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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 if needed

**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.

Another winter is passing us by, as we prepare for the weather changing into a glorious spring. As always in our town; other changes are unfolding as well. The first item we need to discuss is the request by regional and county emergency experts to change the name of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 within the corporate boundaries of the City of Isanti. The need arises from duplicate addressing in the City and Townships along this corridor. Many of these addresses have been around for decades but with the growth in our region and the technology changes for how 911 calls are handled, these duplicates, along with the potential for many more in the future have required this adjustment to be made. This has happened because township addressing and City addressing are handled separately. This could continue to occur as the community grows to the east due to the differing addressing systems used by various entities. If we change the name of CSAH 5 then the house numbers would stay the same but the street name would be different, thus solving the problem. No one on the City Council wants to change the name but the safety concerns are far too great for us not to take action.

The next item I want to touch on is the 2013 City Council Goals as set by unanimous City Council vote. These goals are as follow:

- Finalize decision on Community Center viability**
- Downtown Business Loop**
- CSAH 5 Aesthetic Standards (appearance issues)**
- City Website Update**
- Maintain Consistency on City Standards at all levels**
- Utility Billing brought back into City Hall**
- Continuing Economic Development to Diversify and Increase our Tax Base**

The Council believes it is important to maintain and improve upon our City Standards to ensure a thriving self-sustaining community. We discussed the need to move forward with a number of planned projects that will help improve and diversify our tax base to ensure continued success of our City. Many volunteer efforts are underway to fund the Community Center and the success of these will help the Council make a final decision this summer on its long term viability. The Business Loop item refers to the concept we developed a few years ago, to have a continuous business loop from CSAH 5 to 1st Ave NW to Main St to Credit Union Drive NE or Dahlin Ave NE. This would help create a critical mass of businesses that would ensure the long term success of our downtown businesses. Much work needs to be completed and full community involvement will be necessary to make this concept a success. More details will be forth coming as milestones are reached. Utility billing is currently outsourced and has been for decades. This approach however has resulted in increased costs, control lost and customer service lacking. We believe it is necessary to take direct control of billing for City services to ensure better service to our residents and business at an acceptable cost. Our City website has served us well to a point but is lacking in several areas and showing its age. We want to make the website more accessible to our residents and businesses and leverage its use as an economic development tool.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me at 763-442-8749 or email me at [George@georgewimmer.com](mailto:George@georgewimmer.com). You may also follow me on Twitter at [twitter.com/mayorwimmer](https://twitter.com/mayorwimmer) Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer](https://www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer) or my blog at [georgewimmer.blogspot.com](http://georgewimmer.blogspot.com)

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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.

## Community Development

### Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon

The Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon will be held in June 2013. This event is held to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community strong. Invitations will be mailed to all Isanti businesses in April or May.

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### City of Isanti Implements SAC and WAC Deferral Development Incentive Program for 2013

In December 2012, the City Council of the City of Isanti adopted a new SAC and WAC deferral program. This program is designed to help increase both commercial/industrial and residential development within the city limits of Isanti. Generally speaking, the program allows these specific development costs to be financed "interest free" for a period of 120 days. The term of this incentive program has not been guaranteed to exist after 2013 so be sure to take advantage of it now. To learn more about the development incentive please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan.

### 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 violation of these regulations.

§216-2 (H) states that all noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property are considered a public nuisance affecting health. In accordance with the notification requirements of §216-6 of this chapter, and after seven (7) calendar days notice by the City, the Community Service Officer shall implement the mowing and removal of noxious weeds and vegetation on the private premises.

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 for the abatement, including administrative costs. Any 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](http://www.cityofisanti.us).

### Isanti Industrial Sites "Shovel Ready Certified"

The City of Isanti completed the "Minnesota Shovel Ready" certification process for its vacant industrial sites in 2011. This program removes hurdles often in place that delay property acquisition that can lead to prospects selecting other locations. This certification puts Isanti in a more competitive position and should lead to more interest in developing our industrial park and bringing in new businesses and job opportunities. The past year has seen an increase in industrial activity in Minnesota and the nation. Isanti is positioned well to attract expanding businesses. The City of Isanti has Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots available in the 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 lower property taxes Isanti boasts over neighboring cities. The City has a number of economic development tools in place to help businesses make the move to Isanti or to remain within the community. If you want to learn more please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at [ssullivan@cityofisanti.us](mailto:ssullivan@cityofisanti.us) or 763-807-4339.



