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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.

With our hometown Minnesota Owls getting ready to drop the first puck of the season we must know that our City Budget is being finalized. I want to first say farewell to Council Member Jeff Kolb. He had to resign due to a change in employment. Mr. Kolb served nearly 4 years and brought a wealth of knowledge to each and every issue we faced. I want to thank Jeff and his family for their service to our City.

Now back to our budget and the plan we are following. First the good news, our plan does not raise taxes for 2011 nor does it cut any service. This was accomplished due to the plan we put in place several years ago to cut cost and operate as efficiently as possible. We have discussed the financial plan many times as a City and we will continue to discuss and tweak this as we go along. The great recession we are in continues to make local government operations extremely difficult. The State's 6 Billion deficit and our region's double digit unemployment rate continue to make long term budgeting difficult. The dollars the State has been unwilling or unable to pay us are not coming back and the delinquent taxes and assessments are still hang on us like an Albatross. We have planned for this and continue to weather this economic storm.

We do need to however talk as a community and determine just what type of City we want to be in the future. What level of services do we wish to provide and at what cost. We plan to start community meetings at the beginning of 2011 to make sure we have heard every idea on we can efficiently operate and provide the services we all need.

We have been having great success in Marketing Isanti and developing the next round of new businesses and expanding our current companies. The Special TIF we created this year has sparked a number of exciting projects that will help us continue to grow our tax base and help provide the funding for the services we need. We are working through roughly a dozen potential exciting new businesses and expansions of current companies.

As our summer winds down and the many great outdoor activities like BMX, Soccer and Red-birds Baseball come to the end of another great season our winter sports start to kickoff. The Farmers Market continues to grow in size and excitement. This tremendous asset to our community continues to bring people to our revitalized downtown. I am so proud of the hard work the Committee has done to make Isanti a better place.

Railroad Avenue will be completed soon marking a Millstone of City progress. The last gravel road in our community will be paved. The last four years we have accomplished the paving of our last couple gravel roads, the revitalization of Downtown, over 30 new businesses, award winning projects such as Ever Cat Fuels, Farmers Market and the Water Treatment Facility which will for the first time ever protect us from the harmful radium in our water supply. There are so many more great events and projects we have in our City but as always my space is limited.

Any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact me at George@georgewimmer.com or you can reach me anytime on my cell phone @ 763-442-8749. We have an exciting year ahead of us.



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City Offices & Staff Directory

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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.

Community Development

Fall Cleaning Tips

Fall cleaning tips for you and your mailbox from your Post Master:

- If your mailbox is mounted on a pole or post, check its stability and make sure it is properly anchored.

- Your mailbox identifies your address, not only for the letter carrier but for the police, the fire department, emergency workers and other service providers. Make sure your complete address including your directional ex. NE, NW, SW, SE, ETC. appears on both sides of the mailbox, so people who need to find you can do so, and so can your mail.

- Please insure that all obstructions such as vehicles and garbage containers are not in the path or in the way for the letter carrier to properly deliver your mail.

- During the winter months ensure that the approach area for your mail box or receptacle is clear of snow and ice.

- Check the door and its hinges. Make sure it closes properly to keep your mail in and the wind, rain and snow out.

- Do you see any sharp edges or nails sticking out? Protect your own hands as well as those of your letter carrier, by filing them off. Also sand and repaint or replace your mailbox if it's rusty – you don't want to have to get a tetanus shot, and neither does your letter carrier.

If you dig a hole:

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

Economic Development Authority

ssullivan@cityofisanti.us • 763-444-5512

Invest in Isanti - \$350,000 in Development Funds Available Now

The City of Isanti has \$350,000 in economic development funds for immediate investment in projects that break ground by July 2011. If initial project you wanted to start in Isanti were holding you back, now is the time to move forward. Please submit your project and project costs to the Economic Development Director and the City will make every effort to provide the capital necessary to make your project happen. This is only one of the many local incentive programs that can help Isanti and business grow.

City of Isanti Revolving Loan Fund

On August 3, 2010 the City Council modified the Isanti Revolving Loan Funds criteria to make it more accessible for current and prospective Isanti Businesses. With rates as low as 3%, terms up to 10 years and loan amounts from \$15,000 to \$50,000, this program is just the kind of financing to fill those financing gaps. Eligible project costs include: building purchase, building construction, building renovation/expansion, machinery and equipment, landscaping and business retention. This fund cannot be the only source of financing for your project but it is cheap money that will do a more than adequate job in filling your financial gap.

