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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**  
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2nd City Council Meeting  
of the month

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

**PARK &  
RECREATION  
BOARD**  
4th Tuesday of the month  
at 5:00 p.m.

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY**  
4th Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00 p.m.

I thought it might be interesting in this issue to look a little closer at who we are as a City. I have used information from the state demographer, U.S. Census and City facts. I also want to highlight some of the great events and groups that make living in Isanti such a joy.

Isanti is approximately 4.4 square miles with 34.54 miles of road, 22 miles of sidewalk and 4.5 miles of trails. We have 8 City parks, a soccer complex, BMX track, Skateboard Park, indoor ice arena, outdoor hockey rink, rodeo grounds, Redbirds baseball and recreational access to the Rum River.

Isanti has grown considerably in the last couple years. In 1970 Isanti had a population of 679, in 1980 it was 858, 1990 1,228 and the 2000 census had us at 2,324. Our current population, per the state demographer, is 5,485 living in approximately 1,550 households, 403 of which are verified rental properties. Our median age is 28 as compared to the county at 35.7 years and the state average of 35.4 years. Isanti's median household income is \$58,419 as compared with \$55,802 for Minnesota and \$41,994 for the nation as a whole.

Isanti has an estimated 125 employers with over 1,400 employees. Our largest employer has approximately 260 employees. Three of our newest businesses - Isanti Retail Meats on Main Street, Charisma on County Road 5 and Ever Cat Fuels in the Industrial park help to grow these numbers. The City of Isanti currently has 40 employees including the Municipal Liquor Store staff.

I now want to shift to our second topic. Isanti has a plethora of events and activities this summer that make us a destination of tens of thousands of visitors. Our biggest event is the July 9th through July 12th Rodeo/Jubilee Days. The Rodeo is a great fund raiser for our Fire District. To learn more go to [www.isantifiedistrict.org](http://www.isantifiedistrict.org). To learn more about Jubilee days and the best parade in the state go to [www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com).


Rum River BMX has flourished the last few years. Isanti will be hosting the Land O' Lakes National Trials for the 2nd year in a row. The normal track races bring in over 100 riders, the National's bring thousands of racers and spectators to our City. If you get a chance take a look at this new Olympic Sport. To learn more go to [www.rumriverbmx.com](http://www.rumriverbmx.com).

The Isanti Red Birds are a City treasure. The games are free to the public and the quality of baseball is terrific. If you have not seen them play, give it a try.

The Soccer complex is buzzing with activity each week during the season. Hundreds of players on game nights and even more during tournaments throughout the summer make Isanti a focal point of soccer talent.

My space is limited so I unfortunately could not cover everything but I wanted to give a brief glimpse of who we are as a City and some of the great things going on in Isanti this summer.

If you have any questions please contact me at [george@georgewimmer.com](mailto:george@georgewimmer.com) or 763-444-7158 or my cell 763-442-8749.



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### POLICE:

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763-444-4761

Emergency

911

Fax 763-444-4868

### PUBLIC WORKS:

763-444-0459

Fax 763-444-5125

### MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE:

763-444-5063

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

## City Offices Closed

**July 3**

Independence Day

**September 7**

Labor Day

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## Restrictive Watering Ban in Force

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

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

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

For a complete copy of the Code visit our website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us). This is enforced by Community Service Officer Wacha, 763-444-4761.

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## If you dig a hole:

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## Economic Development Authority

[cvita@cityofisanti.us](mailto:cvita@cityofisanti.us) • 763-444-5512

The Downtown portion of our City recently welcomed Isanti Retail Meats. This is a project that began as a Business visit with Mr. Demo and has resulted in a thriving business, which has brought more people to our downtown and City. The Isanti Economic Development team brought together the school district and the regional development authority for this project. The collaboration has made the business a success. This business is a great addition to the other niche businesses in our downtown.

