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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 if 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

1st Tuesday of the Month
@ 7:30 or immediately
following the city
council meeting

We have had a good summer in Isanti. A new Charter School opened in Isanti this fall bringing new educational opportunities and options to Isanti. The announcement of Willow Bridge Center moving from Cambridge to Isanti and the planned construction of a Family Dollar Store will bring more service options, tax base, and job opportunities. We were also able to modify a Tax Increment District, which results in putting \$2,634,500 of industrial tax base back on the tax rolls in 2015. Our Indoor BMX Facility has broken ground on an exciting future that will include more economic development and growth. Our latest credit rating increase, the second in my term as Mayor, is helping us save over \$180,000 on two bond issuances. The credit rating agency has stated our excellent financial management, strong budgetary flexibility, and the internal controls that we have implemented over the last eight years is the reason our credit rating has been increased.

The Council voted unanimously to pass the preliminary 2015 Budget and Levy proposal. We have some significant investments that are being made into our roads and public safety that have increased our 2015 Budget over 2014. The first major investment is \$250,000 for seal coating and maintenance to our roads. We are also nearing completion of our pavement management analysis. This study will allow us to prioritize future road repairs based on their condition. This will ensure those roads that need repair or rebuilding are adequately addressed. We are anticipating the addition of more street lights throughout Isanti. There are many areas that need to have greater illumination for nighttime public safety. We have developed a plan to infill these spots over the next few years starting in 2015. This will add \$28,000 to the 2015 budget but should improve public safety as well. We are also absorbing an estimated 16% increase to health insurance premiums and state mandated employer retirement contribution.

Next is the police investigator position which will cost between \$85,000 and \$94,000 with salary and benefits. This position is critical to our future public safety needs. Currently, when an officer makes an arrest they are expected to perform the investigative work to ensure a positive prosecution. This takes our patrol officers off the streets for extended periods of time. A police investigator position would take that investigating work from the arresting officer, and allow them to be back on the streets.

I am pleased to say that from years of solid planning we are able to lock in our tax rate at the same level as the 2014 budget at 72%. The other two cities in Isanti County are considerably higher, Braham at 100% and Cambridge at 92% of their levy capacity. Our cost of operations continues to rise and we face inflationary pressures. I am proud that we are spending less in 2014 than we did in 2006, before I became Mayor. Our economic development and Long Term Financial Plan; however, are helping us to diversify our tax base and manage our budget properly. As we grow our business community and have responsible residential growth we will ensure the lowest taxes in the County while providing for all our service needs.

We have 27 new housing starts to date in 2014 and more to come. We have numerous commercial and residential projects in the pipeline, making 2015 a transformative year for Isanti. I am dedicated to ensuring that these projects pay for themselves and do not leave the type of debt that was left from the previous Mayor and Council majority. This debt is what causes our utility fees to be so high. This debt will be paid in full in the coming years and our rates will reflect that. I am especially frustrated since I fought against this debt, which subsidized a residential developer, but was out voted. I ran for Mayor in 2006 to ensure that Isanti never allows itself to be put in this situation again. Development must pay for itself, period.

On a fun note, don't miss our Isanti Movie Nights starting October 17th at 7pm. The movie is free and concessions will be available for cash sale. The first movie is the Lego Movie. The Community Center will open at 6:30pm for seating and concessions. I am thrilled that my idea is becoming a reality and the responses I've received have been great. I am looking forward to yet another way to get families to enjoy our community center facility and continue our efforts in providing community building events.

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 website www.georgewimmer.com

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Community Development

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RIVERSIDE PARK

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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



KEY			
Skate Park	Picnic Shelter	Swings	Horseshoes
Picnic Tables	Tennis Court	Trails	Basketball Court
Toddler Equipment	Softball Field	Volleyball Court	Playground Equipment
Hockey Rink			

Economic Development

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Photo courtesy of the Isanti County News



Groundbreaking for City of Isanti Indoor BMX Arena on August 27, 2014

City Staff and Officials joined individuals from Rum River BMX Association, Steel Structures Inc, The Initiative Foundation and other key contributors to the project in the formal groundbreaking ceremony for the City of Isanti Indoor BMX Arena. A lot of hard work and dedication from many groups and individuals have made this exciting project a reality. The anticipated opening date is February 1, 2015 but don't be surprised if this project opens earlier than that.

