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Letter from the Mayor



**Mayor
George A. Wimmer**

CITY MEETING DATES:

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

CITY COUNCIL
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month at 7:00 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.

As you read this article, we will have a new Council member as a result of the March 15th special election. Once we have the Council up to full strength, we will be dealing with several difficult issues – water & sewer rates, annexations and City service levels.

We discussed the expansions on the east side of TH 65 and the costly consequences of this action. I am especially frustrated by this project, since as a Council Member, I voted against the City taking on the responsibility of this project instead of having the developer pay for the expense as was traditionally done. With the collapse of the housing market, the bonds are not being paid for by new construction as anticipated. The City has been left with this debt. Even though I was against this action and fought hard to stop it, we are now left to deal with this problem. This leaves the debt payments to you and I to pay for through increased water and sewer rates. Rapid residential growth has saddled our community with problems, of which, we are trying to work our way through.

The issue of annexation has arisen as we are dealing with 23 properties that are 100% surrounded by the City; receive Isanti police protection, planning/zoning and public works support but pay no City taxes. These properties are Isanti Township and pay their taxes to the township which provides none of these services. It is a basic fairness issue that if these properties receive City benefits - they should pay City taxes – otherwise current taxpayers will continue to subsidize these areas. It is something new and the property owners will not like this action but we cannot afford to continue to provide City services to these areas for free while we are looking at cutting service levels elsewhere in the City.

At the time of writing this article, Community meetings have been scheduled for March 1st and March 4th to receive public input on the City's service levels and to explain how your tax dollars are spent. We are looking for input into what is most important to our citizens as we work our way through this Great Recession. Isanti has seen a 10% reduction in the total value of all properties in the City, which means lower property taxes paying for City services. We have made the commitment to not increase property taxes to make up the difference as many communities have done. This does mean that we will be looking to make further cuts to balance our budget. The many actions we have discussed previously have bought us time to deal with these issues in an appropriate manner. Our budget reserves along with efficient City government will get us through this dark period. A positive in this area is our new 3 year contract with our Police Union in which they have agreed to share a greater part of their health care expenses. This now brings all employees into the same health care plan.

I want to share a few fun items for the spring. The City has taken possession of a 22 acre parcel of land along the Rum River that is bisected by Isanti Brook in the Northwest quadrant of the City. This passive park will have a walking trail and will be kept in its natural state for future generations to enjoy. Redbird baseball will be gearing up soon along with Rum River BMX and our Soccer complex will be humming as well. Our Soccer complex will be hosting nearly 4,000 players and 20,000 spectators from the end of April through May as we host the Minnesota Cup. Let's make sure everyone feels welcome to our great community.

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 get my City updates on Twitter at twitter.com/mayorwimmer Facebook at facebook.com/GeorgeAWimmer or my blog at georgewimmer.blogspot.com



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City Offices & Staff Directory

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Council Member	Louise Duff (interim)	SEAT TO BE FILLED BY SPECIAL ELECTION 3-15-11	
Council Member	Sue Larson	Phone 763-286-9964	e-mail: larson2854@aol.com
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Fax 763-444-5125
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Meeting dates as noted on page 2 and all changes will be posted on the website, at City Hall and the Post Office. Special Meetings & times will also be posted on the website, City Hall and Post Office.



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Community Development

Park Naming Contest

The City of Isanti will be acquiring additional park and open space area within the NW corner of the community, adjacent to the Villages on the Rum development. As with any park located within the City's park system, the area must be given a formal name. In anticipation of this area's inclusion in the overall park system, the Park and Recreation Board have initiated a "Park Naming Contest". The contest will be open to all City residents and taxpayers of Isanti. For more information regarding the contest please contact Lisa Wilson, City Planner/Parks Coordinator at lwilson@cityofisanti.us or at (763) 444-5512.