The Downtown also will have another mural this summer on the American Family Insurance building. Again, this summer Walter Horcher and Lisa Marie will turn a blank wall into a work of art. This project is partially funded by a grant from the East Central Regional Development Commission Arts Council. Watching the wall change will be a great treat.

The discount store that was formerly in the Union Crossing mall moved to the same downtown mall as the Post Office. The selection of items is large and wide. With the addition of the discount store, the downtown storefronts are filling up beautifully.

### Nuisance Complaints

As a reminder, grass mowing nuisances are handled on a complaint basis. To express your concern on a property, please call Community Service Officer Wacha at 444.4761. All grass mowing complaint properties from 2008 will not rollover in 2009.

### Neighborhood Stabilization Funds

The City of Isanti was one of the few cities in greater Minnesota to receive funds to help fight the foreclosure crisis. The City was granted over \$500,000 to assist homeowners purchasing homes in targeted neighborhoods. The funds are for the purchase of an owner occupied foreclosed home and/or rehabilitation of a foreclosed home. The intent is to fill some of the vacant foreclosed homes and to bring some stability back to our neighborhoods. If you know someone who is interested in purchasing a home, this is a wonderful opportunity. Please have them call Lenae at Central Minnesota Housing Partnership at 320.259.0393 or visit the City's website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us) for more information.

### New Business Relocation

We urge you to let Community Development Director Vita (763-444-5512 or [cvita@cityofisanti.us](mailto:cvita@cityofisanti.us)) know of any business or industry that may have interest in our community or that may be considering relocating from their current location. The Isanti Team will work to assist the business to be a part of our business community.

### Road Construction

For road construction updates, please check the City's website, [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us) and click on the Construction link for more information. The information is updated with the latest information.

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## Community Development

### Building Department

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The total number of building permits issued in April 2009 shows an increase of the number of building permits compared to April of 2008. In April of 2008 we issued a total of 10 residential building permits. In April of 2009 we issued a total of 38 residential building permits.

Many of you took advantage of my offer in the Spring Isantian to have your old expired permits finalized without additional fees. I thank you. For others of you, your time is running out. Give me a call and let's talk about it.

Please remember I am your public servant, when you have a question pertaining to building or permitting don't hesitate to give me a call. I will do my best to answer it or try to direct you to someone who can.

*City of Isanti Building Official  
Rick Sames*

### Burning Permits

City Code prohibits burning by MN State Statutes 88.1 and 88.22 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 including wood fences.

Burning grass, leaves, brush and lumber requires a permit. Permits can be obtained at Isanti Hardware Hank 444-5565. City codes are available at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us). Additional burning information can be found on Isanti Hardware Hank website: [www.isantihardwarehank.com](http://www.isantihardwarehank.com) and they have a link to the DNR website.

### Bicycles, Roller blades and Skateboard use

Reminder that City Code Chapter 99 states that it is illegal for people to ride a bicycle, use a skateboard or roller blades upon the sidewalk on Main Street between 2nd Avenue and the railroad tracks from the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The code also states that usage of bicycles, use of a skateboard or roller blades in a careless, reckless or negligent manner in disregard for the rights or safety of property or any other person anywhere in City limits is unlawful. For more information on this code, please check the City's website at [cityofisanti.us](http://cityofisanti.us) or call City Hall at 444.5512.



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### Weed and Grass Nuisances

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

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

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

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

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

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

For complete copies of the Code and fee schedule visit our website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us). This is enforced by Community Service Officer Wacha, 763-444-4761.

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## Community Development

### 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 AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jan Peterson  
763-444-8515

#### ISANTI COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Sue Larson  
763-286-9964

#### ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf  
763-689-8220

#### ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

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#### ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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#### MEALS ON WHEELS/ SENIOR DINING

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Steve Anderson  
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If your organization is not listed, please contact Isanti Community Involvement Team, Sue Larson 763-286-9964

### Amendments to Recreational Vehicle Parking Code

On April 21, 2009, the City Council approved an amendment to Chapter 227, Article II of the Isanti County Code; which establishes regulations for the parking and storage of recreational and other equipment within residential areas of the City. The amendments established seasonal time frames for the parking of snowmobiles, which will be permitted from December 1st to April 1st and ATVs, which will be permitted from June 1st to November 30th.

