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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 pm

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 pm

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE BOARD

4th Tuesday of the month
at 6:00 pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

This issue of the Isantian will include a review of several of our City departments and the associated staff. It is important for our taxpayers to know the services we provide and the individuals that make it possible. Our Winter Edition will have the remaining department information.

We had some great successes this past summer with the expansion of existing businesses such as Granger and Lexington Textiles. New businesses have also appeared such as SnoBear USA, Bow Daddy Archery and Crossfit Beyond Sport. Stay tuned as more announcements will be made regarding new businesses coming to Isanti this fall and winter. Economic development is a long process from start to finish. Our recent success shows we have benefitted from investments in marketing our community. We are dedicated to bringing in new businesses by making important strategic investments in marketing and will continue to assist existing businesses through information shared through business retention visits and communications.

New housing starts continue to remain strong with 27 new home construction permits to date. Isanti does not subsidize residential growth as other communities have. We believe development must pay for itself and not burden existing taxpayers. With that being said, we are seeing strong numbers of residential housing starts.

We continued our investment in providing a safe community by promoting Officer Noreen to our new Police Investigator position and hiring Chelsea Doherty to fill the open patrol officer position. Please welcome them both to their new positions and to our community. We have a professional dedicated department that does an incredibly tough job that is often overlooked and undervalued.

The City of Isanti Compost site will reopen in the spring of 2016 in full compliance with all state regulations. The site will be secured with an attendant to ensure that only allowed materials are dropped off. The site was closed due to the irresponsible use by some that turned our compost site into a contaminated facility. The current compost material will be disposed of properly and the site will be prepared to accept new compost materials in the spring of 2016. The hours of operation will be determined this winter and information provided on the City's website.

The City Council approved our preliminary budget and levy for 2016. The major changes to the budget include no longer relying on the cash reserves to help pay for operational costs. My original plan created in 2009 anticipated using these reserves through 2017, but we are able to end a year early. We will also start replenishing these reserves by putting \$53,000 back in these funds. Another key item explained to Council is the anticipated increase in city assessed value of 13.9% by the County Assessor. This means the City property values as a whole will increase by that percentage. As we experienced last year with a similar high increase in values, this can affect individual properties differently. A house may see a 20% or more increase while another may actually decrease. This is based on a state mandated valuation process. If the county does not comply the state can force even higher valuations, which occurred in Isanti County a decade ago. The other issue with this process we should be aware of is the timing of different requirements by the state. As a City we must get our preliminary levy decided before the county has to provide firm valuation numbers. This means we are making our best educated determination based on their preliminary numbers. If those change, it can have a negative effect on our levy and property taxes.

I want to invite everyone to join us at our 1st Annual Two Cities, One Community event. I created this title and event to encourage the idea that although Isanti and Cambridge are distinct cities with our own identity, we are members of an incredible overall Community. The details of this event are in this issue. Each year we will build on this event and make it a foundation of our events calendar.

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 and keep up to date on all things Isanti on Twitter at twitter.com/mayorwimmer Facebook at www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer or my blog at georgewimmer.com.

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Police Chief Gene HillChiefHill@cityofisanti.us

Community Development & Code Enforcement

763-444-5512



Shown: Sean Stevens and Roxanne Achman

The Community Development Department is staffed by the Community Development Director and the Code Enforcement / Zoning Technician. The Department is responsible for:

- Administers Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.
- Administers City Comprehensive Land Use and Long Range Plans.
- Processes land use applications, including Variances, Use Permits, Rezoning, Subdivision, Annexation Requests, etc.
- Staffs the Planning Commission and Administrative Hearings, prepares agendas, staff memos, proposed ordinances and policies.
- Administers the Flood Plain Land Use (FEMA) Program.

- Oversees the Code Enforcement / Zoning Technician;

who works to address nuisance and non-compliant property related matters, by advising property owners of code requirements and enforcement procedures to obtain compliance with City Code.

