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Fall 2017

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Letter from the Mayor



Mayor
George A. Wimmer

City Meeting Dates

All meeting are held at
City Hall:
110 1st Ave NW

City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesday of
the month at 7:00 pm

City Council Work Session

Held at 5:45 prior to the
2nd City Council meeting
of the month if needed

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of the month
immediately following the
City Council meeting

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board

4th Tuesday of the month
at 6:00 pm

Economic Development Authority

1st Tuesday of the month
immediately following the
City Council meeting

Our Summer is going by so fast. We have enjoyed three great Street Dances in Downtown Isanti. Our Passport to the Parks was a great success and the Community Garden and Farmers Market are thriving. We received wonderful recognition from the Senior Dining Program thanking us for the extra fresh produce our Community Garden is providing them. Our 10th Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration had its biggest crowd to yet. We have 65 new housing permits pulled and new completed commercial construction this year that continues to add to our tax base. The Arts & Science Academy has started construction on their new middle school which will continue to add diversity to our educational options in Isanti.

We have added some good information in this issue showing the property tax calendar beginning with the County's assessment and notification schedule to final levy adoption. We have also added some property tax vocabulary and process information.

I want to add a few comments on two items that were continuous issues this summer. Illegal fireworks and trespassing. Illegal fireworks are not only legally prohibited but also can cause great problems for members of our Community. Celebrating the 4th of July needs to be done carefully and legally. Illegal fireworks disturb sleep and cause stress on pets, but most importantly can be a significant issue for those suffering from PTSD. Please be considerate. The other summer issue I want to mention here is the off-roading by dirt bike and ATV riders in open lots or City property. If you do not own it or have permission from the property owner you are trespassing. Again, please be considerate of private property and City ordinances.

Our 1st Annual Celebrate Isanti was a huge success. The 5K & Family Bike Ride had excellent turn out that blended well into the Kids Festival. All our booth participants did a great job. Rum River Rods had a record breaking turnout for their Summer Spectacular on Main Street. The final Street Dance capped the day off with great music and a big crowd. I want to thank everyone that helped make the events a success and those who came out to enjoy our Community.

The Palomino Street Project is underway, along with crack sealing, seal coating, sidewalk and curb repair. We are following our 10 Year Pavement Management Plan as well as Asset Management Plan. We are completing a new sanitary sewer pretreat facility this year also. Keeping to our schedule helps to control the cost of long term infrastructure projects while stretching its life expectancy.

We have put together the preliminary 2018 budget this summer. We are faced with a 7% liability insurance increase, 10% increase in health care cost, 5% dental increase and a 7% work comp increase. City debt has been reduced to 12% of total budget cost. We will be spending \$7,209 more in 2018 (\$4,075,487) than we did in 2017 (4,068,278). That is a 0.0018 increase in spending. Our Commercial, Industrial and Residential growth however, increased and diversified the City tax base enough that we will be able to absorb these costs and allow us to reduce the City Levy Rate approximately 6%.

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 or Facebook at www.facebook.com/Mayor-GeorgeWimmer

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Parks, Recreation & Culture

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Isanti, MN 55040
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763-444-4761
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After Hours
763-689-2141



Public Works

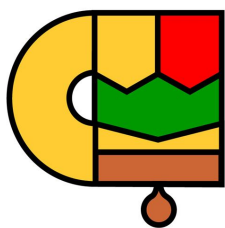
763-444-0459



Municipal Liquor Store

400 West Dual Boulevard
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763-444-5063
www.isantiliquorstore.com

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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Property Tax Calendar

2017

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

January 2nd:
Assessor's Valuation

County Assessor determines the value of
your property for taxing purposes

- Valuation Notices Mailed
- April: Local Board of Appeal
and Equalization Meeting

Valuation notice: A statement informing the
property owner of what their property was
valued at on January 2nd

County Board
of Appeal and
Equalization Meeting

Board of Appeal and Equalization
Meetings: Property owners can appeal to
their local government at these meetings if
they disagree with the assessment of their
property

Preliminary Levy for Taxes
Payable 2018 Established

The proposed levy of local governments.
This levy cannot be increased but can be
decreased

