

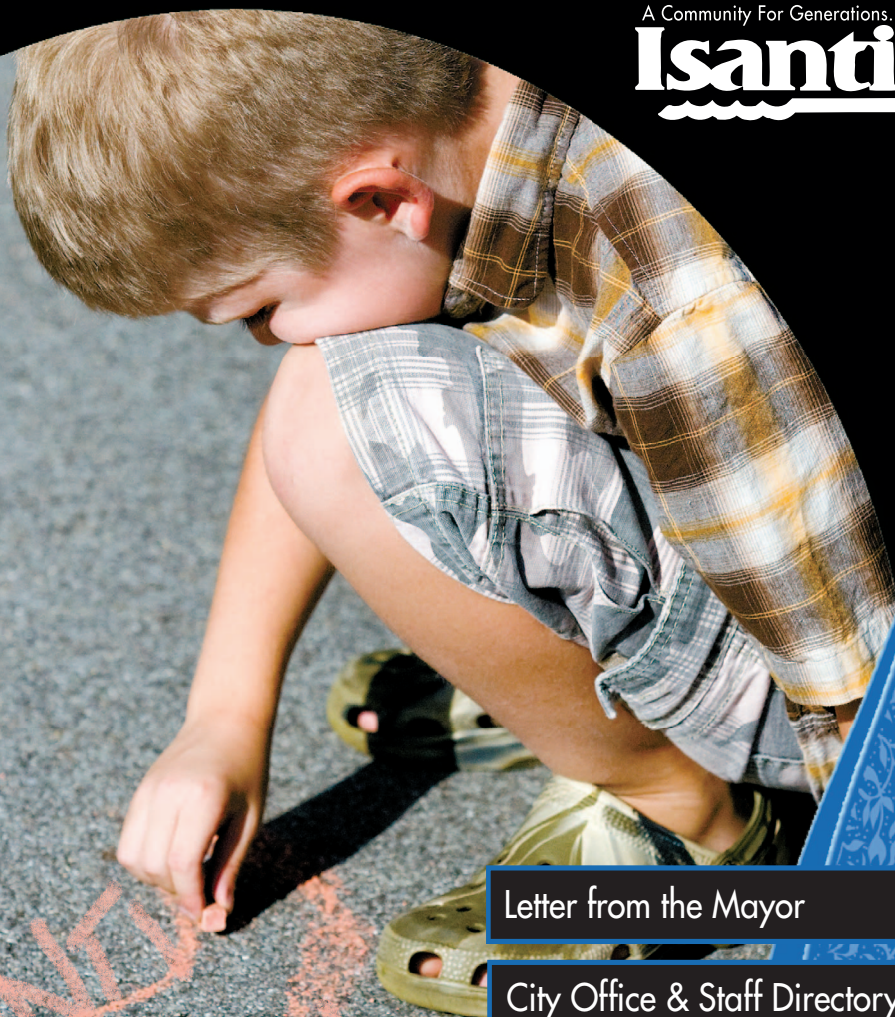
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Letter from the Mayor



**Mayor
George A. Wimmer**

CITY MEETING DATES:

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

CITY COUNCIL

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

Held at 5:45 prior to the
2nd City Council Meeting
of the month

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

4th Tuesday of the month
at 5:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

4th Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.

We have an exciting summer ahead of us in Isanti. The Isanti Farmer's Market has been a good success and continues to build into a bigger event each and every week. Our Soccer complex, BMX track, baseball fields and rodeo grounds will be hosting tens of thousands of visitors to our great City. Our hometown Redbirds baseball team is great to watch and games are free.

June 24th we will be hosting the Mayor's Employer Luncheon. It seems hard to believe that it has been three years since I created the event to honor and highlight our tremendous business community. We have over 130 employers with more than 1400 employees in the City. We added 10 new businesses to Isanti in 2009 and 6 more in the first 5 months of 2010. Our hard work continues to pay off as we have developed a significant pool of funds to help attract even more high impact commercial developments. Providing good paying jobs and diversifying our tax base is job #1.