- Oversees the Building Department

The staff that makes up the Community Development Department has acquired knowledge and skills through past work experience and education; which enables them to perform the duties associated with their positions. Roxanne Achman, Director, has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Community Development from St. Cloud State University, and a Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems from the University of North Dakota. She is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association; and is in the process of studying to take the exam required to become a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Ms. Achman has seven years of experience in the areas of planning, zoning, and land use; and continues to participate in continuing education training to maintain her professional knowledge base. Sean Stevens, Code Enforcement / Zoning Technician, has been with the City for one and a half years. He was a Planning Commissioner with the City of Isanti for nearly 8 years. He has assisted multiple cities in the update of their Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Stevens has become a certified Permit Technician while in his role with the City in order to assist the Building Department in its role.

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

Community Development/Economic Development



Isanti's Green Initiative

Recently, the City of Isanti approved a resolution to become one of Minnesota's GreenStep Cities. This program is designed to help our community achieve environmental sustainability goals through the implementation of 28 best practices. These best practices are organized into the categories of: buildings and lighting, land use, transportation, environmental management, and economic and community development.

Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more specific actions from a list of four to eight actions. These actions encourage innovation, focusing on cost savings and energy use reduction.

Tailored to all Minnesota cities, GreenStep Cities grew out of a report to the 2009 Legislature and has been developed by the MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Office of Energy Security, the League of MN Cities, the Clean Energy Resource Teams, the Great Plains Institute, the Izaak Walton League-MN and the Urban Land Institute-MN. For more information about the program, visit www.MnGreenStep.org. For more information on Isanti's involvement in this program please contact Community Development Director, Roxanne Achman.



Economic Development

763-444-5512



Sean Sullivan
Economic Development
Director

The Economic Development Department is staffed by Sean Sullivan, the Economic Development Director. The Economic Development Director is responsible for:

- Supporting and initiating tax base and job creation/ business retention.
- Business Recruitment
- Drafting and administration of EDA marketing and work plan.
- Processing and administrating City Financial Assistance Programs (TIF, Abatement, Revolving Loan Fund) and coordinating other Local, Regional, and State assistance.
- Project management of new and existing commercial and industrial projects that need City assistance.
- Staff Economic Development Authority, Development & Operation Advisory Committee and Revolving Loan Fund Committee.
- Serving as staff liaison to the County EDA and GPS 45:93.
- Attending community, county, regional activities, meetings and functions to market Isanti and generate business leads and to support business relationships.
- Seeking grant opportunities to support economic development in Isanti

- Business Retention and Expansion Visits
- Maintenance of Economic Development page on City Website

The Economic Development Department has acquired knowledge and skills through past work experience and education; which enables staff to perform the duties associated with the position. Mr. Sullivan is a National Development Council Certified Economic Development Finance Professional and he maintains that certification through continuing education. He is an elected Board Member of the Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) and a past President and current Board Member of GPS 45:93, a regional economic development organization for East Central Minnesota. Mr. Sullivan graduated with Honors from Metropolitan State University with a B.S. in Business Administration and was a finalist for the Outstanding Student Award. Mr. Sullivan's experience includes: Nearly 21 years of experience working with the Minnesota State Property Tax System, Tax Increment Financing and other assistance programs at the State, City and County levels, comprehensive knowledge in drafting legal descriptions, legal documents, website management and tax abatement.

The City of Isanti Welcomes SnoBear USA



The City of Isanti and SnoBear USA are wrapping up the final details that will relocate SnoBear USA's world headquarters and manufacturing facility, from Fargo, ND to Isanti, Minnesota. SnoBear USA LLP manufactures snow track vehicles for recreational, commercial and governmental use. The project will involve the purchasing of an existing 42,000 square foot building in Isanti as well as the construction of a new 12,000 square foot building next year.

This project is estimated to bring 25-40 great paying new jobs to the City of Isanti over the next two years. The City Development Project Team worked hard with the management of SnoBear and the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to put together an assistance package that makes this move possible. During a day long visit on August 26, 2015, in the City of Isanti, Congressman Nolan took this opportunity to meet with the owners and toured an actual SnoBear vehicle. It's never too early to start thinking about ice fishing in Minnesota, especially when you're fishing from one of these impressive vehicles!

