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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 as needed.

**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 a busy summer and we are rolling into an exciting fall. The primary has narrowed the field of hopefuls for the four-year term Council seats down to four candidates. The November election will pick two winners who will serve until 2016. A two-year seat is also on the ballot in November; and that winner will serve until 2014. We have the potential of having 3 new faces on our City Council.

The Council has voted to withdraw from the Isanti County Economic Development Authority (EDA). This was necessary to protect our taxpayers from being further taxed by the County. I am however saddened that the County EDA has not been able to fulfill even the basic requirements of our membership. I chaired the Committee; that over 5 years ago, created the County EDA with the hope that it would help better direct County and regional resources to help spur economic growth. The #1 goal for the County EDA was to make the fundamental decision as to what type of organization it would be – would it develop into a group that would spearhead business growth in our area or work in a cooperative way with the cities in our County that are already doing EDA work. Unfortunately, in over 5 years of existence, it has not succeeded in making this initial decision. All the while under the County Board's supervision; tens of thousands of dollars have been spent on consultants and County Board member pay, and not one new business to show for it. Over the last year the Board has been discussing using its County EDA taxing authority to create a new property tax to levy on top of the existing taxes we already pay. Again, there is no goal for this money other than to accumulate a pot of funds. By taking the action, of formally withdrawing from the County EDA, we are protecting our taxpayers from this unfortunate situation. Braham has never joined as they felt the Board would certainly not be of any help to them and did not want to risk being taxed. The only city left in the County EDA is Cambridge along with all the townships as they unfortunately have no ability to leave the County EDA under state law. We will continue to work with the County and try to foster a clear vision of success.

Isanti has seen a great revival in our industrial park. In the last few years, 8 new and expanding businesses have bought buildings in our industrial park. Three vacant buildings have been purchased and occupied so far in 2012; leaving only a couple vacant buildings left. Our economic development team has been working diligently to help expand our tax base and ensure we continue to foster good paying jobs. We have done this by ensuring that our industrial park has competitive incentives, infrastructure and ordinances that maintain property values and ease of use.

Legacy Park which is roughly a 20-acre parcel of wooded land abutting the Rum River in the City's northwest quadrant; will have a trail completed in September. This ADA compliant amenity offers public access to a natural area in our community that generations to come will be able to enjoy. There is often criticism of parks and trails, but we negotiated to receive this land for free. The low cost trail will have minimal maintenance cost while offering another unique recreational outlet for people of all ages and abilities.

The last item I want to discuss is the Long Term Financial Plan I developed when I first took office. We are right on track with our 7th budget that has no tax increase and spending at levels less than 2006. Property values have leveled off as planned, vacant homes are down 60%, 363 foreclosed homes have sold, industrial properties are selling fast and a few new homes are being built. We still have difficult times ahead but our plan is working. Some items are unpopular, like nuisance control, but it is also a key element in maintaining our City's overall property values and ensuring that the homes, businesses and lots we have for sale are filled or developed; and to help diversify our tax base. All the numbers are pointing to a brighter future so long as we keep faith in our long term plan.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me at 763-442-8749 or email me at George@georgewimmer.com. You may also follow me on Twitter at twitter.com/mayorwimmer Facebook at www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer or my blog at georgewimmer.blogspot.com


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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

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 BNSF railroad tracks) between the hours of 1 am and 5 am. Your cooperation will help make the snow removal process more efficient and effective.

Yard Waste in City Streets

The City has experienced some issues with grass clippings, leaves and other types of yard waste being deposited from residential lots into City streets and storm drains. These items obstruct the flow of rain water that runs through the public street drains and gutters, causing flooding on residential lots that surround these areas. Isanti Code section 216-2 identifies the placement of trash, grass, and other yard waste or other materials as a public nuisance affecting health. Please avoid using the public street for the disposal of these items. Failure to do so may result in a citation for violation of Isanti City Code.

Building Department

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The addition to St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church and the kitchen remodel at Faith Lutheran Church are nearing completion. Both projects have turned out extremely well. If you have not taken the time to make a visit yet, they are both worth a trip.

The remaining 11 townhomes started by Sedona Homes in late 2004 and early 2005 have been purchased by Hamilton Taylor Homes and are in the process of being completed and made "market-ready". Two new single family home starts are underway this year and one continuation from last year. All three homes are expected to be completed before the end of the year. Two are custom built and should be occupied immediately upon completion; and the other home is being built on speculation.