Additional Sign Reminders

- The City would like to remind local businesses that handwritten signs, whether temporary or permanent, are prohibited. All signs must be professionally made.
- Signs shall not be placed upon any public utility pole.
- Signs are not permitted within the public right-of-way.
- Temporary off-premises signs are permitted within the "B-1", "B-2", "B-3", "CBT", "RC", and "I" zoning districts, providing written permission is granted by the property owner and a temporary sign permit has been approved by the City. Temporary signs are allowed by an annual renewable permit.

Building Official Rick Sames

763-444-5512

Spring time can mean project time so I just want to remind you to get off on the right foot by contacting the Building Department to see if your planned project requires a permit and/or inspection. Replacement of roofing, siding, windows, doors, furnaces, water heaters, air conditioners, or the installation of a fence, irrigation system, swimming pool, garage or a shed are just a few of the projects that require permits and inspections. If you are unsure if your project needs a permit, please give me a call and we can discuss it.

A 960 square foot expansion of Wintergreens Restaurant is underway and by the time you read this article the addition may already be complete and in use. I am also aware of at least two other commercial projects that I should be receiving plans for shortly. Twelve single family homes were built in 2010 and all of them have been sold and occupied.

The foreclosure conditions in Isanti have improved from last year. In January 2010, the City of Isanti had 165 homes in some form of the foreclosure process with 45 homes unoccupied. In January 2011, 126 homes were in the foreclosure process with 60 homes unoccupied. By January 2010 there had been 135 foreclosed homes resold and reoccupied since we started tracking, and by January 2011 this number had risen to 228. The City of Isanti is being very diligent in tracking and visiting the homes going through the foreclosure process in an effort to minimize theft, vandalism, water damage, and general neighborhood degradation. Not all homes in the process end up being vacated or ultimately foreclosed, so we try not to visit a home if it appears to be occupied. The City continues to ask for your help in this process. If you become aware of a recently vacated home in your neighborhood, please call me and identify the property address. Your call will remain anonymous and would be greatly appreciated.

Isanti has 476 residential rental units within the city limits. 67 of those units are single family dwellings. A recently observed trend is for a property to be purchased for investment purposes with the intent of renting them out until the housing market improves. In 2008, city code was adopted for "Residential Rental Licensing" that requires a property to be licensed before it can be rented was adopted. A violation of that code can be punishable as a misdemeanor. The City conducts inspections for the issuance or renewal of licenses to assure that the conditions of the property are consistent with the State Building Code and the City Code. If you or someone you know rents or owns a home used for rental purposes that does not yet have a rental license, please contact us so we can get the licensing process started.

Bicycles, Roller Blades and Skateboards Use

City Code § 99-1. Prohibited acts. It is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle or use a skateboard or roller blades upon a sidewalk within the downtown commercial district along Main Street between 2nd Avenue and the railroad tracks between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. It is also unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle or use a skateboard or roller blades in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner in disregard for the rights of safety or property or any other person anywhere within the City of Isanti.

City Code § 99-2 provides that if a violation of this chapter is observed that the City is authorized to impound the bicycle, skateboard, or roller blades.

For a complete copy of the Code visit our website at www.cityofisanti.us.



Street Addressing and Directionals

Addresses throughout the City of Isanti are required to include the necessary street directional as part of their mailing address. The City of Isanti is divided into four (4) quadrants based upon a "zero line". Where Main Street divides the City into north and south; the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Line divides the City into east and west. The result is four (4) quadrants which include: northwest, southwest, northeast, and southeast, within the City of Isanti.

The City wants to remind residents to please use the proper directional (NW, NE, SE, and SW) as part of your mailing address. Staff is continually working with the United States Postal Service, utility providers, Isanti County, and various map data companies to ensure that all addresses are being identified with the appropriate directional notation. If you have questions or are unsure about which directional to use, please contact City Hall for clarification.