The proposed project includes the following improvements:

- A paved parking lot that will provide 122 additional parking spaces in Bluebird Park to be available for public use to access the new BMX Facility, the Vision Wake Park pond located on the south side of the proposed parking lot as well as the city trail system and all other facilities within Bluebird Park.

- A 75,000 square foot building will enclose the existing BMX track operated by Rum River BMX Association and will it stand 30 feet tall.

- The building will also include public restrooms and a warming house located along the existing trail at the southwest corner of the building that will be available to all Bluebird Park users year round.

Rum River BMX Association has hosted the State Finals (2009, 2010, 2012, and 2014) and Nationals (2009, 2010 and 2013) here in Isanti. Construction of this state of the art facility will certainly have the potential to increase the frequency of these events and generate more opportunities for the City of Isanti to capture additional dollars from the upwards of 80,000 participants and spectators the new facility anticipates to bring to town annually.

Please Contact Kevin Riedemann of Rum River BMX Association at 763-444-5429 to learn more about the operation of Rum River BMX, track schedule and how to become part of this locally based organization.

Commercial Activity Increasing in Isanti



The City of Isanti received notification from Willow Bridge Center that it would be moving to Isanti in late fall of 2014. Willow Bridge offers a full service Aveda Concept Salon, massage, skin care, acupuncture, and a unique Boutique featuring one-of-a-kind items and inspiring gifts, cards, clothing, re-furnished furniture, pottery, jewelry, books and more! You'll also find several like-minded affiliates under the same roof! The new location for Willow Bridge will be 4 Enterprise Avenue NE (next to Isanti Equipment on Hwy 65 - John Deere). All employers at the new location are estimated to bring 38 jobs to the City of Isanti.

All required City approvals have been granted for construction of an 8,352 square foot retail building at 391 Cherrywood Street NE for Family Dollar Store. Based on average construction times the anticipated store opening would be January 2015. Stay tuned for more updates on this project and a formal grand opening date. Traditionally, each store employs between 8-10 Team Members and the company looks to hire the best from the neighborhood. For more than 50 years, Family Dollar has been helping families save on the items they need with everyday low prices and they are truly excited to serve the community of Isanti.

Housing Market in Isanti Positive

As of September 3, 2014, 27 new housing permits have been pulled. In 2013, 14 housing permits were pulled for the entire year. The momentum in the housing market that started in 2013 has increased in 2014. More housing projects, including multi unit products are on the horizon for Isanti in 2015. Stable growth in this market will add to the appeal of Isanti to businesses looking to expand operations or enter new markets.

Community Development/Administrative/Finance

Building Department

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Welcome to fall everyone,

Ironically, it was a year ago in the 2013 Fall Isantian that I reported of a house fire in the city. Unfortunately there was a similar incident again this past summer. I am happy to say that everyone, including the pets made it out in time. Kudos for another outstanding job by the local fire and police departments. The fire started in the garage and the fire separation wall did a good job of restricting the fire from spreading into the home until the fire department was able to extinguish the flames. Please note that the fire wall and the door in that wall are code required and carry specific fire ratings and so if you are ever thinking of altering them in any way please call the building department to discuss prior to making any changes.

A smoke alarm was still sounding off when I arrived on the scene the following morning. Let that be a reminder for us to periodically check the working conditions of our alarms and to change their batteries at least every six months. If you haven't replaced your alarms in the past five years, they are probably due for replacement also. Contrary to what many of us think, they do expire and need replacing. Generally, there is an expiration date on the back of the alarm. Thanks again to everyone involved at the fire scene.

