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Spring 2017



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Letter from the Mayor



Mayor
George A. Wimmer

City Meeting Dates

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

City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesday of
the month at 7:00 pm

City Council Work Session

Held at 5:45 prior to the
2nd City Council meeting
of the month if needed

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of the month
immediately following the
City Council meeting

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board

4th Tuesday of the month
at 6:00 pm

Economic Development Authority

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

We start 2017 with a flourish of good news and announcements of upcoming activities. First I want to update you on how 2016 ended. We had 63 new homes and several new development plats approved. 2017 has begun with 14 new home permits, which is ahead of last year's pace. Business development continues at a strong pace as construction will soon begin on several new projects. The Arts & Science Academy looks to expand and has begun discussions with the City on adding a middle school in Isanti. We added 42 acres of land to our City from Athens Township by request of the land owner.

City Council approved moving forward with street improvements to Palomino, our annual street maintenance work, and sidewalk & curb work along 1st Ave. We are following our 10-year Pavement Management Plan. The new Pre-treatment facility will be completed soon. Our Farmer's Market is moving to a location just north of the Municipal Liquor Store. This will give greater visibility and draw more people to our market. Our Summer Program Series from Parks, Recreation & Culture Department will feature an Earth Day Cleanup April 22, Planting for Pollinators June 3rd and River Investigators August 5th. The Nature Detectives Club will also still be held the first Saturday of each Month at the Isanti Community Center. For more information check out our City website – www.cityofisanti.us

June 24th kicks off our Summer Street Dance Series with Boogie Wonderland and July 15th is Devon Worley Band. August 12th will be a full day of activities we are calling Celebrate Isanti. With Cambridge pulling out of the Two Cities One Community event we decided to make sure we still celebrate our Community. We know that our entire area helps to make Isanti a great City. We welcome everyone to come Celebrate our City with a day full of fun and free activities. We will start the morning with a timed 5k with medals for the first three finishers in the following four categories – boys, girls, men's and women's. There is a family bike ride on our great bike/walk trail and a fitness/kids festival in Bluebird Park. These activities will then transfer to the 7th Annual Summer Spectacular Car Show presented by Rum River Rods. They will have kids events, 50/50 raffle, food vendors, Pie Eating Contest, craft & vendor show and some of the most amazing cars around. At 7pm the Free Street Dance featuring Jonah and the Whales starts. There will be food vendors and the Isanti Lions will be selling beer. We have created a Scavenger Hunt with prizes for the 1st 100 participants that complete it and entry for a Grand Prize drawing. The Scavenger Hunt will take you through all our parks and highlighted areas of Isanti over several weeks.

We conducted a survey of new home buyers to gather information on why they chose Isanti. We sent out 134 surveys and had a 26% response rate. We gathered great information that will help us to continue to market our great City. I want to thank Isanti Retail Meats, Rendezvous Coffee, WillowBridge, Brushes and Boards, and Coborn's Marketplace for providing support to make this survey possible.

The City Council voted unanimously to move forward with the process to annex township properties that are surrounded by the City. Cambridge annexed township properties surrounded by their city in 2016. These properties have benefited from our growth, economic investments, parks & trails, greater police protection, city roads and so on. These properties currently pay their township property taxes yet receive virtually no services from the Township. City Taxpayers need to stop subsidizing these areas and ensure that everyone is paying their fair share.

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 or Facebook at www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer

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Finance

Finance Director	Vacant at time of publication	
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Planning & Zoning

Community Development Director	Vacant at time of publication	
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Police

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



Public Works

763-444-0459



Municipal Liquor Store

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www.isantiliquorstore.com

Meeting dates as noted
on Page 2 and all
changes will be posted
on the website, at City
Hall, and the Post Office.
Special Meetings & times
will also be posted on the
website, City Hall and
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Community Development

City Offices Closed

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day

Attention Dog Owners – Dog and Kennel Licenses

Please be reminded that annual dog and residential kennel licenses are due April 30, 2017. Dog and kennel licenses can be obtained through the Isanti 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. Lifetime licenses are available for \$50. A late fee of \$5 will be charged if licensed after April 30, 2017. A certificate of rabies vaccination must be provided at the time of license purchase.