Community Development

Economic Development Authority

763-444-5512

Spring is Just Around the Corner – Development Activity Will be in Full Swing

The first of four approved projects in November 2010 is underway. Wintergreen's expansion is moving along nicely which will add 960 square feet of dining space for special events and parties along with other subtle upgrades. Project is anticipated to be open for business in March. The 18 unit (20-resident) senior memory care project located on 6th Avenue NE and the 8,250 square foot Krayola Kids Childcare facility located on Golden Way St. NE and 21,600 square foot expansion for American Manufacturing on 1 Enterprise Avenue NE are on target to begin construction when the weather warms up a bit in late March or early April. The City will be buzzing with activity in a few more weeks and it will be exciting to have some new buildings and approximately 30 new jobs coming to Isanti.

Minnesota State Cup coming to Isanti

A permit has been submitted by the Cambridge Isanti Soccer Club (CISC) and Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) to hold the Minnesota State Cup Youth Soccer tournament. The event will be held April 25th-May 1st, May 6th-May 8th, May 13th-May 15th, May 20th-May 22nd and June 3rd-5th at the Isanti Soccer Complex. This event is a premier event with an estimated 4,000 participants and up to 20,000 spectators coming to the great City of Isanti. City staff is working with community organizations to try to put together an opportunity to market City of Isanti businesses to this larger audience. Please contact Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan for more details.

Economic Development Authority

The Isanti Economic Development Authority's function is to promote, market and assist the development and redevelopment within the City of Isanti. At the February 22, 2011 EDA meeting, the 2011 EDA Marketing/Work Plan was adopted. This plan involves increasing marketing to sell and develop land within Isanti Centennial Complex and to create and retain quality jobs within the City of Isanti. City staff and officials are visiting existing businesses to listen to concerns and ideas. City Staff has been working hard on developing new marketing materials that highlight the positive attributes of our community and the advantages to locate business here. Existing businesses are ambassadors for our community and "word of mouth" is a simple way to help generate interest in the community. Website updates and changes continue to enhance the experience for businesses, site selectors and residents. The EDA is always looking for new ways to help Isanti grow!

Thinking About Building or Expanding in Isanti?

The City of Isanti has many Economic Development Assistance programs available to help new and/or expanding businesses. Low interest loans, industrial land for little, or no cost, and other tax incentives are available for qualifying businesses. Economic Development Director Sullivan will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Contact him at ssullivan@cityofisanti.us or 763.444.5512.

Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon

The Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon will be held in June 2011. This event is held to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community strong. Invites will be going out to all Isanti businesses in May.

Sign Regulations

As a reminder to current business owners and any other individual looking to construct or place a sign upon their property, the City of Isanti has adopted regulations for signage. The ordinance regulates the location, size, and various features of signs to enable the public to locate goods, services, and facilities without difficulty or confusion; to prevent the wasteful use of resources in competition among businesses for attention; to prevent hazards to life and property; and to ensure an aesthetic value of the City.

Property owners looking to construct signs are required to obtain a sign permit from the City prior to construction and/or location of a sign. All sign applications are reviewed by City Staff to ensure compliance with the sign ordinance regulations. Signs constructed without a permit or signs found to be in violation of ordinance requirements and standards may result in a revocation of the sign permit for that particular business and/or issuance of a citation due to non-compliance with City Ordinances. Please contact the Planning Department for all questions and concerns regarding sign regulations.

Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex
BMX Track
Isanti Ice Arena
Martin's Landing
(DNR Canoe Landing)
Redbirds Baseball Field

For links visit:
www.cityofisanti.us

Library Link

Through the efforts of the Friends of the Isanti Library, the East Central Regional Library now hosts a Library Link at City Hall. The Link Site is open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact ECRL Librarian Lisa 763-689-7390.

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out June 13th with an advertising deadline of May 27th.

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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Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

CITY PARKS:

RIVERSIDE PARK

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



RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

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



MATTSON PARK

311 5th Avenue NW
Intersection of Main St. West & 5th Ave. NW.



WHISPER RIDGE PARK

795 3rd Ave SW
Nestled behind homes on the corner of Cottonwood St. SW & 3rd Ave. SW.



