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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

We have had a great year so far and look forward to an exciting Fall. The Summer Street Dances were a great success, the Community Garden at River Bluff Preserve is thriving and the Farmers Market continues to provide fresh food. I want to highlight the Community Garden which in its first year has been a success. We have encouraged gardeners to donate to Senior Dining through our drop off crate. These donations are then taken to Senior Dining to be used in their meals. A Community Garden is not only a place to grow great fresh food but also a place to meet and interact with our friends and neighbors. We have also partnered with the School District on this project allowing them to use an acre of land for year over year projects. Isanti students, K through 8, are doing age appropriate activities and research.

We have been working hard to bring more Commercial/Industrial growth to Isanti to provide jobs, services and to diversify our tax base. I will go into more detail in the Winter Isantian on the benefits to our City, Budget and Levy as my space runs short in this article. We continue in this issue to highlight City Departments. Isanti Police Department is our featured department this issue. I want to thank our Officers and staff for the good work they do each day.

I would like to introduce you to Lindsey McInnis who stepped into the Human Resources/City Clerk role on May 9, 2016. Lindsey grew up in Coon Rapids, MN, and attended the University of Wisconsin – Stout where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Retail Management and double minors in Human Resources and Business. Before coming to work with the City of Isanti, she worked with Three Rivers Park District, first as the Human Resource Analyst and then as a Generalist. She has also worked as a Hiring Manager; her work experience is primarily in Recruitment and Staffing, Data Analysis, Compliance, Training and Development.

In her free time, Lindsey says that she is typically "at the family cabin or outside, because my favorite place to be is on a lake fishing." The biggest fish she has ever caught was a 53.5" sturgeon! Her fiancé is an avid hunter, so they have been spending time training their black lab puppy to be a good retriever. Lindsey also claims that she is not a sports fanatic – except when it comes to hockey, she says "I absolutely love the Minnesota Wild."

Welcome to Isanti, Lindsey!

*If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me at 763-442-8749 or email me at [George@georgewimmer.com](mailto:George@georgewimmer.com). You may also follow me and keep up to date on all things Isanti on Twitter at [twitter.com/mayorwimmer](https://twitter.com/mayorwimmer) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer](https://www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer)*



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# City Offices & Staff Directory

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### Community Events and Parks Coordinator

Katie Everett ..... isantiparks@cityofisanti.us

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isanti@cityofisanti.us  
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Fax 763-444-4868

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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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# Police Department

## City Offices Closed

**October 10**  
Columbus Day

**November 11**  
Veterans Day

**November 24 & 25**  
Thanksgiving

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## 2017 City Budget

The Isanti City Council plans to approve the 2017 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 6, 2016 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2017. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2017 budget and tax levy will be considered for approval by the Isanti City Council on December 6, 2016.

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## Water Shutoffs

Due to the upcoming 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; 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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## If you dig a hole:

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

## Isanti Police Department

763-444-4761

Summer Greetings Everyone. I hope the summer has been enjoyable for all Isantians.

Some kids are back in school and the traditional school kids will be back shortly as well. I urge everyone to drive with caution around school buses, school crossings and when children are present.

National Night Out was held on August 2nd, 2016 at the Isanti Community Center. We had about 100 people present at the community center and we had two well attended neighborhood events. There were some new faces and families in attendance...it was great to see everyone! I want to thank the businesses that donate items for this event.

I want to introduce Officer Brian Saba to the community. He is a recent hire due to an officer resigning and going elsewhere. He comes to us from White Earth Tribal Police Department and has performed well within the community. He will be working mostly overnights for us. When you see him, welcome him to our community.

We have had a quiet summer in regards to thefts from automobiles due to the officers' diligence last year and this spring in locating and arresting the individuals involved. However, please do not leave your vehicles unlocked... 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 locking your cars when parked is the best deterrent for a crime of opportunity. Your complaint can be made anonymously.