It's been a very busy summer for construction. Here are some highlights:

New Commercial Construction

All three of the ISD 911 public schools located in the City of Isanti had some construction this summer. In addition to the ISD 911 schools, the building at 603 9th Ave. Ct NE is being remodeled for the Arts & Science Charter School. Family Dollar Store has submitted plans and the City of Isanti has issued all required approvals for construction this fall. The 75,000 sf City of Isanti Indoor BMX Arena is under construction with an anticipated completion date of January 2015.

New Single family homes

As of August 26, twenty-seven new home permits have been completed.

Foreclosed Homes

As of April 15 there were 18 vacant new foreclosed homes. That number compares to 28 in June 2013 and 57 in June of 2012. Trends certainly support a housing market recovery in the City of Isanti.

Rental licensed

The City of Isanti has a rental licensing ordinance that requires all rental housing units to be licensed. A violation of that ordinance can be prosecuted as a misdemeanor. Currently there are 556 rental housing units in the city of which 158 are single family homes.

Have a great fall everyone, and as always, please feel free to contact me with any of your building, rental licensing, or permitting questions.

City of Isanti Building Official-Rick Sames

City Engineering News

The City of Isanti has three construction projects planned this fall. The "2014-BMX & Public Works Site Improvements," "Isanti BMX Building" and the "Unity Lift Station Improvements" projects. The BMX projects will enable the BMX track to be used all year long and bring commerce to the City year round. This will be the only sanctioned indoor BMX track within 100 miles of Isanti. The building will be a City owned facility and the BMX league will lease it for the foreseeable future. This site is located on the north end of Bluebird Park along Isanti Parkway.

The proposed project includes the following improvements:

- A paved parking lot is proposed to provide additional parking to the BMX track and be available for public use to access the wakeboard park located on the south side of the proposed parking lot as well as the city trail system and all other facilities within Bluebird Park.

- A paved parking lot is also proposed at the Public Works Building to improve the existing gravel parking area on the site.

- A 75,000 square foot Building will enclose the existing BMX track and will stand 30 feet tall.

- The building will also include public restrooms and a warming house located along the existing trail at the southwest corner of the building that will be available to all Bluebird Park users year round.

- A new lift station is planned to replace the existing lift station located at the corner of Unity Boulevard NW and 1st Avenue NW.

Construction is planned to begin on the BMX Building August 25th, 2014 and continue to the end of the year.

The BMX parking lot and Public Works parking lot are planned to begin construction September 8th, 2014 and be completed by mid-November.

The Unity Lift Station is planned to begin construction near the end of September and be completed in October.

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

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

2015 City Budget

The Isanti City Council approved the 2015 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 2, 2014 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2015. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2015 budget and tax levy will be considered for approval by the Isanti City Council on December 2, 2014.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Parking of vehicles is not allowed on city streets between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. from November 1st through March 31st of every year. Parking is permitted on streets between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. 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 W and west of the BNSF railroad tracks) between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Your cooperation will help make the snow removal process more efficient and effective.

Community Development/Fire Department

City Offices Closed

October 13

Columbus Day

November 11

Veterans Day

November 27 & 28

Thanksgiving

Mayor's Great Yard Award Sponsors

The City of Isanti would like to take the opportunity to thank this year's sponsors for the Mayor's Great Yard Award. Without their generous support, the Mayor's Great Yard Award would not be possible.

This year's awards are sponsored by the following businesses: First Place (\$100) Duff Consulting, LLC and Wintergreens; Second Place (\$50) Aaron Zdon, Startac Construction, Inc.; and Third Place (\$25) Aaron Andrews, My Geeky Guy, Inc.

Water Shutoffs

Due to the upcoming change in seasons, and oncoming 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; if 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.

