midnight
Mrs. Mooney's Pie Shop - pies pastry	West End	4s	4	7	8	noon-8p

*Esther Waingood, Seamstress* [Donkey Row, Market Square]

*Galadriel's* - Shoes, stockings, and footwear. [Arcade West, Old Market]

*Harold's Specialty Boutique* - Specializes in "big and tall" apparel for the non-Mootlander Mootlander. [Donkey Row, Market Square]

*Kilwood Throckbottom, Tailor* [The Heights]

*Latham's Fine Footwear* [Arcade South, Old Market]

*Little Angels* - Children's new and previously new clothing. [West End]

*Millie's Milliner Creations* - Exciting and exotic selection of hats, wimples, bonnets, and wigs. [Market Square]

*Morton Smock, Tailor* [Market Square]

*Mystique* - Clothing made from "found" materials. [The Block, Old Market]

*The Sturdy Outfit* - Clothes. [Market Square]

*Victoria's Bridal Apparel* [West End]

### Domestic Services

*Bramblebury's Laundry and Alterations* [Government Center]

*Chang's Laundering Services* - Pick up and same day service. [Market Square]

*Freddie Bott's China and Small Animal Delivery & Cleaning Service* - Same-day service. [Packer's Row]

*Hazenstern Landscaping Service* - Planting, pruning, and conceptual design. [West End]

*Myron Kettlefish* - Contractor and zoning consultant. [Government Center]

*Smuckenmeyer's Ice House* [The Heights]

*Van Dyke's Chimney Services* - Chimney services and odd jobs. [Packer's Row]

*Wesson's Smithy* - Locksmithing and custom-made items. [Old Market]

*Winston's Pest Control* [West End]

### **Financial Services**

*Ben & Ron Wesson Collections* [Packer's Row]

*Dawes, Tomes, Mousley, Grubbs Fidelity*

*Fiduciary Bank* - Mortgages, investments, and insurance. [The Heights]

*Jones & Hyssop, Accountants and Tax Attorneys* [Government Center]

*Jones, Jones, Hyssop & Jones Banking, Trusts & Insurance* [Government Center]

*Severus Thistle, Bespoke Accountant to the Selectmen* [Government Center]

*Vincent Sikes Moneylending Services* [Packer's Row]

*West End Financial Services* [West End]

### **Gifts and Souvenirs**

*Blackie's* - Replicas and antique human torture devices, mostly non-functional. [The Arena, Old Market]

*The Dragon's Den* [The Arena, Old Market]

*Esmeralda's Blessing* - Crystals and fortunes. [The Arena, Old Market]

*Fru Fru's* - Games, toys, and hobbies. [Market Square]

*The Hobby Shoppe Outlet Store* [Donkey Row, Market Square]

*In a Pinch* - Tobacconist. [Donkey Row, Market Square]

*Jessamyn's* - Bespoke tobacconist to the elector. Tobacco, snuff boxes, cigarette cases. [Arcade West, Old Market]

*Lullabye's* - Toys and dolls. [West End]

*Madame Merryworth* - Palm reading and fortunes. [The Docks]

*Mootlander's Best Friend* - Pet shop and veterinary services. [Market Square]

*The Silver Lute* - Finely crafted musical instruments. [Old Market]

*Silverwood Moonrider* - Cheese wheels, cheese baskets, and breads. [The Arena, Old Market]

*The Snuff Box* - Tobacco, pipes, hookahs. [Market Square]

*A Vintage Year* - Wine shop. [Old Market]

*Wendell's Jams & Preserves* - Also stock pickles, grains, dried foods, spices, etc. [Old Market]

*Wicker & Turf* - Sports memorabilia. [Government Center]

### **Health Services**

*Hanz's Muscle Therapy Parlor* [Market Square]

*Medaye's Massage & Escort Service* [Old Market]

*Luke Pelsworthy, DDS* [Old Market]

*Dr. Rusalka's Haus of Psychotherapy* [Packer's Row]

*Dr. Andy Thistle, MD* [The Heights]

*William Wayland, MD* [West End]

### **Household Goods**

*By Design* - Paintings, wall hangings, rugs, and other interior decorations. [Arcade South, Old Market]

*Glorinda's Antiques* - Antique furniture and knickknacks. [West End]

*MacKinton's General Store* - Assorted small items. [West End]

*The Nail on the Head* - Hardware and paint. [West End]

*Pears* - Furniture and general goods. [Market Square]

*Tuppy's Home Furnishings* - Furniture and decorations. [Old Market]

### **Services**

*Amusements by Martin* - Organ grinder/clown/magician/mime/window washer. [Government Center]

*Castor's Coach Service* - Services all major travel routes. [West End]

*Dakota's Body Piercing & Tattoos* [The Docks]

*Eldridge's Funeral Parlor* [Market Square]

*Fenton Twaddle Doll Repair & Restoration* [Market Square]

*Frieda Greymabble, Coiffeuse* [West End]

*Karl's Walking Tour of Townsville* - Tour guide. [Government Center]

*Keifer's Barber Shop* [West End]

*Shady Meadows Funeral Home* [West End]

*Sheldon's Hackney Cab Service* - Carriage tours of the city, porter service. [Government Center]

*Todd's Barber Shop* [Packer's Row]

*Townsville Communal Stables* - Stabling and pony rentals. [West End]

*Townsville Public Bathhouse* - Bathing facilities and sauna. [Market Square]

*Willem Post, Handyman* [West End]

### **Social & Introduction Services**

*Goodwife Mary Jo Ellen's Introduction Services for Young Mootlanders* - Mootlanders only! [The Heights]

*Hyssop Matchmakers* - Matchmaking, marriage planning, and legal services. [Government Center]

*Javier's Dance Hall* - Specializes in Estalian dances - tango, pasa doble, and cha-cha. [The Heights]

*The Jones Club* - A social club for young gentlemen. [Government Center]

*Our Lady of the Blessed Hearth Matchmaking and Gift Registry* [Government Center]

*Robinson Introductions* - Introducing merchants and government officials who wish to

find partners in cooperatives and joint ventures. [Government Center]

*Sweet's Dancing School* - Instruction in minuets, waltzes, and square dancing. [West End]

*Third Time's a Charm* - Matchmaking service specializing in introductions for the mature Mootlander. [West End]

## **Day Trips**

### *The Cheery Blossom Orchards*

Hourly tours ending with fruit picking; one piece of fruit free with the tour! There are two gristmills on the stream through the orchard, one of which offers tours to the public. Some areas of the orchard are available to rent for social functions.

### *The Town of Citysville*

Citysville is situated on a small island in the river of Narn. This heavily-human-populated area serves primarily as a residence for workers, but there are several sights worth seeing, including the Kislevite Tea Room, Dr. Melthusius's Zoocopeia (Exhibition of the Extraordinary and the Bizarre), and the tallest building in the Moot, the six-story Steinhäger office complex.

### *Williamsburg Falls*

This picturesque, idyllic waterfall is the perfect spot for the Mootlander who wants a break from the hustle and bustle of city life. Less than a two hour coach ride from the Townsville city limits, it is a favorite spot of poets and honeymooners.

Are you a shop or service interested in being listed in the next edition of Frodo's? Please contact: *Frodo's Travel Guides, The Steinhäger Office Complex, Suite B, Citysville.*