

Isantian

Fall 2018

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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

We have had another great summer with successful Street Dances, amazing Celebrate Isanti Day, Rodeo/Jubilee Days, Farmers' Market, Rum River Rods Car shows and our productive Community Garden. The Redbirds have played hard all summer, our large soccer complex has hosted numerous teams and Rum River BMX has continue to go strong year long. All three of these groups provide fun free entertainment in Isanti. We welcomed Rum River Mallards to town this summer as our new USPHL Hockey team. They will provide exciting hockey as they develop players' careers. These are just a few of the many events and groups that provide a great Hometown feel to Isanti.

We are working on the City budget for 2019. Some of the highlights are our 10% property tax cut for 2019 which when added to the 7.4% cut in 2018 gives us the biggest tax cuts in our region. We have the second portion of the Dog Park funding budget which allows construction to begin Spring of 2019. We received health insurance rates for 2019 that have increased over 15%. We are working on budget cuts to absorb this large increase in rates as well as working with our Union and Non-Union employees on options to help reduce the ongoing health insurance rate hikes.

We are spending 14% less in 2019 on debt payments than in 2016, which saves us \$85,788 in the 2019 budget. I have made paying down City debt a priority which has led to eliminating over \$6,000,000 in Net Debt. This has many benefits for the City including saving hundreds of thousands of dollars on interest payments over the years and increasing our credit rating. Isanti's credit rating has improved from Baa or 1 step from Junk/Speculative rating to AA+ or High Quality. This dramatic increase over my time in office has also saved the City hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest payments. The improvement in City finances along with strong Commercial/Industrial growth is what allows us to improve City services while making big tax rate cuts and water/sewer rate cuts.

We are having another strong year for housing starts. We are on pace to match or exceed last year's total of 91 new homes. We have been working with developers on several new residential developments. The first submitted plans are for the Legacy Pines Development which will occur near Legacy Park in the northwest part of Isanti. In our discussions and Development Agreement negotiations, we are ensuring that new development pays all the cost associated with the project. Our mantra is development pays for itself. Legacy Pines will add another projected 177 new homes as it is built in phases. We also have ensured that the natural areas in this development are maintained to enhance the development.

Kwik Trip and Best Western Plus are both under construction. These projects will add services, tax base and jobs to Isanti. We have a number of other projects we are working on that will add even more. We have had a 48% net increase in businesses and a 40% net increase in jobs from 2010 to 2017. We added nearly a 1,000 jobs in Isanti since I was first elected. We leveraged \$700,000 in State Economic Development Funds to incentivize \$12,079,000 in private investment along with tens of millions of dollars in other business investments during my time as Mayor.

I want to discuss the Best Western Plus Hotel Project and incentives used to make this a reality. There seems to be a lot of misinformation floating around on this catalyst project. The parcel of land being built on has been vacant since Isanti's founding over a 100 years ago. We believed it was an ideal location to help spur growth along highway 65 and this growth would not happen unless the City was involved. The City used tax abatement, land grant, SAC/WAC incentive and straight dollar investment in the project. The amounts are SAC/WAC: \$70,952 and land value/Cash: \$948,000. Total value is \$1,018,952 investment in the \$6,874,944 Best Western Plus project. There also is an abatement used in the project but that pays for itself as I will explain below. Now why did we make this investment, how do we get paid back, and what other benefits does it bring Isanti. When we presented this project to Council we had a 15 year payback on the investment. The Abatement works by rebating back a portion of the taxes paid by the Hotel. The first five years the City receives \$240,660 in taxes and rebates back 50% of those taxes after the full amount is paid. It is a 'Pay as you go' Abatement. This leaves \$120,330 the City keeps. As reference, the parcel of land currently provides \$1,501 per year in taxes. Year 6 through year 9 the project receives an ever smaller amount back totally \$48,132 and the City keeping \$144,396 during the same period. The 10th year and all future years the City retains all the taxes. The 10th through 15th year taxes used to pay back the incentives equals \$288,792. The total property taxes paid that the City keeps in the first 15 years is \$553,518. We also will have a Lodging Tax that will generate \$35,910 each year or a total of \$538,650 which will be paid by those using the Hotel. This will be used to market the community and offset/reduce City property taxes currently used in our Economic Development Department. The total net taxes paid by the project is \$1,092,168 in the 15 year pay back period.