ISANTI TOT LOT

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



VFW PARK

410 Railroad Avenue SW
Intersection of Railroad Ave. SW and Palomino Road SW.



UNITY PARK

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



BLUEBIRD PARK

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



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Engineering Project Updates

Water System Improvements

The City is considering undertaking planned improvements to the water distribution system in 2011. These improvements include the replacement of Wellhouse No. 1 (located north of the Police and Fire Station), completion of a watermain loop in Bluebird Park and upgrading water meters to a remote read system. Funding for these improvements will come from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority in the form of a low interest loan for a period of 20 years. This special financing will allow the project to be completed in the most cost effective way to the users.

2011 Street and Utility Improvements

The City is evaluating street and utility improvements on the following City streets:

- 2nd and 4th Avenues SW from Main Street W to Elizabeth Street SW
- 3rd Avenue SW from Main Street W to Broadway Street SW
- 5th Avenue SW from Elizabeth Street SW to S. Brookview Lane SW
- Broadway Street SW from the railroad right-of-way to 3rd Avenue SW
- Elizabeth Street SW from 2nd Avenue SW to N. Brookview Lane SW
- 4th Avenue SE from Main Street E to Broadway St. SE (to replace Penny Lane).

A Preliminary Engineering Report has been completed on these projects. An informational open house was conducted in the City Hall Council Chambers on March 8th, 2011 and a public hearing before the Mayor and City Council is scheduled for the regular City Council meeting of March 16th, 2011. If the Mayor and Council decide to proceed with the project, construction would commence in mid-summer and continue through the fall.

Please call City Engineer Brad DeWolf P.E. at 612-756-1032 if you have any questions.

Wise Ways to Use Water

- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until the water gets cold.
- Fixing that leaky toilet can save as much as 500 gallons a day.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second can add up to 2,700 gallons per year.
- Use mulch around trees to slow evaporation.
- Direct downspouts and other runoff toward shrubs, trees and gardens.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways.



Flushing of Water Mains Starts May 2nd

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 the schedule and watch for ongoing updates as the schedule is subject to change daily.



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Emerald Ash Borer - Questions and Answers

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. It now threatens to spread into other parts of Minnesota. If you're wondering what kind of damage it can do, just read what it has done collectively in the states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. It has killed tens of millions of ash trees and cost municipalities, nurseries, forestry products industries and property owners tens of millions of dollars.

The following are some answers to a sample of commonly asked questions regarding this invasive pest.

1. What species of trees does it attack?

It attacks all species of ash trees (those under the *Fraxinus* genus), including green, white and black ash trees. It DOES NOT affect mountain ash trees, as these are not true ashes.

2. What are some common symptoms of EAB in trees?

Dieback in the upper third of the canopy, noticeable woodpecker damage, "S" shaped galleries under the bark, "D" shaped exit holes on severely attacked trees and sucker sprouts at the base of trees.

3. Are there EAB look alikes?

There are several native borers that attack ash trees as well. Some of the symptoms are similar. In addition, there are insects that look similar to EAB adults that do not attack ash trees. For a list of these, see the websites below.

4. How long does it take a tree to die once it becomes infected?

That depends on a lot of factors. A tree may take 3 to 5 years or more before falling victim to EAB.

5. Can I still consider planting ash trees?

It is not recommended to plant any more trees in the City. They have been removed from the City's list of recommended trees to plant.

6. Is Isanti City Ordinance going to require the removal and disposal of infected ash trees at the property owners' expense?

The City does have a diseased tree ordinance in place, in which the property owner would be responsible.

7. Is there anything that can be done to protect my existing ash trees?

Yes. Now is the time to start planning ahead if you have ash tree(s) on your property. There are several different chemicals with different forms of application that can be used to try and save healthy ash trees. The most common treatment methods involve a soil drench application and a direct tree injection method. Before going ahead and treating, you should do your research and determine if it's feasible. In addition, think about the potential impact on the environment. Do realize that depending on the chemical form of treatment, some may have to be repeated every year in order to be effective. Some treatments can only be done by professionals.

8. Can I treat the trees myself?

That will depend on the type of chemical and treatment method.

