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Letter from the Mayor



**Mayor
George A. Wimmer**

CITY MEETING DATES:

All meetings are held at
City Hall:
110 1st Ave. NW

CITY COUNCIL

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

Held at 5:45 prior to the
2nd City Council Meeting
of the month

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

4th Tuesday of the month
at 5:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

4th Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.

We have gone through another summer of considerable change. The 65/5 intersection has been significantly improved for safety and 3rd Avenue by the soccer fields will be paved with an adjoining bike trail. Our Water Treatment Facility will start treating our water and removing harmful radium and the nuisance iron and manganese which makes our water "hard" and at times foul smelling. Railroad crossing arms for South Passage are expected to be installed by the end of year 2010 – completing the safety improvements to all railroad crossings in the City of Isanti.

I want to extend a welcome to all of our new residents. We have had a burst of home sales this year. Seventy-seven foreclosed homes alone have sold from January through July. This is without the aid of the over \$500,000 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds currently working through the system. We have roughly another dozen applications for these funds at some stage of the process. If interested in this program please visit our website at www.cityofisanti.us. We are the only community in the region that won NSP funds. There is still a long way to go, but we are moving in the right direction.

Another great piece of news is that we were successful in our application for a COPS grant. We were only 1 of 14 communities in the state of Minnesota to win this grant. The grant will pay for one of our existing police officers for three years. This helps balance a budget that has been ravaged by state cuts, nonpayment of taxes and assessments and an 18% increase in insurance premiums. This leads me to my next topic – the 2010 budget.

When I was first elected to the Council in 2005 the City Levy was 74.211%. The 2009 final City Levy is 55.231% or a 26% decrease in just 4 years. This is just the City of Isanti's portion of your property tax bill - the state, county and school district combined make up the majority of your property taxes. The LGA Flip Plan I introduced earlier this year has given us greater control of our financial future and has been praised as a blueprint for other communities. We are not finished with the 2010 budget yet but the initial plan is to at worse, have a zero increase in our City Property Tax Levy. To accomplish this we have set forth a budget with a zero increase in pay for all City employees, City consultants and numerous other savings while not impacting service level. We will actually be improving City services most noticeably with the Water Treatment Facility.

Isanti has been recognized for leadership in two critical issues – Home Foreclosures and Downtown Development. I was 1 of 3 Mayors asked to speak at a press conference held in St. Paul announcing funds to combat home foreclosures, the others being the Mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis. I was asked to speak about Downtown Development at this summer's League of Minnesota Cities Conference and explain our recent successes. Numerous cities have contacted me to learn more about our great community. Isanti is leading the way into a brighter future.

I want to touch on communication. I have tried to make myself as available to our Citizens as possible and share what we are doing as a City. I also respond immediately to Citizen Input. As part of this I have a website at www.georgewimmer.com – a blog at www.georgewimmer.blogspot.com – a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GeorgeAWimmer - and a twitter account at www.twitter.com/mayorwimmer. You may also reach me at george@georgewimmer.com or my cell phone 763-442-8749. It is a privilege to serve and I hope I will hear from you soon on how we can do even better.

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Meeting dates as noted on page 2 and all changes will be posted on the website, at City Hall and the Post Office. Special Meetings & times will also be posted on the website, City Hall and Post Office.

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Community Development

Sign Reminders

- As this is the season for garage sales and garage sale signs, the City would like to remind those individuals locating such signs along City streets, to please remove the sign after the sale is complete.
- The City would like to remind local businesses that handwritten signs, whether temporary or permanent, are prohibited. All signs must be professionally made.
- Signs shall not be placed upon any public utility pole.
- Signs are not permitted within the public right-of-way.

City Flag

Upon completion of the final design for the City Flag, a ceremony was scheduled to raise the flag on the fourth flag pole located near the entrance to City Hall. On June 30th, 2009, members of the City Council as well as key participants in the project gathered to witness the raising of the new official City Flag. Today, the flag proudly waves above the entrance to City Hall for all to see.