Bringing a hotel to Isanti has been a goal of the City Council for over a decade. It helps numerous event locations, sports facilities, businesses and residents. The hotel project has already brought interest by restaurants, retail and large events looking to locate in Isanti. The increased economic activity provides jobs, services, and tax base. The growth of the Highway 65 corridor is key to the long term viability of Isanti and continuing to reduce property tax rates and utility rates in Isanti. The School District did partner with Isanti and is providing an abatement as well. The same 9 year abatement with the same percentages will net the School District \$116,836 in 9 years. If there is no hotel the parcel of land would have paid only \$5,832 in School District Property taxes.

The last question seems to be what if the project is not successful. If this happens, the City gets repaid its incentives per our development agreement. It's a good project being built in the Highway 65 Commercial District.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me at 763-442-8749 or email me at George@georgewimmer.org. 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.org

City Offices & Staff Directory

City Council Members

Mayor	George Wimmer	763-442-8749	george@georgewimmer.org
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Economic Development

Economic Development Director	Position vacant at time of publication	
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Finance

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Municipal Liquor Store

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Parks, Recreation & Culture

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Police

401 1st Ave N
Isanti, MN 55040
Non-Emergency
763-444-4761
Emergency 911
After Hours
763-689-2141



Public Works

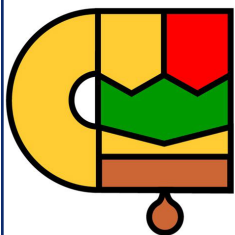
763-444-0459



Municipal Liquor Store

400 West Dual Boulevard
Isanti, MN 55040
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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221 NW 2nd Ave., Cambridge, MN 55008
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Community Development

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, October 8

Columbus Day

Friday, November 9

Veteran's Day (Observed)

November 22 & 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

2019 CITY BUDGET

The Isanti City Council will approve the 2019 preliminary budget and tax levy at the September 4, 2018 City Council meeting. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid-November providing information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2019. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The final 2019 budget and tax levy will be considered for approval by the Isanti City Council on December 4, 2018.

UTILITY BILLS

City utility bills (for water, sewer, and storm water) are due the 20th of each month. There are several convenient payment options:

Online through
PaymentServiceNetwork.com
(including optional automatic withdrawals)

Drop off at City Hall
(Drop box is available outside of business hours)

By phone
(763-444-5512)

Contact utilitybilling@cityofsanti.us for more info.

Community Development

Welcome to fall, Isantians! The Community Development Department hopes that you had a full summer, and that you are ready for school and the fall weather. As some of you may know, Community Development is a process through which staff, residents, businesses, and organizations collaborate to improve the social, physical, and economic well-being in the City of Isanti. Department staff facilitates new development and redevelopment while enforcing codes and regulations. City Planning, Zoning, Code Enforcement, Building Inspection, and MS4 Compliance fall within the purview of the Community Development Department.

We have had an extremely busy summer full of development and projects! As of August 1, 2018, 65 new single-family homes have been constructed or have had a permit applied for in our growing community. If we have a warm fall we may push 100 new homes in 2018. Subdivisions created prior to the 2008 economic recession are filling quickly, and more infill development is occurring. Community Development staff has been working with a few potential developers to construct new neighborhoods as our available residential lot counts dwindle with all the new construction.



You may have noticed, but Kwik Trip has begun construction on their gas station and convenience store at 400 E Dual Blvd NE! Kwik Trip expects to open in late 2018 or early 2019. As part of this project, Kwik Trip is paying for the installation of a right turn lane from Heritage Blvd NE onto E Dual Blvd NE.