I would like to explain the non-emergency calling for the Police Department. Our office is physically open by 7:00 a.m. and closes some days at 3:30 p.m., but most days at 4:00 p.m. This is due to staffing of the front desk. We do have a drop box at the front door if you wish to drop items off after business hours. The front Desk is staffed fulltime by Administrative Assistant Penny Anderson and part-time by Linda Goldben. Our non-emergency office number is (763) 444-4761. If no one answers after hours you can leave a message and we will respond back upon receiving that message. If it is not an emergency; however, you want to speak with an officer right away, then call our dispatch center at (763) 689-2141 and ask for the duty officer to call you.

I want to reassure everyone, just because the front office is closed, there is an officer on duty to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. The Police Department always has someone on duty to assist our citizens and guests to our community.

## The Police Department is staffed as follows:



Fulltime Officers: Dan Vandenneuvel, Steve Callahan, Rod Barrows, Val Zeman, Adam Gau & Brian Saba (not pictured). Part-time Officers Pictured: Lowell Schwieger & Brandon Oliver. Not pictured are: Mike Vogel, Jacob Isaacson, John McCarty, Eric Baumgart and Noah Bueckler. These part-time officers only work to cover off time for the full time staff and to help the department with special events with in the city. Quite often these part-time officers transition into fulltime staff upon openings and city council approval.

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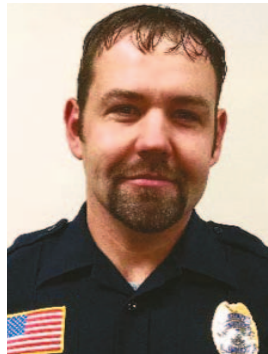
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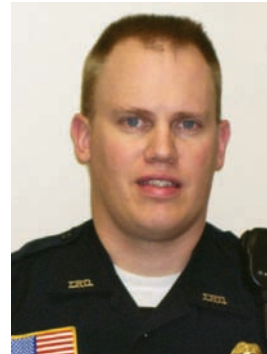
## Police Department



**Chief Gene C. Hill –**  
ChiefHill@cityofisanti.us



**Lt. Travis Muyres –**  
Lt.Muyres@cityofisanti.us



**Investigator Dusten Noreen –**  
dnoreen@cityofisanti.us

An important project is our nightly business checks. Officers will check local businesses randomly each night to make sure they are secure. If they are found unsecure we will check the building first to make sure a crime had not been committed inside such as theft, burglary or criminal damage to property. If the building can be secured, we will secure the building and notify the key holders. If we find anything out of the ordinary we will contact the business owner about the situation. If you are a business owner and would like to update your emergency contact with us, please call and speak to the front office staff or email me.

### *The Police Department does many other things that you would not ordinarily think of such as:*

- School Resource Officer
  1. Alcohol and Drug Awareness Programs
  2. Fatal Vision Goggles Program where students drive pedal cars with goggles that simulate intoxication.
  3. Seat Belt Challenge Program – promotes the use of seat belts to educate and defeat peer pressures teens face.
  4. Mentorship and coaching of youth by having positive interaction with law enforcement.
- Youth Education
  1. ATV Safety Program
  2. Snowmobile Safety Program
- Animal Control
  1. Dog Licensing
  2. Temporary animal containment
- Special Vehicle Permitting
  1. Licensing of ATV's
  2. Licensing of golf carts
- Grant Writing
  1. Specialized Equipment Grants for body cameras worn on an officers uniform.
  2. Safe and Sober Grants for equipment and extra time for enforcement of focused public safety violations such as DWI offenses, seatbelt violations, speeding, and inattentive/texting while driving. The Police Department received a \$32,375.00 grant through this program.
  3. Office of Justice Programs Grants for ballistic vest reimbursement.
  4. Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grants. The city has received three of these grants which pay for the bulk of an officer over a three year period.
  5. Grant requests through our local utility companies for equipment.