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.

Community Development/Code Enforcement/Building

Community development is a process through which staff, residents, businesses, and organizations collaborate to improve the social, physical, and economic well-being in the City of Isanti. The Department administers land use controls and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan in a manner consistent with City policies. Department staff facilitate new development and redevelopment while enforcing codes and regulations. The Community Development Director is likewise responsible for responding to information requests from residents, local business owners and developers.

The Community Development Department is staffed by the Community Development Director and the Code Enforcement/Zoning Technician, and oversees the Building Department. The Community Development Department is responsible for administering the following:

Planning and Zoning

Administers Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

- Ordinances are adopted to ensure the health and safety of the community. They provide for well-developed communities where compatible uses are built together, fire hazards are reduced, our environment is protected and a standard of living is upheld.
- The zoning ordinance is used by staff daily and is quite often reviewed for changes due to the ever-changing and developing community needs.
- Subdivision ordinances relate to the development of land into individual parcels for development. This ordinance ensures that property is properly and legally described and recorded consistent with Minnesota State Statutes.

Administers City Comprehensive Land Use Plans.

- The Comprehensive Land Use Plan is used to effectively and efficiently guide the long-range growth of the city. It is comprehensive in that it addresses demographics, economic development, transportation, land use, community facilities, public utilities, environmental characteristics/constraints, and recreational opportunities.
- It has been determined by the City Council at the 2017 Goal Setting meeting, to update the Isanti Comprehensive Plan in 2018. The Plan was last updated in 2008.

Processes land use applications, including: Variances, Use Permits, Rezoning, Subdivision, Annexation Requests, etc.

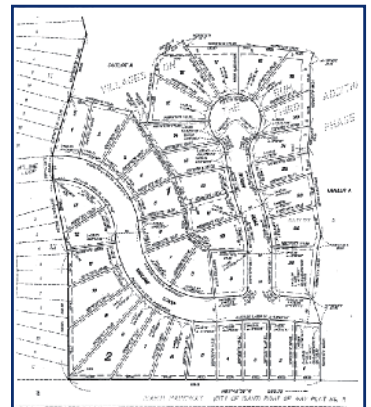
- When an application or an inquiry about development comes into the Community Development Department, staff verifies with the zoning code what district the property is in and if the use is allowed. There are several types of uses within each district. Permitted Uses – uses which may be lawfully established in a particular district, provided it conforms with all requirements, regulations, and performance standards. Conditional Uses – a use which because of its unique characteristics cannot be properly classified as a permitted use in a particular district. After consideration of the impact and need for the particular use and its location, a permit for such use may be granted by the City Council. Interim Use – a temporary use until a particular date or event, or until zoning regulations no longer permit it. An interim use permit is granted to a particular individual, not to the subject property.

Other types of applications include:

- Variance – a request to vary from the literal provisions of the Zoning Ordinance due to practical difficulty as a result of circumstances unique to the property.
- Rezoning – a rezoning is a change to the land use category of a property.
- Annexation- the incorporation of land into the City, which results in a change to the corporate limits of the City.
- Signs – The majority of signs, temporary and permanent, require permits. Permits are required to allow staff to review the location of the sign in order to prevent blocking the view for traffic, to ensure permission is granted by the property owner, and that it meets the amount of signage permitted based on zoning code.

Staffs the Planning Commission, prepares agendas, staff memos, proposed ordinances and policies.

- The Community Development Director is responsible for preparing memos on projects for review by the City Council, Planning Commission, Development and Operations Advisory Committee and other boards and committees as necessary. The



Subdivision Plat Villages on the Rum 3rd, Ph 3

Community Development

memos are in depth descriptions of projects which include Finding of Fact and Conclusions (FFC). FFC is an outline of all zoning requirements that must be met and how the use fits with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

- The Planning Commission is composed of all five Councilmembers and two citizens appointed by the City Council.