We are taking nominations for the Mayor's Great Yard Award. For our new residents, this program helps to highlight the tremendous work many of our citizens do to maintain and improve their yards. I secure private funding each year so City funds are never used for the monthly monetary awards.

We have a few other accomplishments I want to discuss. We completed the City's Capital Improvement Plan which details out for the first time in a comprehensive way the sum total of all City infrastructure and equipment and puts these assets on a replacement schedule. That means the City will be able to know that the snowplow it buys today will need to be replaced by a certain date at a certain cost and that we will start setting aside money for it today. This applies to roads and utilities and all City assets. When we build a road it has a certain lifecycle with appropriate maintenance. We have a lot of new equipment and infrastructure in the City from the building boom. The downside to all of this is it needs to be maintained and replaced as the years go by. I will not leave a mountain of debt for the next generation to pay while we benefit today. When I was first elected, City net debt was \$1,904 per man, woman and child – today it is \$826 or a 57% cut. Our debt to asset ratio in the City has also improved by 24% and our administrative cost to run the City is 33% less than our peer group of Minnesota cities. We did this all the while reducing our City tax levy rate by nearly 30%.

Rodeo/Jubilee Days start Thursday July 8th. I hope to see you at the Community Center where I will be serving for the Pig Roast from 3-5 just before the parade. The parade is so much fun and draws thousands of spectators from all over the region. Friday the rodeo starts and in the evenings there will be great music. Go to www.isantifiedistrict.org/isanti_rodeo_assc for all your rodeo questions. Do not miss the Community Picnic on Friday July 9th where the food and fun is free. Saturday July 10th at 10am, I will be at the Ambassador's Dunk Tank so if you want to dunk me in ice cold water, here is your chance. The exciting weekend comes to an end at the Coronation Ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Go to www.isantichamber.com/ to learn more about the parade, Community Picnic, Kids' Day and all Jubilee Days questions.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me: 763-444-7158, 763-442-8749 or George@georgewimmer.com.



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

Community Development

Wise Ways to Use Water

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

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out September 14th with an advertising deadline of August 18th.

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

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

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Economic Development Authority

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The Isanti Economic Development Authority's function is to promote, market and assist the development and redevelopment within the City of Isanti. Business retention and allowing for the expansion of existing Isanti businesses is vital to the success of our community. The City has a number of economic development tools in place to help businesses make the move to Isanti or to remain within the community. For more information please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at ssullivan@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-5512 X 111.

Isanti is the home of 129 businesses. These businesses employ nearly 1,400 people within our community. Our five largest employers include: United Parcel Service, Rum River Ornamental, McDonald's, Advanced Telemetry Systems, and the Cambridge-Isanti School District 911. Our vibrant business community provides quality jobs, a substantial tax base and is actively involved in the community.

Mayor's Employer Celebration Luncheon

The Isanti Economic Development Authority is a proud sponsor of the Mayor's Employer Celebration Luncheon held on June 24, 2010 at Isanti City Hall from 11:30-1:00. This event recognizes Isanti Employers for Isanti milestone anniversaries and provides a gratis picnic lunch. The City looks forward to the attendance of all members of the Isanti business community.

Isanti Family Farmer's Market

The Isanti Family Farmer's Market has been a refreshing new addition to the Isanti Saturday morning routine for a number of Isanti and area residents. Live music, great food, shopping and artisans make this weekend activity a must. The event is held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eagle Park in Historic Downtown Isanti. While you are Downtown don't forget to support your local businesses and to shop local. The Farmers Market happens rain or shine and is moved to the Isanti Ice Arena when the weather is not conducive to outdoor activities. If you wish to participate as a vendor or have other questions please contact Jaysen Guthmueller at 763-444-4554.