A comparison summary of permits issued by the City of Isanti through the month of July 2012 is provided below.

Permit totals through July in the following years

	2008	2009	2011	2011	2012
New Homes	3	0	10	1	2
New Commercial Bldgs.	2	0	0	2	0
Total Residential Permits	146	185	177	140	151
Total Commercial Permits	24	13	17	26	11

Foreclosed Homes:

Since 2008, Isanti has seen 363 homes that have gone through the foreclosure process and are now reoccupied. Presently, 37 homes remain vacant. Comparative statistics through the month of July from the year 2008 and forward are as follows:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Vacant homes	53	61	43	49	37
Foreclosed homes resold		99	120	272	363

Residential Rental Properties

We have 543 licensed residential units in the city. That is an increase of 47 units in the last 12 months. By ordinance, all residential rental properties must be licensed and inspected prior to their occupancy. If you or someone you know owns or is currently renting a property that is not licensed please call my office immediately at 763-444-5512, so that we can license the property. A violation of that ordinance can be charged as a misdemeanor.

Roof Repairs

Summer storms continue to raise havoc with area homes. In 2011, 145 permits were issued for roofs /siding repairs and 54 have been issued to date in 2012. If you haven't had your roof checked yet for damage, it may be a good idea to do so.

Have a great fall!

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 for parking in the front yard on the driveway 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. If you have questions regarding the ordinance provisions, please contact Tanya Nuss, Community Service Officer, at cso@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-4761.



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Community Development

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Welcoming New Industry to Isanti

Conveyor's Direct, Manufactured Component Resources and Marla Properties have all recently purchased buildings in the City of Isanti. Previously vacant buildings at 605 First Avenue NW, 442 First Avenue NW and 425 East Dual Blvd NE are now occupied by these wonderful businesses. Investment in the City of Isanti for these businesses has resulted in bringing at least 18 jobs to Isanti with the ability for many more. The new businesses and employees will be a welcome addition to the community. City Staff continues to work with existing businesses looking to expand and is working to recruit more from outside the City. Utilization of city development tools such as the City Revolving Loan Fund, Tax Abatement and Tax Increment Financing helps create tax base and employment opportunities for Isanti residents.

GPS 45:93 Exporting Summit/Virtual Business Incubator

GPS 45:93 is a regional economic development consortium dedicated to growing business within Isanti, Kanabec, Chisago and Pine counties. On June 27th, 2012 a Foreign Trade Export Summit was held at Spirit River Community Center (formerly Spectacular Events). Katie Clark, Executive Director of Minnesota Trade Office (MTO) Services; Carlos Sosa, Regional Manager, SBA Office of International Trade; and representatives from the US Department of Commerce and the Department of Employment and Economic Development were here in Isanti and gave very informative presentations on their areas of expertise. Minnesota and the United States are aggressively helping fund businesses that are looking to begin exporting or are interested in attending foreign trade missions. If your company currently exports or would like to explore that opportunity the Minnesota Trade Office is the place to start. Please contact Katie Clark at MTO at 651-259-7489, katie.clark@state.mn.us or visit the website at www.exportminnesota.com. Contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at ssullivan@cityofisanti.us if you are interested in electronic copies of the information that was distributed at the Exporting Summit.

GPS 45:93 has received a grant from the Initiative Foundation to work on a virtual business incubator program. The program is designed to help early stage businesses that have to spend a significant amount of their valuable time working on the management aspects of their company rather than production or product development. The ideal prospect for this program is a 1-2 person business based at home or in a small rental space that would like to grow but cannot or does not have the expertise in accounting, marketing, legal, web design or other business support services. Professionals in accounting, marketing, legal and web design are available for consultation and assistance with your business needs at **no cost**. To enter the program please contact GPS 45:93 staff at the Virtual Business Incubator at 763-691-8585, or www.gps4593.com and get signed up with the Small Business Development Center. The GPS 45:93 staff is more than willing to walk you through the simple process of entering the program.

Mayor's Employer Celebration Luncheon a Success

The Isanti Economic Development Authority is a proud sponsor of the Mayor's Employer Celebration Luncheon that was held on June 20, 2012 at Isanti City Hall from 11:30-1:00. Over 120 business owners, employees and development professional shared the lunch hour at City Hall. Great conversation between businesses, elected officials and employees led to a successful business community networking event.