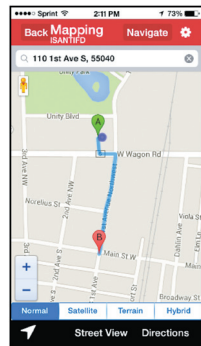
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A message from Isanti Fire

Nationwide, we who live in our great Country manage to fill our days up more and more every year. Having trouble organizing your schedule? There is an app for that. Need to find a way to get something done faster so you can have more time to...do more stuff? There is an app for that! The world we live in is streaming fast. Individually we make decisions of whether we are going to stay techno-savvy and up with the times, or say good enough and enjoy the steady pace we are used to.

Firefighters like us also need to make that decision. Isanti Fire has historically taken the faced pace version. From the smaller more nimble fire trucks and cars, to computer aided dispatching in our trucks, to duty crews to our latest and greatest "I Am Responding" app.



Isanti County Sheriff Bill Guenther recently allotted some dedicated

funds to implement an app that assists public service agencies like the Sheriff's office, Police and Fire Departments and in our area Safety and Rescue. No kidding, there is an app for that! When you call 911, a limited amount of information is directed to our fire department member's cell phones where we can view the call info on our phones, map us from where we are standing to your front door, and show us who else is responding. What does this mean for you? A more reliable and timely responding fire department. Our area has a great response time history already; right now the City of Isanti benefits from a 4 minute response time average at over 177 calls year to date. I'm not expecting to shave too much off that, but I'd be surprised to see it extended. The biggest gain we users will notice is to know how many more volunteer firefighters are available and responding. This can be invaluable while rolling up to a big fire to know how much of your help is on its way. This is one of the situations we deal with not being a full time

department with a regularly staffed roster. Thank you Sheriff Guenther!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo this year as well as the Chambers Jubilee Days and Parade. During our Rodeo, I get a chance to visit with quite a few people who travel across the nation performing at rodeos a lot like ours. Every year, this year included, I'm approached by several of them who can't believe the amount of people our weekend draws. The amount of support you guys and gals offer by patronizing all the different events is awesome.



As the cooler days approach us please take a moment to make sure your heating appliances are tuned up and ready for action. Last winter in our area we had a few fires from dirty chimneys and poorly maintained boilers. Please help protect yourself from a call for help on the coldest day of the year by investing a little time while it's still warm outside.

October is a busy month for the fire department with fire prevention activities. We expect to visit a lot of schools, daycare centers and churches to share with your little ones the importance of being fire safe. Topics we cover are "stop, drop, cover, and roll!", "stay low and crawl below", "get out and stay out" and "learn not to burn". Questions on these? Ask your little one!

October is the month we like to remind everyone to check those smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Change out the 9 volt batteries and remember they all have a shelf life. Just because you tested it and changed its batteries, doesn't necessarily mean it's in proper working order. Most detectors have a life expectancy of 7-10 years. Help us help you by maintaining these detectors and getting the call in to 911 as quickly as you can.

Lastly, October is the start of our annual hiring process. If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining our team, give us a call at (763) 444-8019, stop by and visit us at 401 1st Avenue N, or check us out at Isantifiredistrict.org. We provide all training!

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Police Department

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Thanks to all who attended the City wide National Night Out event at the Isanti Community Center. The Isanti Police Reserves put on another great program with a good attendance. Thanks to all the businesses through the Isanti Chamber of Commerce who donated door prizes to be handed out to the attendees. I hope you liked the venison brats and root-beer floats. We have committed ourselves to another National Night Out next year on August 4th, and hope that you can join us.

Again this summer we have had a rash of theft from motor vehicles and several burglaries of residences. Through extra patrols to include bike patrols; the Police Department was able to arrest four (4) individuals associated with this criminal conduct. In several instances, the crime was caught on home surveillance camera systems. I want to urge and remind everyone about crimes of opportunity such as; thefts from automobiles and open garages. Please do not leave your vehicles unlocked and secure your open garage doors at night, this invites crimes of opportunity. Do not leave items, especially electronic items, visible in your car; even visible power cords left in the vehicle can be a cause for a break-in to your vehicle. Always lock your car when parked is the best deterrent for a crime of opportunity. If you see suspicious behavior or acts of vandalism, PLEASE call the police immediately...many more crimes can be solved by getting involved. Your complaint can be made anonymous.