Nuisance Complaints

As a reminder, grass mowing nuisances are handled on a complaint basis. To express your concern on a property, please call Community Service Officer Wacha at 763-444-4761.

Economic Development Authority

cvita@cityofisanti.us • 763-444-5512

Neighborhood Stabilization Program – Funds

You may have heard that the City applied for a grant and received funds for people to purchase foreclosed homes in targeted neighborhoods within our community. Limited funds are available for down-payment assistance and for rehabilitation of a home.

The intent is to fill some of the vacant foreclosed homes and to bring some stability back to our neighborhoods. If you know someone who is interested in purchasing a home, this is a wonderful opportunity. Please contact Lenee at Central Minnesota Housing Partnership at 320.259.0393 or visit the CMHP website at www.cmhp.net for more information.

Downtown Mural

The City of Isanti applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 grant to cover a portion of the costs associated with painting a mural on the American Family Insurance building in our downtown. The grant was from the East Central Regional Development Commission's East Central Arts Council. Their assistance on this matter is greatly appreciated. The artists of the mural are Walter Horcher and Lisa Marie, the same painters that completed the latest mural. You are encouraged to stop by and visit this artwork. The mural is located just south of the Creamery Crossing Cafe.

Economic Development Authority

Mayor Wimmer and City Staff have been conducting business retention and expansion visits with our local businesses. These meetings enable City Staff and local officials to learn more about each of the businesses; to find out any needs, concerns, or questions that the business owner may have. City Staff and officials have learned from the businesses visited. The business visit with Isanti Custom Meats led to the development of Isanti Retail Meats. In another business visit, the local business owner was provided with a resource folder of information. A few months later, City Staff was contacted to assist them, remembering their conversation from the business visit. City Staff was able to help in solving their problem.

The City also supports Economic Development efforts thru supporting the Small Business Development Center. If your business is experiencing any challenges, or just has questions, please call Carla Vita at City Hall at 763.444.5512 or via e-mail at cvita@cityofisanti.us. The City of Isanti helps fund our local SBDC office. Representatives at the office have a wealth of information to help a business that has just started or to aid a business that has been around for many years. Please contact Jordan Zeller at 320-679-4065 or Craig Bakken at 763-433-1964; both with the SBDC with any business questions.

Mayor Wimmer, Mr. Joe Demo, Isanti Retail Meats owner, and City Staff were invited to speak at the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference in June 2009. This conference brings together the elected leaders and staff of cities throughout Minnesota. The League was impressed with the teamwork, approach, financing, and creativity that the City had for the Isanti Retail Meats project. The City brought together a variety of funding sources to assist Mr. Demo's project. The funding sources include: Mr. Demo, the City of Isanti, Community Pride Bank, the East Central Regional Development Commission, the Cambridge-Isanti School District and Isanti County. After the presentation, many cities complimented us on this project. We note, however, that teamwork made this project a reality. The project stemmed from a business visit with Mayor Wimmer and then Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce President Jaysen Guthmueller. Isanti Retail Meats has created jobs, tax base and another niche business in our downtown.

New Business Relocation

We urge you to let Community Development Director Vita (763-444-5512 or cvita@cityofisanti.us) know of any business or industry that may have interest in our community or that may be considering locating from their current location. The Isanti Team will work to assist the business in becoming a part of our community.

Road Construction

For road construction updates, please check the City's website, www.cityofisanti.us and click on the Construction link for more information.

Community Development

Building Department

building-inspections@cityofisanti.us • 763-444-5512

As the cooler nights come upon us and more people start enjoying recreational camp fires, let me remind you that the state Fire Marshall's regulation limits the fire to a 3' circle with a 3' tall flame. That fire should be a minimum 25' from all combustibles. That could include a wooden swing or play set, a tree, or even a privacy fence.

Some of the foreclosed homes are being purchased and then used as rental units. The City of Isanti does require that rental homes be licensed and inspected per our rental licensing ordinance. If you are involved in a property that is being rented and that may not be licensed, please give me a call.