City of Isanti Increases Marketing to Wider Audience

The City of Isanti will be involved in the Department of Employment and Economic Development Site Familiarization (FAM) tour in 2015. The State of Minnesota has secured national site selectors to tour specific economic development regions in the State of Minnesota. The City of Isanti is part of a five County Region consisting of Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Mille Lacs and Chisago Counties. This group of counties, GPS 45:93, local cities, and electrical cooperatives, have pooled resources to pay for a site selector to tour this region and provide a presentation. The site selector will be in the area from September 14-15 and will be meeting with local businesses and Economic Development Staff. This tour gives Isanti the ability to showcase its Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified industrial lots and the great business community that has chosen Isanti as home.

The City has also partnered specifically with Connexus Energy to advertise in print and online with Journal Communications in the Department of Employment and Economic Development's new marketing magazine called "Minnesota: Thriving in the North". This publication will be available and distributed to site selectors and businesses at national events attended by the state Economic Development Staff and Governor lead trade Missions. The City will be given magazines for its use to help with marketing done locally as well. As shown with SnoBear USA, Isanti has the ability to draw from outside of the State of Minnesota with certain projects.

Building Department

Building Department

763-444-5512



Shown: Rick Sames and Nick Henly

The Building Department is overseen by the Community Development Director. The Department is currently staffed by the Building Official Rick Sames and part-time Building Inspector Nick Henly. The Department is responsible for:

- Enforcing State Building Codes as adopted by the City; regarding building, plumbing, and mechanical codes.
- Process building permits; perform plan reviews, collects fees.
- Reviews permits, designs, and inspects on-site sewage treatment systems.
- Assists with nuisance and zoning code compliance, including monitoring of foreclosed properties.
- Administers Rental Housing License Program.
- Maintenance Coordinator for City owned buildings/facilities.

ings/facilities.

Both of the staff members within the Building Department have acquired knowledge and skills through past work experience and education; which enables them to perform the duties associated with their positions. Rick Sames, Building Official, is a licensed Building Official with the State of Minnesota for Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Accessibility, Fire and Energy Codes; is certified with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for septic design and inspection, and attends yearly continuing education courses to maintain his credentials. He is a member of the International Code Council as well as a member of the East Central Building Officials Organization. Mr. Sames has taken college courses in architectural drafting, fire suppression, plumbing and inspections, mechanical systems and inspections, building inspections, and plan review. He has 10 years of experience as a carpenter, 18 years as a licensed contractor, 3 years as a building inspector, and 12 years as a building official. Mr. Sames is planning to retire at the end of 2015.

Nick Henly, part-time Building Inspector, is a state certified Building Official – Limited, and an ICC nationally certified Residential Building Inspector. Mr. Henly obtained his Building Inspection Technology Certificate through North Hennepin Community college. Nick is also a member of the International Code Council (10K Lakes Chapter) professional organization.

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.

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.



Building Department News - Fall 2015

WELCOME TO FALL ISANTIANS!

I am very happy to report that no fires have occurred since last fall's Isantian update. To continue this fortunate safety streak, I want to remind you all to test your smoke detectors and re-visit your emergency escape routes and plans with your family. And please be aware that smoke detectors do not last forever! Battery operated smoke and CO detectors have an expiration date - be sure to check your brand's expiration date and replace if needed. The expiration can often be found on the back of the detector, and the average life is 7-10 years.

Also, cooler fall evenings tend to spur more bonfires - so we'd like to remind all of you flame fans about the State Fire Marshall's requirements for fire pits. The fire ring may be no more than 3' in diameter, the flames can be no higher than 3', and any combustible structure must be at least 25' away.

As always, feel free to call the building department at any time with questions regarding building, permits, inspections, etc. The department is in place to help the citizens of Isanti build, alter, repair, and add on to structures and property in a safe and consistent manner.