Have a great and safe remaining summer!  
Respectfully, Chief of Police

## Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

### **Test and Replace Batteries –**

Check or replace carbon monoxide batteries twice a year when you change the time on your clocks each Spring and Fall. Replace smoke alarm alkaline batteries at least once a year and test alarms every month to ensure they work properly. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.

### **Distracted Driving –**

Many distractions exist while driving, but cell phones are a top distraction. Almost everyone has seen a driver distracted by a cell phone, but when you are the one distracted, you often don't realize that driver is you. As a general rule, if you cannot devote your full attention to driving because of some other activity, it's a distraction. Take care of it before or after your trip, not while behind the wheel.

### **Have A Safe & Healthy Halloween –**

Ensure safety on the street; mark treat bags and costumes with reflective tape, and have children carry a flashlight so drivers can see them. Plan healthy treats instead of candy. Offer safe nonfood treats or healthy snacks. Make Halloween festivities fun, safe and healthy.

## Have a safe Fall season!



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

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## Compost Site

The compost site (on Isanti Parkway at the Public Works garage) will be accepting leaves and grass clippings only through November 20. The site is located at 100 Isanti Parkway West (just west of the railroad tracks) and is open Sunday 12:00-5:00 and Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-7:00. For the latest information, visit [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us) or call City Hall: 763-444-5512.



## Economic Development

763-444-5512

### Isanti Continues to Grow

The City of Isanti is growing responsibly in all multiple market sectors. The housing market continues to remain strong with 51 new single housing permits pulled in 2016 which has already eclipsed the 41 for all of last year. In addition, the City has received a new residential plat for 11 single-family lots which is slated for consideration at the September Planning Commission Meeting. This is the first new significant residential plat since 2006. Based on projections from the State Demographer and City Staff research our City population is estimated to be at 5,629 which is a high watermark for our community. Industrial businesses are adding employees and expanding which also bodes well for our local economy. The City still has many Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots (1.2 to 15.49 acres) available in its industrial park and is able to provide incentives to existing or new businesses that are committed to the construction of new facilities and the creation of jobs. The retail and health sectors are also thriving with the addition of the new Coborn's Marketplace, Family Dollar and the new 17,000 square foot Allina Health Clinic (Spring 2017 opening) coming to town and reduced vacancies in our commercial buildings. For 2016, the City of Isanti has seen 18 businesses locate to Isanti, or expand in Isanti, ranging in size from 1 to 130 employees. In total 170 Isanti businesses employ approximately 1,752 people. The City Development Team is also working on increasing housing options to accommodate demand for all ages and lifestyles. There are other projects in the pipeline in all sectors that very well could break ground in 2017. It is an exciting time for Isanti.



### Coborn's Marketplace Open for Business – August 17, 2016



The City of Isanti formally welcomed Coborn's Marketplace to Isanti on August 17, 2016 with a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting. No City incentives were provided to bring this cornerstone project to the City - only hard work and collaboration between Coborn's management, Rice Construction and the City Development Team. This Coborn's store is a new prototype, or "next generation" store which highlights the "Fresh" concept providing a unique shopping experience for its customers. To date, Coborn's Marketplace has hired 130 employees at the Isanti location, brought back a much needed pharmacy to the community that will be operated by David Johnson and has created new tax base that will provide an economic boost to the community now and into the future. Welcome to Isanti.

### Isanti Celebrates Manufactures

The City of Isanti officially recognizes Minnesota Manufacturing Week in October and our manufacturing businesses. Our community is thankful that these wonderful companies have decided to operate their business in the

City of Isanti and provide great job opportunities for residents and others in the region. The Mayor and City Staff meet with our manufacturers during this week to listen to issues businesses might be having and to inform them of opportunities for financing and education to grow. The City then compiles data from these visits to identify trends so that the City can better serve our businesses. The City of Isanti sincerely thanks our businesses and the positive impact they have on our city.