To date one new home permit has been issued this year. In checking with the surrounding communities, that is what they are all experiencing as well. It appears that people are purchasing existing homes instead of building. Even though the new home permits are non-existent, we have been busy with other permits. The total number of permits for 2009 through the first week of August is 205. That compares to 281 at this time in 2008 and 145 for the same time period in 2007. Most of the 2009 permits are for home improvements or repairs such as windows, roofing, or siding replacement, with decks and lower level finishes running a close second. As always, if you are unsure as to whether a permit is needed for your project or have a construction question, please don't hesitate to give my office a call at 444.5512 or e-mail me at: building-inspections@cityofisanti.us.

Building Permit Reminder

We understand the importance of your building project and in an effort to make it go as smoothly as possible may we offer these suggestions. When you submit your application, please allow ample time for us to process your application and check to see that you are submitting all the information required to process the permit. If you have any questions with submittal documents, the front staff is very competent regarding the necessary information. Please be assured that we will try to process your permit as quickly as possible. In some cases your permit may be ready within the hour, but because of conditions beyond our control, a permit may take a week or more. We appreciate your help and patience while we do the best we can. At any time should you have any questions on a building permit and timelines, please call Rick Sames at 444.5512 or e-mail him at: building-inspections@cityofisanti.us.

Amendments to Recreational Vehicle Parking Code

On April 21, 2009, the City Council approved an amendment to Chapter 227, Article II of the Isanti City Code; which establishes regulations for the parking and storage of recreational vehicles and other equipment within residential areas of the City. The amendments established seasonal time frames for the parking of snowmobiles, which will be permitted from December 1st to April 1st and ATVs, which will be permitted from June 1st to November 30th.

Snowmobiles and ATVs will be permitted within the front yard, during the time period noted above; providing that such vehicles must be on a trailer in the driveway. If such vehicles are located in the rear of side yards (with or without a trailer), there is no restriction on the time period allowed per calendar year. However, the vehicles must be no closer than three (3) feet from the property line, must be located on an impervious surface, and must be screened from adjacent properties. A copy of the code can be found on the city's website at www.cityofisanti.us. If you have questions regarding the new code provisions, please contact Steve Wacha, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761.

Heartland Express

The Heartland Express is a rural public transit system serving all of Isanti and Chisago Counties. There are no age restrictions, but children must be 7 years of age to ride by themselves.

All bus routes are deviated which means that we can stop at your curb to pick you up. Our fares are economically priced to fit everyone's budget. This low-cost method of transportation can offer substantial savings over the cost of operation and maintaining a personal vehicle. Rising gas prices, maintenance and insurance costs make taking the Heartland Express a smart alternative. Book your ride ahead of time or same day service is available.

We offer a special discount for seniors 65 and older. Whether you're going to work, grocery shopping, medical appointment, to the beauty shop, school or senior dining, the Heartland Express will get you there. We run Monday-Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except holidays. For more information call our office at 763-689-8131 or log onto our web site at www.co.isanti.mn.us. You can also visit the City of Isanti website, go to Transportation. You will find information on Heartland Express and a map of their routes.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Parking of vehicles is not allowed on City streets between the hours of 1am and 8am from November 1st through March 31st of every year. Parking is permitted on streets between the hours of 6am and 8am provided that snow removal has been completed or there is not snow. Parking is not permitted in the City's downtown municipal parking lot (located south of Main Street and west of the railroad tracks) between the hours of 1am and 5am. Your cooperation will help make snow removal effective.

Snow Removal

It is the homeowner's responsibility to clear sidewalks abutting or serving their property that are not on a designated school route as part of City Code §284-14. "No person shall permit an accumulation of snow or ice to build up or remain on any public sidewalk abutting or otherwise serving lots or parcels located in the City of Isanti."

A full copy of the City Code can be found on the city's website: www.cityofisanti.us.

If snow or ice is not removed, the City will hire a company to remove snow and ice and bill back to the owner or renter the fee per incident for said removal; an additional \$25 non-compliance fee will also be billed to the owner or renter per incident.