The Isanti Police Department received another grant to conduct Safe & Sober enforcement for 2014-2015. 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 because school will be in full swing. There are many kids, bicycles and buses to keep an eye out for.

This City Council approved the purchase of 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle to replace the 2008 Dodge Charger that will be needing several expensive repairs if not replaced this year. These vehicles are purchased off of the State Cooperative Purchasing Contract at a substantial cost savings versus what a similar vehicle would sell for off the lot.

In Other News:

The Isanti Police Department has one remaining ATV Youth Safety Class this year, October 11, 2014. All classes and riding sessions will be held at the Isanti Community Center. There is a morning session that starts at 8:00 a.m. and an afternoon session that starts at 1:00 p.m. The morning session needs to fill up before the afternoon session will be opened up for registrations. There is a training CD that each student will need for the class and that can be obtained by coming to the Police Department or by contacting the MnDNR at 1-888-646-6367, 651-296-6157, or 800-366-8917. You can request a CD through email by writing to info.dnr@state.mn.us. Registrants must be age 11 or older to take the class. If you are 11, you cannot receive your certificate until your 12th birthday. There is a \$10.00 fee for the class.

Class participants are encouraged to bring their own ATV that fits them; proper fitment will be checked before the riding portion of the test. If the ATV does not meet proper fitment they will not be able to take the riding portion of the program. We will have an ATV available that will fit all sizes of participants. Proper clothing and foot wear will be required for the riding portion of the test....NO FLIP-FLOPS! Obviously a portion of this class is outside, so dress accordingly. This class will take place rain, sleet, snow, or shine! If there is a storm with lightning, the riding portion will be delayed until that threat has passed.

Parents are encouraged to stay for the class because it will be up to you to supervise your children once you return home. Having a proper working knowledge of ATV safety is essential to reinforce these measures at home and on the trail. Any person operating an ATV in Minnesota born after July 1, 1987 must possess an ATV safety certificate in order to operate an ATV on public lands, trails or waterways (obviously when frozen). If you have any questions regarding ATV operating regulations you can stop at the office to pick up a DNR rules and regulations booklet.

Lastly, watch the Winter Isantian for dates of the youth snowmobile safety certificate course held at the police department.

Respectfully, **Gene C. Hill, Chief of Police**

Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

1. Yard work: Make sure you are using a rake that is comfortable for your height and strength; additionally, never throw leaves over your shoulder or to the side, the twisting motion required to do so places undue stress on your back.

2. Back to school: Overloaded backpacks continue to cause injuries, including bruises, sprains and strains to the back and shoulder fractures. Lighten the load and use both straps!

3. Halloween: Give your children flashlights with fresh batteries to help them see and for others to see them.

4. Halloween: Children should only wear well-fitting costumes and shoes to avoid trips and falls.

5. Thanksgiving: Thawing turkeys must be kept at a safe temperature. The "danger zone" is between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit - the temperature range where food-borne bacteria multiply rapidly. Three safe ways to thaw food is in the refrigerator, in cold water, and in a microwave oven.

6. Thanksgiving: refrigerate leftovers at 40 Fahrenheit or below as soon as possible within two hours of preparation to prevent food poisoning. Have a safe fall season!

NEW Snow Removal Policy

Effective 1/27/2014, the City of Isanti will be removing snow from all public sidewalks & trails within the city limits. A full copy of the City Code can be found on the city's website at www.cityofisanti.us.

As a reminder - pushing snow onto property other than your own is prohibited. This includes onto city lots and into the right-of-way.

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Community Events

Burning Permits

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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 Urban's Hardware Hank at 763-444-5565 or the Isanti Fire District at 763-444-8019.

Yard Waste in City Streets

The City has experienced some issues with grass clipping, 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 City Code section 216-2 identifies the placement of trash, grass, 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.

Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail

Did you know that there is a beautiful paved trail that connects the City of Isanti to the City of Cambridge? The Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail was officially opened for travel three years ago. The three miles of trail take you on an adventure from City to City through wooded areas and pristine wetlands via a boardwalk. The trail begins in Isanti at the edge of Bluebird Park, corner of Isanti Parkway NW and 3rd Avenue NW, and extends to Cambridge's Brown Park and other connecting park trails. The trail is perfect for a family run or bike ride without the worry of traffic or busy intersections. Visit www.cityofisanti.us/park-finder for more information.



Isanti Ambassadors

The 2014-2015 Isanti Ambassadors have been selected and have started off their reign with a bang! Ambassadors Kiely Fredlund sponsored by LSF Design, Hannah Vandersteen sponsored by Park Manufacturing, and Maddie Simon sponsored by Doctor Monte's Auto were selected at the 2014 Isanti Ambassador Coronation at the closing of the Rodeo Jubilee Days festival. Kiely will be a freshman at UMD and Hannah and Maddie will be seniors at CIHS in the fall. All three have formed a wonderful relationship around our community and have been serving our area with pride. The ambassadors have already made nearly 30 appearances both locally and statewide volunteering, and representing the town of Isanti and our festival. Goodwill ambassadors serve for one year with a focus on volunteerism. The ambassadors are most looking forward to the Step up for Down Syndrome fundraising event at the end of September as well as many holiday activities that will soon be approaching. Kiely, Hannah, and Maddie would like to extend a thank you to the sponsors of the Isanti Ambassadors as well as request the public to get involved in our program. For more information check us out on Facebook at Isanti Ambassador Program or email us at isantiambassador@yahoo.com.

Year-Round Schools Embrace Legacy Park


The Cambridge-Isanti Year-Round Schools Minnesota Center (Grades 6-8) and School For All Seasons (Grades K-5) have developed a Science and Environment emphasis at each of their schools. As part of being in session each month of the year, they are using Legacy Park as an additional classroom to note changes in our area during each season of the year as part of the science and environment emphasis. The schools will visit Legacy Park in August, October, January and May to see how our environment and Legacy Park changes in each of our seasons. Students will be looking at changes in trees, plants, animals, insects, vegetation, and the river. The schools thank the City of Isanti and the Mayor George Wimmer for their support of our partnership. If you would like to learn more about our programs please feel free to contact us at 763-552-8800 or 763-691-8600.



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Community Events

Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Rodeo Jubilee Days and the Jubilee Parade were a great success again this year! A huge thank you is owed to the many local businesses and organizations that generously contribute their time and resources to make these free events available to our community.

Mark your calendar for the following events:

Buds, Suds and Vino premier wine and beer tasting event will be held Friday, October 3 from 5-7pm at Wintergreens. Enjoy tasting a wide variety of wine, beer and cordials. The event is open to the public. Contact the chamber office to reserve your tickets.

"Home for the Holidays" will be kicking off the holiday season once again on November 8 and 9. The local business community welcomes you to stop in and see what they have to offer, enjoy the festive holiday décor as well as refreshments and goodies. The Isanti Chamber will be hosting a craft fair at the Isanti Community Center. Craft vendors are wanted, contact the office or the website for information.

Santa and his elves will be stopping in Isanti for Santa Day on December 6 at Harvest Christian Center. Bring your kids or grandkids for pictures with Santa and make decorations for the Town Tree, to be lit later in the day.

Check out our website isantichamber.com or call 763-444-8515 for more information and to get involved.