Thank you,
Nick Henly
Building Inspector

2015 Residential Construction Permit Totals as of 08/24/2015: *(2014 totals in parentheses)

Permit totals: 294 (494)
Roofs/siding: 35 (50)
Fences: 11 (27)
Garage/Sheds: 1 (7)

Decks: 33 (22)
LL finishes: 17 (13)
Additions: 2 (3)
Misc. (includes electric): 59 (138)

- New Single Family Homes as of 9/2/2015: 27 (38)
- Commercial Construction Permits as of 8/24/2015: 33 (55)

Administration/Municipal Liquor Store

City Offices Closed

October 12
Columbus Day

November 11
Veterans Day

November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving

2016 City Budget

The Isanti City Council approved the 2016 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 1, 2015 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2016. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2016 budget and tax levy will be considered for approval by the Isanti City Council on December 1, 2015.

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.

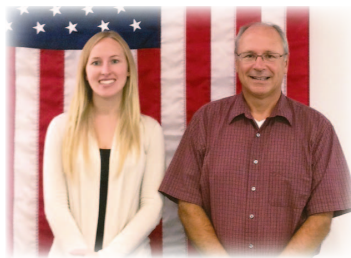
City Code section 325-9 (E) authorizes the City to disconnect services due to electric and/or gas utility services being shut off between October 15 and April 15; if the City determines in good faith that the premises has been vacated by the former account holder and no transfer of the account has been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

If you dig a hole:

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

Administration

763-444-5512



Shown: Karissa Henning and Don Lorusung

The Administration Department is staffed by the City Administrator/City Clerk, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk, and Administrative Data Clerk. The Department is responsible for a wide range of duties, which include:

- Provides day-to-day administration over all City Departments. Assists department heads with projects, policy development and as needed assists in their absence with department administration.
- Develops draft procedures, policies, and programs to improve the health, safety, and welfare of the City, to respond to organizational needs and governmental mandates.
- Works with department heads and staff to administer community development programs, assistance with planning and development matters as well as financial matters and budget preparation.
- Coordinates consultant services and assists with projects, as necessary.
- Executes governmental functions as City Clerk, as required by State

Statute (Plan A).

- Keeps all records and filings of municipal documents and records.
- Administers the Election process.
- Responsible for licensing and contracted services.
- Responsible for City insurance programs, claims, and administration.
- Administers human resources and City safety programs.
- Shares Website administration and updates.

The duties and responsibilities assigned to those in the Administration Department require a broad knowledge and skill set. Don Lorusung, City Administrator/City Clerk, has earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from Minnesota State University – Moorhead and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Studies from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He is a Credentialed Manager through the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and continues to pursue certification maintenance credits to maintain his credentials. Mr. Lorusung is a long term member of ICMA and the American Planning Association. Mr. Lorusung has over 31 years of experience in local government management in Minnesota and Iowa. Karissa Henning, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk, has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Development with a minor in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Miss Henning is a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and is working towards obtaining her Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification. Henning is a member of the Minnesota Clerk and Finance Officers Association, International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Society for Human Resource Management, and International Public Management Association for Human Resources. Henning has worked for the City of Isanti for over four years. Henning will continue to attend classes and seminars to keep aware of issues affecting local government. Carla Scharber, Administrative Data Clerk, has earned a Bachelor's Degree in French Area Studies from the University of Minnesota with a minor in Foreign Studies. Scharber believes in lifelong learning and continually pursues further education in a wide variety of disciplines and skills.

Municipal Liquor Store

763-444-5063



Shown: John Jacobi, Carla Golden, Angela Sheppard and Angie Kersting. (Not pictured: Emily Cavallaro, Jim Maloney, Andrew Sammis and Greta Stodieck)

The Municipal Liquor Store is staffed by the Liquor Store Manager, a part time Municipal Clerk II, two clerk III's and 4 part-time Municipal Clerks. The staff at the Municipal Liquor Store are responsible for:

- Provides regulated sale of alcoholic beverages and related products as a retail off-sale operation.
- Provides a revenue source for the City to contribute to reducing the cost of general fund projects, programs and services to City residents.