If you dig a hole:

Please call Gopher State One Call at 1.800.252.1166 to Locate your utilities for Free!

Community Development

CITY PARKS:

RIVERSIDE PARK

503 Rum River Drive NW
Corner of Rum River Drive NW & Hillock St.



RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

1108 South Passage SW
Along the north side of South Passage, just west of County Rd. 23.



MATTSON PARK

311 5th Avenue NW
Intersection of Main St. West & 5th Ave. NW.



WHISPER RIDGE PARK

795 3rd Ave SW
Nestled behind homes on the corner of Cottonwood St. SW & 3rd Ave. SW.



ISANTI TOT LOT

518 Dogwood Street SW
Nestled behind homes on the corner of Cedar St. SW & 6th Ave. SW.



VFW PARK

410 Railroad Avenue SW
Intersection of Railroad Ave. SW and Palomino Road SW.



UNITY PARK

420 3rd Avenue NW
North of Unity Blvd. NW.



BLUEBIRD PARK

201 Isanti Parkway NW
Intersection of 3rd Ave. NW and Isanti Parkway NW.



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Visit Our Remodeled Isanti Liquor Store

If you have not visited the Isanti Liquor Store lately, you will want to stop by and see the remodeled store. The store remodel has been done with the customer in mind, with a new "walk-in cooler" that contains cold beer and beverages. Product racks have been installed to carry expanded product lines, including several new wines. Also, new counters, wall and flooring treatments have created an updated shopping atmosphere. Liquor Store Manager Shari Harker and her staff look forward to serving you, so please stop in!

Basketball Court for Bluebird Park



The City Council approved plans and specifications for a full size basketball court to be located on the south side of Bluebird Park. Funding for the construction of the courts was made possible through the Park Dedication Fund, which holds cash contributions made by developer's to ensure that parks and trails are available for future residents. Minnesota State Statute provides the rules and regulations on how these funds can be utilized by the City.

The new basketball court has been installed and is ready for use. The grass that was planted around the court is still young so please cross it with care. Please come and enjoy the new court.

Sign Regulations

As a reminder to current business owners and any other individual looking to construct or place a sign upon their property, the City of Isanti has adopted regulations for signage. The ordinance regulates the location, size, placement, and various features of signs to enable the public to locate goods, services, and facilities without difficulty or confusion; to prevent the wasteful use of resources in competition among businesses for attention; to prevent hazards to life and property; and to ensure an aesthetic value of the City.

Property owners looking to construct signs are required to obtain a sign permit from the City prior to construction and/or location of a sign. All signs are reviewed by City Staff to ensure compliance with the sign ordinance regulations. Signs constructed without a permit or signs found to be in violation of ordinance requirements and standards may result in a revocation of the sign permit for that particular business and/or issuance of a citation due to non-compliance with City Ordinances. Please contact the Planning Department for all questions and concerns regarding sign regulations.



Homebuyer Assistance Funding

If you know anyone interested in purchasing a home, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds have a magnificent incentive to move to Isanti. Funding is currently available for:

- Homeownership of vacated, foreclosed homes in targeted neighborhoods in Isanti.
 - Households with a family of four to have a gross income of \$100,700 or less.
 - Homes with a discount factor. The factor was recently reduced from 15% to 1%.
 - Up to \$12,500 for down-payment assistance and up to \$30,000 for rehabilitation needs on the home. The funding is through forgivable loans.
 - Funding has been allocated for a limited time for purchase of vacant foreclosed homes in Isanti.
- The Federal Government will take the remaining funds back if not used.

For more information, please contact Lenee Hoffman at Central Minnesota Housing Partnership at 320-259-0393. Also, ask your lender and realtor about other funds for homeownership.

Administrative/Finance

2010 Budget

The Isanti City Council plans to approve the 2010 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 1, 2009 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2010. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2010 budget and tax levy will be approved by the Isanti City Council on December 1, 2009.