## Economic Development/Building

### Isanti receives Step 3 in the MN GreenStep Cities program!

There are 107 cities and 2 Tribal Nations currently participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Isanti is among 7 other cities to reach Step 3 this year, and the only city to complete 3 steps in one year! Isanti's accomplishments can be viewed in detail at [www.MnGreenSteps.org](http://www.MnGreenSteps.org).

Step 2 and Step 3 recognition levels reflect completed city actions, generally described in words. Beginning in 2016 the GreenStep program challenges cities to measure and report – with numbers – the aggregate, quantitative results of taking multiple actions. Called city performance metrics (or sustainability indicators), these Step 4 measures attempt to present to community members the 'state of sustainability' achieved by a city.

This city is now actively pursuing Step 4, which consists of collecting, monitoring and reviewing the metrics of important processes within the city that relate back to its sustainability. The primary purpose and benefit of Step 4 is for cities to get used to annually gathering data against which a city can compare itself over time, providing for a more efficient and effective city.

For more information about the program, visit [www.MnGreenStep.org](http://www.MnGreenStep.org). For more information on Isanti's involvement in this program please contact Community Development Director, Roxanne Achman.



L to R: City Administrator Donald Lorsung, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, Mayor George Wimmer, Public Services Director Josi Wood.



### Building Department

#### It's almost fall once again Isantians!

Unless you've been stuck under a rock, I'm sure you've noticed new residential and commercial buildings popping up this year. And there is more to come! It has been a very busy first year for me as the new Building Official. Because of the unexpected volume I have yet to implement some of the new updates I'd been hoping to by now. But there are permit applications that can now be submitted online, and a lot of useful information on permitted work requirements that can be found on the City's website.

As always my main focus is on the safety of all people within the City's built environments. The building 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 where it concerns safety, health, public welfare, longevity, and community enhancement. Please remember; I'm here to help you with your permitted project questions, more so than I am just to inspect them. Always feel free to call the building department at any time with questions regarding building, permits, inspections, etc.

There was one residential fire that had occurred this year that caused quite a bit of smoke and water damage. Luckily it was contained to parts of the garage and garage exterior, and no one was injured. Please take this as a reminder to test your smoke detectors and re-visit your emergency escape routes and plans with your family. Also, cooler fall evenings mean more bonfires- so I'd like to remind all of you 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.

Have a happy and safe Fall season!

Thank you,  
Nick Henly  
Building Official

#### 2016 Permit highlights [to 08/31/2016]:

- Permit count: (406)
- New Single Family Homes (51)
- Commercial Construction Permits (49)
- Commercial New Building Permits (4)

### 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.

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### 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.



## Fire Department/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 more! The capacity is 215 people with tables, chairs and select 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](http://www.cityofisanti.us) and search "Community Center" or contact the Community Events & Parks Coordinator at 763-444-5512 or [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us).**

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### 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 walk in (space may be limited). Program minimum: 5 registered 7 days prior to each program. Call 763-444-5512 or email [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) to register.

### Fire Department



"Don't Wait, Check the Date" is the message the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) is promoting this year as we near October's Fire Prevention Week. This message serves as a reminder for everyone to check their smoke detectors manufactured on date. Isanti firefighters respond to several calls per year for smoke alarms that are alarming simply because they are out dated. Many people don't realize that after approximately 10 years the alarm is ready for retirement. As the parts inside the detector lose their sensitivity to smoke and heat, they will "talk" to the alarm and tell them they aren't sure of the room's atmosphere. Due to this uncertainty, the alarm is designed to go off, even though there is no confirmed threat. For most families, this is likely to happen at a very inconvenient time!

Also during this time of year, please remember to check your heating appliances, including their chimneys and filters if they have them. Now is an ideal time to take a home heating unit out of service to make sure it is ready for a long, warm and safe heating season.