Proposed Property Tax Notice
for Taxes Payable 2018

A statement informing property owners
of what their property taxes will likely be
next year (2018) based on the January
assessment of the property and the
preliminary levy

Final Levy Adoption

2018

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

2018 Property Tax
Statements Mailed

May 15th:
First Half of 2018 Taxes Due

October 15th:
Second Half of 2018 Taxes Due

Based on January 2nd 2017
Assessor's Valuation

Finance Department

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day

Friday, November 10

Veteran's Day (Observed)

November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

2018 CITY BUDGET

The Isanti City Council plans to approve the 2018 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 5, 2017 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid-November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2018. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2018 budget and tax levy will be considered for approval by the Isanti City Council on December 5, 2017.

COMMUNITY GARDEN SEASON REVIEW

Participation at the community garden grew in 2017! Gardeners continued contributing extra produce to the Isanti Senior Dining program – extending a variety of nutritious options to our community members. The garden also included pollinator plantings and educational opportunities for School for All Seasons students.

Thanks again for the support from Partners in Healthy Living for a migrant used to purchase additional raised beds for the garden!

City Budget
- All Non-Property Tax Revenues
= City Levy

Non-Property Tax Revenues include items such as Licenses, Permits, Fees, and Local Government Aid.

Classification Rate
× Parcel Market Value
= Parcel Tax Capacity

Class Rates: The percent of market value set by state law that establishes the property's tax capacity subject to the property tax.

City Levy
÷ Citywide Tax Capacity
= City Tax Rate

Tax Capacity: The valuation of property based on market value and classification rates. The property tax for each parcel is based on its tax capacity.

Parcel Tax Capacity
× City Tax Rate
= City Tax Bill

Property Tax Rate: The rate used to compute taxes for each parcel of property.



Mike Betker
Finance Director

Mike Betker has joined the City of Isanti as Finance Director. Prior to coming to Isanti, Mike was the Finance Director for the City of Granite Falls. Mike holds degrees in both Accounting and Economics from Bemidji State University and St. Cloud State University respectively. In his free time Mike is busy with two young boys, ages 3 and 1. Mike enjoys playing hockey, poker, fantasy football, and wouldn't miss his annual ice fishing trip to Lake of the Woods for anything.

The Isanti County Assessor's office determines the tax assessed market value of your property. The tax assessed value of your property is locked in on January 2nd of each year and that value is used for determining property taxes for the following year. A proposed property tax notice will arrive in November, which provides an estimate of what your taxes will be next year if the final levy is adopted.

Property classifications impact the amount of tax capacity available for taxation. A property classification is a percentage of the value of your property that can be taxed based on its use or zoning. These classification rates and exemptions are determined by the state. Multiplying the classification rate by the taxable market value of the property determines the tax capacity. The tax capacity is ultimately the value used to calculate property tax. The total tax capacity is the sum of all the tax capacities of taxable properties within the city and other local government units, and therefore is the total amount the city could tax its community.

When the Assessor's office has finished the property valuations, the Auditor-Treasurer is able to determine the property tax rate for each local government unit by dividing the levy by the total tax capacity. Multiplying the property tax rate of all the local government units where the property is located by the property's tax capacity, the Auditor-Treasurer establishes your property tax.

Police and Economic Development

ORDINANCE AMENDED

At its June 20, 2017 meeting, City Council approved Ordinance No. 676 to amend City Code Chapter 216-Nuisances. The Code now reads: "All commercial parking lot facilities shall be maintained and operated in compliance with applicable engineering design and safety standards... Any such parking lot that fails to meet said standards...so as to be reasonably deemed to constitute a public safety hazard... is hereby declared a nuisance."

Ord. No. 676 available in its entirety at cityofisanti.us



ISANTI INDUSTRIAL SITES "SHOVEL READY CERTIFIED"

The City of Isanti has Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots available in Isanti Centennial Complex Business Park with lots ranging from 1.21 acres to 15.49 acres. All city utilities and fiber optic service are to the curb at each site which makes your decision to locate to the City industrial park easy. You can't beat lots for \$1.00 and the newly installed infrastructure in the industrial park. If you want to learn more please contact Economic Development

Director Sullivan at ssullivan@cityofisanti.us or 763.807.4339.