Snowmobiles and ATVs will be permitted within the front yard, during the time period noted above; providing that such vehicles must be on a trailer in the driveway. If such vehicles are located in the rear of side yards (with or without a trailer), there is no restriction on the time period allowed per calendar year. However, the vehicles must be no closer than three (3) feet from the property line, must be located on an impervious surface, and must be screened from adjacent properties. A copy of the code can be found on the city's website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us). If you have questions regarding the new code provisions, please contact Steve Wacha, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761.

### Student Representative

On March 3, 2009, the City Council approved the volunteer position for a student representative to sit on the Park Board. The City Council felt that this position would give one area student an opportunity to get involved in the governmental decision-making process. In addition, a student's prospective on the City's park related programs and opportunities would be a great asset to the community and would enable the City to be responsive to the needs and requests of the community's youth.

If you are a high school student (ages 14-18), reside within the City of Isanti, and have an interest in local government and/or park and recreation issues; then the City would encourage you to apply for the position. A copy of the qualifications, description and duties, and application requirements can be requested by contacting Lisa Krause, City Planner/Parks Coordinator, at (763) 444-5512 or via e-mail at [lkrause@cityofisanti.us](mailto:lkrause@cityofisanti.us).

### Street Addressing and Directionals

In March 2007, the City Council had approved a new street addressing system for the east side of TH 65. In doing so, all addresses throughout the City of Isanti would be required to include the necessary street directional as part of their mailing address. As shown on the map provided, the City of Isanti is divided into four (4) quadrants based upon a "zero line." Where Main Street divides the City into north and south; the Burlington Northern Santa Fe divides the City into east and west. The result is four (4) quadrants which include: northwest, southwest, northeast, and southeast, within the City of Isanti.

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

### Sign Regulations

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

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



## Administrative/Finance

### 2010 Budget Process

City Staff began working on the 2010 budget in late April as individual departments began determining their expected expenditures for next year.

May 2009 – Department heads meet with the City Administrator and Finance Director and put together each department's budget.

June-Early July 2009 ..... City's Finance Committee to review entire budget. Individual Committees and Boards will review their budgets.

Mid July-August 2009 ... City Council work sessions held to review each department's budget.

September 1, 2009 ..... Isanti City Council to approve the 2010 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy.

December 2009 ..... Truth in Taxation Public Hearings to be held

December 15, 2009 .... Isanti City Council to approve the 2010 Final Budget and Tax Levy.

Please check the City's website for updates to this schedule.

### Mayor's Great Yard Award

Spring has arrived! The flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and the green grass will soon be growing. As City residents' yards begin to flourish for the summer, I am happy to announce that the Park and Recreation Board will be kicking off its third year of the "Mayor's Great Yard Award." This award recognizes the hard work, dedication, and creativity of our residents in maintaining a beautiful City. Award winners will receive prizes for first, second, and third place; which are donated by various local businesses.

The awards are open to all Isanti City residents. Nominations will be accepted through Park and Recreation staff, Lisa Krause, who can be contacted at [lkrause@cityofisanti.us](mailto:lkrause@cityofisanti.us) or by mail or drop off at City Hall, 110 First Avenue N, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN 55040. You may nominate yourself or any property within the Isanti city limits. The Park and Recreation Board will judge all entries and make recommendations to the Mayor for award winners. Awards will be presented for June, July and August. You may not win consecutive awards. All Park and Recreation Board members as well as city staff and their immediate family members are not eligible. All nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. The awards will be presented by the Mayor at the following Council meeting.