9. I have some ash trees I definitely want to try and save. Should I have them treated now?

Experts say treatment is generally not recommended until EAB has been found within 15 miles of your property.

10. When can I safely prune ash trees?

The recommended safe period to prune ash trees is October thru April. This will prevent movement of EAB during the growing season.

11. What else can I do to help prevent the spread of EAB?

DO NOT TRANSPORT WOOD OR BRUSH OF HARDWOOD TREES, ESPECIALLY ASH, FROM ITS COUNTY OF ORIGIN AND DO NOT BRING IN THIS MATERIAL ORIGINATING FROM ANOTHER COUNTY. EAB has spread so much because people have transported infected firewood around to previously uninfected areas, thereby causing new infection centers.

For more information, go to the links: www.mda.state.mn.us or www.emeraldashborer.info.

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!

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CIGrandslammers@gmail.com

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763-444-9551

ISANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

763-444-8515

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf
763-689-8220

ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson
763-689-1442

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Burning in the City

City Code § 119 permits burning by reference of MN State Statute 88 and the MN Uniform Fire 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.



Attention Dog Owners

Please be reminded that dog licenses are due March 31, 2011. All dog owners must license their dogs annually. License fees are \$10 per year for fixed dogs and \$15 per year for non-fixed dogs. A late fee of \$5 will be charged if licensed after March 31, 2011. Dog licenses may be purchased at the Isanti Police Department, 401 1st Avenue NW, 763-444-4761. City Code states that any property owner who has more than two dogs must obtain a kennel permit. Please contact Lisa Wilson, City Planner regarding information on obtaining a kennel permit. 763-444-5512

Isanti Police Department

ChiefSager@cityofisanti.us • 763-444-4761

With spring already here and summer around the corner, we will be focusing on three types of problems. Our parks have received numerous calls already this year. Too many vandalism, loud people and disorderly conduct complaints have been reported. We will be doing extra patrols in the park areas and enforcing our curfew to curb some of these nuisance calls. Our curfew ordinance is for anyone under the age of 18, 9:00 p.m. - 7 days a week. There are a few exceptions for those coming and going to work or home.

I have a NO SOLICITOR/NO PEDDLER sign I can email to anyone interested in posting it on their door. This sign meets the code requirements and can be very helpful for those not wanting people coming to your door to sell things. Please email me a request and I will send it to you.

Our largest crime problem in the spring/summer is theft from vehicles. Please lock any of your vehicles that are parked outside. Taking that extra precaution will save you days of headaches if your identity/banking information is stolen.

Recreational Vehicle Parking Code

Chapter 227 Article II of the Isanti Code; establishes regulations for the parking and storage of recreational and other equipment within residential areas of the City. Seasonal time frames have been established for those units, to include boat trailer and/or boat, camping trailer, enclosed trailer, flat bed trailer, and all other RVs, (except snowmobiles and ATVs) will be permitted from April 1st to November 30th. Fish Houses on wheels will be permitted from November 15th to April 1st. Snowmobiles will be permitted from December 1st to April 1st. ATVs will be permitted from June 1st to November 30th.

The City Code also establishes location, surface type, size limitations, and screening requirements as well. A copy of the code can be found www.ecode360.com/ecode3-back/getSimple.jsp?guid=IS2802. If you have questions regarding the code provisions, please contact Steve Wach, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761.

Weed and Grass Nuisances

Summer is approaching and with that comes the season of lawn care. The City of Isanti would like to bring to your attention City Code – Chapter (§) 216 and the fees associated with this.

§216-2. H. Public nuisances affecting health: All noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property.

§216-6. Abatement: In accordance with the notification requirements of §216-6 of this chapter, and after seven (7) calendar days notice by the City, the Public Works Director shall implement the mowing and removal of noxious weeds and vegetation on the private premises.

§216-7. A. Recovery of cost: The owner of the premises on which a nuisance has been abated by the City shall be personally liable for the cost to the City of the abatement, including administrative costs.

§216-7. B. Recovery of cost: states all unpaid charges will be assessed to the property.

