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Letter from the Mayor



**Mayor
George A. Wimmer**

I would like to welcome you to your new Isantian. The City of Isanti has been striving to improve communication with our Citizens and Taxpayers. In this effort we first reformed our City website, www.cityofisanti.us, last fall. The new website not only provides a wealth of information to residents and visitors but has been a boon for economic development. Improved communication at all levels of government is critically important to our success as a City. I wanted to make sure our City quarterly newsletter would be a part of this communication renaissance.

The Isantian has always provided good information to our Citizens and Taxpayers but has cost the City too much staff time and equipment wear and tear. City staff would compile, edit and copy the issues using the City Hall's copy machine. The black and white Isantian would then be mailed out. I wanted to reshape the Isantian into an eye catching newsletter since it does not matter how good the information is inside if no one takes the time to open it. The Isantian is now professionally published in brilliant color to attract more readers. Now another main goal of mine is to be fiscally disciplined. We were able to accomplish the improved Isantian and save valuable staff time and money by selling advertisements. This allows us to showcase an excellent marriage of lower cost to our Taxpayers and yet provide a superior service.

I have received many questions about our exciting revolutionary technology driven Ever Cat Fuels bio-diesel project. To learn more please go to www.cityofisanti.us under press releases to view the Ever Cat Fuels presentation. With state media, the state legislature and Congress now jumping on board I thought it would be a good time to cover a few items. This project was a great nexus of Landmark Bank, Ever Cat Fuels and the City of Isanti. Kevin Johnson of Landmark Bank brought the project to our attention in March of 2007 and is the foundation of Ever Cat Fuel's interest in our great City. City Staff, Landmark's staff and I spent hundreds of hours working on making it a reality with numerous trips to the testing and small scale production facility, working with state wide agencies, funding institutions, answering local concerns and guiding the project through City committees and the Council. Not only will we gain excellent paying jobs but Isanti will be put on the green technology map and will bring in thousands of visitors to the demonstration plant as the technology is replicated throughout the country and beyond. Seeing the technology in production I can confidently say there is no adverse smell or noise and there is no water usage in the process. My space is limited here so I hope if you have any questions you will contact me at george@georgewimmer.com or call me 763-444-7158.

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Elections

In 2008 there will be 2 seats on City Council and the Mayor's seat up for election. If you are interested the first day for filing affidavits for candidacy is July 1st, and July 15th is the last day for filing. (The fee is \$2.00)

Due to the interest in serving the City of Isanti, in January of 2007 the City Council adopted an ordinance providing for Primary Elections of Isanti Municipal Offices (Ordinance 385). Therefore if there are more than 2 people per seat filing the City will hold primary elections on September 9th.

For affidavits or additional information please contact City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator Irene Bauer at 763-444-5512.



City Council Members:

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CITY COUNCIL

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

Held at 5:45 prior to the 2nd City Council Meeting of the month

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

4th Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Special Meetings & Times are Posted

Community Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19 • 10 am
VFW Bike Rodeo

April 26 • 1-4 pm
Pet Clinic at Ice Arena

April 26 • 8 am-12 pm
City Wide Clean Up
Public Works Garage

May 3
City Wide Garage Sales

May 17 • 9 am-12 pm
Garden Party
Main Street & Hwy. 65

June 7 • 11 am
Take a Kid Fishing Day
Martin's Landing

June 21 • 8 am
Royal Golf Tournament
Sanbrook Golf Course

June 28
Sock Hop at Rodeo
Grounds

June 29
Rum River Float
Country Camping

July 9
Jubilee Days Parade

July 9-12
Isanti Rodeo/Jubilee Days

July 13
Ambassador Coonation

August 5
National Night Out

Community Focus Groups

Three scheduled focus groups held in February and March provided District #911 School Board direction for the future. The meetings offered participants the opportunity to share ideas and thoughts on the long term needs of Cambridge-Isanti ISD #911.

The Cambridge-Isanti Board of Education continues to focus on the district goal of community outreach and participation through public meetings like focus groups. It is the board's goal and intention to continue with focus group activities where school district residents have the forum and opportunity to communicate and interact with board members and administration on a routine basis.

Information will be announced as future meetings and opportunities are scheduled. You are invited to share your thoughts by contacting school district administration at respective school offices. You can also access information on the school district website and connect to the link regarding community meetings and focus groups.