Building Department

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What fantastic weather we've had this spring! BUT by the time you read this article we may very well be experiencing a hotter, dryer spell and thus the following reminder. The Isanti watering ordinance restricts watering to certain days of the week as well as certain times of the day. For complete details please call the City's offices at 763-444-5512.

Shallow "sand point wells," commonly used for lawn irrigation, are permitted but there are specific installation and registration requirements mandated by the Well Management Section of the Minnesota Department of Health. The wells must be capped by a licensed well driller when they are abandoned or are no longer "in use." For further details contact the MDH directly at 651-201-4600 or call my office.

We have experienced a better start for housing permits in the first quarter of 2010 than either 2008 or 2009. We've had 7 new home building permits through April of this year compared to 0 through April of 2008 and 2009. Total numbers for all types of permits increased from 41 in 2008, 80 in 2009 to 95 in 2010. The value of the permits increased from \$1,009,527.00 in 2008, \$294,763.00 in 2009, and \$1,054,487.00 in 2010.

Swimming pools with a capacity of 5000 gallons or more and a water depth of 2' or more require permits.

Recreational fires are allowed within the following parameters. The fires shall be contained within a fire ring with a maximum diameter of 3' and flames shall not exceed 3' in height. Fire rings shall be placed a minimum of 25' from a combustible structure. Recreational fires are prohibited during times when fire bans are in place because of dry conditions.

Have a great summer!

Rick Sames,

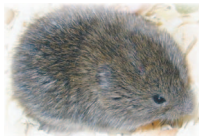
City of Isanti Building Official

Community Development

Turf damage from rodents - How do I know what rodent is causing the damage and how can I solve it?

Ground foraging rodents create a number of different problems for home owners. Some rodents create above ground grassy runways in the turf areas while others burrow just under the surface or create mounds. All of them damage lawns in one way or another. If you see these types of runways it is possible that you may have one or more rodents living and feeding in your yard. Voles, moles and gophers are three of the most common lawn and garden pests. Sometimes there is confusion figuring out what type of pest(s) you have because all three of these pests live the majority of their lives underground and are seldom seen.

Lawn Voles (also called Field Mice)



During late March and April we get many calls about voles and vole damage in grass areas. Unfortunately, the name 'vole' is close to the name 'mole' causing some confusion and miscommunication. Voles are a pest in turf and landscaped areas for two reasons: they tunnel and burrow above the soil in the turf areas, and they gnaw on the trunks and roots of various trees and ornamental plants in search of food.

There are two reasons why these pests are in your lawn. First, the environment provided from lush lawns are also a prime breeding and feeding area for lawn insect pest, grubs (or insect larvae) and earth worms. The rich, well-irrigate soil in which the turf grasses grow are a haven for crickets, worms, grubs and insects which feed on lawns. Voles eat these insects and worms. Second, many homeowners with vole infestations usually live close to a wooded area or wetland. As development decreases these natural areas, the voles look for new habitat in your maintained yards.

Lawn Moles



Since voles are not the only animal pests responsible for runways in lawn and garden areas, they are often confused with moles. Moles produce two types of runways in your yard. One runway runs just beneath the surface. These are feeding tunnels and appear as raised ridges running across your lawn. Moles have a similar diet to voles which consists of worms, grubs and insects. The second type of runway runs deeper and enables the moles to unite the feeding tunnels in a network. It is the soil excavated from the deep tunnels that homeowners find on their lawns, piled up in mounds that resemble little volcanoes. These mounds are a dead giveaway that your problem is not voles, but moles. Voles leave no mounds at all behind.

Lawn Gophers (also called Pocket Gophers)



Pocket Gophers are vegetarians that feed on roots of plants and grasses. Mounds are formed as the gopher digs its tunnel and pushes the loose dirt to the surface. The mounds they create are usually fan shaped and clustered in an area which is characteristic evidence of their presence. Mounds of fresh soil are a sign of pocket gopher presence within a tunnel system. The hole, which is off to one side of the mound is usually plugged, keeping intruders out of burrows. One gopher can do a lot of damage; it may look like your yard is infested with these critters when in reality it's only one!

