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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 pm

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 pm

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE BOARD

4th Tuesday of the month
at 6:00 pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

We have a great 2016 ahead of us in Isanti built upon years of hard work and dedication to our long term Community Vision. 2015 was a good year with the addition of Family Dollar, The Green Table, Black Jack Ops, Bow Daddy, Revival Boutique, BMC British Automobile, SnoBear and many others adding over 70 new jobs to our community. Also in 2015, existing businesses, Lexington Textiles and Granger Machine, expanded their facilities and operations in Isanti. 2016 has already seen the addition of 5 new business openings and the planned opening of Coborn's and Allina clinic. There are more business openings in the pipeline but I am not at liberty to share those at the time of this article. The businesses that have already opened in 2016, and those committed, will bring over 200 new jobs to Isanti. During my first term as Mayor we had slightly more than 1,000 jobs in our City. We currently have 1,611 jobs and will have over 1,800 with the completion of the announced businesses. My goal is to reach over 2,000 jobs in the City of Isanti by the end of my term in 2018. These run the spectrum from part-time entry level to full-time engineering, medical, financial, legal and an assortment of professional positions. Isanti is 'A Community for Generations' and is fast becoming an employment community for all.

In 2015 the DNR turned 66 acres of land over to the City to manage and develop in an environmentally conscience way. Building on our great success and proven record with Legacy Park, we have created River Bluff Preserve with 38 acres of park land from this DNR land. This park will have our new Community Garden, ADA accessible fishing off the Rum River and trails connecting to Martin's Landing. We are also working with neighboring communities on other future trail developments that link the cities to our north and east and will connect us to other regional trails.

We are hosting our 9th Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Day June 7th to highlight the vital contributions to Isanti by all those providing services, products and jobs in our community. The key to our future success and development is our business community.

I am happy to announce that our compost site will reopen in the spring of 2016 in full compliance with MPCA regulations. The facility is now secure and will have an attendant to ensure only City residents are dropping off approved compost materials. The hours as planned will be Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 7pm and Sunday from noon to 5pm.

Our Farmers Market and Street Dances are back again in 2016. The Farmers Market opens Friday, May 27th and runs until September 30th. The market is open each Friday from 2pm to 6pm. Our Farmers Market has been growing each year since the City resurrected this great community event. The fresh local produce, honey, homespun rugs, local crafts, jams, eggs, maple syrup and much more make our market a destination each Friday for Downtown Isanti. Our street dances will be June 25th with Chris Brooks, July 16th with Boogie Wonderland and August 13th with Jonah and the Whales. Our street dances help to highlight our Downtown and provide a great community event where we all can get to know each other.

I am starting 'Coffee with the Mayor' the first Tuesday of each month. My goal is to have an informal get together with residents and taxpayers so we can have an open discussion about Isanti. The first event will be held at Rendezvous Coffee on March 1st from 10am to 11am. My goal is to establish a rotating schedule of locations that include the Creamery Crossing and The Green Table. It is important to create as many avenues of communication as possible so we are all contributing to the future of Isanti.

We are conducting a utility rate study that will help us to determine our water and sanitary sewer rates starting in 2017. As soon as the results of this study are complete and the City Council takes action, I will convey the new rates.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me at 763-442-8749 or email me at George@georgewimmer.com. You may also follow me and keep up to date on all things Isanti on Twitter at twitter.com/mayorwimmer Facebook at www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer or my blog at georgewimmer.com

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Elim exists to know and love God and
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City Offices & Staff Directory

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Fax 763-444-8044
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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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Parks, Recreation and Culture

City Offices Closed

Mon., May 30

Memorial Day

Weed and Grass Nuisances

Summer is approaching and with that comes, 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) 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 Development Director 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 of 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 website at www.cityofisanti.us



If you dig a hole:

Please call Gopher State One Call at 1.800.252.1166 to Locate your utilities for Free!

Parks, Recreation and Culture is growing in Isanti in 2016!

In 2015, the City of Isanti obtained a 38-acre lot in Rum River Meadows through the tax-forfeiture process. The parcel is located on the Rum River and is within a designated Wild and Scenic River Area as determined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The City of Isanti has worked with the DNR to obtain permission to develop the land into a park for public use. On January 19, 2016, the Isanti City Council authorized city staff to proceed in the development of the park.