Rum River BMX

Are you ready to ride? As the snow slowly melts and the days get longer you will see the track at Rum River BMX taking shape as we prepare for our 2008 season. We will again be leading the way in offering great family discounts and a fun filled atmosphere! Anyone can come down and try the track at one of our practice times...just grab your bike and come on down. We will help you get started! We have riders that are ages 4 years old to 58, plenty of fun for everyone. The best part is you ride against people your own age and at your own skill level so you won't have to race against one of the state champions that call our track home. We have a great schedule for 2008 with many special race and practice night events that you won't want to miss. Check out all the action by visiting our website at www.rumriverbmx.com or call the track at 763.444.5429.

Because of the hard work at the track and the communities' dedication to racing, we will be hosting two special events this year! The first is the Minnesota Star of the North BMX Games. These games are open to anyone who wants to compete at their age and skill level for a medal and a chance to represent Minnesota in the 2009 State Games of America in Colorado!

The second huge event we will host this summer is the American Bicycle Association's Land O' Lakes National race. This event will bring the top riders from across the United States into our community to take part in this race. We will see thousands of riders, families and friends hit our streets for this unprecedented BMX event! Even if you don't race, you won't want to miss any of the action! Some of our local riders will compete for top honors and to be considered one of the best in the nation. We have several riders at our track that are in the top 20 in the country for their age! Spectators watch free at all events, so there is no reason to miss any of the action as it won't get any better than this!

Stop by, watch...say Hi...and when you get the urge, bring your bike so you won't miss any of the action that is Rum River BMX!



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Community Events

32nd Annual Isanti Firefighters Rodeo

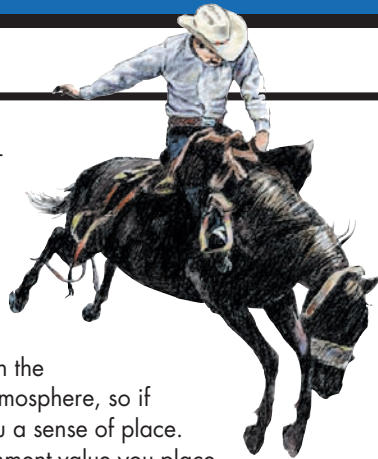
by Tom Pagel, Rodeo Chairman

Still going great in 2008! Plans have been finalized for the fast approaching annual fire department fundraiser set for July 10-12, 2008. Rodeo performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The rodeo is a means for the department to raise additional monies to enhance fire protection services to the community. But along with the financial success, "good times at the rodeo" was a theme that emerged early in our 31 year history. There's no denying there is something comfortable about the friendly slap 'em on the back atmosphere of the rodeo in Isanti. There's a naturally friendly atmosphere, so if you are new to the Isanti area, let yourself go, the rodeo will give you a sense of place.

In addition to our pursuit to meet and hopefully exceed the entertainment value you place on the rodeo, we as firefighters are also guided by a strong belief in the value of giving back to the community and the people we serve. The Isanti Firefighters are honored to be serving the community and we are very appreciative of your support.

It's a whole lot more than just a rodeo! There will be a fireworks display after the rodeo performances Friday and Saturday. Dance after the rodeo Thursday night to the "S.T.A.R.T." Band, after the rodeo Friday night to the "Savannah" Band and after the rodeo Saturday night to the "Killer Hayseeds" Band. Dance admission is included in each rodeo performance ticket price. Thursday night's rodeo performance is also "family night," featuring fun and prizes. There will also be a non-alcohol seating section. All three rodeo performances will feature all seven events of rodeo and is sanctioned by the Professional Cowboy Rodeo Association (PRCA), Colorado Springs, Colorado. Visit the rodeo section of our website www.isantifiredistrict.org for information and updates.

Mark your calendars and we'll see you July 10, 11 and 12. It's a weekend you don't want to miss! It's where the pavement ends and the fun begins! Thank You.



Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club Hosted Statewide Tournament

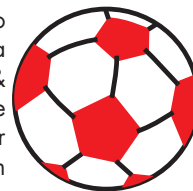
On Saturday, October 6, 90 soccer teams converged on the Cambridge-Isanti area to participate in the season-ending Fall Jamboree at the Isanti Soccer Complex. The Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) sanctioned event had teams of boys and girls ages 9 & 10 from across the entire state. This statewide tournament had been held in Rochester for the past several years, but the MYSA chose the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club to be the host for the next two years to showcase their facilities and bring this large gathering to the northern part of the Metro area. Approximately 2,000 people were in the area for the tournament.

Planning for next year's tournament began months ago and local CISC board members have worked with the MYSA to make arrangements and to prepare the Isanti Soccer Complex as a host site. The date of next fall's state tournament is October 4, 2008.

Registration for soccer will be held on March 30 and April 6 at the Caribou Coffee in Cambridge from 6-7 p.m. Space is available for players ages 4-10 in recreational leagues, which have an 8 week season at the Isanti Soccer Complex on Friday nights beginning May 2nd. A few spots remain in the traveling teams, which have a season that is approximately 10 weeks with a mixed schedule of home and away games.

The Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club has an information/registration hotline that is accessible 24 hours a day by calling 763-552-4625. You may also access the website for information about the club and to seek opportunities to get involved by clicking on www.cambridgeisantisoccer.net.

The Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club thanks all of the local businesses and city of Isanti for their support during the tournament. The organization is proud of the facilities and the affiliation with sponsors that make our club a supportive and enriching activity for our local youth.



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Community Events

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Cambridge-Isanti High School

(Grades 9-12)
763-689-6066

City Wide Garage Sale

The City Wide Garage Sale is Saturday, May 3, 2008. The cost will be \$12 for ten (10) words, plus name and address.

The deadline to the Scotsman is April 21, 2008 for the paper coming out April 27. (Last one before the city wide).

Please call Hannah Christenson with any questions, 763-444-5083.



If you dig a hole:

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Testing Season for Students in the Cambridge-Isanti Schools

As Spring arrives, the students in Grades 3-11 in the Cambridge-Isanti School are preparing to take the Statewide Assessments known as the MCA II's (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments). These tests will be given in April and May and will address the areas of Reading, Writing, Math and Science. For a detailed list of when these assessments take place please refer to the testing plan below. You can find additional information on the MCA II's and other statewide assessments on the Minnesota Department of Education website which is located at www.education.state.mn.us.

Cambridge-Isanti School District #911 2007-2008 State Testing Plan:

April 15

Grades 3-8 MCA-II Reading (Segments 1 & 2)

Grade 9 GRAD Test of Written Composition

Grade 10 MCA-II Reading (Segments 1 & 2)

Grade 11 MCA-II Math (Segments 1 & 2)

Make-Up Grade 12 BST Written Composition Retests

April 16

Grades 3-8 MCA-II Reading (Segments 3 & 4)

Grade 10 MCA-II Reading (Segments 3 & 4)

Grade 11 MCA-II Math (Segments 3 & 4)

April 22

Grades 3-8 MCA-II Math (Segments 1 & 2)

April 23

Grades 3-8 MCA-II Math (Segments 3 & 4)

April 24-29

Make-Ups for Grade 10-11 MCA-II Reading and Math

April 28-May 23

Online MCA-II Science Test, Grades 5, 8 & High School

April 29

Make-Up GRAD 9 Written Composition



New Playground Equipment

The City of Isanti was awarded a "Better Fitness Through Play Grant," which enabled the City to purchase new playground equipment for Mattson Park. During the 2008 Budget review process, the Park and Recreation Board had identified a number of pieces of equipment that needed to be replaced within Mattson Park. The matching grant awarded to the City was considered a great opportunity for the community to replace some of these items. The Park and Recreation Board Members have chosen the "Mountain Climb and Slide," which has been shown below. The City hopes to have the new playground equipment installed Spring/Summer 2008.



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News from the Police Department

Isanti Police Department

Good News! Isanti's crime rate has significantly dropped. Thanks to a lot of hard work by the officers and the tips that keep coming in, we have worked well together to make Isanti a very safe place to live. Please call the police if you see suspicious activity. We are now up to 8 full time officers. Adam Gau was just hired as our new full time officer. Adam is from Isanti and has always wanted to be a police officer here.

A Safe Place program is getting a great start. We do need more homes and businesses that would like to volunteer. After passing a background check, attending a 1-hour training and informational meeting, you will be given a sign to display in your window. This sign lets children know that you will call the police or their parents when in need. It also lets anyone else know that you are on the watch in your neighborhood. If you would like an application, email me at IsantiPD@cji.net.