The staff at the Liquor Store bring with them knowledge and skills that are pertinent to their responsibilities. Many of the employees have been with the City for an extended period of time; and are valuable and important to the successful operation of the Liquor Store.

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Fire Department/Police Department

A message from Isanti Fire

Happy late summer Isanti!

An interesting and scary statistic: According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) nearly 2/3 of residential fire caused fatalities occurred in structures that didn't have any smoke alarms, or had smoke alarms that were inoperable. That would equate to 1,804 deaths in U.S. homes in 2013 that didn't have a chance to hear these \$10 devices alert them to get out. This October's fire prevention message is "Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP". Let's keep Isanti out of these ugly statistics. Do you have a working (and hopefully interconnected) smoke alarm in your and your families sleeping areas? If you have any questions on this please call the fire station at (763) 444-8019.

Please note the graph for a breakdown of what services Isanti Fire District has responded to in the City of Isanti this year to date. Throughout these 180 calls, the firefighters have averaged a response time of 3.2 minutes.

Correction! My last entry to the Isantian was on data and how the department tracks different pieces of it to help us preplan and judge our services. My report stated our per capita dollar amount charged to City residents for our service was \$24.98. This should have read \$33.39. This per capita amount was reached by taking the quarterly contribution to the Isanti Fire District by the City of Isanti of \$45,064.01 times 4 (\$180,256.04 annually) and dividing it by 5,397 (2013 census). My apologies for this error on my part.

Al Jankovich, Assistant Chief, Isanti Fire District

Police Department

763-444-4761

With kids back in school I urge everyone to drive with caution around school buses, school crossings and when children are present.

National Night Out was held on August 4th, 2015 at the Isanti Community Center. We had about 110 people present at the community center and we had two well attended neighborhood events. We had many new faces and families in attendance...it was great to see everyone! I want to thank the Isanti Police Reserves for handling the drawing of gift certificates to the attendees.

The Police Investigator has been busy with the growing needs of our community. This position allows the patrol officer's more time to do just that...patrol, to be visible in the community and in your neighborhoods. With the investigator's position being filled from an internal candidate, a patrol position became open. At the August 18th City Council meeting, Council reviewed and hired Chelsea Doherty to fill that vacancy. She comes highly recommended from her past and current employers. When you see Officer Doherty out in the community, please welcome her.

The Isanti Police Department will again offer ATV Youth Safety Classes this year. We certified about 55 youth at our August 15th class and will be offering one more class beginning Saturday, October 10, 2015. The class and riding session will be held at the Isanti Community Center. 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.

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. Watch the Winter Isantian for the snowmobile safety class dates and times.

Within the city, Class 1 ATV's and golf carts may be driven on municipal streets under certain restrictions. A city ATV permit and application can be obtained at the Police Department. The permit sticker costs \$25.00 per year.

Have a great and safe remaining summer!

Respectfully, Gene C. Hill, Chief of Police

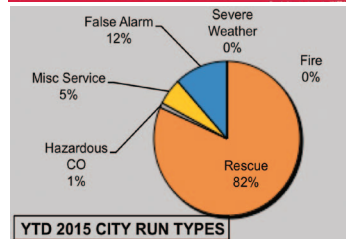
Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

National Preparedness Month—September is National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. One goal of Homeland Security is to educate the public about how to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks. For more information, visit <http://www.ready.gov/>.

Fire Prevention Week—Fire prevention week is October 4-10. No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, verify that your heating systems are in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season. When you turn your clocks back for Daylight Saving Time, it's also a great time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Verify and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.

Fall Driving – Cold fall mornings often lead to fog. One common mistake is to put on high beams instead of staying with low beams. High beams only make visibility worse because they bounce off fog and create glare. Deer are out and about more during the fall season because of mating and migrating, so keep an eye out for them. If you live in a deer-heavy area, watch for darting deer especially when driving at night.

Have a safe fall season!