Isanti Economic Development Authority – Business Development Incentives Available

The Isanti Economic Development Authority's function is to promote, market and assist with the development and redevelopment within the City of Isanti. The City of Isanti has Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots available in Isanti Centennial Complex Business Park. Lots ranging from 1.21 acres to 15.49 acres are ready for development. All city utilities and fiber optic service are to the curb at each site which makes your decision to locate to the City industrial park easy. You can't beat lots for \$1.00 and the lower property taxes Isanti boasts over neighboring cities. 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.

City Offices Closed

October 8

Columbus Day

November 12

Veteran's Day

November 22 & 23

Thanksgiving

December 24

½ day Christmas

December 25

Christmas

Water Shutoffs

Due to a change in seasons and on-coming cold weather if your home is going to be vacant for any 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.


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Administrative/Finance

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 renewal permit.

Burning Permits

City code prohibits burning by MN State Statute 88.1 and 88.22 and the MN Uniform Fire Code. Recreational fires are permitted, if applied as follows: a recreational fire is a fire set for pleasure, cooking, warming, ceremonial purposes or other similar purposes, which is not more than three (3) feet in diameter by two (2) feet high. Recreational fires must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from all building or combustible materials. A combustible material includes wood, paper, and plastics.

Any fire larger than the above stated dimensions is considered "open burning" and is regulated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Burning grass, leaves, brush, and lumber requires a permit. For additional information regarding burning permits contact Isanti Hardware Hank at 763-444-5565 or the Isanti Fire District at 763-444-8019.

2013 Budget

The Isanti City Council plans to approve the 2013 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 4, 2012 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2013. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2013 budget and tax levy will be considered for approval by the Isanti City Council on December 4, 2012.

2012 Grants, Donations and Low-Interest Loans

U.S. Department of Justice	\$952.45 for Bullet-Proof Vest
State of Minnesota	\$540.50 for Bullet-Proof Vest
C-I Redbirds	\$8,000 for Redbirds Field Improvements
U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	\$125,000 awarded over three years - COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant

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 at 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.

Fall Cleaning Tips 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.

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. Please contact the Planning Department for all questions and concerns regarding sign regulations.

Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

Isanti Police Department

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Thanks to all who attended the City wide National Night Out event at the Community Center. The Isanti Police Reserves put on a great program with a huge attendance. A big 'Thank You' to all of the businesses through the Isanti Chamber of Commerce who donated door prizes to be handed out to the attendees. We have committed ourselves to another National Night Out next year, which will be held the first Tuesday in August. We hope that you can join us again.

The crime reports for Isanti are looking favorable. Major crimes and our calls for service are also down. Some of our biggest concerns, which are possibly a sign of the times, are domestic disputes and thefts. Both are on the rise. It appears money is tight and times are still a little tough. Thanks to the community and the people that have been calling with concerns. We feel that the citizens of Isanti are doing a great job keeping an eye on their neighborhoods and reporting suspicious activities. That is what makes Isanti such a nice place to live; we all watch out for each other.

We will be busier than ever with the beginning of the upcoming school year but we are always available to help you out with your calls for service. Our goal for 2013 is to do more work with the community and help with events, to keep the community connected. Please continue to watch the Isantian and the Isanti website for updates on special events and activities. We hope that you can join us in some of these special upcoming events.

Legacy Park Trail

The City of Isanti is constructing a nature trail through Legacy Park. The majority of the trail system is proposed to be surfaced with crushed limestone with some side trails having a simple dirt surface. The proposed trail will pass through a natural wooded area owned by the City of Isanti located to the northwest of the Villages on the Rum subdivisions. A culvert crossing will be constructed across Isanti Brook to provide access to the trail. This trail will give residents of the area an opportunity to access an undeveloped natural area. It provides an educational opportunity showcasing undisturbed forest and the Isanti Brook and Rum River basins which contain many types of flora and fauna. The trail is designed to be handicap accessible to provide access for everyone and allows a natural setting for running and walking as well.

Construction has commenced and is scheduled to be completed and open to the public by September 21st, 2012.

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



Are you cleaning up after your pet?