### Business List Updates and Visits

The City of Isanti keeps a list of all known businesses located within the City. As of February 2013 there were 144 total business employing upwards of 1465 people. The City of Isanti will be contacting your business in the next month to update your business information for City records. If you do not receive a call or email from the City of Isanti requesting updated information, please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at 763-444-5512 to update your information. All information except for business name and address provided to the City of Isanti is kept confidential. Thank you for your help with this matter. Current business information is important so that the City can better serve you with city mailings, pertinent business items and other options to increase commerce for your business in Isanti. Over the upcoming year many businesses will be visited by the Mayor and City Staff to sit down and learn more about what your business does and what the City can do to help improve your business as part of the City's retention program. Thank you for choosing to locate your business in Isanti!

### Community Center Task Force

Mayor Wimmer created the Community Center Task Force in 2012 to look at ways to improve the efficiencies of the Isanti Community Center and to help devise a plan to make it financially feasible into the future. The task force has developed a detailed business/marketing plan to address needed capital improvements, minor repairs and increased efficiencies in marketing and operations. The task force is looking for more volunteers to help implement this plan moving forward in 2013. Part of the plan requires fundraising and the solicitation of grants to assist with capital improvements. This year a new Family Fun Day/5K Run is planned to be held in May. If you are interested in helping the Community Task Force and are willing to donate time, please forward your contact information to Economic Development Director Sullivan so he can put you in touch with the Community Center Task Force Chair, Council member Sue Larson.

## Community Development

### Can I Place a Shed on My Property?

A number of residents have contacted the City regarding the ability to construct a temporary accessory structure on their property. By temporary, we mean structures constructed from fabric, cloth, canvas or other similar types of materials. The answer to this question is **no**. These temporary structures do not meet our ordinance requirements. An option that may work for you would be to construct a traditional shed or to add on to your existing shed or garage.

Each residential property within the City of Isanti is allowed one attached garage and one detached accessory structure. Accessory structures must receive approval to be established, be located at least 10 feet from the primary structure, meet impervious surface requirements, be constructed of compatible materials/colors as the home, and the roof style must match the principal structure.

Temporary sheds often exceed the height and size that would be allowed on a property. Additionally, their appearance is inconsistent with the surrounding properties since their shape, color, and type of construction does not blend with the existing homes in the surrounding area.

If you have any questions regarding sheds or accessory structures, please contact our Community Service Officer, Tanya Nuss via email at [cso@cityofisati.us](mailto:cso@cityofisati.us) or by phone at 763-444-5512.

#### City Ordinance 445

#### Section 13 Use Regulations

#### Article Four: Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses

#### Subdivision 1: Residential Districts

#### A. Accessory Buildings

##### 1. Number permitted

(a) There shall be no more than one (1) detached accessory building or structure per lot.

##### 2. Location

(a) Accessory structures or building shall not be located within any easement, wetland, or stormwater retention/detention ponds.

(b) Detached accessory structures are prohibited with the front yard.

(c) Detached accessory structures shall be located within the rear and side yard only.

(d) No accessory building shall be located closer than 10 feet to the principal structure.

##### 3. Size and Setback Requirements

(a) All accessory building shall meet the lot coverage, size restrictions, setback requirements and highest restrictions.

##### 4. Building Materials

(a) Accessory structures shall be compatible with the principal structure with respect to building materials, design, and character. Roof style and colors shall be similar to or compatible with the principal building.

(b) All detached accessory structures on parcel size 1.0 acres or less have a maximum size of 580 sq. ft. and a maximum sidewall height of 8 ft.

### 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.

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### 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 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. A container, equipment, or other device is required for transport of the fecal material to an appropriate disposal receptacle located on the property of the pet owner. Please help us in keeping our neighborhoods and public spaces clean and sanitary.