New Businesses for Isanti in 2010

The City of Isanti is proud to recognize some new businesses for our community in 2010. These businesses include: Insight Printing and Apparel, Coulson Marketing and Racing, KJD Signs, Isanti Variety Store, Purity Solutions, Johnson Law Office, Demorie Alterations, Pzazz Apparel and Farmer's Insurance. Please make these entrepreneurs feel welcome and remember to support local businesses in Isanti. If you are a new business to the community that hasn't been recognized this year please contact the City so that we can get you on our business list. During these tough economic conditions it is nice to see our community continuing to grow and support each other.

Economic Development Authority

The Isanti Economic Development Authority's function is to promote, market and assist the development and redevelopment within the City of Isanti. Business retention and allowing for the expansion of existing Isanti businesses is vital to the success of our community. The City has a number of economic development tools in place to help businesses make the move to Isanti or to remain within the community. For more information please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at ssullivan@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-5512 X 111.

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.



Community Development

Building Department

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

Please find below some comparable permit statistics for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 through the month of July respective of those years.

	2008	2009	2010
New Homes	3	0	10
New Commercial Buildings	2	0	0
Total Residential Permits	146	185	177
Total Commercial Permits	24	13	17
Total Permit Values	\$2,467,049	\$589,075	\$1,817,430

The new home construction number is considerably higher in 2010 than the previous two years. We did pick up three total new homes before the end of 2009 and six before the end of 2008 and we may receive a few more yet this year as well.

When comparing the total permit values for the three years 2010 is considerably higher than in 2009 but short of 2008's total. Higher than 2009 because of the increase in new homes built and lower than 2008's total because of two new commercial buildings constructed in 2008. We have experienced several empty commercial suites being filled in 2010. That's always good news and there continues to be more interest out there along those lines.

Foreclosure statistics through July 2010:

In July of 2008 we had 53 vacant homes and we did not track how many others had been resold.

In July of 2009 we had 61 vacant homes along with 99 others that had been resold.

In July of 2010 we had 43 vacant homes along with 120 others that had been resold.

These numbers indicate an improvement in the foreclosure situation, albeit slower than we desire.

Alternative Water Sources for Lawn Watering

The City of Isanti recently passed an ordinance requiring residents using an alternative water source to water lawns (other than the City water supply), to register that source with the City. An example of an alternative source may be a sand point well or other well type. One reason this requirement has been put in place is to insure that there is not cross connection between the alternate water source and the municipal water supply. There are no fees involved with this registration. Please contact Rick Sames, the Building Official for further information. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please be informed that the State Fire Marshall requires placement of fire rings a minimum of 25' from combustible buildings and that the flames not to exceed 3'. No permit is required to install a fire ring or use it for recreational fires as long as there is not a burning ban in progress.

Please feel free to call me at the Building Department with any permit related questions you may have.

Garage Sale Regulations

City Staff has received many inquiries regarding regulations for garage sales. Garage sales are permitted within each of the residential zoning districts; however, there are rules that have been established with regards to the duration, signage, and number of events; which include the following:

- The number of sales permitted per individual property is not to exceed four (4) per year.
- The duration of a garage sale is not to exceed three (3) consecutive days.
- Any related signage shall be limited to the premises and to other residential property provided that the property owner's permission has been obtained to display such signage, and signage shall conform to the sign ordinance and shall be removed at the termination of the sale.

If you have additional questions regarding the ordinance provisions for garage sales, please contact Lisa Krause, City Planner, at (763) 444-5512.

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.

Park Naming Contest

The City of Isanti will be acquiring additional passive park and open space area within the NW corner of the community, adjacent to the Villages on the Rum development. As with any park located within the City's park system, the area must be given a formal name. In anticipation of this areas inclusion in the overall park system, the Park and Recreation Board will be initiating a "Park Naming Contest". City staff, along with Mayor Wimmer, will be working to prepare and outline further details for such a contest. The contest will be open to all City residents and taxpayers of Isanti. Further information regarding the contest will be provided in mid to late August.

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.

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 6 am and 8 am provided that snow removal has been completed or there is no 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.

Engineering Project Updates



2010 Projects under Construction

Construction on the 2010 capital improvement projects got underway in early August with work beginning on the County Road 5 Lift Station replacement and Railroad Avenue improvements. The prime contractors for the projects are Kuehle Underground of Kimball (Lift Station) and R.L. Larson of St. Cloud (Railroad Avenue).

The County Road 5 Lift Station project will replace a deteriorated lift station and forcemain system adjacent to the Subway restaurant. The new Lift Station should be fully operational by the end of September.

The Railroad Avenue project will provide bituminous surfacing and curb and gutter upgrades to the existing gravel road between Palomino Road and Towns Edge Road. The project will also provide a bituminous surfaced trail behind the curb, as well as a watermain loop to South Passage. The Railroad Avenue project should



be nearing completion by early October, with finishing touches completed in the spring of 2011.

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

Flushing of the Water Mains Scheduled for October 4th-15th

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.