Recommended Treatment

There are a number of products that can be used to help reduce the damage caused by these pests in your yard. One of the most effective solutions to drive voles, moles and gophers away from your yard is to use a **granular deterrent** with 'castor oil' as the active ingredient. Not only do the granules drive the rodents away, but it's also beneficial for your lawn and garden. You can do your entire yard at once, or distribute the granules in sections to drive the moles or gophers out a specific exit. To herd these pests away, just start at the farthest point from your desired exit and apply a third of the granules. A few days later, cover the next third, then the final third a few days after that. Water will activate the scent that annoys these pests, so either water well after applying the granules or let the rain soak your yard.

Another effective method to help eliminate the desire for rodents in your yard is to use a **turf insecticide** with active ingredients such as Acephate or Talstar. This will reduce the food source and potentially the desire of the pests to enter your yard. These type of products can be purchased at your local hardware or farm supply store.

For either of these options please follow the precautionary instructions on the product bag for application rates and proper handling. To administer either of these products you can contact a local listing under Pest Control Contractors.

Oleander is a botanical flower deterrent that can also be used to control moles and gophers. Many people will line the edge of their mole or gopher prone areas with this plant, as the rodents seem to dislike them, although it's unclear why. In any case, Oleander is certainly a pretty flower, likely to compliment any lawn or garden.



There are also a number of rodent poisons and traps on the market. Keep in mind when using poisons not all of them are legal, and none of them are safe around kids or pets. It's recommended that you contact a local professional pest control company to review these options before using them.

In closing, most cases the turf is only temporarily esthetically damaged as the roots are still in place and will grow out as time allows, so be patient and your lawn will restore itself to the original beauty in no time at all. Some situations may require additional restoration work including topsoil placement, fertilization and seeding.

Sources: Mole Control at: www.volecontrol.com; Moles vs. Gophers at: www.ehow.com/how_4864628_identify-mole-gopher.html; Home Pest Control: Vole Control and Identification at: www.landscaping.about.com/cs/pests/a/vole_control.htm.

Park Shelter Reservations

Park shelters are available in both Bluebird and Mattson Parks for reservation beginning April 1st through September 30th. Requests for reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications for such reservations can be made and submitted at City Hall, Parks Department, 110 First Avenue NW, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN; via fax at (763) 444-5560, or via e-mail to lkrause@cityofisanti.us. If the reservation meets the definition of a special event, a special event permit would be required. Applications can be found on-line at www.cityofisanti.us. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Lisa Krause, City Planner/Parks Coordinator at (763) 444-5512.

Athletic Field Reservations

Athletic fields are also available for reservation beginning April 1st through September 30th on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications for such reservations can be made and submitted at City Hall, 110 First Avenue NW, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN; via fax at (763) 444-5560, or via e-mail to lkrause@cityofisanti.us. Requests for the use of the Unity Park Softball field will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Fees are charged per day. Payment must be made by the individual or group requesting use of the facility. If the member filing the application can prove residency, a reduced rate will be applied. Applications can be found on-line at www.cityofisanti.us. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Lisa Krause, City Planner/Parks Coordinator at (763) 444-5512.

Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

City Offices Closed

July 5

Independence Day

September 6

Labor Day

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 five feet from the base of the fire.

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. Additional burning information can be found on Isanti Hardware Hank website: www.isantihardwarehank.com and they have a link to the DNR website.

Vandalism in City Parks

The City has seen a rash of vandalism to city park equipment and amenities. The City works had to provide and maintain the amenities found in City parks. These amenities should be valued and respected so they can be enjoyed by all park users. If you witness vandalism taking place, please contact the Police Department at 763-444-4761 or City Hall staff at 763-444-5512.