Isanti Police Department

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

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

FIREWORKS FACTS

What Is Legal, and What Is Not??

Certain types of fireworks became legal in Minnesota in April of 2002. With the increase in complaints about fireworks, the Police Department wants you to know these important facts:

What's Legal? Minnesota law permits the sale, possession and use of some non-explosive and non-aerial fireworks. Examples include sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks and novelty items like snakes and party poppers. These consumer fireworks may not be used on public property such as roads, alleys, schools and parks. Purchasers of these fireworks must be at least 18 years old.

What's Illegal? The law still prohibits explosive and aerial fireworks for public sale, possession and use. Minnesota State Statute 624.21 governs these items such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars, and shells – any fireworks that are explosive and aerial.

Please comply with the fireworks law! Be a considerate neighbor! Not everyone enjoys them! Fireworks can be extremely frustrating for some neighbors, especially when homes are close to each other, when people are trying to sleep (shift workers) and when small children and pets are frightened. Fireworks can be very dangerous and are a personal injury and structural fire risk.

Most Fireworks complaints are NOT 911 call worthy unless they are involving life safety. Increased calls to the 911 center for these types of non-life threatening complaints overburden the call centers and callers for true emergencies have longer wait times for their calls to be answered. Know your law enforcement agency's non-emergency number and use it for non-life threatening fireworks complaints.

-Chief Gene C. Hill

Economic Development

October 1 – 7, 2017 is Minnesota Manufacturing Week

The City of Isanti officially recognizes Minnesota Manufacturing Week and our manufacturing businesses in October. Our community is thankful that these wonderful companies have decided to operate their businesses in the City of Isanti and provide great job opportunities for residents and others in the Region. The Mayor and City Staff personally 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.

Welcome to Isanti

The Commercial, Industrial and Residential sectors continue to roll in Isanti. The City of Isanti is excited to announce that O'Reilly Auto Parts will be opening a new 7,453 square foot building just south of Coborn's Marketplace on Highway 65 sometime late September or October 2017. City Staff worked hard to bring this company to our community and this business certainly fills a need for the products and services it provides. The Arts and Science Academy has commenced construction on a 19,500 square foot middle school located in the northeast quadrant of Hwy 65 and Cajima Street NE near Community Pride Bank and Therapy Associates. These high visibility projects add to the growing presence of Isanti along the Hwy 65 corridor. In addition to the two projects under construction, the following new businesses have committed to locating in, or have moved into, the City of Isanti in 2017: Climb Theater, Brushes and Boards, Blackhawk Tile and Stone, Wasteland Performance, Rockstad and Company Relics and Wares, Serenity Circle Counseling, and Allina Health. The City Development Team continues to work with prospects that will fill community needs and City Council goals. Not to be outdone is the residential sector. As of August 17th, 2017 there were over 65 single family housing permits pulled surpassing the total of 63 for all of last year in the City of Isanti. It's a great time to be an Isantian.



Engineering

What's an Illicit Discharge?

You might not be able to see the pond or stream from your house, but it's there! It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of these lead directly to our ponds, lakes and streams. What we do at home affects our water. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our waterways without being treated. We all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains.

An **illicit discharge** is anything that drains to a storm drain or directly to a waterway or water body that is not stormwater. An illicit discharge can be an illegal pipe draining directly to a ditch, a failing onsite septic system, or even a spill that goes into the storm drain. As a community member, you play a large role in identifying and reducing illicit discharges in your community.

What Can You Do About Illicit Discharges?

You can help keep our ponds, lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater clean by applying the following tips:

- Sweep it. Do you have extra fertilizer, grass clippings, or dirt on your driveway or sidewalk? Sweep it back onto your lawn. Hosing your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead directly to our ponds and waterways.
- Keep it clean. Whether in the street or in your yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers away from storm drains.
- Only rain in the drain. Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our water bodies!
- Clean it. Clean up after your pet to reduce pet waste traveling to local waterways.
- Dispose of it properly. Take household hazardous waste (paint, motor oil, etc.) to a local collection facility.