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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 places even 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. Please drive carefully near buses and crosswalks. Please be aware of the reduced speed zone on County Road 5 in the area of the Intermediate School.

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.

Dog licensing has moved to the Isanti Police Department. Please stop by to renew or license your dog at our office located at 401 1st Avenue NW.

Overview of City Nuisance and Parking Code

City Code Chapter 216, Nuisances, provides for maintaining a safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing environment to the citizens of Isanti. §216-2 covers nuisances affecting health such as: outside accumulation of rubbish, salvage materials, junk, unlicensed vehicles and other items causing a depressing influence on property values in the area.

City Code Chapter 227 regulates the outdoor parking and/or storage of vehicles, boats, trailers, RV's and other items. The City Code does include a listing of proper requirements for storage of such units (Exhibit A). They need to be parked on impervious or improved surfaces. There are also time limits for parking such units in the front yard. Units stored on side yard and/or back yard must be 80% screened from view of neighboring property or a public street.

For further information on these and other City Codes, you can go to www.cityofisanti.us. For questions please contact me at swacha@cityofisanti.us - 763-444-4761. Steve Wacha, Community Service Officer

Recreational Vehicle Parking Code

Chapter 227, Article II of the Isanti City Code; establishes regulations for the parking and storage of recreational vehicles and other equipment within residential areas of the City. Seasonal time frames have been established for those units, to include boat trailer and/or boat, camping trailer, enclosed trailer, flat bed trailer, and all other non-self propelled RVs, (except snowmobiles and ATVs) will be permitted from April 1st to November 30th. Fish Houses on Wheels will be permitted from November 15th to April 1st. Snowmobiles will be permitted from December 1st to April 1st. ATVs will be permitted from June 1st to November 30th.

The ordinance also establishes location, surface type, size limitations, and screening requirements as well. A copy of the ordinance can be found on the city's website at www.cityofisanti.us. If you have questions regarding the ordinance provisions, please contact Steve Wacha, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761.

Vandalism in City Parks

The City has seen a rash of vandalism to city park equipment and amenities. The City works hard to provide and maintain the amenities found in City parks. These amenities should be valued and respected, so they can be enjoyed by all park users. If you witness vandalism taking place, please contact City Hall staff at (763) 444-5512.

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.



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Administrative/Finance

City Offices Closed

September 6
Labor Day

October 11
Columbus Day

November 25 & 26
Thanksgiving

December 23
1/2 day Christmas
(Noon-4:30)

December 24
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.

2011 Budget

The Isanti City Council plans to approve the 2011 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 7, 2010 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2011. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2011 budget and tax levy will be approved by the Isanti City Council on December 7, 2010.

Elections

City of Isanti Municipal Election
General Election: November 2, 2010
Voting Location: City Hall, 110 1st Avenue NW
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the General Election, voters will vote for two candidates for the two Council seats that have a four-year term. And vote for one candidate for the Mayor's seat that has a two-year term.

2010 Grants, Donations and Low-Interest Loans

Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Downtown Committee	Two picnic tables for use within Eagle Park Estimated value \$400.00
CenterPoint Energy Community Partnership	800 MHZ radio equipment for Police Reserves \$1,733.00 donation
Ace Solid Waste	\$100 towards Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon
Riverside Grocery	10 \$5 gift certificates for Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon
Quad Central of Ham Lake	Police Reserves use of CFMOTO Side by Side style ATV for Jubilee Days
Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	Credit Enhancement Program utilized to increase the bond rating from A+ to AAA on General Obligation Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A

Burning Permits

City code prohibits burning by MN State Statute 88.1 and 88.22 and the MN Uniform fire code. Campfires are permitted if applied as follows: A campfire is a fire set for pleasure, cooking, warming, ceremonial purposes or similar purposes, which is not more than 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet high. Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings or combustible materials. Combustible materials are things such as wood, paper, and plastics.

Any fire larger than the above stated dimensions is considered "open burning" and is regulated by the DNR. Burning grass, leaves, brush and lumber requires a permit. Permits can be obtained at Isanti Hardware Hank 763-444-5565. City codes are available at www.cityofisanti.us. Additional burning information can be found on Isanti Hardware Hank website: www.isantihardwarehank.com and they have a link to the DNR website.

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Community Events



Minnesota Owls Home Games Schedule

Home Games are played at the
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September

Saturday, 18th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 25th, 7:30 p.m.

October

Friday, 8th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 15th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 22nd, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 24th, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 29th, 7:30 p.m.

November

Friday, 12th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 20th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 26th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 28th, 6:00 p.m.

December

Saturday, 4th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 31st, 6:30 p.m.

January

Friday, 7th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8th, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 14th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 15th, 7:30 p.m.

February

Friday, 18th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 25th, 7:30 p.m.