With spring comes the curfew reminder. Curfew is 9:00 p.m. every day for anyone under the age of 18. There are a few exceptions. If you see children out too late, please call the police so we can investigate and ensure everyone is safe.

Late Winter Humor; several years ago I was serving a search warrant on a dangerous felon who was known to carry a handgun. While opening his door with a ram, I split my pants and my red underwear was showing. Of course everyone was kind enough to let me know that. The suspect was not there. We finished the search and I left a rookie officer inside so that I could go change. I came back to finish up the warrant and wait for the suspect to return home. I decided to use a different voice when I came to the door. I yelled out WHO BROKE MY \$#@^& DOOR! I'M GOING TO *^%#@#%^ THEM! I peeked inside and the rookie who was left all alone was white and taking cover getting ready for the worst. He then got mad! :~)

Chief Ron Sager



Upgrade that Old TV Antenna/Converter

After February 17, 2009, most broadcast TV stations will shut off their analog signals, which leaves perhaps 20 million U.S. homes without cable or satellite in use. But Congress will help you pay the \$50 to \$70 cost of converting old TVs for the new digital signals.

Each household can get two \$40 coupons toward the digital converters. But the feds will mail the coupons on a first-come first-serve basis. Applications can be submitted starting January 1, 2008, at www.dtv2009.gov or by calling (888) 388-2009. The coupons start going out in February, meaning you could enjoy crystal-clear digital TV each year.

Bike, Skate & Blade Ordinance

Ordinance No. 178 regulates the use of bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and similar items in the City of Isanti. It is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle, or use a skateboard or rollerblades upon a sidewalk within the downtown commercial district along Main Street between 2nd Avenue and the railroad tracks from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Burning Ordinance

City Ordinance permits burning by reference of MN State Statutes 88.1 and 88.22 and the MN Uniform Code. Campfires are permitted if applied as follows: A campfire is a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes, which is not more than three feet in diameter by three feet high and the ground surrounding the fire has been cleared of all combustible material twenty-five feet from the base of the fire.

Overview of City Nuisance and Parking Ordinances

by Steven Wacha, Community Service Officer
Isanti Police Department

Since filling the newly created Community Service Officer position with the Isanti Police Department I've noted a number of common ordinance violations. Most of violations are minor and easily corrected by property owners. The purpose of such ordinances is to maintain a safe, healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment to the citizens of Isanti.

With spring on the way City Ordinance #123, an ordinance defining and prohibiting nuisances will become one of the most important and noticeable. Section 2 of this ordinance covers nuisances affecting health such as: outside accumulation of rubbish, salvage materials, junk, unlicensed vehicles and other items causing a depressing influence on property values in the area.

The second most common ordinance violation is City Ordinance #397, an ordinance regulating the outdoor parking and/or storage of vehicles, boats, trailers, RV's and other items. The ordinance does include a listing of proper requirements for storage of such units (Exhibit A). They need to be parked on impervious or improved surfaces. There are also time limits for parking such units in the front yard. Units stored on side yard and/or back yard must be 80% screened from view of neighboring property or public street.

For further information on these or other City Ordinances you can go to www.cityofisanti.us, click on Quick Links – City Ordinances & Codes. Section 14, Nuisances or Section 15, Parking.

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Community Development



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Pet Clinic

Does your pet need shots? Bring your pet to the Pet Clinic Saturday, April 26, 2008. The Pet Clinic will be held at the Isanti Ice Arena and will run from 1-4 p.m. The Ice Arena is located 2 blocks north of the intersection of 1st Avenue and County Road 5. Park and access the building on the north side. No late fee for dog licenses obtained at the clinic.

Economic Development Authority

The City Council placed economic development as priority goals again in 2008. In 2007 the City Council had three of its top five goals as: bring more commercial businesses to Isanti, to work on a downtown strategic plan, and to market commercial properties. For 2008 the City Council kept the 2007 economic development goals, but expanded them to also include: a revolving loan fund, tax abatement policy, and interagency cooperation.