It is your responsibility as a pet owner to clean-up after your pet. When taking your pet for a walk, please show courtesy to other public and private property owners by removing the excrement deposited by your pet. City Code 87-5.1 requires pet owners to immediately collect and remove dog feces deposited by their animal on public or private property. A container, equipment, or other device is required for transport of the fecal material to an appropriate disposal receptacle located on the property of the pet owner. Please help us in keeping our neighborhoods and public spaces clean and sanitary.



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.

Flushing of the Water Mains Scheduled for October 1st – 5th

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.

Please check the city's website at www.cityofisanti.us to see when your area will be affected by the flushing.

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Open skating is available at the Isanti Arena at the following dates and times. The cost for open skating is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids.

Sept. 11, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Sept. 12, 13, 3:45-5:45 pm
 Sept. 14, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Sept. 15, 16, 12:00-1:00 pm
 Sept. 18, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Sept. 19, 20, 3:45-5:45 pm
 Sept. 21, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Sept. 25-28, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Oct. 2-5, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Oct. 8-12, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Oct. 15-19, 3:30-5:30 pm
 Oct. 22-26, 3:30-5:30 pm

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out December 10th with an advertising deadline of November 19th.

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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Isanti Firefighters Rodeo

The Isanti Fireman's Rodeo Association is very thankful for a great 36th Annual Rodeo. Attendance was plentiful to watch some of the greatest rodeo stock and contestants in our nation. A rain shower held off until just after Friday night's performance, followed by perfect skies on Saturday for Jubilee Day events and the evening Rodeo/Dance. From Mutton Bustin' to the nationally recognized Rodeo Performers, to some of the best outdoor music an advance \$10 ticket can buy, we had fun and entertainment for all ages. A great many thanks to everyone who came out and supported the events.

More exciting news at Isanti Fire is the results of last fall's Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluation. As of December 1, 2012 those of you living in the protection area of Isanti Fire will have a lowered public protection class (PPC) rating to report to your insurance companies. Isanti Fire District's PPC rating will be lowered to a 4 in hydrant areas, and a 7/10 in rural areas. This is not only confirmation that your Fire Department is one of the most effective in the State; but it is also going to help save everyone who pays building insurance premiums, some potentially significant money. Make sure to check with your insurance brokers when your policy comes up for renewal after December 1, 2012 to confirm their records are up to date. Hopefully our hard work can be benefited by all, not just the unfortunate ones.

Looking ahead to our future, heating season is coming. Remember to get those chimneys cleaned before you need to start using them. October is also National Fire Prevention Month. A lot of you folks change out your smoke alarm batteries this time of year, which is a great way to remember. Please don't forget about your elderly neighbor or loved one. If you know of someone who might not be as comfortable up on a ladder changing smoke alarm batteries, please consider giving them a hand. Let's not take for granted that because the alarm is hanging on the ceiling and the light is green, that it is fully operational. It takes 5 minutes to change a battery and check its operation. Five minutes could save a lot of lives and property.

For more information on our Rodeo, ISO and other Fire Department updates, please visit isantifiredistrict.org.



Isanti Fire's 102 Foot Aerial Platform

Isanti Redbirds Finish Another Successful Season

The Isanti Redbirds amateur baseball team has just completed another very successful season playing 42 baseball games this summer! After winning the 2011 Class C State Championship; the 'Birds were moved up to Class B and into the Metro Minny League. The Metro Minny is an outstanding league with nine other Class B teams, including: Anoka, Big Lake, Blaine, Champlin, Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Forest Lake, Hamel, Isanti and St. Francis. The Redbirds finished having 16 wins and 2 losses in league play and 33 wins and 9 losses in overall conference and non-conference games. The 'Birds won the 2012 Metro Minny Conference title and the Section 2B title but came one game short of going to the Class B State Tournament when they were eliminated by the Chaska Cubs in the Super Section Tournament that was held in Chaska. The leading hitters for the 'Birds were Packy Lind with a .378 batting average; Jake Maros with 9 home runs; Kyle Johnson with a team high on-base percentage with a .480; and Tyler Schaff and Jake Maros each player having 37 RBI's. The pitching leaders for the Redbirds included Adam West with 10 wins and Dallas Nelson with 8 wins.

The 'Birds would like to thank the City of Isanti, their sponsors, all the volunteers and their loyal fans for all of their help and support.

See you next year!



