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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 had quite an eventful summer and are looking forward to another amazing fall in Isanti. We have a number of new businesses being built; and others are opening their doors in familiar locations. The east TH 65 construction projects are going up, which will house new facilities. The Urbans' have reopened Hardware Hank on County Road 5 NE and Dale Matson of Isanti Bicycle Repair has opened his shop on Main Street. There are many more new businesses opening, and many existing businesses that are expanding like Granger Machine and Pat's Small Engines which have been growing strongly. We continue to have involved business owners like Dori Johnson of Charisma Boutique on County Road 5 and Mark Rojas of Bear Books on Main Street; whose owners are not only running great businesses, but are working hard to make Isanti an even better place to live, work and play. My space limits me but there are so many dedicated individuals and businesses that make Isanti an amazing place.

I want to thank the Sponsors of the 2011 Mayor's Great Yard Award for their support and dedication to help positively impact our Community - Mellissa Hutchens DDS is our 1st place sponsor, Startac Construction is our 2nd place sponsor and KJD Signs sponsors 3rd place.

The 2012 budget has been coming together over the past few months and we will once again not be raising taxes or cutting any services. We have continued to trim the City budget and will be spending less in 2012 than we did in 2006, my first year as Mayor. When our County, State and Federal levels of government have continued to spend more and more, we have been able to re-think how government should function. We have made real cost cuts throughout City operations to ensure the most efficient level of service possible. We reduced systemic costs by negotiating Union contracts that have helped to share the cost of healthcare more evenly with our City employees while maintaining proper staffing levels. The City general fund balance as a percentage of our yearly budget is higher than at any point in modern history which allows us to weather the difficult economic storm we are facing. We should be proud of the work we have done.

We are completing the final stage of our planned replacement of old City infrastructure that had in years past been failing and causing significant damage to public and private property. We have in recent years replaced gravel roads with paved roads, built our water treatment facility to rid us of cancer causing radium, replaced decaying sewer lines and added new underground power lines; all to better serve our community. The replacement of failing and inadequate infrastructure is not the most exciting topic but it provides the strong foundation and security for future generations to thrive.

My goal as Mayor has been to get Isanti's fiscal house in order, grow our business community, diversify our tax base and make sure all the proper infrastructure is in place to serve our current and future needs. The next Mayor will have a strong position to work from in taking our community into an even brighter future.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me at [George@georgewimmer.com](mailto:George@georgewimmer.com) or call/text 763-442-8749. You may also read my news and notes at [www.georgewimmer.blogspot.com](http://www.georgewimmer.blogspot.com), follow me on twitter at <http://twitter.com/MayorWimmer> or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/GeorgeAWimmer>



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#### Administration

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#### PUBLIC WORKS:

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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

### 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 (**NE, NW, SW, SE**) appears on both sides of the mailbox, so people who need to find you can do so, and so can your mail.
- Please ensure 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.

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### If you dig a hole:

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### Economic Development Authority

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#### Things are Happening in Isanti – 100K “Invest in Isanti” Money Available – Program Extended

Last year's Fall Isantian Newsletter highlighted an “Invest in Isanti” program to help generate investment in the City of Isanti. Three businesses (Wintergreen's, Prairie Senior Cottages of Isanti, and Krayola Kids Childcare) took advantage of this program and all projects will be complete by the end of 2011. Staff is working toward allocating all the remaining funds and is hopeful that they will be allocated by the fall of 2012 and new projects will be underway.

The 2011 State legislature extended the special legislation that enables the City of Isanti to continue this program until December 2012. The City has approximately \$100,000 in development funds available for businesses looking to build in Isanti. In July 2011, the City Council approved a site plan and assistance package for the construction of a Dickey's Barbecue Pit on the former Burger Top site on Main Street. Staff is hopeful that construction will commence in 2011. City Staff is interested to hear about your new business venture, or expansion, and wants to help make it a reality.

#### City of Isanti Revolving Loan Fund

Krayola Kids Childcare Center used this program to help finance construction of its new facility on Golden Way St NE. 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 & equipment, landscaping and business retention. Please set up a meeting with the Economic Development Director to learn more.