### New Zoning Ordinance

On October 21st, 2008, the Isanti City Council approved a new zoning ordinance. The new ordinance will help the community to grow and develop into the future. The new zoning ordinance as well as all planning and zoning applications can be found on the city's website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us). If you have questions regarding the new ordinance provisions or the planning process, please contact Lisa Krause, City Planner at (763) 444-5512 or via e-mail at [lkrause@cityofisanti.us](mailto:lkrause@cityofisanti.us).

### City of Isanti 2008 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter

At the May 5, 2009 City Council meeting council approved the 2008 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter. The reports can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us).

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### Sign Reminders

- As this is the season for garage sales and garage sale signs, the City would like to remind those individuals locating such signs along City streets, to please remove the sign after the sale is complete.

- 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.


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### Consumer Confidence Report

#### City of Isanti 2008 Drinking Water Report

The City of Isanti is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for year 2008. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

A copy of the entire report can be found on the website: [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us). You may also request a copy at Isanti City Hall 763-444-5512.

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## Public Works/Engineering/Police Department



### Basketball Courts for Bluebird Park

The City of Isanti will be looking at the feasibility of providing basketball courts within Bluebird Park. The approved site plan for Bluebird Park shows basketball/tennis courts within the southwest corner of the park. While the basketball courts are only in the preliminary planning stages, the City believes that the courts would be a welcome addition to the park. For additional information or details, please contact City staff at (763) 444-5512.

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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 out September 15th with an advertising deadline of August 19. The winter newsletter will be sent out December 15th with an advertising deadline of November 25th.

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

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

## 2009 Construction Projects

### Isanti Water Treatment Facility

Construction of the Isanti Water Treatment Facility is well underway. The new facility is located on the same site as the Isanti water tower. The water treatment plant will treat the City's drinking water to reduce radium, manganese and iron being pumped into the distribution system. The iron is what causes red or rusty looking water and the manganese causes black streaking on fixtures and in some cases foul odors with the water.

The construction crews are currently working on process piping work on the interior of the facility and final grading and restoration work on the exterior. It is planned that the new facility will be completed and online by September of 2009.

### TH65 and CR 5 Intersection Improvements

Roadwork on Highway 65 in Isanti began the week of Monday, May 11, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The work includes installation of a new dual-turn-lane on the northbound lanes of Highway 65 and the replacement of a traffic signal system at the intersection of Highway 65 and Isanti County Road 5. Travelers may encounter lane restrictions. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained through the work zone. Motorists should slow down and watch for trucks hauling materials in the area. Work is expected to be completed by mid-July, weather permitting. For updated statewide traffic, construction, weather and travel information, visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).

### 3rd Avenue Improvements

3rd Avenue north of Isanti Parkway, adjacent to the soccer complex, will be reconstructed starting in mid July. The construction will consist of grading for the road way and future trail on the east side of the street, adding some drainage improvements and paving of the street surface. Street lights will be added along the length of the project. This project is expected to take 2 months to complete.

### 2008 Development Completion

Near the end of the last construction season final restoration and erosion clean up was completed in a number of developments around Isanti. Final restoration and turf establishment will be completed on these projects this spring. Final completion is expected to be early summer for these projects.

### 2008 Street and Utility Improvements

The final bituminous wear will be placed along the portions of Elizabeth Street, 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue that were constructed last year. The Contractor will complete the final restorations and cleanup work by early summer.

### 7th Avenue Improvements

The final bituminous wear course and miscellaneous cleanup work will be completed on 7th Avenue between Cajima Street and Golden Way early this summer.

### Deer Haven Development Improvements

The final bituminous wear course, concrete replacement and miscellaneous cleanup work will be completed in the Deer Haven Development this summer.

### Miscellaneous Pothole Patching

The public works staff will be completing various street and intersection patches through the summer months. Please use caution around the workers and obey the temporary traffic control devices in all areas of construction throughout the construction season.