The Best Western Plus hotel development is well underway and beginning to take shape, as part of that project the City is extending 5th Ave NE to connect to Main St E, and extending Richard Ave SE from Broadway St SE to Main St E. Those road projects are underway, and will offer more connectivity to residents and businesses in that area.

Community Development Staff has also begun work on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update, citizen surveys will be sent out this fall/winter to facilitate feedback on how Isantians want to see the community develop over the next 10-20 years. We will also be hosting community sessions and invite all to come out to those events. Keep an eye on your mailbox for more information! This is a year-long project!



Minnesota
GreenStep Cities

This past summer the City of Isanti received an award for advancing to 'Step 4' in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program! The GreenStep Cities program recognizes cities that have taken steps in the direction of energy and resource conservation and innovation. Out of all the GreenStep Cities, Isanti is one of four communities with this prestigious achievement (along with White Bear Lake, Edina, and Shoreview).

Community Development has reorganized significantly since I became director in mid-2017. Building Inspections are now contracted through MNSpect, LLC; this has allowed us to have more residential and commercial building inspectors work within the City and as a result we are now a MN designated community that can perform commercial plumbing review in-house with MNSpect, saving us weeks of backlog at the state-level and making us more attractive for future commercial developments. We have changed our part-time Code Enforcement/Zoning Technician to a full-time Planner position to assist with residential zoning review, perform code enforcement, and assist with building permits. And this fall we have added a part-time MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Technician to perform inspections of construction sites to ensure that no illicit discharges are entering our storm sewer system, which ultimately empties into the Rum River.

Finally, fall offers an opportunity to remind residents 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.

Thank you all for allowing Community Development to serve you year-round, be safe, and enjoy your fall!

Ryan Kernosky, MPA
Community Development Director

Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Parks, Recreation, and Culture



It was another great summer in Isanti. Isanti Parks hosted a variety of events throughout the season - it is always a joy to see so many members of our Community for Generations gathered together! With another season of Street Dances in the books, we'd like to give thanks to our sponsors who help make the events possible: Dahlheimer Beverage (Coors Light and Mike's Hard Lemonade), Coborn's Marketplace, Climb Theater, Connexus Energy, and Isanti Tire. We saw good crowds for Hitchville, Jonah and the Whales, and Bad Girlfriends, and always get great feedback from bands and vendors who enjoy coming to Isanti because of the fun and courteous people here!

The second annual Celebrate Isanti event was even better than the first! This year's Kids' Festival gave families a chance to get an up-close look at the equipment Public Works uses to do work around the city, as well as meeting many of the great organizations from the community. Thanks to all of our community partners that made the day a success! The event also included a family bike ride and run/walk, the Rum River Rods Summer Spectacular car show, and a Street Dance featuring Bad Girlfriends. Thank you for coming out to celebrate our community!



We also held the second Passport to Parks citywide scavenger hunt this summer. Congratulations to the winners of this year's drawings! Thanks to Allina Health, Coborn's Marketplace, Willow Bridge, Mississippi Biological Supply, Great Clips, Isanti Family Farmers' Market, and Dairy Queen for donating to our drawing - we had \$435.00 in prizes this year!



Farmers' Market

The Isanti Family Farmers' Market kicked off the season on May 25! The farmers' market is a great place to find healthy, local, and fresh produce alongside a variety of homemade goods and more! Support our local economy **every Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm until September 28th**. The Market is located at 400 West Dual Blvd on the north side of the Isanti Liquor parking lot.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor or have Market questions, please contact Katie Everett, 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us. For more Isanti Family Farmers' Market information visit www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org, follow us at [Facebook.com/IsantiMarket](https://www.facebook.com/IsantiMarket), and sign up for the weekly e-newsletter for updates delivered to your inbox!



Outstanding Conservationist Award

The City of Isanti has been selected for Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District's 2018 Outstanding Conservationist award. Each year the Isanti SWCD recognizes individuals and/or organizations for outstanding accomplishments in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources. The relationship between the City and Isanti SWCD began in 2011 and has included a variety of water protection and conservation projects.