#### New Businesses for Isanti in 2011

The City of Isanti is proud to recognize some new businesses for our community in 2011. These businesses include: Urban's Hardware Hank, Prairie Senior Cottages of Isanti, SPC Powersports, Carrie Doom Law, Isanti Bicycle Repair, AST Compressors, Re-open of Reller Signs and HME products. Please make these entrepreneurs feel welcome and remember to support local businesses in Isanti. If you are a new business to the community in 2011 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

Promotion, marketing and assisting the development, redevelopment and business retention within the City of Isanti is what the Isanti EDA is all about. The Mayor and City Staff make visits to our local businesses to see what the City can do to make the business climate positive and to help them grow. A number of economic development tools are in place to help businesses make the move to Isanti or to remain within the community and some were highlighted above. For more information please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at ssullivan@cityofisanti.us or 763.444.5512 X 111.

#### Shovel Ready Certification

The EDA is working on obtaining “Shovel Ready” certification for its vacant industrial sites. This program is designed to remove hurdles often in place that delay property acquisition which improves the marketability of city sites. This certification will put Isanti in a more competitive position and should lead to more interest in developing our industrial park and bringing in new job opportunities.

### Building Department

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The Prairie Senior Cottages of Isanti senior memory care building is nearing completion and the Krayola Kids Childcare project is on schedule to be completed prior to the end of the year. These projects represent the first new commercial buildings since 2008. A historical summary of permits and foreclosures in Isanti is provided below.

#### Permit totals through July 2011

	2008	2009	2010	2011
New Homes	3	0	10	1 (& 1 pending)
New Commercial Bldgs.	2	0	0	2
Total Residential Permits	146	185	177	140
Total Commercial Permits	24	13	17	26

#### Foreclosure statistics through July 2011

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Vacant homes	53	61	43	49
Foreclosed homes resold		99	120	272

#### Residential Rental Properties

We currently have 496 licensed residential rental units in the City of Isanti. By ordinance, all residential rental properties must be licensed and inspected prior to occupancy. If you, or someone you know, owns or is currently renting a property that is not licensed please call my office immediately so that we can schedule and complete the required inspection. A violation of that ordinance can be charged as a misdemeanor.

#### Recreational Fires

Cooler weather brings an increased interest in recreational campfires. The maximum fire ring size is 3' with a maximum flame height also of 3' and the placement of the pit should be a minimum of 25' from combustible structures. That structure could be a home, shed, deck, wood fence, etc.

#### 2011 Storm Damage to Roofs

The summer storms have wreaked havoc with many roofs in the area. 42 roofing permits have been issued from the end of May through mid-August. Have you had your roof checked for damage?

## Community Development

### Emerald Ash Borer - Questions and Answers

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. It now threatens to spread into other parts of Minnesota. If you're wondering what kind of damage it can do, just read what it has done collectively in the states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. It has killed tens of millions of ash trees and cost municipalities, nurseries, forestry products industries and property owners tens of millions of dollars. The following are some answers to a sample of commonly asked questions regarding this invasive pest.

**1. What species of trees does it attack?**

It attacks all species of ash trees (those under the *Fraxinus* genus), including green, white and black ash trees. It DOES NOT affect mountain ash trees, as these are not true ashes.

**2. What are some common symptoms of EAB in trees?**

Dieback in the upper third of the canopy, noticeable woodpecker damage, "S" shaped galleries under the bark, "D" shaped exit holes on severely attacked trees and sucker sprouts at base of trees.

**3. Are there EAB look a likes?**

There are several native borers that attack ash trees as well. Some of the symptoms are similar. In addition, there are insects that look similar to EAB adults that do not attack ash trees. For a list of these, see the websites below.

**4. How long does it take a tree to die once it becomes infected?**

That depends on a lot of factors. A tree may take 3 to 5 years or more before falling victim to EAB.

**5. Can I still consider planting ash trees?**

It is not recommended to plant any more ash trees in the City. They have been removed from the City's list of recommended trees to plant.

**6. Is Isanti City Ordinance going to require the removal and disposal of infected ash trees at the property owners' expense?**

The City does have a diseased tree ordinance in place, in which the property owner would be responsible.

**7. Is there anything that can be done to protect my existing ash trees?**

Yes. Now is the time to start planning ahead if you have ash tree(s) on your property. There are several different chemicals with different forms of application that can be used to try and save healthy ash trees. The most common treatment methods involve a soil drench application and a direct tree injection method. Before going ahead and treating, you should do your research and determine if it's feasible. In addition, think about the potential impact on the environment. Do realize that depending on the chemical and form of treatment, some may have to be repeated every year in order to be effective. Some treatments can only be done by professionals.