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

## Isanti Police Department

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We have had a recent increase in thefts. Most of our thefts are items taken from unlocked vehicles. PLEASE ensure that if you park your car outside, please lock the doors. PLEASE pass this on to your friends and family members too. Some of these thefts have occurred in the middle of the day. Many of these thefts could have been prevented if the vehicles were locked.

We have also had an increase in party/loud music complaints. If you wish to enjoy your backyard or garage, please be respectful of your neighbors. Why not invite them over?

This year for National Night Out we are taking the event back to the neighborhoods. We are NOT having our annual city size gathering at the Community Center. Instead we are taking the event to your neighborhood. If you have a crime fighter in your neighborhood that deserves recognition or if you would like the police department to attend your get together for National Night Out on August 4th, 2009, please let us know! I have always enjoyed participating in National Night Out and hope this great tradition continues!

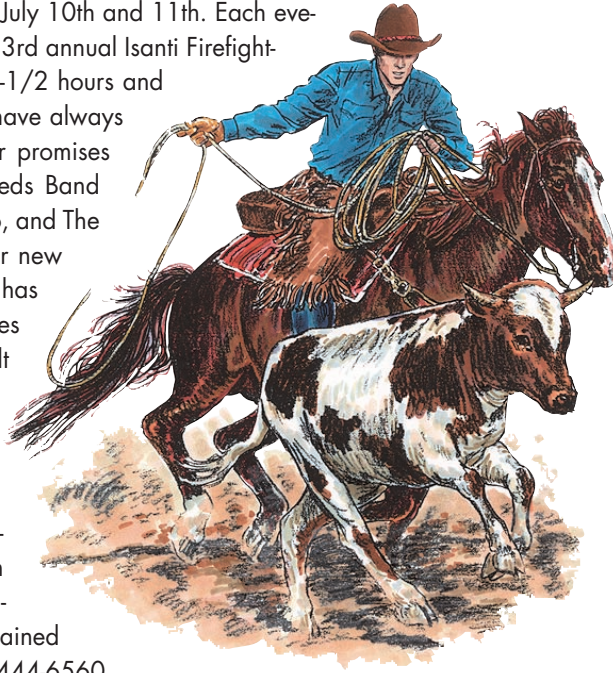
**Ronald A. Sager**  
Chief of Police



## Community Events

### Everything is Fine for 2009! - [www.isantifiedistrict.org](http://www.isantifiedistrict.org)

The countdown has begun! The dates are July 10th and 11th. Each evening it begins at 6:30 p.m. The event? The 33rd annual Isanti Firefighters Rodeo! The rodeo lasts approximately 2-1/2 hours and features all seven events of rodeo. Dances have always been a fun part of the event and this year promises to continue that tradition. The Killer Hayseeds Band play Friday night immediately after the rodeo, and The High Noon Band plays Saturday night. Our new updated website - [www.isantifiedistrict.org](http://www.isantifiedistrict.org) - has a rodeo section. Visit it for information updates and to order tickets online. Advance adult ticket prices remain at \$10.00; children 4-12 are \$5.00 and 3 and under are free. Premier covered VIP seats located directly above the bucking chutes are available for \$60.00 and include up-close parking, catered food, beverages, and the best seat in the house! Call 763-444-5589 for these limited VIP seats. Further information can be obtained by calling the new rodeo "hotline" at 763-444-6560.



Invite your friends and relatives and make it a family weekend to remember! In our pursuit to meet and hopefully exceed the entertainment value you place on the rodeo, we as firefighters are also guided by a strong belief in the value of giving back to the community and the people we serve. We're there when you need us. The Isanti Firefighters are honored to be serving our community and we are very appreciative of your support. See you July 10th and 11th. It's a weekend you don't want to miss! You've heard about the rest - now come see the best! We'll help you remember old-time fun! Proceeds go towards the enhancement of your hometown fire and rescue services. Thank You.