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 and the City determines in good faith that the premises has been vacated by the former account holder and no transfer of the account has been made.

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.

Public Safety

SEASONAL SAFETY TIPS FROM ISANTI'S SAFETY COMMITTEE

Autumn is the start of flu season

Flu season occurs in the fall and winter, peaking between late November and early March, and it's an epidemic every year. The makeup of flu viruses can change from year to year, making it difficult to predict.

Flu spreads through droplets when people sneeze or cough, and on surfaces. People are contagious one day before symptoms appear and up to a week after. When you don't feel well, it's best to take care of yourself and co-workers by staying home. And don't go back to work (or school) for at least 24 hours after a fever is gone.

Stay healthy by getting an annual Flu vaccination; October is the ideal time to get vaccinated, but it's never too late and if you don't like needles, ask your doctor if a nasal flu spray is available. Additional steps to take to avoid the Flu are to avoid being around sick people if possible; wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer; cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, preferably with the inside of your arm rather than your hand; avoid touching your face; and disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated.

Police Department

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

The non-traditional school calendar kids will be starting soon and the traditional school calendar kids will be starting on September 4th, 2018 district wide. I urge everyone to drive with caution around school buses, school crossings and when children are present. Check for signage near the schools for restricted speed in "School Zones," fines double for speeding in a marked zone.

Thefts from automobiles are on the rise everywhere. 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 and will save you from further headaches of potential identity thefts.

The Isanti Police Department received another grant to conduct Safe & Sober enforcement for 2018-2019. Please ask your bartender in Isanti County to call Safe Cab if you need a ride home. Some places even offer a discount on the taxi ride home. Please drive safely, especially now because school will be in full swing soon. There are many pedestrians, bicycles and buses to keep an eye out for.

Trains and Rail Crossing can inherently be dangerous places if caution and warning devices are ignored. Drivers and pedestrians have to pay attention to the crossing and not take unnecessary risks. Betting on beating a moving train carries a very high price if you lose, perhaps the price of a lifetime. At 55 miles per hour, it takes a fully-loaded freight train more than a mile to come to a full stop. A light rail train needs 600 feet to stop. By the time the train engineer sees a vehicle or pedestrian on the tracks, it's often too late. Pedestrians should only cross railroad tracks at marked pedestrian crossings.

Driver inattention and impatience most commonly contribute to car and train crashes. No one should ever drive or walk around lowered gates. When signal lights are flashing, treat them like a stop sign and proceed only when it's safe. Drivers and pedestrians must yield the right of way to trains at highway-rail crossings. Never race to beat the train; it is illegal, and statistics show you will lose.

Have a great and safe remaining summer!
-Chief Gene C. Hill

Fire District

Statistics show our efforts to reduce the number of unexpected dwelling fires are working, and numbers on the decline. That's great news! However, statistics also show the number of U.S. fire deaths is 10% higher than it was 35 years ago. This is very sad and needs our attention. The bottom line is the fires we are having are fewer, but deadlier.

4 out of 5 U.S. fire deaths occur at people's HOMES! The place where people (typically) know every in and out. Why? Complacency. Do you have a smoke detector that is inoperable? Do you have a smoke detector? These simple devices save our lives, inside our comfortable homes when we least expect it, period.

This year's Fire Prevention campaign is: Look. Listen. Learn.

Look for places fire could start.

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.

Learn 2 ways out of every room.

For more information about how smoke alarms can save you and your loved ones lives, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, or visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

The Isanti Fire District is excited to welcome anyone interested in becoming a paid on call firefighter! If interested please stop by our Station 1 in the City of Isanti or visit our website, www.isantifiredistrict.org/employment.

Stay safe and enjoy life.

Alan Jankovich | Fire Chief | Isanti Fire District.



Winter Snow Plowing

Snow Plow Information

The City of Isanti removes snow within the city limits from all public sidewalks & trails for every 2" or more snow event. Some sidewalks & trails are cleared the first day after a snow event and some are cleared the next day following the completion of first day routes.