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## Community Development

### CITY PARKS:

#### RIVERSIDE PARK

503 Rum River Drive NW  
Corner of Rum River Drive NW & Hill-  
ock St. NW



#### RUM RIVER

#### MEADOWS PARK

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



#### MATTSON PARK

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



#### WHISPER RIDGE PARK

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



#### ISANTI TOT LOT

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



#### VFW PARK

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



#### UNITY PARK

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



#### BLUEBIRD PARK

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



#### LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum



KEY	
Skate Park	Swings
Picnic Shelter	Horseshoes
Picnic Tables	Basketball Court
Tennis Court	Volleyball Court
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Hockey Rink	
Toddler Equipment	

### Building Department

763-444-5512

#### Education about Radon Gas

Radon gas is a naturally occurring, chemically inert, radioactive gas that is not detectable by human senses. As a gas, it can move readily through particles of soil and rock and can accumulate under slabs and foundations of homes where it can easily enter into the living space through construction cracks and openings.

Recently there was an article on the front page of the Feb. 10th edition of the Star Tribune titled, "STATE IS A RADON HOTBED." The same paper had another article on Feb. 17th. In those articles the following statements were printed, "Radon poisoning is the second largest cause of lung cancer in the United States, smoking being the first." "Radon gas leads to 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States." "Minnesota is one of the leading states for radon concentration levels." The statements made in the article raise attention and awareness to this item. It appears that the more that is discovered about Radon the more questions and concerns are raised.

There are two kinds of Radon Remediation systems available - active and passive. All new homes built in Minnesota after June 1, 2009 are required to have at a minimum a "passive radon remediation system" installed, active systems are optional. A passive system can be converted to an active system at a future date. An active remediation system can be readily installed in existing homes but are not required. pCi/L is the standard for picocuries per liter of radon gas. EPA recommends that all homes that measure 4/pCi/L and greater be mitigated. Testing kits are available at most major home care centers and hardware stores, and can be easily administered by most homeowners.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Geological Survey have evaluated the radon potential in the U.S. and have developed a map of radon zones designed to assist building officials in deciding whether radon-resistant features are applicable in new construction. After testing for Radon, the 3,141 counties of the U.S. were placed in one of three categories based on Radon potential. The classifications are: High Potential-greater than 4pCi/L, Moderate Potential-from 2 to 4 pCi/L, and Low Potential-less than 2 pCi/L. Approximately 50% of Minnesota is categorized as "high potential" and 50% "moderate potential". Isanti County is considered a "moderate potential" county. Of the six counties that surround Isanti, Sherburne is the only county placed in the "high potential" category. Please feel free to call my office if you have any further questions.

#### New Construction

On a more optimistic note, there has been a noticeable increase of interest in new home construction by both potential buyers and builders this spring. As of January 16, 2013 we had approximately 40 vacant existing homes and only one vacant new home. That's as low as we've seen those numbers in several years and those are encouraging signs of an economy that is starting to move again!

#### Rental Licensing

The City of Isanti has a Rental Licensing Ordinance. If you or someone you know would like to rent out a residential property, or is renting without a license, please call my office ASAP so that all properties can be brought into compliance with the Rental Licensing Ordinance.

Have a great spring everybody!

City of Isanti Building Official – Rick Sames

### Minnesota State Cup Returns to Isanti for 2013

The City of Isanti has been selected for the 2013 US Youth Soccer Minnesota State Cup for the third consecutive year. This prestigious event will be hosted at the Isanti Soccer Complex April 20th through May 19th and June 1st and 2nd. This event features the best youth soccer teams in the entire state of Minnesota. Congratulations to the Cambridge Isanti Soccer Club (CISC) for bringing this great event and the nearly 10,000 players and spectators to the City of Isanti. This is a grand opportunity for the City of Isanti businesses and residents to showcase our community.





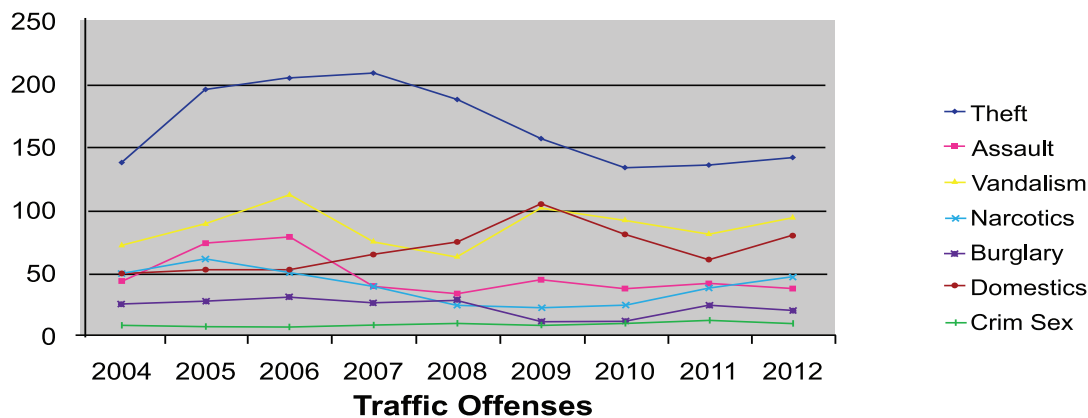
# Public Works/Engineering/Fire Department/Police Department