**8. Can I treat the trees myself?**

That will depend on the type of chemical and treatment method.

**9. I have some ash trees I definitely want to try and save. Should I have them treated now?**

Experts say treatment is generally not recommended until EAB has been found within 15 miles of your property.

**10. When can I safely prune ash trees?**

The recommended safe period to prune ash trees is October thru April. This will prevent movement of EAB during the growing season.

**11. What else can I do to help prevent the spread of EAB?**

DO NOT TRANSPORT WOOD OR BRUSH OF HARDWOOD TREES, ESPECIALLY ASH, FROM ITS COUNTY OF ORIGIN AND DO NOT BRING IN THIS MATERIAL ORIGINATING FROM ANOTHER COUNTY. EAB has spread so much because people have transported infected firewood around to previously uninfected areas, thereby causing new infection centers.

For more information, go to the links: [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) or [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

### City Offices Closed

**September 5**

Labor Day

**October 10**

Columbus Day

**November 11**

Veteran's Day

**November 24 & 25**

Thanksgiving

**December 23**

½ day Christmas

**December 26**

Christmas

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### Water Shutoffs

Due to a 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.

### Isanti Fire District

As of the date of this writing we are at 380 runs this year, 146 of them being in the City and the busiest day of the week being Saturday. Wildland fire load has been low this season and I can only predict the same for the fall season with all the moisture we have gotten. A reminder to any of you who burn wood in the winter to get that chimney cleaned before it gets cold and slippery up on the roof. Also, keep in mind as some of you are doing fall clean up that you are required to have a burning permit if you plan to burn outside of a fire ring or a contained fire pit, and the ground isn't snow covered. Getting this permit ensures it is safe for you to burn, and it also populates a grid which dispatch checks in the event someone calls in a smell or sign of smoke from your fire. It's nice if an officer or duty person can check on the call rather than a fleet of firefighters and apparatus. Burning permits are available at Station 1 from 7:00-3:30 pm weekdays or afterhours by filling out the "contact us" page at our website; [www.isantifiredistrict.org](http://www.isantifiredistrict.org).



## Community Development

### Additional Sign Reminders

- 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.
- Temporary off-premises signs are permitted within the "B-1", "B-2", "B-3", "CBT", "RC", and "I" zoning districts, providing written permission is granted by the property owner and a temporary sign permit has been approved by the City. Temporary signs are allowed by an annual renewable permit.

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### Winter Parking Restrictions

Parking of vehicles is not allowed on city streets between the hours of 1 am and 8 am 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 1 am and 5 am. Your cooperation will help make snow removal effective.

### Sign Regulations

As a reminder to current business owners and any other individual looking to construct or place a sign upon their property or upon property owned by another individual, the City of Isanti has adopted regulations for signage. The ordinance regulates the location, size, 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 and business owners looking to construct signs are required to obtain a sign permit from the City prior to construction and/or location of any sign. All sign applications 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.

### Street Addressing and Directionals

Addresses throughout the City of Isanti are required to include the necessary street directional as part of their mailing address. The City of Isanti is divided into four (4) quadrants based upon a "zero line". Where Main Street divides the City into north and south; the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Line divides the City into east and west. The result is four (4) quadrants which include: northwest, southwest, northeast, and southeast, within the City of Isanti.

The City wants to remind residents to please use the proper directional (NW, NE, SE, and SW) as part of your mailing address. Staff is continually working with the United States Postal Service, utility providers, Isanti County, and various map data companies to ensure that all addresses are being identified with the appropriate directional notation. If you have questions or are unsure about which directional to use, please contact City Hall for clarification.

### Recreational Vehicle Parking Ordinance


Chapter 227, Article II of the Isanti City Code; establishes regulations for the parking and storage of recreational 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 RV's, (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](http://www.cityofisanti.us). If you have questions regarding the ordinance provisions, please contact Steve Wacha, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761.



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## Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

### Isanti Police Department

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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 a Safe Cab ride home.

School is in full swing with many kids, bicycles and buses to keep an eye out for. Please drive carefully near buses and crosswalks.

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.