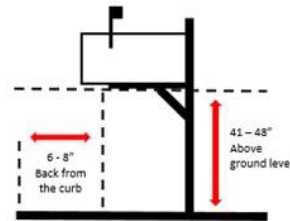
As a reminder – pushing snow onto property other than your own, onto a City sidewalk or into the street, is prohibited. This also includes onto city lots and into the right-of-way.

Snow Plowing Cul-de-Sacs -

During snow events, the snowplow may complete only a portion of the cul-de-sacs during the first pass. The major portion of the cul-de-sacs shall be plowed during the usual time guidelines for snowplowing but specialized equipment will return for further clearing. Main city streets are cleared first with large snowplows before the smaller equipment begins clearing cul-de-sacs. There will be an effort made to distribute the snow evenly as the snowplow clears snow.

Mailboxes -

Mailboxes, as well as any accessory paper boxes, should be installed to meet USPS guidelines. They must be mounted at a minimum height of 41 inches above the street level to reduce the possibility of damage during winter snowplowing operations. USPS guidelines also state the post be installed 6-8 inches behind the grass/concrete curb edge and the front of the mailbox should be installed behind the back edge of the concrete curb.



Garbage Receptacles -

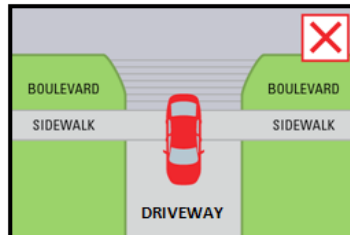
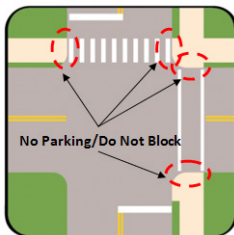
Garbage receptacles are not to be placed in the street section, beyond the grass/concrete curb edge or on the sidewalk. The City is not responsible for damage of receptacles or clean-up of waste.

Please visit www.cityofisanti.us for the full Snow Plowing Policy

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.

Please do not park on, in front of or over sidewalks and trails. It makes it difficult and dangerous for sidewalk users to cross at their intended crossing, and it also makes it difficult for the City to maintain sidewalk and trail intersections. The City has the right to ticket and/or tow vehicles at the owner's expense if they are hindering snow removal.



Curious Creatures

Parent/child programs in the parks with structured activities and free play time to explore the park.

2nd Tuesdays
10:00-11:30am

FREE for City residents;
\$3/non-resident child



September 11
River Bluff
Preserve
October 9
Bluebird Park
November 13
Mattison Park
Register:
isanti@cityofisanti.us



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do while helping your community at the same time? Contact any of the following groups to make a positive impact!

Cambridge-Isanti Hockey
board@
cambridgeisantihockey.com

C-I Soccer Association
763-552-GOAL (4625)
cambridge-isantisoccerclub.com

Family Pathways
Aging Services - Collette
763-689-8811
Food Shelf - Bobbie
763-552-3663
Thrift Store - Kristen
763-552-3003

Friends of the Isanti
Area Library
Susi McCune
763-444-4585

Isanti County Parks
Barry Wendorf
763-689-8220

Isanti Lions
Joe Mau
763-444-4107

Meals on Wheels/
Senior Dining
Lynne Howe
763-245-1193

North 65 Chamber of
Commerce
763-689-2505
North65Chamber.com

If you would like your organization listed, please contact us at
763-444-5512 or
isanti@cityofisanti.us

Economic Development

ISANTI INDUSTRIAL SITES "SHOVEL READY CERTIFIED"

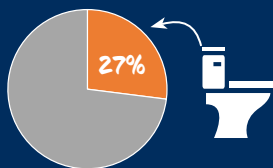


The City of Isanti has Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots available in Isanti Centennial Complex Business Park with lots ranging from 1.21 acres to 15.49 acres. All city utilities and fiber optic service are to the curb at each site which makes your decision to locate to the City industrial park easy. 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 Community Development Director, Ryan Kernosky at kernosky@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-5512.