Report it. If you see someone dumping something into a storm drain or water body that may be pollution you are encouraged to report it. You can do this by contacting City Hall (763-444-5512), or Non-Emergency Police at 763-444-4761. Call 911 to report a major spill, active illegal dumping or a potential fire incident.



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. Use of the public street for the disposal of these items may result in a citation.

PALOMINO ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Palomino Road Improvements project has begun and is anticipated to take two months. The contractor will reclaim the existing street and remove the curb and gutter from Railroad Ave to Highway 65; once complete, the water main will be replaced. Access will be maintained to residents at all times. Please to do not park on the street when posted or your vehicle may be towed.

A new 5' sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of the road. The contractor will pave a bituminous base course this year; it will be paved in the spring of 2018.

Full details at cityofisanti.us

ISANTI AMBASSADOR PROGRAM PRESENTS

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR 2017!

Saturday, November 4th 12 pm-5pm
Sunday, November 5th 10am-4pm

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Isanti, MN**

Building Department and Fire District

SEASONAL TIPS FROM ISANTI'S

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Safe Traveling To and From School

Teach your children the safest way to walk to school or to their bus stop and how to look before crossing the street. Show them areas to avoid and walk them through the process so they feel comfortable. If possible, always have your child walk with a sibling or friend so they are not alone. Help your children memorize their address and phone number and encourage them not to talk to strangers.

Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

Check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors annually. A good time to change the batteries is when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. This year, on November 5th, take the time to change batteries in every smoke detector while you reset the clocks.

Nature Detectives Club

1st Saturday of the Month
9:00-10:30 am
Isanti Community Center

Just us for nature-themed activities, games, and crafts!

Pre-register: \$3/child
Walk-ins: \$4/child, space may be limited.

Program minimum: 5
registered 7 days before
each program.



Building Department

Welcome to another Fall Isantians!

It has been another year of amazing growth for our community, and as of this writing I have processed over 65 new home permits so far this year! Despite the size of the community I serve, the #1 goal is always the safety of the people within the built environments of the community. So no matter how busy I may be, every fall I like 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, with a common life of 5-7 years.

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

And remember; 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 where it concerns safety, health, public welfare, longevity, and community enhancement.

Thank you,
Nick Henly
Building Official

Isanti Fire District

We will soon be upon a very busy time of year at the fire station; October is Fire Prevention Month.

The message we are sharing this year, along with our fellow fire stations across the Nation is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out".

As many of us know, today's building methods are efficient in many ways. Although efficient in an overall perspective, the old saying that "they aren't built like they used to be" stands firm. Building codes protect us in many ways, however the simple fact is today's dwellings have less resistance to the extreme heat that a typical contents fire can generate. Teaching our youth the importance of "every second counts" when getting out of a building can greatly improve their chances of making it out safely.



Last year we presented fire prevention to a total of 757 kids across our 168 square mile coverage area. If you see the above logo in your little ones backpacks next month, please take a minute to look over the information and discuss it with them.

October is also the start of our annual Paid-On-Call Fire-fighter hiring process. If you or anyone you know may be interested in being an Isanti Firefighter, send them our way! Information can be obtained on www.isantifiredistrict.org, Facebook, or give us a call at (763) 444-8019. We offer a retirement package, paid training, hourly pay (when on calls) and best of all the opportunity to help the families of the little guys and gals in the picture above. Prerequisites include a clean background check, self-motivation and the ability to learn!

-- Alan Jankovich | Fire Chief | Isanti Fire District





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artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us
or call 763-444-0342

Art & Science Academy is located at: 903 6th Ave Ct, NE, Isanti, MN

Isanti Redbirds

Isanti Redbirds' Season Comes to an End

Another season is over. We finished with 16 wins and 13 losses. Another great effort by a great group of guys. Over the years, we have been very fortunate. Not only have we had a great win-loss record (604 games; 374 wins and 230 losses over the 17 years), but we have had the opportunity to establish relationships with a lot of great individuals. Here's a few things that I would like to acknowledge about this year's team:

- The team's pitching staff had a 2.11 ERA! The pitching staff was led by Phil Bray and James Green who combined for 12 of our 16 wins this year. This accomplishment is in spite of the injuries that occurred with Jake Johnson and Shane Benson. The whole pitching staff really contributed this year. However, if we were giving away awards, Phil would be my choice for our MVP this year and James would be my choice for Rookie of the Year!
- The team's defense was very suspect at the beginning of the year, but we made significant progress as the season went on. We actually developed into a pretty good defensive team. I appreciated how we played as a unit and played with anticipation.
- We all know that we struggled at times offensively (our team batting average was not very impressive (.239) and we only had two home runs the whole season. But we battled and played in many very close ball games (twelve games that were determined by one or two runs!).
- I appreciated how we laughed at and with each other and how the team supported each other. The humor on field and watching individuals improve their skills are two things that I always enjoyed.
- The hours and hours of dedication that were put in by Wade Reichmann, Dave England and many of the players on our great field has to be recognized. This is the reason that we have one of the best fields in the area.
- The behind the scenes work of Cindy Lind-Livingston and the Isanti Redbird Board (many people don't have a clue about the work and time that Nancy Steven and Lisa Sanford do for our organization!) is what keeps our team financially solvent and running smoothly.
- The hours of volunteer work that we have received from our announcers, score keepers and concession workers is very much appreciated.



At this time, I would like to announce that I will not be returning as the Redbird coach. I've been thinking about this for quite a while. I had a great time coaching, but it's time to move on. When Cindy Lind-Livingston and I first took over the 'Birds in 2001, we really didn't know what we were in for. It has been a lot of work and we've had numerous challenges, both on the field and off. But, it has been a great ride and I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with not only Cindy, but also with all the players who have played for us over the years. I also sincerely appreciate all the support that we have received from the City of Isanti.

I don't know at this time who will be replacing me. I'll leave that up to Cindy and the Redbird Board. Whoever it is, they will have a great nucleus to work with and a wonderful organization behind them. I will always be the Isanti Redbirds biggest fan!



The compost site (on Isanti Parkway at the Public Works garage) will be accepting **leaves and grass clippings only** through November 12. 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 or call City Hall: 763-444-5512.

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.



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 lots 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 Events

City Parks:

Riverside Park

503 Rum River Drive NW Corner
of Rum River Drive NW
& Hillock St. NW



Rum River Meadows Park

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



Mattson Park

311 5th Ave. 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 Hills

Neighborhood Park

518 Dogwood Street SW
Nestled behind homes on
the corner of Cedar St. SW &
6th Ave. SW.



VFW Park

410 Railroad Ave. SE
Intersection of Railroad Ave.
SE and Palomino Road SE.



River Bluff Preserve

1111 Rum River Drive SW



Unity Park

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



Bluebird Park

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



Legacy Park

Bellaire Blvd. & Blossom Blvd.



Key:



Isanti Family Farmers Market



The Market's move to its new home has been a success in 2017! The market is continuing to attract new vendors and customers each week, and is conveniently located whether you live in town or are just passing through!

Stop by the market to support local producers through September 29! The Isanti Family Farmers Market vendors provide a wide range of produce, baked goods, crafts, and more each week. Join us on Fridays from 2:00pm-6:00pm on the north side of Isanti Liquor (400 West Dual Blvd)!

If you've thought about getting involved with the market, but didn't know where to start, contact us this winter and we'll get you started on the right foot for 2018!



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library is a nonprofit group (IsantiLibrary.org) that helped to establish and continues to promote the Isanti Library Outreach Site, doing our part to guarantee access to high-quality educational resources for everyone. Located in Isanti City Hall, the Outreach Library offers books, movies, audiobooks, and e-books. Our Librarian is there to serve you on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. Ask about Children's Story Time and other library events planned for this season. The Friends also maintain a computer and printer for

guest use from 1-3 p.m., including help to answer your questions.