### City Engineering News

Residents and visitors have likely noticed a considerable amount of construction activity going on within City streets. The 2011 Street and Utility Improvement project got underway in late August, with reconstruction of street and underground utilities occurring on Elizabeth Street SW, Broadway Street SW and 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Avenues SW. Other sanitary sewer improvements will be occurring in various locations as part of this project. Redstone Construction of Mora is the prime contractor. Construction on these projects will be ongoing until mid-November. The construction cost of these projects is \$950,000, with approximately forty-five percent of the cost being paid by the City's Municipal State-Aid System account, which is funded through the state sales tax paid on gasoline.



In addition, improvements to the City's water system are also underway with the reconstruction of Well House No. 1, construction of a watermain loop in Bluebird Park, and replacement of residential and commercial water meters. The total construction cost of these projects is approximately \$630,000. The City obtained a grant of \$109,000 from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority due to the water and energy conservation benefits of the new meters, and also obtained low interest financing through this same agency.

As the construction season proceeds, please

be aware of the construction activity and be mindful of street detours and closures as they occur.

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

### Wise Ways to Use Water

- Fall and Winter are generally wet months therefore this reduces the need for watering but does not mean you do not 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.

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### Flushing of the Water Mains Scheduled for October 3rd – 7th

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.

Check out the website for dates areas will be flushed at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us).

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## Administrative/Finance

### Human Resources/ Deputy City Clerk Hired

On July 5, 2011 City Council unanimously approved a resolution offering Karissa Henning the Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk position. Ms. Henning comes with a degree in Human Resources and replaces Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer who recently retired. Karissa began her employment with the City on July 18, 2011.

We welcome Karissa as an employee for the City of Isanti.

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### Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out December 12th with an advertising deadline of November 18th.

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

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

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### 2012 Budget

The Isanti City Council plans to approve the 2012 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 6, 2011 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2012. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2012 budget and tax levy will be approved by the Isanti City Council on December 6, 2011.

### Water Meter Replacement Information

Beginning in mid-September, the City will be undertaking the process of replacing all residential and commercial water meters in the City. The new meters will provide more accurate measurements and will be installed with radio transmitters which allows for remote reading. Residents and businesses will be receiving a letter in the near future providing additional detail on how to schedule an appointment with the Contractor to have your meter replaced. The installation contractor for this work is Midwest Testing of St. Louis Park. For those that do not schedule an appointment, the Contractor will be going door to door asking permission to replace the meter at that time. The average time for installation is approximately 20 minutes, barring any complications. We ask for your cooperation during this process.

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

### 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](http://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 resident per incident.

### 2011 Grants, Donations and Low-Interest Loans

Blaine Jaycees Inc.	\$1,500.00 for Isanti Redbirds
Ace Solid Waste	\$50.00 for Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon
Riverside Grocery	\$50.00 in Gift Certificates for Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon
Isanti VFW	Two flags, estimated value \$132.00
Quad Central of Ham Lake	Police Reserve use of Two Side by Side Style UTCs for Jubilee Days
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	\$11,000.00 Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Award
Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Region	Up to \$1,500 for EMS Equipment



## Community Events

The Isanti Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Rodeo Jubilee Days and the Jubilee Parade was a great success this year. Many volunteers put in many long hours to make these events continue every year. We were still able to keep the Kids Fun Day Free again, thanks to many donations from businesses in the community and the C-I Hockey Charitable Gambling Association. The Outhouse races were enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. And on Sunday, the 2011 Ambassadors were crowned at the Coronation at Isanti Middle School Auditorium.

Looking ahead, we have the Buds, Suds and Vino networking event at Spectacular Events on Friday September 23. Enjoy tasting a wide variety of beer, wine and NEW this year - cordials! The Isanti Liquor store will be supplying the vendors and you will be able to order your new favorites that evening. Each attendee will receive a flower. This event is open to the public. Tickets are only \$20.00 each. Chamber members receive a \$2.00 discount, if tickets are purchased by 9/16/11. Call the chamber to reserve at (763) 444-8515.

"Home for the Holidays" on November 12th and 13th will be kicking off the holiday season once again. 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 at the Isanti Community Center. Visit [www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com) or watch to local newspapers for dates, times and location updates.

### Isanti Firefighters Rodeo

The Isanti Fireman's Rodeo was a great success this year. Good weather brought great attendance, and our 348 contestants didn't let them down by putting on an excellent show! We can't thank all the people enough who support us. From the sponsors to the spectators, the vendors, and all the volunteers, thank you all. It is really fun to see our community come alive for that week each year. Planning for next year's event is already under way, we hope to see you all back again next year!