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Community Events

Isanti Community Center



The Isanti Community Center (ICC) is a great place to host your event. The facility is perfect for Weddings, Fundraisers, Seminars, Business Presentations, Birthday Parties, and a 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 weekday 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 & Parks Coordinator at 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us.



Sign up for the Nature Detective's Club!

Calling all youth who love nature! This drop-off program is designed for children ages 4-7. Each program involves outdoor exploration, hands-on learning, craft time and lots of fun! The group meets the first Saturday of the month, year-round, at the Isanti Community Center from 9:00am-10:30am. Cost is \$3/ child when you pre-register. \$4/ child if not pre-registered.

Isanti Redbirds Season in Review



The Isanti Redbirds knew that this was going to be a transitional year, with some veteran baseball players retiring. After a rocky start to the season, the 'Birds finished strong and ended up with a very respectful 17 win and 12 loss season. Some of the leaders on this team were Kyle Johnson, who caught most of the games this summer and lead the team with a .371 batting average. Tyler Schaff was second on the team in hitting with a .354 average and Brent Tholen's batting average was a very respectable .342. One of the younger 'Birds who had an excellent summer was pitcher, Jake Johnson. Jake won 5 games and had an outstanding earned run average of 1.20.

The 'Birds then went on to play in the Section 2 Tournament and qualified for the State Tournament by beating a very good Anoka team in a two out of three game series. The 'Birds excellent team play and work ethic were key factors in winning this series.

The 'Birds will play the Chaska Cubs in the first round of the State Tournament. You can follow the Minnesota Amateur Baseball State Tournament on their web site at www.mnbaseball.org.

At the end of the summer, we would be remiss if we didn't say thank you to all of the kids, fans and volunteers who helped make this another great summer of Redbird baseball. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the ball field next Spring. Thanks for all of your support and assistance!

Isanti Family Farmers Market

The Market will continue to be open Fridays 2:30pm-6:30pm until September 25 in our Eagle Park – Downtown Isanti! Stop by the Market for fresh, locally grown, chemical-free produce, homemade craft goods, jam, honey, local art and more.



Downtown Isanti Street Dances



THANK YOU to the great sponsors, vendors and participants that made the Downtown Isanti Street Dances a huge success! With the great venue and cooperating weather, the community was able to enjoy great evening music. All three Street Dances were well attended, and we are continuing to see growth year after year. We hope you look forward to coming out next year!

The City of Isanti would like to take the opportunity to thank the following sponsors of this year's City Events. Without their generous support, these events would not be possible.

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2:00pm Cambridge City Park

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8:30am at Cambridge
Park n' Ride. First 50
registered participants
receive FREE Goodie Bag!



FAMILY BIKE RIDE

9am Starting at
Park n' Ride
in Cambridge
First 50 registered participants
receive FREE Goodie Bag!

WELLNESS & KIDS FAIR

9am-1pm Bluebird Park
Games & Vendors



CONCERT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

1-3pm
Cambridge City Park



ALL EVENTS FREE

FREE Shuttle after 5k & Bike Ride back to Park n' Ride

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to
do while helping your com-
munity 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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763-444-8515

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ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

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Edie Frison
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Community Events

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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



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Rum River BMX

Come watch for FREE!

That's right friends... you can come and watch all the BMX racing you want for free every Saturday and Sunday at the Isanti Indoor Arena – Home of Rum River BMX. Only the racers have fees to ride so what that means is, if you're looking for a fun family day out at a great price... come and watch! Just be prepared to have the excitement entice you into thinking I bet I can do that. If you start thinking that you're probably right because we have one of the largest rider bases in the country. We offer loaner bikes, helmets, and more classes and practices than you can shake a stick at. Practices are on Tuesday and Friday nights and we know how to have fun. We are open year round so it's a great way to get your exercise and ride your bike all winter long. What most people don't realize is we have something for all ages and levels of riders, as young as 2 and as old as 72 ride our world class track. So as the fall starts to approach and winter is crowding in on you, don't hesitate to come for a FREE show – you may just end up riding, taking some lessons and building memories that last a lifetime. For complete information go to our website at www.rumriverbmx.com and we hope you will stop by for some free entertainment.