The 2009 Legislature made significant changes to truth-in-taxation requirements for cities over 500 in population. The formal truth-in-taxation hearings have been replaced with discussions on budgets and levies at regularly scheduled meetings. Citizens must be allowed to speak at these meetings.

2010 Census

On April 1, 2010; the United States will conduct the 2010 Census. Every household will receive a questionnaire and the Census Bureau is relying on you or a member of your household to respond. The questionnaire will be short-form only and will take only a few minutes to answer and return by mail. The information provided by each household will be protected by law and will remain confidential.

The information provided on this questionnaire by each household is extremely important, as this information affects the funding that our community receives, affects our community's representation in Congress as well as at the state and local level, and affects the decisions made by our community's leaders. Additional information regarding the upcoming Census can be found at www.mn2010census.org or at www.2010.census.gov/2010census/. Remember "Every 1 Counts in Minnesota," so your participation is important to your community.

City of Isanti 2009 Grants and Donations

In 2009 the City of Isanti has received the following grants and donations as of 8/18/09:

Safe and Sober	Awarded \$18,200.00 for 10/1/08 to 9/30/09 Isanti Police Department and partners: the Police Departments of Lakes Area, Wyoming, and Braham
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	Awarded \$552,885.00
Pedestrian Bridge	Awarded \$950,000.00
Mural Grant	Awarded \$5,000.00 from ECRDC
Minnesota Office of Traffic and Safety	Received grant for child safety seats, approximate value \$320.00
Isanti County Sportsman's Club	Awarded \$500.00 for Isanti Community Involvement Team "Take a Kid Fishing" event
Anonymous	Donation of \$50.00 for 2nd place June Mayor's Great Yard Award
	Donation of \$25.00 for Isanti Community Involvement Team
Various	Donation of \$31.00 for ATV Parade
	Donation of \$62.75 for Old Tyme Dance
Onsite Auto Glass	Donation of \$50.00 for Isanti Community Involvement Team "Take a Kid Fishing" event
Athens Township	Donation of \$200.00 towards Library Fund
U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services	Three year grant totaling \$220,016 for COPS Hiring Recovery Program
Department of Army	CEDAP Grant for STEDI-EYE equipment, estimated value of \$4,553

City Offices Closed

September 7

Labor Day

October 12

Columbus Day

November 26 & 27

Thanksgiving

December 24

1/2 day Christmas
(Noon-4:30)

December 25

Christmas

Wise Ways to Use Water

• Fall and Winter are generally wet months therefore this reduces the need for watering but doesn't mean you don't water at all. Always check soil for moisture when there is a dry fall or winter. Water your lawn only when it needs it.

• Check faucets and pipes for leaks.

• Install covers on pools and spas. Check for leaks around your pumps too.

• Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.

• Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.

Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

Water Shutoffs

Due to change in seasons and on-coming cold weather; if your home is going to be vacant for whatever reason, please call City Hall to have the water shut off to prevent freezing pipes and other water damage.

City Code section 325-9 E. authorizes the City to disconnect services due to electric and/or gas utility services being shut off between October 15 and April 15 and the City determines in good faith that the premises has been vacated by the former account holder and no transfer of the account has been made.

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out December 15th with an advertising deadline of November 24th.

If you would like to advertise in the Isantian, please contact Sue Beckman, 763-691-6035 or Karen Barth 763-691-6007 at the Scotsman/Isanti County News.

For additional information regarding any of the content of the Isantian, please see our website www.cityofisanti.us or contact the city staff at the numbers listed on Page 3 of this newsletter.

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Isanti Water Treatment Facility

Construction of the Isanti Water Treatment Facility is near completion! By the time you read this, you may very well be drinking newly treated drinking water. The new water treatment plant is treating the City's drinking water to reduce radium, manganese and iron from the drinking water.

The iron is what causes red or rusty looking water and the manganese causes black streaking on fixtures and in some cases foul odors with the water.

Radium is natural component of underground rock and soil, and it can work its way into ground water. Exposure to radium in drinking water results in an increased risk of cancer. Prior to the treatment facility coming online, the City's drinking water was being blended from different sources to keep the radium levels below the allowable limit as regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health. The continued increase in demand for water has caused for this blending process to not be sustainable in providing low radium level water to the citizens of Isanti. The new water facility removes the radium and disposes it to the wastewater treatment facility.