The costs associated with this are billed on a time spent basis. A \$25.00 non-compliance fee is charged in addition to the cost.

For complete copies of the Code and fee schedule visit our web site at www.cityofisanti.us. This is enforced by Community Service Officer Wach, 763-444-4761.

Restrictive Watering Ban in Force

City Code Chapter §325-2. Annual sprinkling restrictions. During the period from May 1 through September 1 annually, all property with addresses that end with an odd number may be sprinkled on odd-numbered days, and property with addresses that end with an even number may be sprinkled on even-numbered days. **During this time period, no sprinkling shall be allowed from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.**

This provision shall automatically apply unless superseded by action of the City Administrator. If the City Administrator determines that a water shortage exists, the City Administrator is authorized under City Code §325-1 to restrict the sprinkling of lawns by posting a notice at City Hall setting forth the restrictions.

A new property owner may request an exemption of the restrictions for the sprinkling of new sod. To request an exemption please contact Rick Sames, Building Official.

For a complete copy of the Code visit our web site at www.cityofisanti.us. This is enforced by Community Service Officer Wach, 763-444-4761.

Administrative/Finance

City Wide Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 30, 2011

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Public Works Garage • 100 Isanti Parkway NW, 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. All items listed must be prepaid at Isanti City Hall, 110 1st Avenue NW (Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

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: 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. NO LP tanks will be accepted.

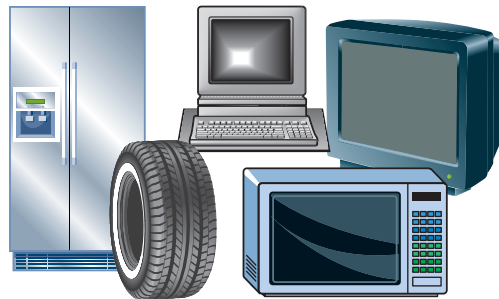
TIRES:

Passenger Car/ATV	\$5/Tire
Truck	\$10/Tire
Bicycle	\$1/Tire
Motorcycle.....	\$2/Tire
Tubes	Free

NO Tractor Tires will be accepted.

LARGE ITEMS:

Regular Sofas.....	\$15.00
Sleeper Sofas	\$25.00
Loveseat	\$10.00
Living Room Chairs	\$15.00
Mattresses.....	\$30.00
Box Springs	\$30.00



ELECTRONICS:

TVs 40" & under \$20.00; TVs over 40" \$40.00; Console TV \$55.00; Computer Monitors \$15.00; CPU Box \$5.00; Keyboard & Mouse \$5.00; Laptop Computers \$10.00; Scanner \$10.00; Copier \$25.00; Printers \$10.00; DVD/VCR \$5.00

New Liquor Store Manager Hired

On February 15, 2011 City Council unanimously approved a resolution offering John Jacob the Liquor Store Manager position. John will begin his employment with the City on March 7, 2011.

We welcome John as an employee for the City of Isanti.

City Service Billings

If you would like to sign up for paying via ACH or to receive your statement via e-mail please complete the form available on the City's web site, www.cityofisanti.us and mail to City of Isanti, PO Box 251340, St. Paul, MN 55125. Forms are also available at City Hall.

If you have any questions regarding your City Services bill please contact Customer Service at 651-255-0993.

In the future we will be exploring options such as online billing and online payments.

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Isanti

Notice is hereby given that the City of Isanti will be holding a Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. The polling place shall be at City Hall, 110 - 1st Avenue NW, Isanti MN 55040 and will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The office to be voted for shall be one council seat with the term ending January 7, 2013.

Fee Schedule

Isanti City Council approved Resolution 2010-278 authorizing the 2011 Fee Schedule.

The fee schedule is available on the City's website.

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Peter Talbot, Associate Pastor

Worship Time: 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)

OUR PURPOSE:
Elim exists to know and love God and
to help others know and love Him.

Community Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 23

Senior Dining Country Day
- listen to Doyle Peck sing,
11:00 a.m., Isanti Community
Center. Reservations required -
contact Glenda 444-6320.