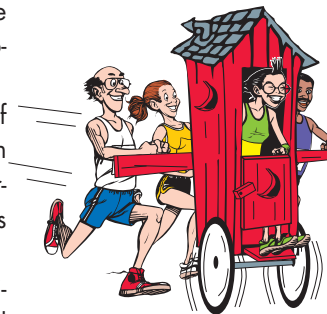
## 33rd Annual Isanti Firefighters Rodeo July 10-11, 2009

### Jubilee Days Set for July 9-12, 2009

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce and its 165 members are proud to sponsor Jubilee Days coinciding with the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Association's Rodeo on July 9 through 12, 2009.

The 2009 Rodeo Jubilee Days begin on Thursday, July 9 with one of the largest parades in the state. The parade begins at 6:30 PM at Main St. and 5th Avenue with a flyover by the T-6 Thunder. Food and beverage vendors will be stationed along the parade route for spectator's convenience.

Watch your local newspapers for a detailed schedule of all the activities and check the Community Events in the 'Isantian'. Thank your local businesses often because without their donations and hard work, these activities would not be possible. The Isanti Chamber would like to include a fireworks display after the parade this year so when you see the Jubilee Days donation buckets around town, please donate. Accept our thanks in advance. See you at the 2009 Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days!



### Wise Ways to Use Water

- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until the water gets cold.
- Take shorter showers. A quick shower rather than a bath can save an average of 20 gallons of water. EPA recommends taking three- to five-minute showers.
- Garbage disposals use approximately 11.5 gallons of water per day. Try composting organic wastes instead.
- Use the dishwasher and washer only when you have full loads.
- Use mulch around trees to slow evaporation.
- Direct downspouts and other runoff toward shrubs, trees and gardens.
- Water lawns and plants early in the morning or during the evening when there is less evaporation.

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# Community Events

## 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 SW  
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.



#### KEY



## TUESDAY, JUNE 16

11:30 a.m. MAYOR'S EMPLOYER LUNCHEON on Main Street (west of Family Pathways)

## MONDAY, JUNE 22

Isanti Chamber of Commerce ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - 2:00 p.m.  
Shotgun Start. Call 763-444-8515 or [www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com) for more infor-  
mation.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

10:30 a.m. TAKE A KID FISHING DAY at Martin's Landing, Whiskey Road south of Co. R. 5 to  
Martin Landing Rd. Sign up sheet can be picked up at City Hall. Call Ron Sager  
at 763-444-4761 Ext. 101 with questions. Sponsored by Isanti Sportsman's Club  
and Isanti Lions

5-7 p.m. BIRTHDAY BBQ at the Isanti Rodeo Grounds, celebrating City of Isanti's 110th  
birthday, sponsored by the Isanti Lions. Tickets can be purchased from the 2008  
Isanti Ambassadors, 2009 Isanti Ambassador Candidates and at Isanti Hardware  
Hank – tickets are \$5 – children 3 and under free.

7-9 p.m. Following the BBQ, music will be provided by DJ Tim Hemsworth at no charge.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28

11:30 a.m. RUM RIVER FLOAT at Country Camping-  
763-444-9626. Tubes may be rented at a  
discount for the day and transportation provided  
to Martin's Landing. Ambassadors  
and Candidates will serve root beer floats to all  
tubers at the end of the Float at  
Country Camping.



## THURSDAY, JULY 9

3:00 p.m. 26th Annual PIG AND TURKEY ROAST, at Isanti  
Community Center. The pig &  
turkey will be prepared by Isanti Custom Meats.  
Live entertainment by Angie Senger. For information on  
advance tickets and ticket prices call 763-444-8515 or  
[www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com)

6:30 p.m. JUBILEE DAYS PARADE [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us) for parade  
route, [www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com); for signup forms call  
Brian 612-308-7089. There will be a fly over by the  
T-6 Thunder preceding the parade.

