

Spring/Summer 2026 Isantian

Coming Soon!
To enhance security and official identity, our website and staff emails will soon transition to a .gov address.

Season Calendar

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- City Hall Closed
 - Street Dance
 - City Meeting
 - Family Event
 - Amp It Up
- **Dates in Red Indicate Compost Site is Open.**

We have a **NEW Website!**



Full Calendar & Updates:
cityofisanti.us



Mayor's Memo

By Mayor Luke Merrill

What a great year the City of Isanti had in 2025! We made meaningful improvements to city services & parks, expanded outreach with residents & contractors, and effectively reduced the tax rate by another 5%. We also saw substantial small business and commercial growth.

Taxes have remained our primary focus. I'm proud to report that Isanti's leadership team has accomplished the largest current total tax rate reduction of any city in Minnesota. In year 2017 the city had an extremely high tax rate of 83%. For year 2026, we passed a budget with a 41.686% final tax rate. That means a 45% reduction in what you would have paid. This success has been a result of wise fiscal decisions consistently the last few years. We were able to pass that lean budget while still actually further planning for long-term infrastructure. I thank the residents of Isanti for electing such a fiscally strong group of council members, and our staff for sticking with it.

Public safety has also been a major priority. As I shared in the Fall 2025 Isantian, strengthening our police department was a key goal. I'm happy to report that our Police department is now fully staffed for the first time in years. You may have noticed new squad cars as well. Through improved long-term planning and capital investment, including bringing maintenance in-house, we are increasing our law enforcement service quality, while also saving taxpayer dollars.

The Creamery building was sold in 2025 and is now being renovated, with plans to reopen the restaurant soon! This effort was made possible through state revitalization grant funds, hardworking city staff, and ambitious new owners; without using city tax dollars! Growing up just blocks from the Creamery, I have always seen and valued its importance to our community. Bringing it back was a goal of mine, and I'm proud to have supported its return. Significant private investment like this reflects the confidence businesses have in Isanti's direction and leadership.

In 2025, the "Illuminate Isanti" Christmas light show transitioned from a city-run event costing roughly \$50,000 annually to a volunteer-led effort. Thanks to an incredible group of volunteers, the event continued with virtually no taxpayer expense beyond limited staff transition support. That means more money stays in your pockets while preserving a free holiday tradition for families to enjoy. We are grateful for everyone who made that possible.

It's not just Christmas lights that are bright in the City of Isanti, our future is too! Thank you for making this community such a great place to live and for supporting me as your Mayor, and us as your council. We will continue working hard for you and for the businesses that help our city thrive!

Open Seats - 4 Year Terms:
Mayor
City Councilmember (2 Seats)

CITY OF ISANTI ELECTIONS - 2026	May 19, 2026 June 2, 2026
	Candidate Filing Period
	August 11, 2026
	Primary Election
November 3, 2026	
General Election	

For more information visit the elections page on the City of Isanti website.

Stay Connected:

- Website: cityofisanti.us
- Call: 763-444-5512
- Follow us on Facebook.
- Sign up for ENotifications.

Parks & Recreation

Summer 2026
FREE TO ATTEND

22 APR | **Earth Day**
Volunteers needed! Sign-up today! 

2 MAY | **Kids Archery Day**
11am-2pm ~ Located at the Archery Range 

27 MAY **24 JUNE**
5 & 19 AUG | **Family Summer Entertainment Series** 
5:00pm-7:00pm ~
Located at Bluebird Park Amphitheater

9 JULY  | **Fireworks in the Park**
10:00pm/Dusk ~ Located at Bluebird Park Amphitheater

10 JULY  | **Splish Splash Summer Bash**
11am - 3pm - Located at Bluebird Park Amphitheater

13 JUNE **25 JULY**
8 AUG | **Isanti Downtown Street Dances**
7pm-11pm 

12 SEP | **Amp It Up** 
7pm-11pm ~ Bluebird Park Amphitheater

20 SEP  | **Fall Family Day**
3pm-5pm ~ Located at Legacy Park

Isanti Fire District

Don't Let Your Tech Start a Fire. Rechargeable batteries are everywhere, but they require care. The Isanti Fire District recommends:

- Use approved gear (chargers and batteries).
- Charge on hard, flat surfaces (no beds or sofas).
- Recycle properly (never in the trash).
- Get out and call 911 if you see smoke or flames.

Liquor Store

Did You Know? Your Local Cheers Go a Long Way!

- **Top-Tier Performance:** Out of 176 municipal liquor stores in Minnesota, Isanti Liquor ranks 24th in net profit efficiency (2023 State Auditor Report).
- **Investing in Isanti:** Since 2021, the store has poured \$2,470,895 back into the City's General Fund to support local services.
- **A Local Staple:** We've been proudly serving the community for over 58 years, opened December 20, 1967.
- **By the Numbers:** Last year alone, our team handled 83,273 transactions!
- **The Best Customers:** None of this would be possible without our amazing customers—Isanti Liquor truly has the best customers in the state!

 **SHOP ONLINE ANYTIME ~ IsantiLiquor.com**
10 6th Ave SE ~ 763-444-5063 

Community Development

- **Ready to take your business to the next level?** Don't miss out on our latest round of **Entrepreneur Workshops!**
 - Connect with industry experts and fellow founders to sharpen your competitive edge.
 - Head over to the City Website now to secure your spot and see what's in store.
- **Need a building or zoning permit?** You can now complete the entire application process quickly and easily via our website.

Council Corner

- **Calling all contractors:** Sign up for our email notifications to receive summaries of upcoming city projects estimated over \$10,000 and learn how to submit your bids or quotes.
- **Roundabout Construction:** Final work on the roundabout is scheduled for 2026—please follow the City Facebook page for the latest updates on upcoming detours.
- **Skate Park Upgrades:** Phase 1 was approved in November, you can now visit the City website for the latest details and timelines on the proposed improvements.

Police Department

ATV's and Golf Carts:

- Special vehicles [Class 1 ATV's and golf carts not including side by side UTV's] operated within city limits need to obtain a special vehicle permit from the Police Department. Class 2 ATV's do not need a city permit. All ATV's and applicable recreational vehicles need to abide by state laws and display state registration if applicable. The city special vehicle permit application is found on the city website. The application may be mailed to the police department for processing.
- Refer to MN DNR laws regarding state laws requiring ATV/UTV operators to wear helmets. All persons under 18 years old must wear DOT approved helmets when on an ATV or UTV. All persons are encouraged to wear a helmet no matter the length they plan on operating.

Public Works

- **Save the Date:** City Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 16. Check the city website soon for the full price list of items.
- **Water Wise:** Odd/Even watering starts May 1. For a healthy lawn, aim for one inch of water per week, preferably in the early morning.
- **Yard Restoration:** If city plows damaged your sod, repairs (black dirt/seed) are coming as soon as conditions allow.
- **System Health:** Hydrant and water main flushing will occur throughout the spring. See Facebook for updates!

New & Growing in Isanti!

- Dana's Bookstore
- Northern Light's Toys
- Berres Excavating
- Delightful Acres Weddings and Events
- Gillespie Law Firm
- Dominoes
- Ohana Chiropractic and Wellness
- Precision Window Tint
- Plugs Garage
- Wolf River Electric
- Pump Republic
- Holiday
- Color Craft
- BP Metals Inc.
- JuneBug Music and Lessons
- Turpen Realty
- Tony Zerwas - Mortgage Broker
- ReelVision