Community Events

Isanti Chamber of Commerce

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 for yet another year. We were still able to keep the Kids Fun Day, free again, thanks to many donations from businesses in the community and the Cambridge-Isanti Hockey Charitable Gambling Association. The outhouse races were enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. And, on Sunday, the 2012 Ambassadors were crowned at the Coronation in the Isanti Middle School Auditorium.



Looking ahead, we have the Buds, Suds, and Vino networking event at Spirit River Community Center on Thursday, October 4th. Enjoy tasting a wide variety of beer, wine, and cordials. There will be something for everyone. 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 for being in attendance. This event is open to the public. Tickets are only \$20.00 each. Chamber members will receive a \$2.00 discount, if tickets are purchased by September 27th, 2012. Call the Chamber at 763-444-8515 to reserve a spot at this event.

"Home for the Holidays" will be kicking off the holiday season once again on November 10th and 11th. The local business community welcomes you to stop in and visit, admire their holiday decorations, partake in 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 the Isanti Chamber at www.isantichamber.com or watch your local newspapers for dates, times, and location updates.

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!

FAMILY PATHWAYS

Lori Damann
763-444-9551

ISANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tracy Neifert
763-444-7368

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf
763-689-8220

ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson
763-689-1442

ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)
cambridgeisantisoccer.net

ISANTI HOCKEY

David Englund
763-444-6432

MEALS ON WHEELS/ SENIOR DINING

Edie Frison
763-689-5992

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Susi McCune
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VFW

Kim - Manager
763-444-1787

ISANTI LIONS

Joe Mau - 763-444-4107

If your organization is not listed, please contact City Hall at 763-444-5512 or www.cityofisanti.us

Community Events

CITY PARKS:

RIVERSIDE PARK

503 Rum River Drive NW
Corner of Rum River Drive NW & Hill-
ock St. NW



RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

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



MATTSON PARK

311 5th Avenue NW
Intersection of Main St. W & 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 SE.



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



Calendar of Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Kelly Weaver will be playing at the Isanti Community Center. For additional information, contact Edie Frison at (763) 689-5992.

Isanti Senior Dining

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Angie Senger will be playing at the Isanti Community Center. For additional information, contact Edie Frison at (763) 689-5992.

Isanti Senior Dining

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Fundraiser Day for MN Disabled American Veterans

A full day of activities at the VFW with proceeds going towards MN DAV. Pig Roast, Bingo, Bucket Raffle, Horseshoe Tourney, Bake Sale, Cootie Pronto Pups, Games for the kids including a Cup Cake Walk; and much more. For more information call (763) 444-9787.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Ruth Thurstrom will bring her Nutrition Education games to the Isanti Community Center; and will do so again the 1st Monday of each month through May 2013. For additional information, contact Edie Frison at (763) 689-5992.

Isanti Senior Dining

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Sarah Erickson and her team will be presenting "Promoting Natural Healing" at the Isanti Community Center. For details, contact Edie Frison at (763) 689-5992.

Isanti Senior Dining

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

BMX Track, call (763) 444-5429 for details

Rum River BMX Fall Classic/Condo Classic

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Enjoy tasking a variety of beer and wine. Receive a flower just for coming. Event will be at the Spirit River Community Center and is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased through the Isanti Chamber at (763) 444-8515. The Isanti Liquor Store and Isanti Chamber are hosting this event.

Buds, Suds and Vino Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the VFW. Hot dogs will be available. Tap beer specials. Bring your friends and enjoy a pick-up game of Horseshoes or Bean Bags in the beautiful backyard. Call the VFW at (763) 444-9787 for details.

VFW Post Fall Fundraiser BOOYA!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

BMX Track, call (763) 444-5429 for details

Toys for Tots Charity Race

WDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Tony Jambor Band will be playing at the Isanti Community Center. For details contact Edie Frison at (763) 689-5992.

Isanti Senior Dining

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:00 p.m. (Noon) – 2:00 p.m. at the VFW. Call (763) 444-9787 for details.

Ladies Auxiliary Kids Halloween Party

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

Trick or Skate

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Isanti Chamber will be hosting its annual Bridal Fair at the Spirit River Community Center. Vendors should call now to reserve their spot! For details call (763) 444-8515.

Bridal Fair

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 & 11

Visit the local businesses to enjoy their Christmas decorations, special values, and refreshments. Tour the Downtown Christmas Village. Check out the Isanti Community Center for the Holiday Craft Fair. For additional information call (763) 444-8515 or e-mail admin@isantichamber.com

Home for the Holidays

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture memories with Santa. Check the Isanti Chamber website at www.isantichamber.com for further information.