Beginning in Spring 2016, construction will start on the 38-acre parcel recently named River Bluff Preserve. The new park will be located on Rum River Drive SW, and will include excellent amenities for all park visitors including trails creating easy access to the Rum River, a great place to fish on a public dock, and the Isanti Community Garden. In 2016, the Community Garden will provide 54-10'x10' ground plots, 2 raised beds, and 2 accessible beds. Registration is open February 9-June 1.

2016 Garden Plot Rental Fees

Ground Plots 10' x 10'
\$15/plot
Rent up to 3 plots



Raised Beds \$20



Elevated Beds
(Wheelchair
Accessible)
\$20

For more information about the Community Garden, visit www.cityofisanti.us, search "garden" or call 763-444-5512.

There will be plenty of chances to explore this new space! Join us for any or all of the Communities Growing Together series.

Communities Growing Together:

*All events to be held at River Bluff Preserve

River Bluff Preserve Grand Opening
May 21 – 11am-2pm
FREE

Come out to see the new park! Take a tour of the garden and trails, rent any remaining plots, and enjoy family activities.

Busy Bees
June 4 – 1:00-3:00pm
\$3/person, \$10/family

If you eat, chances are you depend on bees. Come out to River Bluff Preserve to discover why bees and other pollinators are so important. We'll also learn ways to help them – and build take home bee houses!

Storywalk
August 6 – 1-3pm
\$3/person, \$10/family

Enjoy a stroll through our new park while reading pages of a children's story along the way. Come and go at your own pace.



Compost Site Reopening in 2016!

The compost site (on Isanti Parkway, east of the Public Works garage) will be accepting yard waste (leaves and grass clippings) and distributing composted dirt.

For the latest information, visit www.cityofisanti.us or call City Hall: 763-444-5512.



FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH
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\$3 pre-register

Program Minimum: 5 pre-registered 7 days
before each program

Limited space for walk-ins (\$4)

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Visit Isanti Events and Community Center on Facebook for updates.

Parks, Recreation and Culture

Isanti Farmers Market

Buy fresh, Buy local! The kick-off of the Isanti Family Farmer's Market is right around the corner; it opens May 27! Last year's market was a huge success and we look forward to another great year. Plan to stop and shop farm fresh produce, crafts, and homemade goods. The Market is located in downtown Isanti South of Main Street by the Railroad and held every Friday from 2:00pm – 6:00pm (except July 1st).

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Market Manager Katie Everett, 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us.

Here are some helpful tips for shopping at the Market:

- > The Farmer's Market is outdoors so dress for the weather. A little rain won't stop the market! Bring an umbrella if needed.
- > Bring the kids to take part in fun children's activities.
- > Bring a cloth bag to carry your produce and goods.
- > Bring change and smaller denominations of money as each farmer is an individual business. Some farmers take check or credit but cash is preferred.
- > If you have certain questions about fruits or vegetables, ask the farmer. Most will be happy to tell you how it was grown, cared for and how to make the best selection. Many will even share their favorite recipe!



> Bargaining is not recommended but asking to buy smaller amounts is acceptable. Some farmers will divide amounts.

For more Isanti Family Farmer's Market information check out the website www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org or like us on Facebook: Isanti Family Farmer's Market



Attention Dog Owners – Dog and Kennel Licenses

Please be reminded that dog and kennel licenses are due April 30, 2016. 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, 2016.

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.



East Central Minnesota Job Fair – April 26, 2016

**Is your business looking for qualified workers?
Are you looking for a new job or career?**

East Central Minnesota is one of the fastest growing Regions in Minnesota. This event will bring job seekers together with businesses that are looking to hire local employees for their specific industry. Area businesses can rent a booth for a reasonable cost to market their business to active job seekers. The event is Free for JOB SEEKERS. Registration will be available soon. Contact Economic Development Director Sullivan for more information.

Save the Date



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Economic Development

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 at www.cityofisanti.us for the schedule and watch for ongoing updates as the schedule is subject to change daily.

Downtown Isanti Street Dances

The next season of Street Dances has been scheduled! Come on out to socialize, meet new neighbors and get your groove on! There will be vendors with food and drink sales available. The band kicks-off at 7pm and plays until 11pm with minimal breaks. The Street Dances will be held right on Main Street near the Creamery at the intersection of Main Street and 1st Avenue. Save the dates!

June 25th – Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys

July 16th – Boogie Wonderland

August 13th – Jonah and the Whales

Check out the Isanti Events and Community Center Facebook page for updates!