Code Enforcement

- The Community Development Director manages the Code Enforcement/Zoning Technician; who works to address nuisance and non-compliant property related matters, by advising property owners of code requirements and enforcement procedures to obtain compliance with City Code. The purpose is to ensure that public safety, health, and community standards related to land use are maintained for the general welfare of the community. We want all residents to experience a sense of pride and well-being within their neighborhood and community.
- Addresses questions and concerns our residents and local business owners have regarding city ordinance guidelines and possible violations of properties.
- Listens to each report to determine whether it is an issue that requires an inspection and follow-up, dispatching to the appropriate city department; or if it is a civil issue to be handled outside of the confines of city government.
- Offers advice on how to stay in compliance within the guidelines of the ordinances.
- Promotes public awareness and actively addresses city code violations.

Building Department

The Community Development Director oversees the Building Department, which is operated by the Building Official.

We all rely on the safety of structures that surround us in our everyday living – from our homes and offices to our stores, schools, factories, places of entertainment, etc. MN State Building codes provide important minimum safeguards and standards to public health, safety, and general welfare. Also, the codes help promote energy conservation, and the safety to life and property from fire and other hazards as well as to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations. The building department is here to help ensure that the structures built within the community meet at least these minimum requirements and codes.

- The department is responsible for issuing construction permits and conducting inspections to ensure compliance with state building code and city ordinance regulating building, mechanical, plumbing, demolition of structures, moving of structures, and manufactured housing.
- The City of Isanti follows the 2015 Minnesota Building Code. City Property Maintenance Code, and the City Rental Housing Ordinances are also enforced.
- Rental Licenses – Isanti requires a rental license for properties being rented out as a dwelling unit. Rental licenses help protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents living in the rental units. Licenses are valid for two years.
- Zoning Permits – The Building Department, in conjunction with the Community Development Department, also issues Zoning Permits. Zoning Permits are required for fences, driveway expansions, improvements, replacements, etc., accessory structures, patios and decks not attached to the principal structure, additional off-street parking areas, and planting screens. Zoning permits are required to ensure structures are placed inside the property lines, outside of critical easements, and with the neighbor's consent if necessary (fences placed on property lines).
- Electrical permits and inspections are performed by a contracted third-party. Information can be obtained from the Building Official.



The construction of Coborn's Marketplace Summer 2016.

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.

Economic Development

2017 East Central Minnesota Career Fair – SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC)
505 Spirit River Dr. S.
Cambridge, MN 55008

Over 50 businesses will be present at this great event and will be looking to hire. If you are looking for employment or a change of career this is a great local opportunity you shouldn't pass up. Attendance is free for jobseekers.



Isanti Industrial Sites "Shovel Ready Certified"

The City of Isanti has Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots available in Isanti Centennial Complex Business Park with lots ranging from 1.21 acres to 15.49 acres. All city utilities and fiber optic service are to the curb at each site which makes your decision to locate to the City industrial park easy. You can't beat lots for \$1.00 and the newly installed infrastructure in the industrial park. If you want to learn more please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at jsullivan@cityofisanti.us or 763.807.4339.

Commercial Project Pipeline for 2017

The new Allina Clinic opened March 1, 2017 providing much needed services for Isanti residents including: family practice, pregnancy care, specialty care and mental health appointments. Courage Kenny Sports & Physical Therapy will offer physical therapy. Integrative medicine consults with a doctor or nurse clinician, acupuncture and holistic nutrition consults will be available from the Penny George™ Institute for Health and Healing. City approvals have been granted for a new O'Reilly's Auto Parts, to be located just south of Coborn's Marketplace, and an expansion of Prairie Senior Cottages Isanti Memory Care, which should start this spring when the commercial construction begins. Whiskey Road Pub and Grub, which will be located at 404 Whiskey Road NW is planning to open in June 2017, giving Isanti residents another new restaurant option. Other projects are in various stages of development and the City Development Team continues to work hard to bring new businesses to Isanti and to work with existing businesses to improve the local business climate.