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

We actively "recycle" donated items back into our community and promote literacy all year long! We gladly accept your tax-deductible donations of gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks, and of course cash. (Please no Encyclopedias, X-rated, or VHS tapes). We especially need children's, westerns, and large-print books. Cookbooks and picture books are popular, too. All fundraiser proceeds and donations are used for projects promoting the Isanti Outreach Library and encouraging literacy and learning in our community. Books for sale at the Library Outreach Site are a great deal at only 25¢ each, and other items are available.

Watch for announcements about our next Annual Used Book* Sale held each year in February, which is "I Love to Read" Month. All our events are posted on our web site: IsantiLibrary.org

Help us spread the fun! We greatly need and appreciate volunteer help with various community events, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly planning meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information or to arrange a donation drop-off: Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS

Select Fridays, October-April
Isanti Community Center

Doors/Concessions - 6:30 pm; Movies - 7:00 pm

October 20 - Moana
November 17 - Pete's Dragon
December 8 - Up
January 19 - Mighty Ducks

February 16 - Tangled
March 16 - Secret Life of Pets
April 20 - Beauty and the Beast ('17)
All movies rated PG

Community Events

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 16

Isanti Ambassador Garage Sale Fundraiser
Join the Isanti Ambassadors for a garage sale fundraiser at 711 Isanti Parkway NW. All proceeds will benefit the 2017 Ambassador Scholarships.

Thursdays, October 5, October 12, and October 19

Isanti Liquor Tasting Events
Save the dates for tasting events at Isanti Liquor. Look for more details posted at the store and online at cityofisanti.us, or call 763-444-5063.

Saturday, October 7

Bluejacket 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk
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>.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

The Expo – Business & Community Showcase
This business and community expo is a FREE public event. Visit "The Expo" to sample products, view demonstrations, learn about community resources and more! Want to be an exhibitor at "The Expo"? All businesses and organizations are invited to participate. Exhibitor registration now open! Visit www.north65chamber.com for registration forms and more event information.

Thursday, October 19

Blood Drive
Donate blood to help save lives in our community! Blood drives are held every other month at the Isanti Community Center from 12:00-6:00pm. Walk-ins welcome; appointments preferred. Call (651) 332-7162 to sign up, or go to mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 9797.

Saturday - Sunday, November 4-5

"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 Isanti Ambassadors at isantiambassador@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/isantiambassadorprogram/ for more info.

Recurring Events

Farmers Market

Located on the north side of Isanti Liquor (400 West Dual) on Fridays 2:00-6:00pm through Sept. 29th! Come out to find all kinds of great fall produce, crafts, homemade jams and jellies, and more!

FREE Movie Nights

Located at the Isanti Community Center select Friday nights at 7:00pm: Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 8, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, and Apr 20.

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 10:30-1:00pm or call Lynne at (763) 245-1193. The suggested donation is \$4.00 - \$7.50 per person 60 or older; \$7.50 under 60.

* Sit and Be Fit: Wednesdays and Fridays, \$3/session. Sign up at the ICC or call Isanti Physical Therapy at 763-444-8680.

* Blood Pressure Checks: 2nd Monday of the month

Isanti Lions Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast

3rd Sunday of every month, 8:00am to noon at the Isanti Community Center.

Serve on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Board!

The Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. As part of the board, members help to guide development and maintenance of Isanti's parks, provide valuable input into public events, and work to create public spaces within the City of Isanti that will continue to be valuable assets to residents and visitors well into the future. Members get the latest information about what is happening in the City's Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department and work closely with City Staff to provide recommendations to City Council.

If you're interested in serving on the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board, you can pick up an application at City Hall or download one at cityofisanti.us. Any questions about the board can be directed to Katie Everett, the Community Events and Parks Coordinator.



UPDATES TO ISANTI'S PARKS

Over the summer, Isanti Public Works is busy making sure that our parks are maintained to high aesthetic and safety standards. There are a few remaining play surfaces in the parks that are sand. To make the parks safer and provide a better play surface, the sand is being replaced with wood fiber. In July and August, Public Works completed the work at Isanti Hills Neighborhood Park and Mattson Park.



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 1/2 price weekday rental rates for non-profit groups.

Availability is now posted online! Go to cityofisanti.us/events for the latest reservation schedule.

Contact the Community Events and Parks Coordinator to book a reservation at 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us



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