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Economic Development

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The 2016 Construction Season Begins



The 2016 Construction season is upon us and we are achieving great things in City of Isanti. In 2014-2015, there were 79 new single family housing starts. In 2016, we have already issued 7 new housing permits which is setting up for another productive year in the housing market for Isanti. Implementation and utilization of the City SAC and WAC Deferral program by builders has kept this sector moving along nicely. The City development team has been working tirelessly on some high profile projects which are coming to fruition. Coborn's has broken ground on its 45,000 square foot grocery store which will include a pharmacy as well as other amenities. This project is anticipated to create 150 local jobs. On February 16, 2016, Allina granted full approval for the construction of a 17,000 square foot medical clinic and construction is anticipated to commence this spring with completion early next year. This project is anticipated to create up to 35 jobs in Isanti. Both projects bring significant investment into the community and provide many new products and services that Isanti residents were lacking. The Development Team Staff will continue working hard to bring businesses to Isanti that will meet the needs of the community.



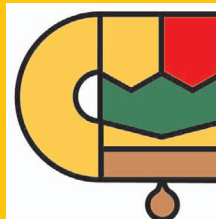
The City of Isanti was recognized by the Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) for its recruitment efforts and effective marketing and was presented the Economic Development Award of Excellence for Business Recruitment in January of 2016, where Mayor George Wimmer and Economic Development Director Sullivan received the award on behalf of the City. The City of Isanti welcomed SnoBear USA in August of 2015. SnoBear USA manufactures purpose built snow-track vehicles for personal, business and governmental use. The City of Isanti actively recruited this business previously located in Fargo, North Dakota to the City of Isanti. This was the second business recruitment award that has been received by the City of Isanti; the other being for its efforts to bring Ever Cat Fuels to Isanti in 2008.

Business List Update and Mayor's Employer Celebration Day

The City of Isanti keeps a list of all known businesses located within the City. As of February 2016 there were 160 businesses employing approximately 1,611 people. The City of Isanti will be contacting your business over the next few months to update your business information for City records and to increase communication. If you do not receive a call or email from the City of Isanti requesting updated business information, please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at 763.444.5512 to update your information. 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. The Ninth Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Day will be held on June 7, 2016 at Isanti City Hall from 11:30-1:00 PM. This event is held to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community strong. Milestone anniversaries for area businesses will be celebrated. Invites will be going out to all Isanti businesses April-May.



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Public Works/Fire Department/Police Department

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I hope everyone is doing well and that 2016 is a better year for everyone.

The 2016 annual Snowmobile / ATV parade had a good turnout even though the lack of snow was disappointing. I want to thank Sue Larson for the excellent chili and to the area businesses with their donations to the event, this is truly a fun event. I hope to see everyone again, with lots of snow, on January 1, 2017!

The Police Department has received four (4) new Phillips Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED's) from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Life Saver Grant Program. These units will replace older units; however, these older units will be repurposed within the City at other public building sites.

A reminder to all, 2016 Special Vehicle Operators Permits are available to use golf carts and Class 1 ATV's (ones you straddle) on the municipal streets of Isanti. The yearly permit is \$25.00. The application and permit can be obtained at the Isanti Police Department. For more information call or stop into the office.

The Police Department will be offering three ATV Youth Safety class sessions starting on April 16, August 13 and October 15, 2016 held at the Isanti Community Center starting at 8:00 am. Complete the MN ATV/OHM Rider's Safety Class online at: Offroad-ed.com (the fee for the online course \$29.50) or ATVcourse.com (the fee for the online course \$29.95), then attend a Hands-On ATV Safety class at a cost of \$10.00: Students ages 12- 15 must register for a Hands-On ATV Safety Training class by calling the police department. All Minnesota ATV operators born after July 1, 1987 are required to have a MnDNR ATV Safety Certificate to legally operate on public lands or waters. If you have any questions regarding ATV's, you can stop at the office to pick up a DNR rules and regulations booklet.

In a few months the snow will begin to melt, as this happens the city parks begin to see heavier use by many. If you see suspicious behavior or acts of vandalism, PLEASE call the police immediately...many more crimes can be solved by getting involved. Also, we see a surge in thefts from automobiles, please do not leave your vehicles unlocked, this invites crimes of opportunity. Do not leave items, especially electronic items, visible in your car; even visible power cords left in the vehicle can be a cause for a break-in to your vehicle. Always locking your cars when parked is the best deterrent for a crime of opportunity. Your complaint can be made anonymously.