Mayor's Employer Celebration Day and Business List Update

The 10th Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Day will be held on June 6, 2017 at Isanti City Hall/Community Center from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. This event is held to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community strong. Milestone anniversaries for City businesses will be recognized and celebrated. Invites will be going out to all Isanti businesses April-May. Save the date, it's a great opportunity to network with other local businesses.

The City of Isanti will be contacting your business over the next few months to update your business information for City records. 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



Mayor's Luncheon

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 communicate with city mailings, pertinent business items and other options to increase commerce for your business in Isanti.

Isanti Housing Market Continues to Surge

Single family housing construction continues to boom in Isanti. From 2014-2016, 142 housing permits were issued with 63 coming in 2016. 2017 has continued to show strong growth with 14 permits in process as of late February. Data from actual sales in regional markets from the Minneapolis Realtors Association shows that the City of Isanti is more than holding its own with the Cambridge Market which is great news for the whole region. The City of Isanti continues to leverage a housing study conducted by Maxfield Research in 2015 to work on filling the senior and residential housing needs for the community. City Staff has estimated our current population to be 5,700 which is the highest it has ever been, and Isanti is positioned well to grow responsibly through the next decade.

Building Department

Fire Safety:

There have been 2 home fires already this year- thankfully no one was hurt in either. I can never stress this enough, but please take the time to ensure your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are working, and that you have at least the min required amount mounted where they need to be. Check the building department's page on the City's website for information, or contact the Building or Fire Dept. with any questions as to the requirements. Also as importantly, make sure all emergency escape routes are planned and clear. NEVER have only 1 way out that can get blocked off by fire or smoke. Especially from a sleeping room. Remember that any legal bedroom has to have an egress window.

With that out of the way- winter is almost behind us and warm(er) weather is ahead! Along with the warmer weather comes a surge of construction, building, remodeling, and all manner of summer projects. 2017 looks to be another busy growing year for Isanti! New home construction has already started out stronger than last year's impressive start, and the forecast is looking like it will only continue that trend again throughout the year.

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. 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.

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 everyone.
Nick Henly, Building Official


Weed & 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.



FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
9:00-10:30 AM
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YEAR ROUND INDOOR BMX RACING



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Police Department/Fire Department

Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee:

Get Vaccinated.

Vaccinations can prevent many diseases and save lives. All adults should get tetanus vaccination every 10 years.

Tetanus lives in the soil and enters the body through breaks in the skin. Because gardeners use sharp tools, dig in the dirt, and handle plants with sharp points, they are particularly prone to tetanus infections. Before you start digging this season, make sure your tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination is up to date.

Put away all your cleaning supplies when you are done.

When you finally finish your spring cleaning tasks for the day it is important to put your supplies away. Cleaning supplies are an attractive nuisance for our children and our pets, something inviting that they should not be getting into. Put the cleaning products away in a childproof cabinet for your children's safety and well-being as soon as you are done with them.

Spring Cleaning.

The City of Isanti will be hosting its annual Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 22, 2017. See page 9 for a list of acceptable items, event details, and pricing.

Have a safe Spring season!



Isanti Police Department:

I hope everyone is doing well and that 2017 is a better year for everyone.

The 2017 annual Snowmobile / ATV parade had a good turnout even though the lack of snow was disappointing. I want to thank everyone for their participation. I hope to see everyone again, with lots of snow, on January 1, 2018!

A reminder to all, 2017 Special Vehicle Operators Permit is 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.

In the spring, 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 and will save you from further headaches of potential identity thefts.

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. Your complaint can be made anonymously.