The exact timing the treated water reaches your home will depend on where you are located in the distribution system. The newly treated water will be fully dispersed into the existing water distribution systems upon the completion of the fall hydrant flushing operations. The hydrant flushing operations are scheduled to begin on October 5, 2009 and will last until October 16, 2009.



Deer Haven Development Improvements

The final bituminous wear course, concrete replacement and miscellaneous cleanup work has been completed.

Please call City Engineer Brad DeWolf P.E. at 612-756-1032 if you have any additional questions.

3rd Avenue Improvements

3rd Avenue NW north of Isanti Parkway, adjacent to the soccer complex, is nearing completion. The new roadway and trail has been paved. Final punchlist items and installation of the street lights will be completed in the coming weeks.

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The Isanti Police Department received another grant to conduct Safe & Sober enforcement. Officers will be paid overtime to enforce our traffic laws. Please ask your bartender to call Safe Cab if you need a ride home. Some establishments offer a discount on the taxi ride home. Please drive safely, especially now when school is in full swing. There are many kids, bicycles and buses to keep an eye out for.

If you suspect a drug house or illegal activity, you can report this to our department anonymously. We accept emails or phone calls about complaints. We actively pursue neighborhood concerns. Nothing is worse than coming home and seeing bad stuff going on in your neighborhood. Please call and report illegal activity so we can keep on top of it.

I have completed my 25th year in law enforcement. In all the twenty five years, I have not worked with a better group of people. Our officers are first rate and the people of this community are wonderful. I cannot think of a better place to be.

Isanti Police Department Awarded Grants

COPS Grant

Vice President Joe Biden and Attorney General Eric Holder on Tuesday, July 28th announced \$1 Billion in grants to fund the hiring and rehiring of law enforcement officers all across the country.

The Isanti Police Department has been awarded a three-year grant for a total of \$220,016 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Police Chief Ron Sager is excited about the grant that has been awarded to the Department.

Chief Sager has stated that the support of our tax base dwindling, the foreclosure problem and budget cuts from the state supported the need for receiving the grant. The Department has seven full-time officers and the grant will be used to maintain a Police Officer position within the Department.

CEDAP Grant

The Isanti Police Department had applied for a Federal Equipment grant in 2008 and was recently notified that they have been awarded a Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) grant. The Police Department will receive a STEDI-EYE; a STEDI-EYE are binoculars that provide reduction of input motion and have night vision capability for use during law enforcement and search and rescue operations.



Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex
BMX Track
Isanti Ice Arena
Martin's Landing
(DNR Canoe Landing)
Redbirds Baseball Field

For links visit:
www.cityofisanti.us

Flushing of the Water Mains Scheduled for October 5th-16th

If you live in or near an area that is being flushed, your water may have some discoloration for a short period of time. You should avoid doing laundry at this time or running your water, as this can actually bring discolored water directly into your home's pipes. Run your tap after the flushing and it should clear up.

Watch the website for updates on which areas will be flushed on certain days within the scheduled time:

www.cityofisanti.us

Vandalism in City Parks

The City has seen a rash of vandalism to city park equipment and amenities. The City is proud of the amenities that have been provided within each of our parks throughout the park system; and continues to strive to provide and maintain those amenities for residents and visitors of the community. Please help us to protect those amenities from vandalism, so they can be enjoyed by all park users, both now and in the future.

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Community Events

Open Skating at the Civic Arena

Adults \$2.00
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Schedule for Monday, September 7 through Thursday, October 31

September Schedule:

Mondays: 3-5 p.m.
Tuesdays: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - 3-5 p.m.

October Schedule:

Mondays: 3-5 p.m.
Tuesdays: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 16: Noon-3 p.m.