The Isanti City Partnership (a sub-committee of the EDA comprising of Isanti business, Chamber and EDA members) is currently working on a proposed Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) structure. The EDA is recommending to the City Council to designate the land acquisition fund for a revolving loan fund. The ICP and the EDA desire the RLF as another tool to assist current businesses looking at an expansion or remodel and / or to bring businesses into Isanti that may need additional financing.

The Isanti City Partnership presented the EDA with a proposed Tax Abatement guideline in January. The EDA and ICP directed Mayor Wimmer and Community Development Director Vita to run scenarios on the policy. The Mayor and Ms. Vita are currently working on an abatement policy and will present the policy to the ICP and EDA at a future meeting.

The EDA, Isanti City Partnership (a sub-committee of the EDA comprising of Isanti business, Chamber and EDA members) and Staff are working hard to bring more businesses to our Community. We continue to find other opportunities for funding and assistance to our current businesses and to businesses interested in locating or re-locating to our Community. We urge you to let Community Development Director Vita (763.444.5512 or cvita@cityofisanti.us) know of any business or industry that may have interest in our community or relocating from their current location. The Isanti Team will work to assist the business to be a part of our business community.

Some recent development accomplishments include:

Website: cityofisanti.us

Have you checked out the new City website? It is packed full of information from all areas of city government and our City. Any advice on information that Staff may incorporate or to make the website an even please contact Carla Vita at: cvita@cityofisanti.us.

Peter Professional Building

At the end of December, Laverne Peter, Peter & Associates CPA LLC moved to the former Landmark Building in our downtown. Ms. Peters renamed the building to reflect its new use to "Peter Professional Building". Please visit our downtown and witness the changing look – new businesses for your downtown experience.

Downtown Committee

The Downtown Committee has been very busy over the past months working a variety of projects. The Committee is examining new events for the downtown, better marketing and other items that may make the downtown more inviting and appealing. At the Home Show the last weekend in the month, the downtown group will have a booth next to the City of Isanti booth to inform the public on the progress that the committee has made over the past year and to obtain feedback and ideas from you on how to make our downtown a better place to shop, visit and to do business.

TH 65 & CSAH 5 Construction Project

On February 25, 2008 MNDOT held an open house hosted by the City of Isanti on the upcoming TH 65 and CSAH 5 intersection and turn lane project. MNDOT presented the proposed plans for the construction project. Some quick facts on the project include: as additional turn lane will be added to the northbound left turn lane onto CSAH 5; the turn lane will be the same length as the current left turn lane; concrete medians are planned on CSAH 5 from TH 65 west to beyond McDonald's; the concrete median will not extend past Credit Union Drive; CSAH 5 road pavement from the railroad tracks to CSAH 5 will be milled and overlaid; the signal lights will have emergency vehicle sensors; the project is planned to begin, if all required items from MNDOT are completed, on September 3 and should be completed within 33 days.

For an image of the construction plans, they are on the City website cityofisanti.us on the Construction link. Staff will update the website if construction schedules change.



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Public Notice

Important information about your drinking water

Tests show levels of radium 226 and radium 228 above drinking water standards

The City of Isanti public water supply routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Recent testing results show that the average level of combined radium 226 and radium 228 was 6.0/picoCuries per liter (pCi/L). This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 5.4 pCi/L.

Radium 226 and Radium 228 occur naturally within the groundwater. Some people who drink water containing radium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

This is not an emergency. You do not need an alternative source of water, such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Home water treatments units are available to reduce radium 226 and radium 228, which include water softening, reverse osmosis, and distillation. It is recommended that these home water treatment units be certified to ensure radium removal. The use of carbon filters is not recommended for removal of radium, as radium may accumulate in the filter over time.

Your public water supply is exploring methods to reduce the level of radium 226 and radium 228, which may include an alternative water source or water treatment. You will be informed when the public water supply has reduced the level of radium and meets the standard.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact: Irene Bauer, City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator, 763-444-5512 or by mail at 110 1st Avenue North, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN 55040. This notice is being sent to you by City of Isanti City Hall.



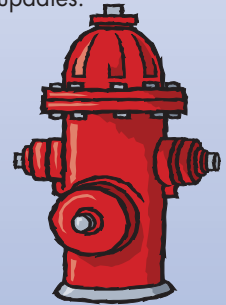
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UPDATE:

The City has completed construction on a Well Blending line to ensure that the radium concentration in the distribution system meets human health standards. The City has also submitted plans and specifications for a new Water Treatment Facility to remove iron, manganese and radium. The City Council may authorize construction to begin in July with the facility beginning operation at the end of 2009.