Engineering Project Updates

County Road 5 Lift Station Replacement

The sanitary sewer lift station located near Subway along the south side of County Road 5 will be replaced starting near the end of May 2010. The structural integrity of the concrete structure has deteriorated to the point of failure. Portions of the walls of the structure have lost over half of the thickness due to the corrosion from the sanitary sewage over time. This project will be constructed by the low bidder, Kuechle Underground, Inc. from Kimball, Minnesota. Kuechle Underground submitted a bid that was substantially below the budget for this project. The project will involve the replacement of the deteriorated lift station and forcemain. The forcemain will be routed along Credit Union Drive and connected to the existing sanitary sewer system along Main Street.



Railroad Avenue Improvements

We are currently working on the final design of a project that includes the reconstruction of approximately 1750-feet of Railroad Avenue S.E. from Palomino Road S.E. to Towns Edge Road S.E. The project will include the paving of this segment of Railroad Avenue S.E. with the addition of a bituminous trail and trunk water line. Construction is expected to begin in July of 2010.



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

Weed and Grass Nuisances

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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On June 5th, 2010, the Isanti Lions, Isanti County Sportsmen's Club and the Police Department sponsored Take a Kid Fishing at Martin's Landing in Isanti.

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

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

We received another grant for officers to work overtime enforcing the seatbelt and DUI laws. I know at times it becomes bothersome when the officers are working extra hard on traffic safety but I believe the pay off in the long run is well worth it.

Have a fun and safe summer – Chief Ronald A. Sager

Sign Regulations

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

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

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force

The Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force was first thought of in 2007. In early 2008 the Isanti County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the development and implementation of an Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force. Most of 2009 was used to develop action plans, find committee members and build the structure for success. In 2010 the Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force was officially recognized by the Governor and Adjutant General as an official entity.

Our mission is to support and inform Isanti County service members and their families throughout the entire deployment cycle so they are aware of the services available to them.

Our goal is to establish an Isanti county wide deployment cycle support program that provides information, services, referral, and proactive outreach opportunities for service members and their families throughout the entire deployment cycle - before, during and after deployment.

Within your city limits we have already been able to provide services to one of our residents. Before he returned from a year long deployment in Iraq, we, along with the Isanti Lions, painted all the walls in his home, shampooed all of the carpets, cleaned all of the major appliances, stocked his food shelves and de-iced, shoveled and scraped his sidewalk and driveway for his return in January.

If any of the residents of Isanti would like to know more about our organization they can go to www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org. They will find a great deal of information about what we are doing along with contact information. If any of the City of Isanti citizens would like to join and support our efforts, we are always looking for more businesses, organizations and private citizens to support our effort. Thank you for the opportunity to share our message with all the citizens of the City of Isanti.

Bob Boone, Chairman

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force



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 www.cityofisanti.us or call City Hall at 444.5512.

Restrictive Watering Ban in Force

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

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

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

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

Administrative/Finance

City of Isanti 2009 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter

At the April 20, 2010 City Council meeting council approved the 2009 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter. The 2009 Annual Financial Report will soon be available on the City's website at www.cityofisanti.us.

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.

Consumer Confidence Report

City of Isanti 2009 Drinking Water Report

The City of Isanti is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for year 2009. 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. You may also request a copy at Isanti City Hall 763-444-5512.

2011 Budget Process

City Staff began working on the 2011 budget in late April as individual departments began determining their expected expenditures for next year.

May 2010	Department heads meet w/the City Administrator & Finance Director and put together each department's budget.
June-Early July 2010	City's Finance Committee to review entire budget. Individual Committees and Boards will review their budgets.
Mid July-August 2010	City Council work sessions held to review each department's budget.
September 7, 2010	Isanti City Council to approve the 2011 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy.
December 7, 2010	Budget Presentation and Isanti City Council to approve the 2011 Final Budget and Tax Levy.

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

Mayor's Great Yard Award

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. 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 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.