## Police Department

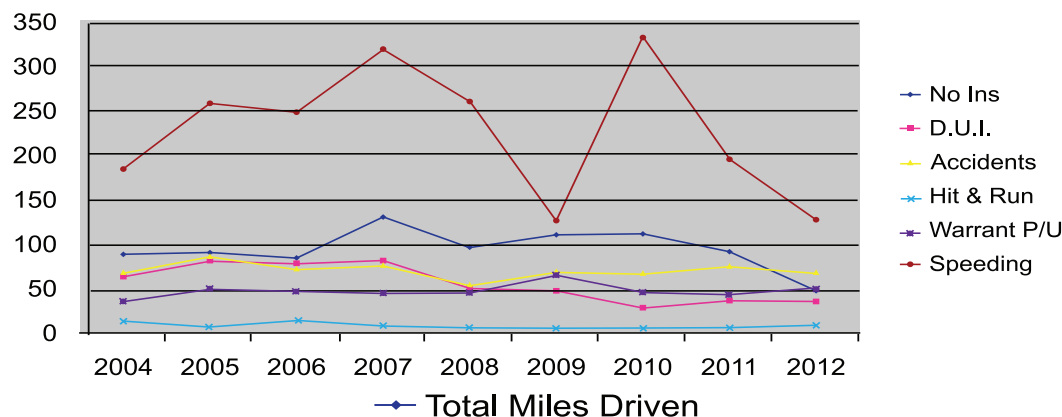
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The number of loud party complaints and domestic disturbances has increased. We will be focusing on these safety issues throughout the year. Please keep your car doors locked, as this will keep our theft rates to a minimum. Your reports and tips to the Police Department have paid off. We have a safer community for our residents. Your assistance is much appreciated.

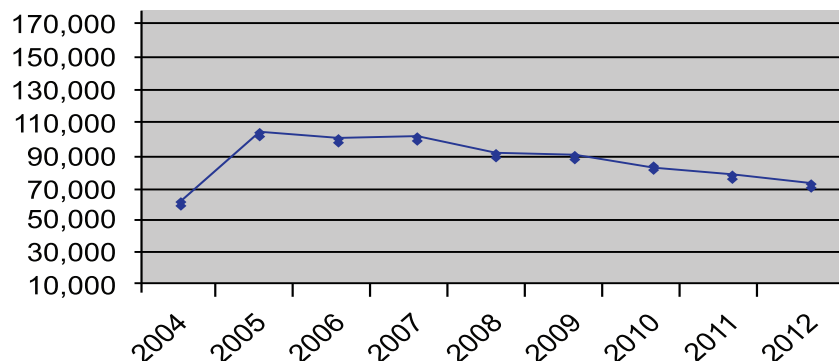
### Reported Crimes



### Traffic Offenses



### Total Miles Driven



## Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

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(DNR Canoe Landing)  
Redbirds Baseball Field  
Vision Wake Park

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## Restrictive Watering Ban in Force

City Code Chapter §325-2 provides regulations for 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 should determine a water shortage exist, 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 to 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](http://www.cityofisanti.us).



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## Public Works/Engineering/Fire Department/Police Department

### 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.

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### Attention Dog Owners

Please be reminded that dog licenses are due April 30, 2013. Dog and kennel licenses can be obtained through the Police Department located at 401 First Avenue NW. 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 April 30, 2013.

Isanti City Code does require that any property owner who has more than two (2) dogs must obtain a residential kennel permit. A residential kennel license is \$50 per year. Please contact the Police Department to obtain information regarding a residential kennel permit at (763) 444-4761.