Respectfully,

Chief Gene C. Hill



Restrictive Watering Ban in Force

City Code § 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 should 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 of the restrictions for the sprinkling of new sod. To request an exemption please contact Nick Henly, Building Official. For a complete copy of the Code visit our website at www.cityofisanti.us.

Isantian Advertising Deadline

The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent the week of June 6th with an advertising deadline of May 23rd.

Contact Sue Beckman, 763-691-6035 at the Scotsman/Isanti County News for advertising.

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Isanti Fire Department

Did you know that a structure fire is reported in the state of Minnesota every 1 hour and 24 minutes? Or that MN fire departments are dispatched to an emergency medical situation every 3 minutes? State-wide, structure fires are (thankfully) losing popularity at a rate of -12% in the last 4 years. On the flip side, medical emergencies are experiencing a 19% increase. (MN State Fire Marshal's 2014 Fire in Minnesota Annual Report). The bottom line? Minnesota fire departments are busy.

The City of Isanti is leading this trend.

Since 2010, the City of Isanti has experienced a 16% decline in fire suppression (vs. a -12% statewide), and a 35% rise in emergency medical calls (vs. a +19% statewide). Numerous studies exist online to explain this statewide trend, nonetheless the fire department needs to compensate it.

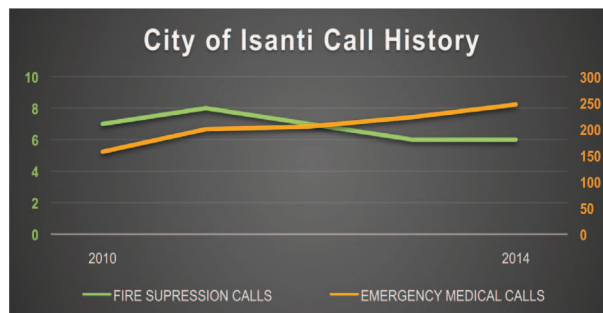
The Fire District has hired its 2nd fulltime firefighter as well as 8 additional paid on call firefighters in 2016. These firefighters will be certified MN Emergency Medical Responders whose task will be to respond to these increasing emergency medical calls in the City and surrounding Townships in an average of 3 minutes after the call to 911 is made (2015 Image Trend Alarm Analysis by Districts). The mission of our Firefighters at these calls is to provide emergency medical care pre and post ambulance arrival.

Mark your calendars! July 8th, 9th and 10th is the 40th Annual Isanti Firefighters Professional Rodeo. We have some big additions to the entire weekend this year including a PRCA Xtreme Bulls performance on Sunday. This bulls only event will bring approximately 50 of the world's best bull riders to Isanti, who will compete for the Isanti Firefighters Pro Rodeo Tour title, proceeding towards the PRCA World Standings and the Wrangler National Final Rodeo competitions.

If interested, more information about our Fire District and the Rodeo can be found at www.isantifiedistrict.org.

Alan Jankovich

Fire Chief, Isanti Fire District



Community Development/Finance Department

CITY PARKS:

RIVERSIDE PARK

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



RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

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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.



RIVER BLUFF PRESERVE

Rum River Drive 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.



LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum



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Skate Park	Fishing	Gardening
Picnic Shelter	Swings	Horseshoes
Picnic Tables	Trails	Basketball Court
Tennis Court	Softball Field	Volleyball Court
Toddler Equipment	Hockey Rink	Playground Equipment

Finance Department

Welcome New Finance Director

Brenda Frechette has joined the City of Isanti as Finance Director. Ms. Frechette comes to the City of Isanti with over 18 years of experience in governmental accounting. She graduated from Eldorado College in California majoring in Finance/Business Administration. She continues to maintain her education through various training opportunities within the industry. She is a current member of both the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) and MNG-FOA (Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association).



Brenda Frechette

Building Department

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Winter is finally behind us and warm weather is ahead!

Along with the warmer weather comes a surge of construction, building, remodeling, and all manner of summer projects. If you are at all unsure of whether or not your project requires a permit, please take just a moment to visit the City's website and find the building department section under **GOVERNMENT** ► **CITY DEPARTMENTS**; or call the building department.