Isanti Santa Day

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:00 p.m. (Noon) – 2:00 p.m. at the VFW. Call (763) 444-9787 for more details.

Ladies Auxiliary Kids Christmas Party

Community Events

MN Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Fundraiser Day

On Saturday, September 15th the Isanti VFW is holding special activities throughout the day to raise money for the MN Disabled American Veterans (MN DAV). The MN DAV is a non-profit organization whose mission is to build better lives for our disabled veterans and their families.

Tickets for a Bucket Raffle that is being held are available for sale at the Isanti VFW in the pull tab booth. They are \$2 a piece and prizes include a Jared Allen Autographed Football, Aveda Product Basket, Casino Gift Certificates, Isanti Meats Gift Certificate, and much more! You do not need to be present to win.

Activities include a Horseshoe Tourney with registration at 11:00 a.m. It is \$5 to enter with 100% payback. Bingo will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a Coverall Game Prize of \$250. A bake sale will start at 11:00 a.m., and games for the kids starting at 1:00 p.m. We will be starting the Cup Cake Walk at 1:30 p.m. The Cooties Pronto Pup Wagon will be open for lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. The Men's Auxiliary Pig Roast is at 5:00 p.m. until gone for \$8 per person.

Join us that evening from 8:30 p.m. to close when DRIVEN will be playing! A \$5 donation for the MN DAV will be requested at the door. To show our appreciation of your support for the MN DAV you will receive a free tap, bottle beer or rail drink. These are some of the things that will be happening at the VFW, with proceeds and donations going towards MN DAV. COME JOIN US THAT DAY AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR VETERANS!

Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

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

For links visit:
www.cityofisanti.us

OTHER EVENTS

Exercise Class at the Isanti Community Center every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. U Care Insurance sponsors the event, which is free and open to the public.

Isanti Senior Dining – Catholic Charities sponsors the noon meal. Reservations can be made by calling Edie Frison at (763) 689-5992 or the Isanti Community Center on Monday and Wednesday between 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at (763) 444-6100 or the Food Preparation Center in Cambridge at (763) 689-4691. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for persons 60 and older; or \$7.00 for persons under 60. This includes home delivered meals and/or site dining. Come join us!

Isanti Senior Blood Pressure Checks, Isanti Community Center 2nd Monday of each month.



Hockey season is back and the Minnesota Owls have been working hard this off season putting a team together that will bring an MNJHL Championship to the Cambridge-Isanti area. The Owls begin their quest for the cup on Saturday, September 15th when the Rochester Ice Hawks come to town.

Come early for the tailgate party which runs from 4:00-6:00 p.m. where local band "CLOUD 10" will be rockin' the parking lot. All Owls players will be signing autographs and there will be free hot dogs and pop. Kids of all ages can get free Owls tattoos and their hair spray painted in Owls green and gold. Game time is 7:30 p.m. but be sure to come early for the unveiling of the Owls new game day video and player introductions.

If you aren't able to make the home opener the Owls play a total of 21 home games out of the David C. Johnson arena in Isanti. The Owls plan a number of special events throughout the year such as Cancer Awareness Night, Military Appreciation Night as well as a few other surprises. In addition, one game each month will be dedicated to youth hockey where kids 12 and under will get in free when they wear their team hockey jersey. Keep an eye on the Minnesota Owls web site for a complete list of special events for game nights. All game times are 7:30 p.m. with the exception of January 13th, 2012 which is tentatively set for 3:00 p.m.

Owls Home Game Schedule

September

15th, Rochester Ice Hawks
21st, Dells Ducks
22nd, Dells Ducks

October

13th, Edina Lakers
20th, Hudson Crusaders
27th, Edina Lakers

November

16th, Hudson Crusaders
17th, Maple Grove Energy
30th, Twin City Northern Lights

December

7th, Twin Cities Northern Lights
14th, Maple Grove Energy
29th, Steele County Blades

January

4th, Steele County Blades
11th, Twin Cities Northern Lights
13th, Ice Hawks
18th, Edina Lakers

February

8th, Steele County Blades
9th, Rochester Ice Hawks
15th, Maple Grove Energy
22nd, Hudson Crusaders
23rd, Dells Ducks

Come cheer on the Owls and see "Fire on Ice!"

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