### A message from Isanti Fire

**What is carbon monoxide (CO)?** Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless tasteless gas that when inhaled at strong enough amounts, can kill us. As this year's heating season comes to an end, I want to take a second to remind us all that just because a lot of furnaces will idle down for the summer months, carbon monoxide, and the detectors that keep us safe from it, will not. Carbon monoxide is a "by product" of combustion. That being said, anything that burns or gives off this gas, can hurt us. How can we protect ourselves from this? By ensuring our chimneys are clear, our gas water heaters, gas powered kitchen ranges, gas powered boilers, gas powered clothes dryers and anything else in our homes, offices, etc. that depend on fire for heat, are properly maintained. Besides maintaining these appliances, remember to change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors like you would a smoke detector. Installing a fresh battery doesn't necessarily mean that they are functioning properly though, as they have a typical life span of 7-10 years. How do we know when our detectors are going on the fritz? It's tough, but manufacturers program them to default to alarm. This means if it is wearing out of tolerance, and it starts getting "confused", it will set itself off. This is telling us as property owners to check it out. We may not be having an actual carbon monoxide incident, but our detector needs immediate maintenance or replacement. There are other things to watch for. Symptoms of our bodies being exposed to carbon monoxide are not invisible. We, our children, and our pets (horses in a heated barn) will show fatigue and flu like symptoms. Small pets and children generally show signs sooner than someone with larger, more developed lungs.

Even if you are not experiencing symptoms, a sounding alarm needs a second opinion. The Fire Department carries several detectors to check for this invisible gas and to confirm an alarming detector. Falsely alarming smoke and carbon monoxide detector calls totaled 3.83% of the Fire Departments total run volume last year, at 27 total recorded occurrences.

We are looking forward to another busy summer in Isanti. For starters, we will see you at the Isanti Community Expo at the Isanti Intermediate School on March 16th, and also at the 37th Annual Isanti Firefighters Rodeo July 12-13! Watch for other updates on our Facebook page and on our website at [Isantifiredistrict.org](http://Isantifiredistrict.org).

**ISANTI FIRE  
DISTRICT**

### Engineering Project Updates

#### 2013-Railroad Avenue & Trail Improvements

The City of Isanti is planning to construct multiple infrastructure improvements this coming construction season.

- A concrete sidewalk is proposed along the south side of County Road 5 NE from Elim Lane NE to Credit Union Drive NE to complete the sidewalk system from Hwy 65 to Whiskey Road to add a continuous safe walkway to the school. A cross walk will also be added across County Road 5 NE at East Dual Boulevard.

- Railroad Avenue SE was improved north of Towns Edge Road SE in the 2010 construction season. It is now proposed to extend that improvement along Railroad Avenue SE south from Towns Edge Road SE to South Passage SE. This improvement would match the layout of the 2010 project where the street would be reconstructed with curb/gutter and a 10-foot bituminous walkway would be added along the west side of the roadway for pedestrians and bicyclists. Street lighting is also proposed along the project to improve safety.

- A 10-foot bituminous walkway is also proposed along the north side of South Passage SE from Railroad Avenue SE west to the existing bituminous trail where it currently ends near Cimarron Trail SW. This improvement would complete the loop of the existing trail and sidewalk infrastructure, connecting the southern trail to the eastern trail system. Street lighting is proposed along this project to improve safety as well.

- A bituminous overlay is proposed on Penny Lane SE from Main Street E to Broadway Street SE to extend the life of the existing roadway pavement.

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



## Administrative/Finance

### City Wide Clean Up Day

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

**8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Public Works Garage • 100 Isanti Parkway NW, Isanti

Directions: 3rd Avenue NW North to Isanti Parkway NW, 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, Furnaces, Microwave Ovens, Water Heaters, Dishwashers, Garbage Disposals, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Dehumidifiers, Trash Compactors, Vacuum Cleaners, Freezers, Ovens, Stoves, Gas Grill.

Air Conditioning Units & Water Softeners \$20 each.

Commercial & gas/ammonia appliance fees will vary. NO LP tanks will be accepted.