Communication & Information. These are two aspects I believe are crucial to a good working relationship between a municipal department and the community it serves. The building department is in place to help the citizens of Isanti build, alter, repair, and add on to structures and property in a safe and consistent manner where it concerns safety, health, public welfare, longevity, energy efficiency, and community enhancement. The building department section of the City of Isanti's website is an ever-growing source of general building information and codes, as well as city requirements, permits, and licenses. You can even fill out and submit some building and zoning permits online now! Please visit us. www.cityofisanti.us.

2016 looks to be a busy growing year for Isanti! New home construction has already started out very strong, and the forecast is looking like it will only continue throughout the year. Taken into account with the big, exciting new businesses coming to our city this year, and Isanti looks to definitely be in an expansion mode. Growing can always cause a few adjustment pains, so I'd like to re-state the importance of communication and information. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or require any assistance that pertains to building or community development, please visit the city's website or contact the appropriate city department.

Spring maintenance tip: Clean the filters of furnaces, heat recovery units or energy recovery units (HRV or ERV), continuous exhaust fans, and bath fans. If these filters aren't properly maintained it could lead to premature motor burn out and additional energy consumption (and cost). Proper maintenance can also help to greatly improve the interior air quality of your home. HRV and ERV units generally have four filters to deal with- three inside the units and one on the exterior of your home. The instructions for how the filters are to be cleaned/replaced and how often can generally be found inside the cover of the units, or online. Bath fan housings can be removed, washed and replaced, or vacuumed without removing.

Thank you, and I hope you all have a great (and safe) spring.
-Nick Henly, Building Official

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Community Events

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 12 -

Burst Into Spring Event 8:00am - 3:30pm

Isanti County Master Gardener's 12th Annual Horticulture Day! A day of information, classes, vendors, door prizes and fun! The event will be held at the Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center (AFRCC) 505 Spirit River Drive, Cambridge MN. Call 763-689-8254 or email jrwatson@umn.edu for information and tickets.

Friday, March 18 -

Community Movie Night - 7:00pm

Join Isanti Parks for a free showing of The Lion King at Isanti Community Center. Doors and cash concessions open at 6:30pm and the movie will begin at 7:00pm. Bring your friends!

Saturday, April 2 -

Annual Pet Vaccination Clinic - 8am - 2pm

The Isanti Police Department is sponsoring the annual pet vaccination clinic at the Isanti Pet Clinic located at 120 Heritage Blvd NE, Suite 4, Isanti, MN. No appointment necessary.

Saturday, April 9 -

Chamber Spring Fling - 6:00pm

Join the Chamber for a Mardi Gras themed dinner with silent auction, prizes, and more! The event will be held at the Spirit River Community Center. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information and to purchase a ticket (763) 689-2505

Thursday, April 21 -

East Central MN Job Fair - 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Calling all job seekers! Free to attend! Bring your resume and be prepared to have an interview with one of the many businesses in the area looking to hire. The event will be held at the AFRC-Cambridge Community Center.

Saturday, April 30 -

City Wide Clean Up Day - 8:00am - Noon

Isanti City residents are able to clean up unwanted appliances and other acceptable items by bringing it to the Public Works Garage at 100 Isanti Parkway NW. Residents MUST prepay for their unwanted items at Isanti City Hall, 110 1st Ave NW (M-F 8:00am-4:30pm) prior to disposal.

Thursday, April 21 - Memorial Blood Center - 11:30am - 6:30pm

Donate blood to help save lives. The event is held every other month at the Isanti Community Center. Walk-ins welcome but registration is preferred. Call (651) 332-7000 or visit www.mbc.org

Saturday, May 7 - City Wide Garage Sale

Contact Hannah (763) 444-5083 to be a part of this year's City Wide Garage Sale!

Monday, May 2- Water Flushing Begins

The flushing of water mains in the City of Isanti will begin May 2 and end approx. May 6. Check the City's website: www.cityofisanti.us for the water flushing schedule. Contact City Hall with any questions (763) 444-5512.

Tuesday, May 3 - Senior Fair

Discover services, programs, health & wellness opportunities and also information & benefits available to seniors in the Cambridge/Isanti area. This event will be held at the City Center Mall in Cambridge. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce (763) 689-2505.

Saturday, May 21

River Bluff Preserve Grand Opening

11am-2pm - FREE

Come out to see the new park! Take a tour of the garden and trails, rent any remaining plots, and enjoy family activities.