Enjoy a Free Movie Night at the Isanti Community Center

October 2015 – April 2016

Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

Facility and Concessions open at 6:30pm, cash accepted for concessions

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

NOW SHOWING AT THE

ISANTI COMMUNITY CENTER

October 2015 – April 2016

October 16 : *Big Hero 6*, Rated PG
November 20 : *Cinderella (2015)*, Rated PG
December 11: *Home Alone*, Rated PG
January 15 : *Frozen*, Rated PG
February 19 : *Annie (1982)*, Rated PG
March 18 : *The Lion King*, Rated G
April 15 : *Mary Poppins (1964)*, Rated G

If you have any questions or would like your youth organization
to volunteer, please call 763-444-5512 or email

isantiparks@cityofisanti.us

Community Events

Calendar of Events

REOCCURRING EVENTS:

Farmers Market – Located at Eagle Park Fridays 2:30-6:30pm thru Sept. 25th!

FREE Movie Nights – (see pg 10 for more info) Located at the Isanti Community Center select Friday nights at 7:00pm: Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 18 and April 15.

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.

*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 10. \$10 fee for the class. 8:00am and 1:00pm sessions offered.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

5K/Wellness Fair/ Kids Activities/Bike Ride

Come join the Two Cities, One Community event for lots of family fun! Contact the City of Isanti for more information or to register 763-444-5512 (see pg 9 for more info).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Rum River VFW Post #2735 fundraiser for new color guard uniforms. Noon-6pm Buy a ticket for all you can eat bouya!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

2nd Annual Bowling 4 Books Fundraiser 10 am -2 pm at Junction Bowl

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14-15

"Home for the Holidays"/Craft Fair

Home for the Holidays Craft Fair at the Isanti Community Center. Contact the Chamber for more info. 763-689-2505.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Santa Day at the Harvest Christian Center. Contact the Chamber for more info. 763-689-2505.

5K Run/Walk

5K/1K Run

Bouya

Bowling 4 Books

Blood Drive

Santa Days

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 noon to 4 p.m. with books, movies, and audio books. Ask her about Children's Story Time, contests, and other library events planned for this season.

You are welcome to request items by phone or via the East Central Regional Library web-site, 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.

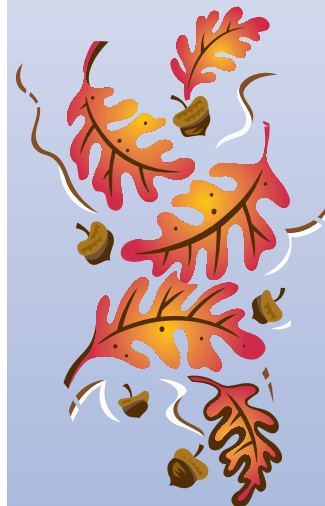
Don't miss our 2nd Annual Bowling 4 Books Fundraiser Saturday, October 3rd from 10 am -2 pm at Junction Bowl. It's fun for people of all ages! For only \$10 per person (\$5 for age 12 and under) you get bowling plus chances for door prizes, a unique silent auction, special guests and more. Prizes for the top three individual fundraisers. All proceeds are used for FIAL projects that support the Isanti Outreach Library.

All donations to the Friends of the Isanti Area Library are tax-deductible, and we gladly accept donations of gently used books, DVDs, audio books, occasionally other related items, and of course cash. (Please no Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, or VHS tapes) We especially need children's books and westerns.

We greatly appreciate volunteers to help with various community events, and we are actively seeking new members. If you like libraries, literacy, and learning you will be among kindred spirits. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information: Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex
Isanti Indoor Arena - Home of Rum River BMX
Isanti Ice Arena
Martin's Landing
(DNR Canoe Landing)
Redbirds Baseball Field
For links visit:
www.cityofisanti.us



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Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

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

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