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

Collette Colucci
763-552-7284

ISANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tracy Neifert
763-444-8515

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf
763-689-8220

ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson
763-689-1442

ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)
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ISANTI HOCKEY

David Englund
763-444-6432

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



The ICC is located at
208.5 1st Ave NW, Isanti
(next to City Hall)

Enjoy Movies at the Isanti Community Center

October 2014 – April 2015
Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

Facility and Concessions open at 6:30pm
Movie watching is free and open to the public
cash accepted for onsite concessions

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October 17 : Lego Movie, Rated PG

November 21 : Goonies, Rated PG

December 17 : National Lampoons Christmas Vacation, Rated PG 13

January 16 : The Little Rascals, Rated PG

February 20 : Jurassic Park, Rated PG 13

March 20 : Honey, I Shrunk the Kids, Rated PG

April 17 : Planes: Fire & Rescue, Rated PG

If you have any questions, please call 763-444-5512
or email isantiparks@cityofisanti.us

Community Events

Isanti Community Center



The Isanti Community Center (ICC) is a great place to host your Fall event. The facility is perfect for Luncheons, Graduation Parties, Weddings, Fund Raisers, Seminars, Business Presentations, Birthday Parties, or any number of other events. The capacity is 215 people with tables, chairs and kitchen amenities included in the rental. The ICC is open to the public for renting. We also offer ½ price weekly rental rates for non-profit groups.

Check out rates and information at www.cityofisanti.us and click on Community Center or contact the Community Events Manager & Parks Coordinator at 763-444-5512 or isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us.

Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Program



Did you know there is a local JMG program put on by the Master Gardeners of Isanti County? Youth will interact and bond with nature, learn how to conserve our natural resources, learn about the environment and connect with other children who have a love for gardening. Visit www.isanticountymastergardeners.com or call 763-689-1810 for more information.

Isanti Family Farmers Market

The Market will continue to be open Fridays 2:30-6:30 until September 26 in our Eagle Park – Downtown Isanti! Stop by the Market for fresh, locally grown, chemical-free produce, homemade craft goods, jam, honey, pottery, local art and more. Mark your calendar for our Farmers Market Fall Fest September 19th. There will be an ugly vegetable contest (don't forget to bring something you have from your garden to enter), mini pumpkin painting, food demo and drawings.



Sign up for the Nature Detectives Club!



Isanti Community Center, First Saturday of the month • 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Ages: 4-7 • Cost \$4 per child (Only \$3 if you register ahead by calling 763-444-5512 or e-mailing isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us).

Upcoming Themes: October 4th - Fantastic Fall; November 1st - Nighttime Neighbors; December 6th - Hibernation Station.

Each month kids will explore nature, make a take-home craft and learn hands-on cool things from our knowledgeable Naturalist!

Downtown Isanti Street Dances

THANK YOU again to the great sponsors, volunteers and vendors that made the Downtown Isanti Street Dances a huge success! With the great venue and fantastic weather, the community was able to enjoy great evening music and hopefully meet a new neighbor or two. All three Street Dances were well attended with over 3,000 in total attendance. We hope to see you all in attendance next year!



Redbirds Complete Another Successful Season Steve Allen, Isanti Redbirds

On Saturday, August 23rd, the Isanti Redbird baseball season came to an end. They were defeated by the Elko Express in the State Amateur Class B baseball tournament. The 'Birds ended up playing 41 games this year and were one of the final sixteen teams in the State still playing on August 23rd. That's something to be real proud of!

During the course this summer's baseball season, the 'Birds played a lot of games and used a lot of different players. This year was the beginning of a transitional process. A transitioning of some youth into our veteran team. The veteran's have provided the team with a lot of commitment and leadership over the past few years. These players have done an outstanding job mentoring the younger players. As a result, the younger players played a lot of baseball this summer. When it comes time for some of the veteran players to retire, hopefully the younger players will be ready to step in and carry on the culture of Redbird baseball. I can't say enough positive things about the commitment and leadership that our veteran players provide to our team. They give up a lot to be a 'Bird and they're a fun group of guys to be around all summer.

A special thank you goes out to all of our family of fans and volunteers who attend games and assisted this summer with Redbird baseball. We're already beginning to look forward to next summer!



Community Events

Calendar of Events

REOCCURRING EVENTS:

Farmers Market – Held at Eagle Park Fridays 2:30-6:30pm thru Sept. 26th! Mark your calendar for our Fall Fest September 19th.