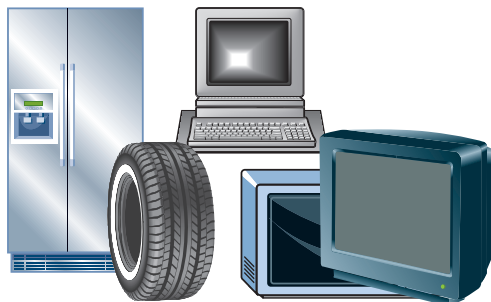
#### TIRES:

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

### Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

1. If you're reusing last season's lawn and garden power tools, inspect them for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the item is damaged, have it repaired by a qualified technician or replace it.
2. If you purchase new tools this spring, look for the UL Mark, which means representative samples of the product have been tested against stringent safety standards for fire, electric shock and other safety hazards.
3. Remember the 4-to-1 rule. For every four feet of ladder height, the bottom of the ladder should be one foot away from the wall or object it is leaning against.
4. If you sell items on craigslist meet the buyer somewhere other than your house.  
Have a safe spring!

### Flushing of Water Mains Starts May 6

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](http://www.cityofisanti.us) for the schedule and watch for ongoing updates as the schedule is subject to change daily.

### 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](http://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, the City will be exploring options such as online billing and online payments.

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### City Offices Closed

Monday, May 27  
Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4  
Independence Day

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### Library Link

Through the efforts of the Friends of the Isanti Library, the East Central Regional Library hosts a Library Link site at City Hall located at 110 First Ave NW. The Link site is open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact 763-689-7390.

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### Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent the week of June 10th with an advertising deadline of May 24th.

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

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

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## Community Events

### 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

Tracy Neifert  
763-444-7368

#### ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf  
763-689-8220

#### ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson  
763-689-1442

#### ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)  
cambridgeisantisoccer.net

#### ISANTI HOCKEY

David Englund  
763-444-6432

#### MEALS ON WHEELS/ SENIOR DINING

Edie Frison  
763-689-5992

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Susi McCune  
763-444-4585

#### VFW

Kim - Manager  
763-444-1787

#### ISANTI LIONS

Joe Mau - 763-444-4107

If your organization is not listed, please contact City Hall at 763-444-5512 or [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

### 2013 Isanti Area Community Expo

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16th! Come see our local businesses and other direct sales people such as Avon, Paparazzi, and Mary Kay. The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce will be giving away \$100 prizes at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; with a GRAND PRIZE of \$500 at 3:00 p.m.! All vendors will also be giving away door prizes at every booth! See what's new and meet the people who run businesses in your town. Concessions will also be available.



One standard entry per individual. Must be present to win.

### Isanti Ambassadors



The Isanti Ambassadors have been working hard since July. This winter they were able to volunteer time at events ranging from Home for the Holidays, Santa Days, and more! The ambassadors pictured left to right Caitlin, Kirstin, and Mikayla have been amazed at how quickly the past seven months have passed. The royalty recently stayed a long weekend at the Winter Carnival in St. Paul, learning about our state's capitol and of many traditions that go with it. The ambassadors have a lot to look forward to and before they know it, July will be here. The Isanti Ambassador Program begins recruiting candidates in May. If you or someone you know, ages 17-20, is interested in participating in the ambassador program, learning about themselves and the community, all while giving back; please contact [Isantiambassador@yahoo.com](mailto:Isantiambassador@yahoo.com). The ambassadors are also always in search of volunteer opportunities within the community so feel free to contact us for appearances.

### Calendar of Events

March 4	Nutrition Bingo Isanti Community Center*	April 27	City Wide Clean Up Day Public Works Garage 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pet Clinic David C Johnson Arena
March 6	Music by Rick Buckingham Isanti Community Center*		Redbirds Baseball Starts Check schedule on website
March 11	Bingo Isanti Community Center*	May 1	City-Wide Garage Sale Contact Hannah 763-444-5083
March 13	Crock Pot Demonstration Isanti Community Center*	May 4	Tribute to Mom Race Sign up 1-2 p.m. @ BMX Track Free to spectators Call 763-444-5429 for details
March 16	Isanti Community Expo Isanti Intermediate School 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	May 12	Rum River BMX Spring Open House/Beginner's Class Call 763-444-5429 for details
March 18	Senior Blood Pressure Checks Isanti Community Center*	May 18	Tribute to Veterans Race Sign up 6-7 p.m. @ BMX Track Free to spectators Call 763-444-5429 for details
March 20	Music by Kelly Wheeler Isanti Community Center*	May 28	Take a Kid Fishing Day Martin's Landing Tribute to Dads Race Sign up 6-7 p.m. @ BMX Track Free to Spectators Call 763-444-5429 for details
March 25	Bingo Isanti Community Center*		
April 1	Nutrition Bingo Isanti Community Center*	June 1	
April 9	"Business After Hours" Location TBD, 5-7 p.m.	June 18	
April 10	Piano/Violin by Mark Scherer Isanti Community Center*		
April 13	Spring Fling "At the Lake" Captains on Long Lake - 6 p.m. For tickets/info 763-444-8515		