Flushing Hydrants April 21-May 2

If you live in or near an area that is being flushed, your water may have some discoloration for a short period of time. You should avoid doing laundry at this time or running your water, as this can actually bring discolored water directly into your home's pipes. Run your tap after the flushing and it should clear up. Check our website: www.cityofisanti.us for updates.



Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out June 16th with an advertising deadline of June 2nd. The fall newsletter will be sent out September 15th with an advertising deadline of August 29. The winter newsletter will be sent out December 15th with an advertising deadline of December 1st.

If you would like to advertise in the Isantian, please contact Sue Beckman, 763-691-6035 or Karen Barth 763-691-6007 at the Scotsman/Isanti County News.

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

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Lost & Found Warming House

With the warming house closed for the season, items that were lost at the outdoor hockey rink and pleasure rink may be picked up at City Hall. Please stop by during normal business hours Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to claim your missing item. Items not picked up by May 1, 2008 will be donated to Family Pathways Thrift Store.



We want you to help bring a library to Isanti!

**For more info call
763-444-4585
Friends of the Isanti Area**

Meeting set for input on new Community Center

The City of Isanti will be holding a Community Meeting to receive a presentation by Burbach Aquatics, Inc. that will provide information on a new Community and Family Aquatic Center concept that would provide for recreational and health benefits to our community.

The Community Meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 12, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the City of Isanti Council Chambers, 110 1st Avenue North, 763-444-5512. Refreshments will be served.

Isanti Ambassador Program

The Isanti Ambassador Program provides education scholarships to three individuals who are selected to represent the Isanti community as public relations ambassadors. The Ambassadors attend functions at neighboring community festivals and celebrations, such as parades, coronations, and visiting dignitary luncheons. Volunteerism is stressed by helping out local businesses and civic groups with fundraising and promotions in and around the community: painting faces at Kids Day at the Isanti County Fair, Isanti Home Show, National Night Out, Relay for Life, Santa Day and Old Tyme Dances.

Applicants must be individuals between the ages of 17-22 (as of July 1, 2008). Candidates must graduate from High School by the year 2009 to participate in this year's program. All candidates must be single and have no dependents. Interested individuals may contact JoAnn Welcome at 763-444-4431. The 2008 Isanti Ambassadors will be selected on Sunday, July 13th at the Coronation Ceremony held at the Ice Arena.

Businesses interested in sponsoring a 2008 Ambassador candidate may contact JoAnn Welcome at 763-444-4431 for details.

City Wide Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 26, 2008

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Public Works Garage • 100 Isanti Parkway W, Isanti

Directions: 3rd Avenue North to Isanti Parkway, right on Isanti Parkway to garage. Drop off on east side of garage. City residents ONLY. Must show driver's license.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Brush, yard waste, and small miscellaneous items will be accepted at no cost. **NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Other acceptable items and related fees are as follows:

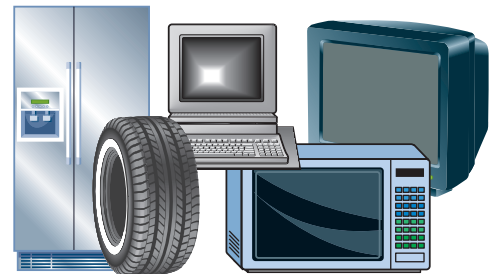
Appliances: \$10 each (pay when dropped off)

Air Heat Pump, Freezers, Furnaces, Microwave Ovens, Water Heaters, Dishwashers, Garbage Disposals, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Dehumidifiers, Trash Compactors, Vacuum Cleaners, Ovens, Stoves, Air Conditioning Units & Water Softeners \$20 each. Commercial & gas/ammonia appliance fees will vary.

TIRES: Pre-pay at Isanti City Hall,
110 1st Avenue (Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
Passenger Car/ATV\$4/Tire
Truck\$8/Tire
Bicycle\$1/Tire
Motorcycle.....\$1.50/Tire
Tubes Free

NO Tractor Tires will be accepted.