DID YOU KNOW?

Toilets use 27% of average indoor household water.



Repair leaky toilets asap to save on your water use!

Economic Development

Welcome to Isanti

The commercial, industrial and residential sectors continue to roll in Isanti. The City of Isanti is excited to announce that Best Western Plus will be opening a new 60 unit Hotel with an indoor pool in Spring of 2019. Kwik Trip will be opening in Early 2019 as well and will be located on the former Riverside Market grocery site. These new business will certainly change the landscape of Isanti now and into the future, meeting market demand for each sector. In addition to the two projects under construction, the following new businesses have committed to locating to or moved into the City of Isanti in 2018: Max Tech, Joe Otto Enterprises, Help Your Shelves, Granny Mays, Cellular Clinic, Metz Dog Grooming, LJ Level, CMK Financial Services, LQ US and Speed Wagon. The City Development Team continues to work with prospects that will fill community needs and City Council goals. Not to be out-



done is the residential sector. As of August 6, 2018 there were 65 single family housing permits in process. Based on this pace the 2018 total should be near the 91 single family housing permits that were pulled in 2017. It's a great time to be an Isantian.

City Promotional Bag Program (Free Advertising for Isanti Businesses)

Isanti businesses took advantage of the City Promotional Bag Program in 2018. The program included the purchase and distribution of 1000 quality city logo bags filled with information, products, and marketing materials from City of Isanti businesses. The bags were distributed at the following events: Race for Life (Isanti Indoor Arena – Home of Rum River BMX) in April, Firefighters Rodeo in July, Celebrate Isanti and the State BMX Finals held at Isanti Indoor Arena, Home of Rum River BMX in August. Feedback from participating business has been favorable but City Staff will continue to request feedback to see what can be done to improve the program. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this program, don't hesitate to contact City Hall at 763.444.5512. The program is simple to use. All a business needs to do is contact City Hall and provide items to be inserted in the promotional bags four days prior to the event. Item counts range from 100 to 300 depending on the event. An email will be sent out to all Isanti businesses prior to the each future event that will include bag distribution to give your business an opportunity to participate.

Our thanks to Economic Director Sean Sullivan for 8.5 years of service to the City of Isanti! Sullivan has taken a new position with the City of Ramsey. Please contact Ryan Kernosky, Community Development Director with any Economic Development questions while the position is being filled: rkernosky@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-5512.



The compost site (on Isanti Parkway at the Public Works garage) will be accepting leaves and grass clippings only through November 11. 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.



Health and Safety

Allina Health

Are you at risk for heart disease?

Most people know that heart disease is common in America. It is the No. 1 cause of death in both men and women, leading to about 5 million deaths each year. Yet most people don't know their own risk of heart disease. For many, their first sign is a heart attack. But there are steps you can take to reduce your risk of heart disease.

What's your risk?

Risk factors for heart disease include:

- Family history of heart disease
- High cholesterol
- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Physical inactivity

If you have any of these risk factors, talk to your health care provider. Together you can create a plan to address these factors and reduce your risk of heart disease.

Screening for heart disease

The most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease (CAD). In CAD, calcium deposits build up on the walls of the coronary arteries, narrowing the vessels and blocking blood flow to your heart, which can cause a heart attack.

A simple screening test, called a heart scan, can detect calcium deposits long before symptoms occur. The heart scan is a computed tomography (CT) image of the inside of your heart. Calcium deposits appear as white spots on the image and are used to calculate a cardiac calcium score that will tell you your risk of heart disease. The higher your calcium score, the greater your risk for a heart attack.

Cambridge Medical Center offers calcium score screening through HeartScan Minnesota®. Anyone over the age of 35 who has one or more risk factor for heart disease may want to consider having a scan. The scan costs \$100; it is not covered by insurance, but you may be able to use your health savings or flexible spending account to cover the cost. The test is noninvasive (no needles or dyes) and doesn't require any special preparation (no dieting or fasting). You simply lie on a scanning bed and hold your breath for a few seconds as the CT scanner takes X-ray pictures of the inside of your heart. The entire test takes about 15 minutes.