**October is the start of our annual firefighter hiring process. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a paid on call firefighter, check out [www.isantifiredistrict.org](http://www.isantifiredistrict.org) for some information and an application!**

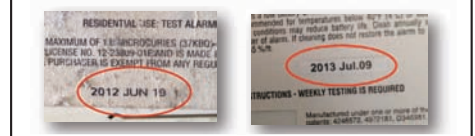
Alan Jankovich | Fire Chief | Isanti Fire District

### Isanti Community Garden

The Isanti Community Garden opened this spring, and the first season has been great! Gardeners reserved 44 out of 60 ground plots, 2 out of 4 gardening tables, and all 3 raised beds this year. The gardeners have planted a wide variety of vegetables, flowers, and more. A migrant from Partners in Healthy Living helped to purchase a picnic table and bench. The School For All Seasons has a section of the garden as well, and will be teaching lessons to the students in the garden this fall and beyond. If you didn't get in on the action this year, don't worry! We have room to grow in the coming years. Stay tuned for registration information for the 2017 season at the end of winter.



**Date code examples;** these are the dates of when the detectors were manufactured, located on the back of the detector (you will have to remove the detector from the wall/ceiling to see it).



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## Community Events

### Downtown Isanti Street Dances

**THANK YOU** to the great sponsors, vendors and participants that made the Downtown Isanti Street Dances a huge success! The weather for the 2016 season was a little wacky – but we had a great crowd at all three events despite some rain! We're looking forward to more of these awesome events in the future!

**Special thanks to our sponsors:**

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### Isanti Farmers Market

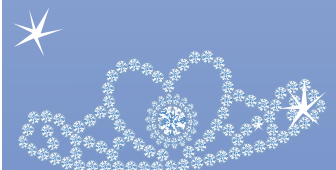
The Market will continue to be open Fridays 2:00pm-6:00pm until September 30 in Eagle Park – Downtown Isanti! Stop by the Market for fresh, locally grown, chemical-free produce, homemade craft goods, jam, honey, coffee and more.



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### Isanti Ambassadors

Our new 2016-2017 Isanti Ambassadors were crowned on July 10th! They are very excited to get to know our community and represent Isanti around the state of Minnesota and Western Wisconsin this year. From left to right are Madi Stace, Bridget Broda, and Anna Varsoke. All 3 will be seniors at Cambridge-Isanti High School this fall. Find us on Facebook and Instagram to following along on their journey.



## NOW SHOWING

October 2016 - April 2017

### FREE MOVIES

Movies 7:00pm  
Doors/Concessions 6:30  
October 21, 2016 - Goosebumps (PG)  
November 18, 2016 - The Good Dinosaur (PG)  
December 9, 2016 - Elf (PG)  
January 20, 2017 - Hook (PG)  
February 17, 2017 - Inside Out (PG)  
March 17, 2017 - Jungle Book - 2016 (PG)  
April 21, 2017 - The Little Prince (PG)

Isanti Community Center

Your youth organization can raise money by volunteering at movie night!  
Call 763-444-5512 or email [isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us) for more information.

# 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.



### RIVER BLUFF PRESERVE

Rum River Drive SW



### UNITY PARK

420 3rd Avenue NW  
North of Unity Blvd. NW.



### BLUEBIRD PARK

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



### LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum



## KEY



## Calendar of Events

### REOCCURRING EVENTS:

**Farmers Market** – Located at Eagle Park on Fridays 2:00-6:00pm thru Sept. 30th!

Come out to find all kinds of great fall produce, crafts, homemade jams and jellies, and more!  
**FREE Movie Nights** – (see pg 9 for more info) Located at the Isanti Community Center select Friday nights at 7:00pm: Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17 and April 21.

**Senior Dining** – Located at the Isanti Community Center Monday thru Friday from 10:30am – 1:00pm. Reservations are made ahead and are recommended by calling (763) 444-7539 between 10:30am-1:00pm or call Lynne at (763) 245-1193. The suggested donation is \$4.00 - \$7.50 per person 60 or older; \$7.50 under 60. \*Special events monthly.