Respectfully, Chief Gene C. Hill

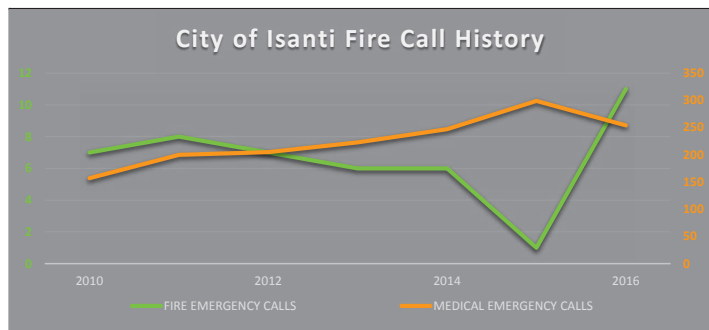
Fire Department:

The above graph shows fire and medical call volumes in Isanti over the last 6 years. These calls amount to (on average) 78% of our total calls for service. In other words, 78% of the time someone in the City of Isanti calls the Fire Department for help, the problem is a medical emergency or a fire emergency incident. The Fire Department's response at medical emergency incidents are assisted by local law enforcement agencies, including the Isanti Police Department, and ultimately Allina Health. Isanti Fire District's other calls for service in the City include hazardous and unknown gas leaks, false alarms and non-emergency calls for help.

Another service the Fire Department provides is fire prevention. It is a general rule of thumb that the best way to protect each other from unwanted fire, is to prevent it. You can help! The shorter we can all make that green line above, the better. To help defend against the fires that do occur, the City of Isanti was recently rated by the Insurance Services Offices in the top 7% of protection class ratings of all communities in Minnesota!

Save the Date! July 7, 8 and 9. It is not too early to make plans to attend and support the Isanti Firefighters at their 41st Annual Professional Rodeo performance in Isanti. More information about Isanti Fire District and the Pro Rodeo can be found online at www.isantifiredistrict.org.

Alan Jankovich
Fire Chief | Isanti Fire District



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artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us

 or call 763-444-0342

 Art & Science Academy is located at: 903 6th Ave Ct, NE, Isanti, MN

Public Works Department

City Wide Clean Up Day: Saturday, April 22, 2017 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Public Works Garage - 100 Isanti Parkway NW

Directions: 3rd Ave North to Isanti Pkwy, right on Isanti Pkwy to Garage. Drop off on eastside 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.)

PRICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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:

Appliances: \$10 each

Air Heat Pump	Dishwashers	Dryers	Freezers
Furnaces	Garbage Disposals	Dehumidifiers	Ovens
Microwave Ovens	Refrigerators	Trash Compactors	Stoves
Water Heaters	Washers	Vacuum Cleaners	Gas Grill

Air Conditioning Units and Water Softeners \$20 each Commercial and 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:

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

Flushing of Water Mains Starts May 1st

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.

Rum River BMX

The Isanti Indoor Arena is home to Rum River BMX, a year round destination for BMX racing. The track has been ranked the number one track in the nation the past two years. In addition to the local racing program

Rum River BMX is available for private rentals and hosts State, Regional, and National events. Inside of 74,000 foot arena you will find a professionally designed BMX racing track, a balance bike track for young riders, a BMX pro shop, and a full concession stand. With riders from under 2 to over 60 there is truly something for everyone going on at Rum River BMX. Stop in and check it out, spectators are always free. We also broadcast our events live on our YouTube channel for those unable to make it to the track. BMX racing is a great family friendly activity, come make memories with us.



Compost Site

The compost site (on Isanti Parkway at 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.

2017 Compost Hours of Operation:

April 23rd – November 12th

Sunday – Noon – 5:00pm

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 1:00pm – 7:00pm

*or sunset

Wednesday – Closed

Thursday – 1:00pm – 7:00pm

*or sunset

Friday – Closed

Saturday – Closed

Closed in observance of Holidays:

May 28, July 4, Sept 3, Nov 12

Community Events

City Parks:

Riverside Park

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



Rum River Meadows Park

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



Mattson Park

311 5th Ave. 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 Hills

Neighborhood Park

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



VFW Park

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



River Bluff Preserve

1111 Rum River Drive SW



Unity Park

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



Bluebird Park

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



Legacy Park

Bellaire Blvd. & Blossom Blvd.