March 26 & 27

Home Show and Healthy Living/Senior Expo, March 26,
9 a.m.-5 p.m.; March 27, 11
a.m.-4 p.m.; Isanti Ice Arena

April 16

Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling, 6:00 p.m.
Spectacular Events, Tickets/
Information 444-8515.

April 20

Senior Dining Easter Dinner,
11:00 a.m., Isanti Community
Center. Reservations required -
contact Glenda 444-6320.

April 23

Pet Clinic
Isanti Community Center
Watch for more information
on the city website:
www.cityofisanti.us

April 30

City Wide Clean Up
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Public Works Garage

May

Redbirds Baseball Starts
Check out schedule in this
edition of the Isantian and
www.easternminny.com

May 7

City Wide Garage Sale
Contact Hannah 444-5083

May 14

Rum River BMX Spring
Open House 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
BMX Track, 444-5429

Isanti City Wide Garage Sale

The Isanti City Wide garage sale is set for Saturday, May 7, 2011. Please contact the Scotsman to get on the City Wide map. The deadline will be Friday, April 22, 2011. The cost is \$14.50 for the first 15 words. 75 cents for each word after. Any questions please call Hannah at 444-5083. Let's fill the map up with sales. Thanks!

The map and ads will be seen in the Scotsman and Isanti County News the week prior to the sale and available online at www.isanticountynews.com.

Please watch for the order form in the Scotsman and Isanti County News or call 763-689-1981 for more information.



Rum River BMX

Dear Rum River BMX community members and friends,

With the melting snow, the Minnesota outdoor BMX season will be here before you realize it. Over the winter, the Association Board of Directors and other volunteers have done a lot of planning to bring you an unbelievable 2011 season!

We have worked very hard to make BMX an extremely affordable spring, summer, and fall activity for your family. People are truly amazed at how affordable our sport is for them! We make this possible through the help of our great sponsors and the tireless support of our volunteers. We offer many family packages and discounts that will knock your socks off, so please feel free to contact us for information. If you want to see some live racing action, the best seat in the house is right on track in our bleacher seating. I bet you didn't know that spectators always watch for free! That's right, you can bring your entire neighborhood down to watch any of our events and it won't cost a dime for admission! If you can't make it to the track in person, don't hesitate to go to our website (www.rumriverbmx.com) and watch as we webcast our races and a weekly BMX show every week! The footage is stored on our site so you can see some of last year's races with the click of a mouse.

As things get rolling at the track in early May, be on the look-out for our spring open house which is on May 14th, best-in-class clinics offered all summer long, and of course, the new track layout with challenges for every age and skill level. Our classes and clinics will be made available through the community education programs; our website sign up program and of course walk ups on class days.

I'll see you soon, and remember...the fastest growing sport in America is in your backyard. Have you given it a try?

Kevin Riedemann, Director of Track Operations
763-444-5429, kevin@rumriverbmx.com



Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Fling Dinner

Do you have cabin fever? Were you unable to go somewhere tropical this winter to escape all of the snow that Mother Nature has given us? Well the Board of Directors of the Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to our Annual Fundraising Dinner. This year our theme is a Luau, since many of us were not able to go somewhere tropical, we wanted to bring the tropic to Isanti. We will have a wonderful dinner, a silent auction, games and prizes. We are looking forward to seeing many of our local residents, Business Owners and their employees. Please join us on April 16, 2011 at Spectacular Events Banquet Center. Social hour will start at 6:00 p.m., and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door. For more information, please call the Chamber Office at 763-444-8515.



Community Events

Coaches Corner

The Isanti Redbirds will soon begin preparing for another season of amateur baseball this summer. The 'Birds' don't sit still during the fall and winter months! A new home plate area and a new pitchers mound were installed last fall. During the winter months, games and tournaments are scheduled. The 'Birds' will probably end up playing over 40 games again this year. This includes participating in two tournaments (Sartell-St. Stephens and the Isanti Classic) and once again, possibly hosting the League All Star game.