Nature Detectives Club – (see pg 10 for more info) October 4: Fantastic Fall, November 1: Nighttime Neighbors, December 6: Hibernations Station.

FREE Movie Nights – (see pg 9 for more info) Held at the Isanti Community Center select Friday nights at 7:00pm. Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 17, Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20 and April 17.

Senior Dining – Located at the Isanti Community Center M-F from 10:30am – 1:30pm. There are many performances/activities scheduled for the enjoyment of the diners including these upcoming:

September 17 – Guitarist & Singer Angie Senger

September 24 – Accordion Player Kelly Weaver

*Last Wed. of each month – Friends of the Library come to offer 25¢ or 5/\$1.00 used books

*Call Edie Frison for more information on Senior Dining Services 763-689-5992.

Happy Senior Card Club – Located at the Isanti Community Center Tuesdays 11:00am – 3:00pm. Stop by any Tuesday to find out more information.

Isanti Lions Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast – 3rd Sunday of every month, 8:00am to noon at the Isanti Community Center.

Isanti VFW Bingo – Every Wednesday at 6:00pm. \$1,000 Progressive Bingo Event.

ATV Youth Safety Class – Offered by the Isanti Police Dept. October 11. \$10 fee for the class. 8:00am and 1:00pm sessions offered.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Tailgate Kick-off Party for MN Owls Home Opener Game 4-6pm in the Arena parking lot.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

"Rum River Run for Lupus" 5K Run. Contact Trisha for more info. 612-803-6023.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26-28

The Off-Leash Theatre's "Stripe & Spot (Learn to) Get Along" at Junction Bowl. Sponsored by Friends of the Isanti Area Library.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

C-I Intermediate School 5K/1K Run. 9:00am. Contact Jesse for more info. 763-245-6159.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Buds, Suds and Vino wine and beer tasting held at Wintergreens 5-7pm. Contact the Chamber for more info. or to reserve tickets 763-444-8515.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

ATV Youth Safety class at 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (only if the first session fills up) at the Isanti Community Center. See page 7 for more details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

"Bowling For Books" Fundraiser at Junction Bowl. Sponsored by Friends of the Isanti Area Library.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Blood Drive by Memorial Blood Center at the Isanti Community Center 11:30am – 6:30pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Craft Fair at the Isanti Community Center. Contact Heather for more info. 763-238-5384.

SAT & SUN, NOVEMBER 8-9

"Home for the Holidays" Craft Fair at the Isanti Community Center. Contact the Chamber for more info. 763-444-8515.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Santa Day at the Harvest Christian Center. Contact the Chamber for more info. 763-444-8515.

Friends of the Isanti Area Library



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library group helped to establish and continues to support Isanti's Library Outreach Site, which is located in City Hall. The Librarian is there to serve you on Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. with books, movies, and audio books. Ask her about Children's Story Time and other library events planned for this season.

You are welcome to request items by phone or on the East Central Regional Library website, then pick them up here in Isanti. Checking out movies and DVDs for three weeks from the library makes it easy to catch up on past seasons of your favorite TV show, or have entertainment on hand without that last-minute return rush.

This fall we are sponsoring two additional special events:

- The Off-Leash Theatre's "Stripe & Spot (Learn to) Get Along" on Sept. 26, 27, and 28 at Junction Bowl will be great fun for the whole family. Details on our web site IsantiLibrary.org

- Our "Bowling For Books" Fundraiser on Oct. 12 at Junction Bowl includes free bowling, food, prizes for guests and sponsors, and a unique silent auction. Details on our web site IsantiLibrary.org

The Friends of the Isanti Area Library greatly appreciate volunteers to help with events, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information: Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

Tailgate Party

5K Run

Off-Leash Theatre

5K/1K Run

Buds, Suds and Vino

ATV Youth Safety Class

Bowling for Books

Blood Drive

Craft Fair

"Home for the Holidays"/Craft Fair

Santa Days



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