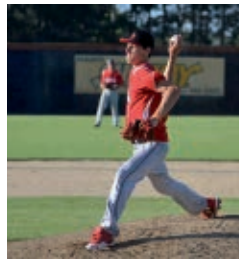
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Isanti's Community Garden had a great kick off season, and we're anxiously awaiting the beginning of the second year! There is still time to reserve a plot, raised bed, or garden table for 2017. Registration is open through June 1st. Visit our website (cityofisanti.us/resource/community-garden) or City Hall for plot availability and to register. Contact Katie Everett, the Community Events and Parks Coordinator for more information (isantiparks@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-5512)



Isanti Redbirds Preparing for Another Season



One question that people ask a lot is, "Who plays for the Redbirds?" Most of the players are former high school and current and/or former college baseball players. Our twenty-five man roster is usually made up of about 50% former Cambridge-Isanti High School players. The other 50% of the players come from communities around Isanti. Players have to initially reside within a 30 mile radius of our field in Isanti to play for the 'Birds. Over the years, there is a natural transitioning of younger players onto our roster as veteran players either move away or retire from playing baseball. Our two most senior players currently playing for the 'Birds are Tyler Schaff and Dan Hamann. Tyler has been playing for the 'Birds for 16 years! Dan Hamann is our oldest player, he's 48 years old and still going strong! This year, we'll also have a couple of younger high school seniors joining us after they complete their high school seasons in the Spring.

Class B baseball is good quality baseball and fun to watch. Come out and watch a game or two this summer. Our concession stand is always open and tickets are FREE during the regular season. You can also follow us on our website at www.metrominny.com and click on our team in the standings column to go directly to our website. Or friend us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Coach Steve Allen at sallen958@gmail.com or 763-286-6328.



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, audiobooks, and e-books. 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 (ecrlib.org), 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 your 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. Books for sale at the Library Outreach Site are a great deal at only 25¢ each; and other items are available.

We just had our best Used Book* Sale ever, and we're looking forward to the Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade in July. Our events are posted on our web site IsantiLibrary.org

We also greatly need and appreciate volunteers to help with various other 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 or to arrange donation drop-off: Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

Community Events

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 18 - 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.

Thursday, April 20 - Blood Drive - 12:00pm - 6:00pm

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

Saturday, April 22 - 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.

Tuesday, April 25 - 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.

Monday, May 1 - Water Flushing Begins

The flushing of water mains in the City of Isanti will begin May 1 and end approx. May 5. Check the City's website: www.cityofisanti.us for the water flushing schedule. Contact City Hall with any questions (763) 444-5512.

Saturday, May 6 - City Wide Garage Sale

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

Friday, May 26 - Isanti Family Farmers Market - 2:00pm - 6:00pm

NEW LOCATION - Buy fresh, Buy local! Come shop farm fresh produce, crafts, and home-made goods. The Market will be located at 400 West Dual Blvd., Isanti (just north of the Municipal Liquor Store) and held every Friday from 2:00pm - 6:00pm until September 29.

Other Events:

- Saturday, June 10 - 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 - \$7.50 for persons 60 and older; \$7.50 under 60.

- Sit and Be Fit - Wednesdays and Fridays, \$3/session. Sign up at the Isanti Community Center, or call Isanti Physical Therapy at 763-444-8680.

- Blood pressure checks the 2nd Monday of the Month

Isanti City Wide Garage Sale: May 6, 2017

Please be sure to get on the map.

Any questions call Hannah Christenson 763-444-5083

Movie Nights at the Isanti Community Center

Isanti Parks offers FREE movie nights on select Fridays, October-April. Don't miss the last movie of the season! The Little Prince on April 21st! Showtime is 7:00pm. Doors/concessions open at 6:30 pm. Check out cityofisanti.us for next season's selections!

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.



Farmers Market

New Location! In 2017, the market will be located at 400 West Dual Blvd (just to the north of the Isanti Liquor Store parking lot).

Buy fresh, Buy local! The kick-off of the Isanti Family Farmer's Market is right around the corner; it opens May 26! 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 held every Friday from 2:00pm - 6:00pm (except June 30). If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Market Manager Katie Everett, 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us.



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 208½ First Avenue NW, next to City Hall. For information and reservations call City Hall at 763-444-5512 or email isantiparks@cityofisanti.us.



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