4-10 p.m. PIE & ICE CREAM at Faith Lutheran Church,  
109 2nd Avenue N.



## FRIDAY, JULY 10

ISANTI RODEO/JUBILEE DAYS [www.isantifiredistrict.org](http://www.isantifiredistrict.org); [www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com)

11 to 2 p.m. COMMUNITY PICNIC, Sponsored by Community Pride Bank  
– Food, music & fun – 905 - 6th Ave Ct NE (across from Isanti  
City Equipment on Hwy 65)

7:30 p.m. RODEO PERFORMANCE followed by dance featuring  
"Killer Hayseeds"



## Community Events

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

- 7:30 a.m. Preregister for FITNESS RUN/WALK at corner of Main St and 1st Ave: There will be a 5 mile run and a 2 mile walk starting at 8 a.m. Medals will be awarded.
- All day: FOOD COURT at Isanti City Hall parking lot; ALSO craft vendors, bingo, pie social, corn feed and wellness screening
- 9 a.m./1 p.m. Isanti VFW HORSESHOE TOURNEY at the VFW
- 10-1 p.m. FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES; Pony Rides, Kiddie Games, and Obstacle Moonwalk
- 12:00 noon ROYAL BOX LUNCH AUCTION, 2009 Isanti Ambassador Candidates and the 2008 Ambassadors will be gathering on Main Street with their "Box Lunches" to be auctioned to the highest bidder. Col. Lyle Bostrom, Auctioneer, will be on hand to award the highest bidders the opportunity to have their special lunches with the Ambassadors and Candidates. Proceeds help defray Isanti Ambassador Program expenses.
- 12:00 noon Register for TURTLE RACES, races start at 1:00 p.m. on Main Street
- 2:00 p.m. 20th Annual ISANTI outhouse RACES, contact Tammy at Lake State Federal Credit Union for information, rules and regulations for houses and to register. 763-444-8120 or email thoveland@lakestatefcu.com
- 7:30 p.m. RODEO PERFORMANCE followed by dance featuring "High Noon"

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 4:00 p.m. AMBASSADOR CORONATION at Isanti Civic Center, admission is 2009 Isanti Rodeo-Jubilee Day Button and \$2.00. 2008 Isanti Ambassadors Robin Hardy, Stephanie Hanson and Maria Harper will crown the 2009 Isanti Ambassador. A reception will follow and the Button Winners will be announced.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 9 a.m.-9 p.m. VIETNAM VETERAN'S PIG ROAST – Bluebird Park – contact Jaysen Guthmueller 763-444-4554

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 25 & 26

- NATIONAL BMX – BMX Track, Isanti Parkway NW just east of Bluebird Park, 763-444-5429 or [www.rumriverbmx.com](http://www.rumriverbmx.com)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – There will not be the annual city gathering at the Community Center this year, however the Isanti Police Department is encouraging neighborhoods to organize and coordinate this event to take place within their own neighborhood. If you have a crime fighter in your neighborhood that deserves recognition or if you would like the police department to attend your National Night Out event, contact the Isanti Police Department at 763-444-4761.



### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 & 8

SIDEWALK SALES, CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET, for more information contact Isanti Chamber at 763-444-8515 or [www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com)



## Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex  
BMX Track  
Isanti Ice Arena  
Martin's Landing  
(DNR Canoe Landing)  
Redbirds Baseball Field  
**For links visit:**  
[www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

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## Tree Planting at Bluebird Park

The landscape has changed again at Bluebird Park! City staff, members of the City Council, Planning Commission, and Park and Recreation Board; along with many other volunteers spent a Monday evening planting new trees within Bluebird Park. The tree planting within Bluebird Park has become a yearly tradition, as the City remains dedicated to the enhancement of its various park and recreation areas and facilities.

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## FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 12  
For more information  
contact Isanti Chamber at  
763-444-8515 or [www.isantichamber.com](http://www.isantichamber.com)







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