Saturday, October 31st is 'Trick & Skate' 6-9 p.m.
••This is a Free Event••

No Open Skate on Saturdays or Sundays.

www.isantiarena.org



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Will be held on Main Street – watch the local paper for more details. Sponsored by the Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Historic Downtown Committee. 763-444-8515. admin@isantichamber.com

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

7-9 p.m. at the Isanti Community Center. Tony Jambor will be playing. Refreshments will be available. Donations for the food shelf will be accepted.

OLD TYME DANCE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:15 a.m. Sauerkraut Band plays and meal follows - located at the Isanti Community Center. Reservations required. Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.

ISANTI SENIOR'S PUMPKIN DAY MEAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Noon-2 p.m. at the VFW - treats, games, and pronto pups.

VFW KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

6-9 p.m. Free open skating at the Isanti Ice Arena located at 600 1st Avenue NW. 763-444-6432

TRICK OR SKATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Visit the local businesses to enjoy their Christmas decorations, special values, and refreshments. Tour the New Downtown Christmas Village. Check out the Community Center for the Holiday Craft Fair. 763-444-8515. admin@isantichamber.com

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:00 a.m. at the Isanti Community Center. The Senior Dining gets together on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Reservations required. Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.

SENIOR DINING THANKSGIVING MEAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9 a.m.-Noon at the Isanti Ice Arena. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture memories with Santa. Photo buttons will be available for a minimal charge. Children will be able to create decorations to bring home, or use for trimming the town tree by City Hall. 763-444-5512
4:30 p.m. TOWN TREE TRIMMING at City Hall. Trim the tree and watch Santa plug in the lights.

ISANTI SANTA DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:00 a.m. at the Isanti Community Center. The Senior Dining gets together on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Reservations required. Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.

SENIOR DINING CHRISTMAS DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Noon-2 p.m. at the VFW. Santa and treats.

VFW KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 p.m.-Midnight at the Isanti Ice Arena. 763-444-6432.

NEW YEAR'S BASH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010

Registration for ATV/Snowmobile Parade is at 2:30 p.m. at the Isanti Middle School and the parade starts at 3:00 p.m. All units end at the Isanti Community Center where judging will take place. There will be a Chili Feed for all and the trophies will be presented - all at the Community Center. 763-444-5512.

ANNUAL ATV/SNOWMOBILE PARADE

Community Events



Minnesota Owls Home Games Schedule

Home Games are played

at the Isanti County Area David C. Johnson Civic Arena, 600 1st Avenue NW

www.minnesotaowls.com or www.isantiarena.org

September

Saturday, 19th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 26th, 7:30 p.m.

October

Saturday, 3rd, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 16th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 23rd, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 30th, 7:30 p.m.

November

Friday, 6th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 7th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 21st, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 27th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 28th, 7:30 p.m.

December

Saturday, 5th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 13th, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, 19th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10th, 2:00 p.m.

January

Friday, 15th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 16th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 24th, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 31st, 2:00 p.m.

February

Friday, 12th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 14th, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 19th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 26th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 27th, 7:30 p.m.

Historic Downtown Committee to Hold Anniversary Party

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce's Historic Downtown Committee will celebrate the past year's accomplishments with an Anniversary Party on October 7, 2009 along Main Street. Please join us. Watch the local papers for the specific site.

Mark your calendars! The Chamber sponsored "Home for the Holidays" event will be held on November 14 and 15, 2009. Visit the local businesses to enjoy their Christmas decorations, special values, and refreshments. Tour the NEW Downtown Christmas Village. Step over to the Isanti Community Center for the Holiday Craft Fair.

Feel free to contact the Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce for information at 763-444-8515 or admin@isantichamber.com.

Isanti County Relay For Life



The Isanti County Relay For Life was held on Friday, August 14 at the Isanti County Fairgrounds.

Isanti Ambassadors helped with serving refreshments and with the flower presentation to all survivors.

(left) Amanda Domagalla (center) Courtney Moore and (right) Alicia Pankan 2009 Isanti Ambassadors

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do while helping your community at the same time? Please see below for some options. They can use your help and can be satisfying at the same time!

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