Halloween Safety Tips

- S**words, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A**void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F**asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E**xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H**old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- A**lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L**ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O**nly walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W**ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E**at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- E**nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- N**ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.



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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Jan Peterson
763-444-8515

ISANTI COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Sue Larson
763-286-9964

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf
763-689-8220

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Bill Carlson
763-689-1442

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Community Events

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
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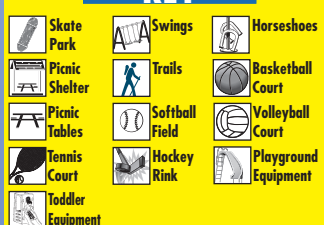


BLUEBIRD PARK

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



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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

SENIOR DINING HARVEST DAY MEAL

11:00 a.m. at the Isanti Community Center. Reservations required – Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

OLD TYME DANCE

7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Isanti Community Center. Tony Jambor will be playing. Refreshments will be available. Donations for the food shelf will be accepted.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

VFW KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

2:00 pm at the VFW – treats, games, and pronto pups.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

TRICK OR SKATE

6:00 – 9:00 pm. Free open skating at the Isanti Ice Arena located at 600 1st Avenue NW. 763-444-6432

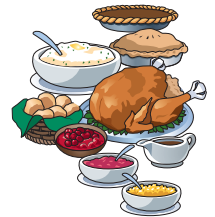
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 & 14

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SENIOR DINING THANKSGIVING MEAL 11:00 am at the Isanti Community Center. The Senior Dining gets together on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Reservations required – Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

ISANTI SANTA DAY

9:00 am – 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 pm: TOWN TREE TRIMMING at City Hall. Trim the tree and watch Santa plug in the lights.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

SENIOR DINING CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

VFW KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

2:00 pm at the VFW. Santa and treats.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S BASH

9:00 pm – midnight at the Isanti Ice Arena. 763-444-6432

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011

ANNUAL ATV/SNOWMOBILE PARADE

Registration for ATV/Snowmobile parade is at 2:30 pm at the Isanti Middle School and the parade starts at 3:00 pm. 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



Community Events

2010 Isanti Ambassadors

The Isanti Ambassador Program welcomed three new Ambassadors at the 2010 Coronation Ceremony in July. Congratulations to the newly crowned trio including Caroline Hass, Amanda Wichman and Taylor Norberg! The Ambassadors have enjoyed a full schedule, representing the City of Isanti and community, at various events during the past couple of months. Coronations in many communities, including Hopkins, Maple Grove, East Bethel, Pine City and Winsted have given our Ambassadors the chance to meet and be part of the sparkle section with other royalty. The girls have also participated in parades and riding on the Jubilee Days themed float; plus sharing smiles and face painting with kids at the Isanti County Fair Kids Day! Fund-raising for all the activities is also a



**Left to Right:
Amanda, Caroline, Taylor**

tal part of the Ambassador program. Amanda, Caroline and Taylor (in photo) served "Ambassador Hot Dogs" at Walmart to raise funds to attend a September weekend Applefest in LaCrescent, MN. They will also be present at the Isanti Farmer's Market on August 28 with a Bake Sale. Each of the Ambassadors consider it a privilege to represent Isanti in this role and hope you will join them at the following events: Bake Sale - August 28 at Isanti Farmer's Market, Isanti Fall Music Festival - September 11, Old Tyme Dance - October 16, Home for the Holidays - November 14, Santa Day/Town Tree-Trimming - December 4, then ring in the New Year 2011 at the Annual Snowmobile/ATV Parade!

Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Rodeo Jubilee Days was a great success again this year. All estimations are that the largest crowds ever enjoyed the Jubilee Parade, Kids Free Fun Day, the Outhouse Races and Coronation of the 2010 Ambassadors.

As we look toward fall, the Isanti Family Farmer's Market will continue to be open on Saturdays from 9 am – 2 pm in Eagle Park through the end of October. Be sure to stop by the Market for fresh produce, bread, honey and a huge variety of products as well as music and children's activities.

Main Street will once again become "The Christmas Village" in preparation for "Home for the Holidays" on November 11 and 12, kicking off the holiday season. The local businesses welcome you to stop in and visit, admire their holiday decorations, partake of refreshments and goodies, and allow them to show you what they have to offer. In addition, a craft fair will be held in the Isanti Community Center and our local church communities will offer "The Children's Gift Shop". Visit www.isantichamber.com or watch the local newspapers for dates, times and location updates.

Our "Christmas Village" committee is hoping to expand the Christmas Village concept to County Road 5 this year. Donations of time, talent, decorations and funds are needed. Please call the Chamber office at 763-444-8515 for more information.



**2010 Jubilee Parade
T-6 Flyover**

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**

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out December 14th 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.

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