Your scan is read by both a cardiologist and a radiologist, and the results are sent to you in a report. With your permission, the results can also be shared with your health care provider and be included in your health improvement plan.

HeartScan Minnesota is a service of Allina Health and the Minneapolis Heart Institute. For more information or an appointment, call 763-688-7947.

ARE YOU CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR PET?

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

NORTH 65 CHAMBER

As you prepare to shop for gifts, food, décor and services this holiday season keep in mind all our local businesses have to offer. When spent locally, your hard earned dollar does more than make a purchase, it supports a thriving community. For every \$100 spent in a locally owned business, \$68 stays in our community.

Join us as we kick off the holiday shopping season with Isanti's Home for the Holidays, November 9-10-11. Enjoy open houses at businesses throughout Isanti and a craft fair hosted by the Isanti Ambassador Program on November 10 at the Isanti Community Center. For more information visit the North 65 Chamber of Commerce page on Facebook or north65chamber.com.

Free Movie Nights

Select Fridays, October through April

Isanti Community Center

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



October 19 - Coco

November 16 - Ferdinand

December 7 - A Christmas Story

January 18, 2019 - Happy Feet

February 15 - The Princess Bride

March 15 - Emoji Movie

April 19 - Guardians of the Galaxy

Now accepting applications for youth volunteer organizations! Volunteering groups earn the profits from concessions while help the community!

Community Events

City Parks:

Academy Park
6th Avenue Court NE



Bluebird Park
201 Isanti Parkway NW



**Isanti Hills
Neighborhood Park**
518 Dogwood Street SW



Legacy Park
Bellaire and Blossom Boulevards



Mattson Park
311 5th Avenue NW



Riverside Park
503 Rum River Drive NW



River Bluff Preserve
1111 Rum River Drive SW



Rum River Meadows Park
1108 South Passage SW



Sanbrook Golf Course
1261 Heritage Boulevard NE



Unity Park
420 3rd Avenue NW



VFW Park
Railroad Avenue and
Palomino Road



Whisper Ridge Park
795 3rd Avenue SW



Features:



Isanti Redbirds Season Review

The Isanti Redbirds finished in fourth place (out of eight teams) with seven wins and seven losses (18 wins and 12 losses overall). The 'Birds should be very proud of this record, because the Metro Minny is a very strong league.

The 'Birds got off to a good start in the Section 4 Tournament. In the first round, they defeated Anoka in two out of three games. However, the 'Birds then had to face the eventual Section 4 Champions, the Forest Lake Brewers. The Brewers defeated the 'Birds in a two out of three game series to cause the Redbird season to come to an end.

All summer, the 'Birds have been very fortunate to have very strong pitching and solid defense. The pitching staff was led by James Green, Shane Benson, Phil Bray, Luke Johnson, Jake Johnson and Tristen Zimprich. The pitchers collaboratively ended up with a very strong 2.76 earned run average. James Green had 5 wins, Luke Johnson had 4 wins and Shane Benson had 3 wins. Phil Brey had 2 wins and the teams lowest earned run average, 1.36. Offensively, the team was led by Nick Hoffman, who had 24 hits, Tristen Zimprich had 23 hits and Tyler Schaff and Jeff Bowman had 22 hits.

A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers and fans who make the season possible. We've enjoyed and appreciated everyone's support.



Isanti Community Garden



The Isanti Community Garden continues to be a success in 2018. All 60 garden plots and 4 raised beds were rented out this year, and are supporting healthy eating and active lifestyles for over 30 households! Educational programs through Isanti Parks and the Isanti County Master Gardeners add to the benefits of the garden. The garden gives back by donating produce to Isanti Senior Dining and providing pollinator habitat!