### 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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### FAMILY PATHWAYS

Lori Damann  
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763-444-8515

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763-689-8220

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If your organization is not listed, please contact City Hall at 763-444-5512 or [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

## 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 SE  
Intersection of Railroad Ave. SE 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.



#### LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum development. Currently in planning/design stage for future development.



#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

4:30 p.m.

MEN'S AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER PIG ROAST at the VFW – to benefit Veterans Programs 763-444-9787

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

BUDS, SUDS, AND VINO EVENT – Enjoy tasting a variety of beer and wine. Event is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased through the Isanti Chamber at (763) 444-8515

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

VFW COMMANDERS GOLF OUTING – Call 763-444-9787 for details

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

12:00 noon

POST FUNDRAISER BOOYA! at the VFW 763-444-9787

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

11:00 a.m.

PIE OF THE MONTH at the Isanti Community Center. Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320. Senior Dining gets together on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

#### \*\*STARTING SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH MONTHLY VFW PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH!

Proceeds going to different Veterans Programs each month. \$5.00 7 years old and younger eat free! ( Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10 ) at the VFW 763-444-9787

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

11:00 a.m.

SENIOR OCTOBER FEST MEAL at the Isanti Community Center. Reservations required – Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:00 noon

VFW KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY at the VFW – treats, games, and pronto pups.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

TRICK OR SKATE – Free open skating at the Isanti Ice Arena located at 600 1st Avenue NW. 763-444-6432

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

11:00 a.m.

PIE OF THE MONTH at the Isanti Community Center. Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11

5:00 p.m.

VETERANS DAY DINNER at the VFW 763-444-9787

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 & 13

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 or admin@isantichamber.com

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

11:00 a.m.

SENIOR DINING THANKSGIVING MEAL at the Isanti Community Center. Reservations required – Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 am – noon

ISANTI SANTA DAY – Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture memories with Santa. Check the Isanti Chamber website at www.isantichamber.com for further information.

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### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

11:00 a.m.

SENIOR DINING CHRISTMAS DINNER at the Isanti Community Center. Reservations required – Contact Glenda at 763-444-6320.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00 noon

VFW KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY at the VFW. Santa and treats.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 p.m. – midnight NEW YEAR'S BASH at the Isanti Ice Arena. 763-444-6432

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

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

## 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](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

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## Isanti Ambassadors



Since their crowning during Isanti's Rodeo-Jubilee Days in July, the 2011 Isanti Ambassadors: Annie KinCannon, Shelby Merrill & Tiffany Krueger have been very busy representing the Isanti community. They have travelled as close as East Bethel and as far away as Northfield, MN (and many places between)!!! Most recently our Ambassadors volunteered at GracePointe Crossings 'Happiness Happens' event in Cambridge where they met many friendly residents. In September, the Ambassadors look forward to attending LaCrescent's Apple Fest weekend celebration. To request an appearance from the Isanti Ambassadors, please email [isantiambassador@yahoo.com](mailto:isantiambassador@yahoo.com).



## Minnesota Owls Home Games Schedule

Home Games are played

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

### September

Saturday, 17th, Ducks 7:30pm  
Sunday, 18th, Ducks 2:00pm  
Friday, 23rd, Ice Hawks 7:30pm  
Friday, 30th, Energy 7:30pm

### October

Saturday, 1st, Northern Lights 7:30pm  
Friday, 7th, Crusaders 7:30pm  
Friday, 14th, Lakers 7:30pm  
Saturday, 15th, Ducks 7:30pm  
Friday, 21st, Lakers 7:30pm  
Friday, 28th, Ice Hawks 7:30pm

### November

Saturday, 12th, Northern Lights 7:30pm  
Saturday, 19th, Lakers 7:30pm  
Friday, 25th, Crusaders 7:30pm  
Saturday, 26th, Energy 7:30pm

### December

Friday, 9th, Lakers 7:30pm  
Saturday, 10th, Crusaders 7:30pm  
Friday, 30th Northern Lights 7:30pm

### January

Saturday, 7th, Ice Hawks 7:30pm  
Saturday, 21st, Energy 7:30pm  
Saturday, 28th, Northern Lights 7:30pm

### February

Friday, 3rd, Ice Hawks 7:30pm  
Friday, 10th, Energy 7:30pm  
Friday, 17th, Ducks 7:30pm  
Saturday, 25th, Crusaders 7:30pm







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