Friday, May 27 -

Isanti Family Farmers Market - 2pm - 6pm

Buy fresh, Buy local! Come shop farm fresh produce, crafts, and homemade goods. The Market is located downtown Isanti South of Main Street by the Railroad and held every Friday from 2pm - 6pm until September 30.

Tuesday, June 7 -

9th Annual Mayor's Employer

Celebration Day - 11:30am - 1pm

This event is held at City Hall to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community strong.

Other Events:

- Saturday, April 16 - ATV Safety Training at the Isanti Community Center. Contact the Isanti PD for more info. (763) 444-4761

- Saturday, May 21 - Race The Rum 5K. Contact the Chamber for more info. (763) 689-2505.

- Lions Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser - Third Sunday of every month at the Isanti Community Center. Serving from 8:00am until noon.

- Isanti Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels - Monday thru Friday at the Isanti Community Center. Reservations can be made ahead and are recommended by calling (763) 444-7539 between 10:30-1:00 pm or call Lynne at (763) 245-1193. The suggested donation is \$4 for persons 60 and older; \$7.50 under 60.

- Book sale last Wednesday of every month
- Bingo on every Monday
- Special events typically on Wednesdays
- Blood pressure checks the 2nd Mon. of the Month
- Happy Senior Card Club - Every Tuesday from 11-3pm at the Isanti Community Center.

- Nature Detectives Club - First Saturday of every month, 9-10:30am, at the Isanti Community Center. Kids will learn about nature, play fun games and make cool crafts. Contact Katie (763) 444-5512, isantiparks@cityofisanti.us for more info.



Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex

Isanti Indoor Arena -

Home of Rum River BMX

Isanti Ice Arena

Martin's Landing

(DNR Canoe Landing)

Redbirds Baseball Field

For links visit:

www.cityofisanti.us

Isanti Rodeo

Jubilee Days Parade

The Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade this year will be on Thursday, July 7th. On Saturday July 9th will be the annual Kid's Day, turtle races, out house races and more. If you are interested in participating in any of the events, sponsoring, or volunteering to help out, please sign on to the North 65 Chamber of Commerce website for information and registrations.

www.north65chamber.com.

Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

Spring weather in Minnesota is often unpredictable... here are a few tips for driving in these ever changing conditions.

- > Share the road - Warmer weather brings out motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

- > Understanding the impact of medications on driving - For many people, spring means seasonal allergies. Over-the-counter allergy drugs can have side effects or interact with other medications to diminish your driving ability.

- > Avoid driving through large puddles - Driving through water can impair your brakes, cloud your vision or cause you to hydroplane.

- > If possible, go around potholes - Deep potholes can throw your car out of alignment or worse, forcing you to buy a new wheel and a new tire.

- > Keep your tires properly inflated - Full tires can reduce damage caused by potholes and other road hazards.

Community Events



Isanti Area Meals on Wheels

The Isanti area Meals on Wheels are looking for volunteers to deliver hot meals from the Isanti Community Center to area residents in their home. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 - 12:30p.m. on any day of your choice. If you would like more information, please contact Lynne, (763) 245-1193.



ARE YOU CLEANING-UP AFTER YOUR PET?

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

Master Gardener Burst Into Spring Event

Saturday March 12th, 2016 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

A day of speakers, classes, vendors, door prizes and fun! The event is located at the Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center in Cambridge. Learn many new and different ways to enhance or grow your "green thumb"! The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information please call: 763-689-8254, email: jrwatson@umn.edu or visit the web: www.isanticountymastergardeners.com

2nd Annual Two Cities, One Community: Run, Walk, Bike

Join us September 10th for a day full of family activities hosted by the Cities of Isanti and Cambridge. A 5K run/walk and family bike ride will kick off the day on the C-I Bike/Walk Trail. The finish line is across from Bluebird Park in Isanti where you'll find wellness vendors, kids' activities, a climbing wall, moon walk, food, and more! Later, you'll find music and ice cream in the Cambridge City Park. The entire event is FREE!

Free goodie bags are available for the first 50 registrants for the 5K walk/run and bike ride! To register, contact 763-444-5512 or isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us. For more details of the event, visit our website or find Isanti Events and Community Center on Facebook.

City Wide Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 30, 2016 • 8 am to 12 pm

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 am - 4:30 pm).

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Brush, yard waste, and small miscellaneous items will be accepted at no cost. This is limited to loads no larger than one pickup load of miscellaneous materials per resident.

NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE, CONTRACTOR OR COMMERCIAL DEBRIS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Other acceptable items and related fees are as follows:

LARGE ITEMS:

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

ELECTRONICS:

Computer Monitors	\$25.00
CPU Box	\$5.00
Keyboard & Mouse	\$5.00
Laptop Computers	\$10.00
Scanner	\$10.00
DVD/VCR	\$5.00
TVs 40"/under	\$30.00
TVs over 40"	\$50.00
Console TV	\$55.00
Copier	\$25.00
Printer	\$10.00

TIRES:

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

NO Tractor Tires will be accepted.



Community Events

Friends of the Isanti Area Library



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library group helped to establish and continues to promote Isanti's Library Outreach Site, which is located in City Hall. The Librarian is there to serve you on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. with books, movies, and audiobooks. Ask about Children's Story Time and other library events planned for this season.

You are welcome to request items by phone or on the East Central Regional Library website, then pick them up here in Isanti. Checking out movies and DVDs for three weeks from the library makes it easy to catch up on past seasons of your favorite TV show, or have entertainment on

hand without that last-minute return rush.

We accept tax-deductible donations all year long! We gladly accept gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks, and of course cash. (Please no Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, or VHS tapes) We especially need children's, westerns, and large-print books. All fundraiser proceeds and donations are used for projects promoting the Isanti Outreach Library and encouraging literacy in the community.

We also greatly need and appreciate volunteers to help with various community events, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information: Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

Redbirds Prepare for Upcoming Season



The Isanti Redbirds are preparing for another season of amateur baseball in the City of Isanti. Things will be a little interesting this summer because some of the long-standing veteran players have resigned. Kyle Johnson, BJ Samuelson and Packy Lind all announced their retirement at the team's annual meeting in January. These three individuals have been part of the heart and soul of Redbird teams over the past fifteen years. They will be missed greatly! With these resignations, there opens up new opportunities for some younger and/or new players. Change is always difficult, but it also can be very exciting at the same time.

The 'Birds continue playing in the very tough Metro Minny League (www.metrominny.com). To find the Redbird web page, just click on "Isanti Redbirds" in the league standings and you'll go right to our home page. You can also follow the 'Birds on Facebook. The Metro Minny League is made up of the following teams: Anoka, Andover, Blaine, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Forest Lake and Isanti. The Metro Minny teams play in two different Sections.

Section 2
Andover
Coon Rapids
East Bethel
Forest Lake
Isanti

Section 5
Anoka
Blaine
Brooklyn Park
Champlin

The Metro Minny will be hosting an All Star game with the St. Paul Saints this year in Forest Lake on Saturday, May 14th. The Metro Minny team will consist of players for all of the Metro Minny teams. Watch for more information, it should be a lot of fun!

If you're interested in trying out for the Isanti Redbirds, please contact team manager, Steve Allen at 763-286-6328 or sallen958@gmail.com.

"We are currently seeking candidates for the Isanti Ambassador Program!"

Would you or someone you know love to give back to the community, make tons of new friends, and parade around the state of Minnesota in a crown and gown? We have THE opportunity for you! If you are between the ages of 17-21, we would love to have you participate in our candidacy to be one of 3 ambassadors for the city of Isanti and Rodeo-Jubilee Days. Interested girls AND guys should email isantiambassador@gmail.com and/or find us on Facebook: Isanti Ambassador Program.

Want your little ones to get involved too? Ask us about our buddy program!"



Isanti Community Center

The Isanti Community Center is a great place to hold your event! Dances, Luncheons, Graduation Parties, Fund Raisers, Seminars, Business Presentations, Birthday Parties, and many other activities are held year round. Located at 208-1/2 First Avenue NW, next to City Hall. For information and reservations call City Hall at 763-444-5512 or email isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us.

Movie Nights at the Isanti Community Center

Isanti Parks offers FREE movie nights on select Fridays, October-April. There are just two movies left this season – don't miss out!

March 18 – The Lion King
April 15 – Mary Poppins

Showtime is 7:00pm. Doors/concessions open at 6:30pm.

Check out cityofisanti.us for next season's selections!



Annual Pet Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 8am-2pm. 120 Heritage Blvd. NE, Suite 4, Isanti, MN. Services provided by Isanti Pet Clinic & Ham Lake Veterinary Hospital.



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