Friends of the Isanti Area Library



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library is a nonprofit group (IsantiLibrary.org) that helped to establish and continues to promote the ECRL Isanti Library Outreach Site, doing our part to guarantee access to high-quality educational resources for everyone. Located inside the Isanti City Hall, the Outreach Library offers books, movies, audiobooks, and e-books. Our Librarian is there to serve you Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m except holidays. 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., with help available to answer your questions.

For your convenience, you are welcome to request items by phone or on the ECRL 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.

Friends 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 throughout the year. We especially need children's, westerns, and large-print books. Cookbooks and picture books are popular, too. (Please, we do not take Encyclopedias, X-rated, or VHS tapes). 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 also available. Complete information is available on our web site, IsantiLibrary.org

Help us spread the word about your local library! We greatly need and appreciate volunteer help with various library and 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.

Community Events

Thursdays, October 4, October 11, and October 18 - Isanti Liquor Tasting Events

Save the dates for tasting events at Isanti Liquor. October 4 will feature wines, October 11th will feature liquor, and October 18th will feature beer. Look for more details posted at the store and online at cityofisanti.us, or call 763-444-5063.

Saturday, October 6 - Fall Family Day at Legacy Park

Join Isanti Parks for s'mores, fall nature hikes, and family photo opportunities at Legacy Park! This event is free and open to the public – check facebook.com/IsantiEvents and cityofisanti.us for more info and updates.

Saturday, October 13 - Bluejacket 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk

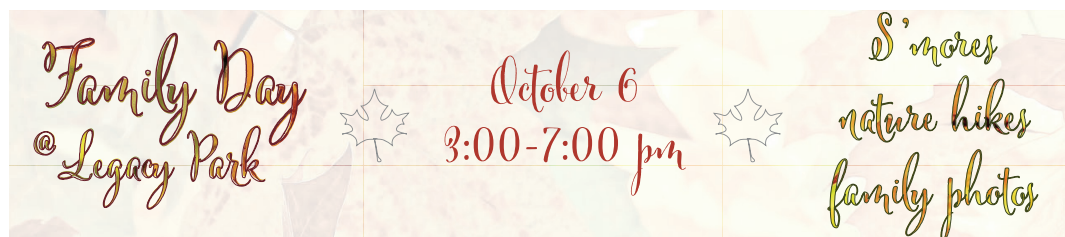
The Bluejacket 5K and 1 mile is a friendly run/walk that will raise scholarship money for graduates of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. For more information, contact Jesse Jennissen at jjennissen@c-ischools.org or visit <https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/bluejacket-5k-and-1-mile>.

Thursday, October 18 - Blood Drive

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

Friday - Sunday, November 9 - 11 - Home for the Holidays

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Recurring Events

Farmers' Market

Located on the north side of Isanti Liquor (400 West Dual) on Fridays 2:00-6:00pm thru Sept. 28th! Come out to find all kinds of great fall produce, crafts, homemade jams and jellies, and more!

Curious Creatures

Second Tuesday of every month, 10:00-11:30am. Parent/Child program in Isanti's parks; each program will include structured activities and free play time to explore the park. FREE to City of Isanti residents; \$3/non-resident child. Contact Katie (763) 444-5512, isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us for more info.

FREE Movie Nights

Located at the Isanti Community Center select Friday nights at 7:00pm: Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 7, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, and April 19. Concessions support local youth organizations.

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 Classes: Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:00-11:45 -Free!
Card playing Tuesdays during Senior Dining

Isanti Lions Pancake Breakfast

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



COMMUNITY CENTER

The Isanti Community Center (ICC) is a perfect venue for a variety of events from birthday to parties to business meetings to weddings, and more!

The City of Isanti strives to offer the facility for reasonable fees. Current reservation rates follow:

\$275 (plus tax)
Events with >50 people

\$100 (plus tax)
Events with <50 people,
full day

\$50 (plus tax)
Events with <50 people,
4 hours or less

Non-profit and recurring
event rates are available
upon request.

The Isanti Community Center availability is now posted online! Go to cityofisanti.us/events for the latest reservation schedule.

Contact the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager to book a reservation at 763-444-5512 or isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us



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