**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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Sample beer, wine, and liqueurs; food, fun, and prizes included! Advance tickets \$15 (available at Isanti Liquor); tickets at the door \$20. Isanti Community Center 6:00-8:30pm. Call 763-444-5063 for more info.

#### BUDS, SUDS, AND VINO

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

The Bluejacket 5K and 1 mile is a friendly run/walk that will raise scholarship money for graduates of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. For more information, contact Jesse Jennissen at jjennissen@c-ischools.org or visit <https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/bluejacket-5k-and-1-mile>.

#### BLUEJACKET 5K AND 1 MILE RUN/WALK

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

#### BLOOD DRIVE

#### SATURDAY - SUNDAY, NOV. 12-13

#### "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"/CRAFT FAIR

Our kick-off to the holiday season with business open houses, specials and a craft fair at the Isanti Community Center. Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more info: [www.north65chamber.com](http://www.north65chamber.com) or 763-689-2505

## Friends of the Isanti Area Library



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library group helped to establish and continues to promote 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, audiobooks, and e-books. Ask 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 ([ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org)), 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.

We accept tax-deductible donations all year long! We gladly accept gently used books, DVDs, and audiobooks, and of course cash. (Please no Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, or VHS tapes) We especially need children's, westerns, and large-print books. All fundraiser proceeds and donations are used for projects promoting the Isanti Outreach Library and encouraging literacy in the community. Books for sale at the Library Outreach Site are a great deal at only 25¢ each; other items are also available at great prices.

**Coming this fall:** a computer to use for accessing the Internet, with a printer, too. A volunteer will be available to help you with the computer if needed. Printing will be a modest fee.

We also greatly need and appreciate more volunteers to help with various kinds of community 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 or to arrange donation drop-off: [Susi@IsantiLibrary.org](mailto:Susi@IsantiLibrary.org) or 763-444-4585.

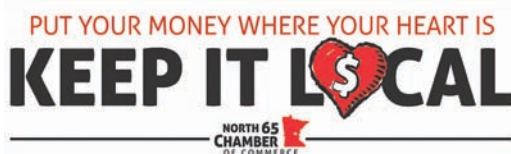


## Community Events

### 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](http://www.rumriverbmx.com) and we hope you will stop by for some free entertainment.



As you prepare to shop for gifts, food, décor and services this holiday season keep in mind all that our local businesses have to offer. When spent locally, your hard earned dollar does more than make a purchase, it supports a thriving community.

#### WHY KEEP IT LOCAL?

- It builds community pride. Put your money where your heart is.
- It's green! Reduce gas consumption, pollution and vehicle maintenance.

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- It's convenient! It saves you time and money.
- It increases our tax base; supporting our schools, police and fire departments, parks, streets and more!
- Everything's here! And the more we buy locally, the more variety of products and services available.
- Buying locally increases wages and job opportunities.
- Local businesses support our youth and other community organizations.

Studies have shown that for every \$100 spent in a locally owned business, \$68 stays in our community; in a local big box store, \$43 will stay here. For that same \$100 spent online little to none will be seen in our local economy. So, please remember to "Put your money where your heart is and Keep It Local" this holiday season! Find your local business at [www.north65chamber.com](http://www.north65chamber.com).

## Contest!

The Isanti Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board is seeking the help of City of Isanti residents to rename the Isanti Tot Lot park. The board believes that a different name may give the park new life - and should more accurately reflect its features. Submissions will be taken through October 10, 2016.

For complete contest rules and submission form, visit the City of Isanti website, stop in to City Hall, or email [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us).



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

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### 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](http://www.isanticountymastergardeners.com) or call 763-689-1810 for more information.

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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.

For additional information regarding any of the content of the Isantian, please see our website [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us) or contact the city staff at the numbers listed on Page 3 of this newsletter.

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