The 'Birds' play in the Eastern Minny League. The Eastern Minny is one of the oldest amateur baseball leagues in Minnesota. The Eastern Minny is made up of teams from Princeton, Chisago Lakes, Mora, Hinckley, Quamba and Isanti. In regular season play, the 'Birds' will play each team 4 times. At the end of the season, the league will host a double-elimination tournament to determine which teams move on to the Regional Tournament.

The team will be made up of many veteran players and a handful of younger up-and-coming 'Birds' of the future. The 'Birds' pitching staff is led by veterans Wade Reichmann, Adam West, Joe Ramberg and Dallas Nelson. The 'Birds' will have a lot of offense provided by the bats of veterans Bud Heifort, Kyle Johnson, Tyler Schaff, BJ Samuelson, Eric Rysdam and Packy Lind, and shortstop Brian Schultz helps hold the defense together. There is going to be a real battle for playing time in the outfield and for the remaining spots on the pitching staff.

In 2010, the 'Birds' had a great Eastern Minny season. They ended up tying the Princeton Panthers for first place. But the 'Birds' struggled during playoffs and were eliminated rather quickly from the Regional tournament. Hopefully, things will be different this year!

<u>April</u>			<u>June</u>			<u>July</u>		
17	Tryouts	Home 2:00	1	Princeton	Away 7:30	9	Isanti Jubilee Days	
	<u>May</u>		3-5	Sartell Tourney	Away TBD		Outhouse Race Isanti	TBD
4	Mpls Rocks	Home 7:30	8	Princeton	Home 7:30	10	Quamba	Away 2:00
6	Albertville	Home 7:30	10	Hinckley	Away 7:30		(Doubleheader)	5:00
11	East Bethel	Home 7:30	12	Mora	Away 2:00	15	Hinckley	Away 7:30
13	St. Croix	Home 7:30		(Doubleheader)	5:00	16	Chisago Lakes	Away 7:00
15	Princeton	Away 4:00	15	Hinckley	Home 7:30	17	Eastern Minny	
18	Coon Rapids	Away 7:30	17-19	Isanti Redbird Classic	TBD		All Star Game	Home 3:00
20	Quamba	Home 7:30	22	Coon Rapids	Home 7:30	20	Quamba	Home 7:30
	(Season Opener)		25	Chisago Lakes	Away 7:00	23	Playoffs Begin	
22	Hinckley	Home 7:30	26	Mora	Home 4:00			
25	Princeton	Home 7:30		(Doubleheader)	7:00			
27	Chisago Lakes	Home 7:30	29	Chisago Lakes	Home 7:30			

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21

BMX Beginners Class
BMX Track, 444-5429

June 7

Take-A-Kid Fishing Day
Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information,
444-8515

June 25

Royal BBQ, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Isanti Rodeo Grounds

June 26

Rum River Float
Noon, Country Camping/
Martin's Landing

July 7

Jubilee Day Parade
6:30 p.m.

July 7-10

Isanti Rodeo-Jubilee Days

July 10

2011 Isanti Ambassador
Coronation Ceremony, 4:00
p.m., Isanti Middle School

July 12

BMX "The Race for Life"
BMX Track, 444-5429

August 2

Neighborhood National
Night Out, Citizen organized
neighborhood events

August 2

BMX Race for Life
BMX Track, 444-5429

September 2

Rum River BMX Fall Classic
BMX Track, 444-5429

October 9

Rum River BMX Toys for Tots
Race
BMX Track, 444-5429

Isanti Ambassadors

The Isanti Ambassadors enjoyed a weekend away celebrating the royal festivities at the St. Paul Winter Carnival. The Ambassadors attended the coronation of the new Royal Family, represented the City of Isanti in the parade of King Boreas, and welcomed the new Vulcan Krewe amidst the traditional ice, snow, and wind. Caroline, Taylor, and Amanda were able to view the fascinating ice sculptures and snow carvings, enjoy a night of ice skating, meet Ambassadors from both Minnesota and Wisconsin, and create many exciting memories!





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