LARGE ITEMS: Pre-pay at Isanti City Hall,
110 1st Avenue (Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
Regular Sofas \$15.00
Sleeper Sofas \$25.00
Loveseat \$10.00
Living Room Chairs \$12.50
Mattresses..... \$30.00
Box Springs \$30.00



ELECTRONICS: Pre-pay at Isanti City Hall,
110 1st Avenue (Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
TVs 40" & under \$20.00; TVs over 40" \$40.00;
Console TV \$55.00; Computer Monitors \$15.00;
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New Location!

Isanti Chamber of Commerce

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce tagline is "Growing Business and Building Community". I'd like to ask each and every one of you to take a second and think about where and who you currently do business with.

What exactly do we mean by "building community"? What I am referring to is the economic engine that helps to make Isanti a better place for you and your family.

Does your current bank or credit union donate to the many very worthy causes within our community or serve on the many committees formed to improve Isanti? I can tell you first hand that our local Chamber member lending institutions do that and very much more.

Does your Twin Cities Insurance Agent sponsor a youth hockey team, advertise at the Isanti Civic Arena or volunteer their personal time to help bring a library to Isanti?

In most cases, your local Chamber member insurance agents do that and much, much more.

Did you happen to see your building or painting contractor donating their time and expertise to give the Isanti Community Center a fresh facelift? I did, but they were from Isanti, not Coon Rapids.

Have you ever seen or heard of a certain national hardware/lumber chain that happens to have a store in Cambridge doing anything to improve the communities that they operate in? I know for a fact that your local hardware store owner donates both his time and money investing in Isanti's community.

Did you happen to see your Twin Cities real estate agent or mortgage broker at the Industries Inc. fundraising banquet or the Annual Veteran's Benefit Dinner that benefit the residents of our community and area. I would bet not. You probably did see your local real estate agent and mortgage broker there or at the very least noticed a silent auction item that was donated by them.

Do you purchase items from retailers in the Twin Cities or do you buy from local merchants when possible? Local businesses pay property taxes in Isanti that aids in keeping your property taxes as low as possible.

Did you know that net revenues from your municipal liquor store are used to reduce your property taxes? Why would you shop anywhere else?

I have been told that a dollar spent in Isanti trickles down approximately seven times within the community. If you spend that dollar in Blaine you are helping to keep property taxes low for Blaine residents and businesses.

Try this the next time you are on the phone with a faceless Progressive Insurance Rep. that is based in Texas. Ask them if they would be willing to donate to the Isanti Volunteer Fire Dept. that is on call to protect your home and family. Imagine their response!

I could go on and on but I think that you get my point. Where you spend your families hard earned dollars can have a dramatic impact on the community you live in.

So the question becomes, do you want to benefit the families that live in Blaine or would you rather support the Isanti Area Chamber businesses that are "Building Community" in Isanti to make this a better place for you and your children?

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce has gone through a major overhaul the last couple of years and has become an extremely vital and dynamic organization.

We have become very active in areas of economic development by partnering with the City of Isanti through the formation of the Isanti City Partnership and the Historic Isanti Downtown Revitalization. These efforts in time will bear the fruit of lower taxes and a greater diversity of successful businesses. We also bring you Jubilee Days including the Parade, The Fall Music Fest to name just a couple of events.

So what can you do to help make Isanti a better place to live? First off, you can say thanks to Isanti Area Chamber businesses by patronizing their establishments. Secondly, you can get involved in with the many civic organizations like the Isanti Lions Club or the Friends of the Isanti Area Library or help with the Downtown Revitalization project.

There are way too many to mention here so if you would like more information about these or any others, give us a call at the Chamber. We would love to help! 763-444-8515

Help us help you!

Warmest regards,

Jaysen Guthmueller, President

Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do while helping your community at the same time? Please see below for some options. They can use your help and can be satisfying at the same time!

FAMILY PATHWAYS

Lori Damann
763-444-9551

ISANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

763-444-8515

ISANTI COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Sue Larson
763-444-6471

ISANT COUNTY PARKS

Steve Nelson
763-689-8220

ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson
763-689-1442

ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)

ISANTI HOCKEY

David Englund
763-444-6432

MEALS ON WHEELS/ SENIOR DINING

Glenda Reynolds
763-444-6320

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Susie McCune
763-444-4585

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Steve Anderson
763-444-7185

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



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