\*For more info on senior activities at the Isanti Community Center, contact Edie Frison 763-689-5992

## Community Events

### Isanti Redbird Baseball



The Isanti Redbirds are gearing up for another exciting summer of town ball. Last year the 'Birds moved to Class B after winning the 2011 Class C State Championship. They accepted the challenge and showed they had what it took to take on the new competition and had a very successful season in the Metro Minny League. The team continues to improve with the ultimate goal of capturing the Class B State Championship title.

The State Board has made some changes in 2013 that will affect the 'Birds by realigning the state baseball sections. Isanti is now in Section 8 along with the Blaine Fusion, Coon Rapids Redbirds, East Bethel Bandits, Forest Lake Brewers and the St. Francis Saints. Check us out at [www.metrominny.com](http://www.metrominny.com). You can access the Isanti Redbird website by scrolling down and clicking on the Isanti Redbirds in the standings.

The 'Birds have several events scheduled for the upcoming season:

- 4th annual Golf Tournament on May 18th at the Purple Hawk Golf Course
- They will take part in the highly competitive Sartell tournament on June 1-2.
- Isanti Jubilee Parade on July 11th.
- They will defend their championship title at the Isanti Jubilee Outhouse Race on July 13th

The 'Birds are continuing to make some field improvements during the off season and are excited to show off their new outfield fence this summer. They invite local fans to join them at the field this summer for some great baseball action. Admission is FREE.

See you at the game!!

### Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Fling

Do you have Spring Fever? Miss those weekends on the lake? Come join the Isanti Area Chamber as we have a wonderful night of good food, fun games and prizes at Captains on Long Lake! We will have wonderful catering by Spectacular Events Catering. There will be a silent auction with "one of a kind" items and many chances to win prizes. We are looking forward to seeing many of our local residents, business owners and their employees. Please join us April 13th, 2013 at Captains on Long Lake. Social hour will start at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. For more information, please call the Chamber office at 763-444-8515.



### Rum River BMX

I thought it would be fun to share some facts with you regarding Rum River BMX, which is located right here in your back yard. Did you know that Rum River BMX has been ranked as one of the top ten tracks in the United States for the past two years? It is also home to more state title holders than any other track in the state. How did they make this all happen? It has been made possible because of the program that has evolved over the years; and from the hard work and support of our great community. We currently offer free loaner helmets, free loaner bikes (as available), and free practices for new riders! If you like the words 'free' and 'affordable', we have something more for you. Did you know that spectators always watch for free, so it costs your family nothing to watch people race or practice? Have you ever stopped out to watch our riders' race? Did you know we have riders of all ages? From 3 to 63, if you can pedal your bike without training wheels, you can try out the track? So maybe you knew this, so we have some new information for you. This summer we will be introducing a Balance Bike track for toddlers ages 1-4 where they can come out and have some fun like the big kids, just on a scale that they and their parents feel great about. We are also launching our coaching and youth mentoring program which will take some of our most talented people and provide free to low cost clinics and coaching for riders who want to learn how to get better in our sport! It's going to be a fun filled and affordable summer for families who come out and take part at our facility!



### Isanti City Wide Garage Sale

The Isanti City Wide garage sale is set for Saturday, May 4, 2013. Please advertise in the Scotsman and get on the city wide map. The ad is 15 words for \$15.00. Deadline to the Scotsman is April 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The Scotsman is at 234 South Main Street, Cambridge, MN. If you have any questions, please call Hannah Christenson at 763-444-5083.



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### School For All Seasons Elementary Accepting Applications

School For All Seasons is an optional free educational elementary school program provided by Cambridge-Isanti Schools that follows a year-round calendar for grades K-5. The school is located on the east side of Isanti and is accepting applications for 2013-2014. For more information, please contact School For All Seasons at 763-552-8800. If you are interested in a program like this for middle school grades 6-8, you can contact the Minnesota Center which is also located in Isanti at 763-691-8600.





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