Recreational Vehicle Parking Code

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

The Ordinance also establishes location, surface type, size limitations, and screening requirements as well. A copy of the ordinance can be found on the city's website at www.cityofisanti.us. If you have questions regarding the ordinance provisions, please contact Steve Wacha, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761.

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Community Events

Isanti Firefighters Rodeo – Let's Do It Again in 2010

The countdown has begun! The dates are July 9th and 10th. Each evening it begins at 6:30 pm. The event? The 34th Annual Isanti Firefighters Rodeo! Each year this event is a means for the department to raise additional monies to enhance fire/rescue protection services to the community. The rodeo lasts approximately 2 1/2 hours and features all seven events of the rodeo. Dances have always been a fun part of the event and this year promises to continue that tradition. The High Noon Band Friday night and the Six Wheel Drive Band Saturday night.

The dances start immediately after the rodeo at the rodeo grounds and are included with paid rodeo admission. Our new updated website – www.isantifiredistrict.org – has a rodeo section. Visit it for information updates and to order tickets online. Advance tickets are now on sale online and will be available through local businesses soon. Advance adults 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 763-464-2508. Invite your friends and relatives and make it a family weekend to remember! If you are one of the thousands who witness rodeo in Isanti each year – witness the continuing changes this year! 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 9th and 10th. It's a weekend you don't want to miss! We'll help you remember old-time fun! Proceeds go towards the enhancement of your hometown fire and rescue services. Thank You.



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

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763-444-9551

ISANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jan Peterson
763-444-8515

ISANTI COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Sue Larson
763-286-9964

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf
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Bill Carlson
763-689-1442

ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)
cambridgeisantisoccer.net

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763-444-6432

MEALS ON WHEELS/ SENIOR DINING

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If your organization is not listed, please contact City Hall at 763-444-5512 or www.cityofisanti.us



2009 Isanti Ambassadors

Courtney Moore, Amanda Domogalla and Alicia Pankan have represented the Isanti Community for almost a year. The 2010 Isanti Ambassador Candidates and the 2009 Isanti Ambassadors will be hosting the "Royal BBQ" on Saturday, June 26, at the Isanti Rodeo Grounds from 5-9 p.m. The Isanti Lions will be serving BBQ from 5-7 p.m. and Soundworks DJ will provide music until 9:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from Candidates, Ambassadors or the Isanti Chamber. Proceeds will be used to help fund the Educational Scholarships. Everyone is cordially invited to also attend the 2010 Isanti Ambassador Coronation on Sunday, July 11, at 4:00 p.m. at the Isanti Middle School.

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Community Events

CITY PARKS:

RIVERSIDE PARK

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



RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

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



MATTSON PARK

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



WHISPER RIDGE PARK

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



ISANTI TOT LOT

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



VFW PARK

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



UNITY PARK

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



BLUEBIRD PARK

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



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TUESDAY, JUNE 24

11:30 a.m. MAYOR'S EMPLOYER LUNCHEON (on green space east of City Hall)

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

5:30 p.m. RACE AGAINST HUNGER – BMX Track, Isanti Parkway NW just east of Bluebird Park, 763-444-5429 or www.rumriverbmx.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

5-7 p.m. ROYAL BBQ, sponsored by Isanti Lions, at the Isanti Rodeo Grounds. Tickets may be purchased from the 2009 Isanti Ambassadors, 2010 Isanti Ambassador Candidates and Isanti Chamber. Tickets are \$5 (children 3 and under free).
7-9 p.m. Following the BBQ, music will be provided by Soundworks DJ at no charge.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

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 8

3:00 p.m. 27th 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
6:30 p.m. JUBILEE DAYS PARADE www.cityofisanti.us for parade route, 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 9

ISANTI RODEO/JUBILEE DAYS www.isantifiredistrict.org; 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 County Equipment on Hwy 65)
6:30 p.m. RODEO PERFORMANCE followed by dance featuring "High Noon"

SATURDAY, JULY 10

7:30 a.m. Preregister for FITNESS RUN/WALK at corner of Main St and 1st Ave: There will be a 5K 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
All day: CAR SHOW at the VFW
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, 2010 Isanti Ambassador Candidates and the 2009 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. 21st 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
4:30 p.m. RAFFLE DRAWING at the VFW
6:30 p.m. RODEO PERFORMANCE followed by dance featuring "6 Wheel Drive"

Community Events

SUNDAY, JULY 11

4:00 p.m. AMBASSADOR CORONATION at Isanti Middle School, admission is 2010 Isanti Rodeo-Jubilee Day Button and \$4.00. 2009 Isanti Ambassadors Courtney Moore, Amanda Domogalla and Alicia Pankan will crown the 2010 Isanti Ambassador. A reception will follow and the Button Winners will be announced.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

5:30 p.m. RACE FOR LIFE – BMX Track, Isanti Parkway NW just east of Bluebird Park, 763-444-5429 or www.rumriverbmx.com

SATURDAY, JULY 17

11:00 a.m. MN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER – BMX Track, Isanti Parkway NW just east of Bluebird Park, 763-444-5429 or www.rumriverbmx.com

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

3:00 p.m. to VIETNAM VETERAN'S PIG ROAST – Bluebird Park - contact Jaysen Guthmuller 763-444-4554.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 & 21

SIDEWALK SALES, for more information contact Isanti Chamber at 763-444-8515 or www.isantichamber.com

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 28, 29

MN STATE BMX FINALS – BMX Track, Isanti Parkway NW just east of Bluebird Park, 763-444-5429 or www.rumriverbmx.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 a.m. FREE – BMX OPEN HOUSE – BMX Track, Isanti Parkway NW just east of Bluebird Park, 763-444-5429 or www.rumriverbmx.com

FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

For more information contact Isanti Chamber at 763-444-8515 or www.isantichamber.com

Jubilee Days Set for July 8-11, 2010

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce and its 162 members are proud to sponsor Jubilee Days coinciding with the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Association's Rodeo on July 8 through 11, 2010.

The 2010 Rodeo Jubilee Days begin on Thursday, July 8 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. Rodeo performances begin at 6:30 p.m. on July 9 & 10. Saturday, July 10 offers many activities including a Walk/Run, Kids Free Fun Day, Turtle Races, Lions Corn Feed, Outhouse Races, Bingo, Royal Box Lunch Auction, and food and craft vendors. 2010 Isanti Ambassador Coronation will be held on Sunday, July 11, at 4:00 p.m. in the Isanti Middle School Auditorium.

Watch your local newspapers for a detailed schedule of all the activities. Thank your local businesses often because without their donations and hard work, these activities would not be possible. See you at the 2010 Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days!



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

Hardy Center 2010-2011 Season



Robert Robinson

Billy McLaughlin & Simple Gifts

Each year the Performing Arts Committee works hard to choose shows that will please a wide variety of people. The goal is to offer exceptional entertainment options for everyone in our community.

We are thrilled to have a wonderful line-up of quality entertainers for our 2010-2011 season.

Peter Mayer returns to the Hardy Center to open our 2010-2011 season with songs that are whimsical, humorous and profound. In December we welcome two holiday shows: Robert Robinson brings his red-hot gospel talent and eight piece ensemble to the PAC for his first visit to Cambridge-Isanti; Billy McLaughlin and the 6-piece ensemble "Simple Gifts" will entertain with "A Small Town Christmas." Popular Minneapolis icon, Mick Sterling, returns to the Hardy Center headlining his own group, Memphis & the Mean-times. A totally interactive musical experience is lined up for families in February when Glen Everhart brings his Hebegebes Family Music Show to Cambridge. Our season wraps up in April 2011 with a performance by up-and-coming singer-song writer, Haley Bonar.

Join us for a great season of quality entertainment, when we offer something for everyone!



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