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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 as needed

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

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

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

The summer and fall of 2012 will be quite active for Isanti. We have a full summer of events with Redbirds baseball, soccer tournaments, BMX racing, Jubilee/Rodeo Days and the new Vision Wake Park. On June 20th we will celebrate our employers at the Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon; which highlights our hard working businesses and all they contribute to Isanti.

Isanti has been proactively working through nuisance issues; such as the parking of cars, boats and trailers on grass as well as piles of debris and outdoor storage; and long grass and weeds. For those residents receiving violation letters; it has resulted in a few complaints. We have also received complaints from residents and businesses; wanting to ensure that Isanti is an attractive City in which to live and conduct business. We hear from real-estate agents and brokers trying to sell residential and commercial property in our City that nuisance issues are making it even harder in these tough times to sell property. This is a tough problem considering everyone has their own standard of what should be and should not be allowed. We all want to be "King or Queen of our Castle" and protect our property rights. The problem occurs when one person's property rights lock horns with the next person's property rights. Living in close proximity to so many others in a city necessitates the need for more rules governing behavior. This is never fun for those being regulated or for the Council that bears the final responsibility for passing City ordinances. However, the Council is working to protect the entire City and our property values.

These ordinances do at times change. For instance, after I became Mayor, I requested that work vehicles be allowed in residential areas. The previous rule did not allow for any work trucks or vans, such as a telephone or power company vehicle, to be parked in the driveway of a residence. My Yukon is not much different in size than a construction workers truck or power company van or many other vehicles that our residents use every day to make a living. So we went through the process and changed the ordinance, so it made sense. I hope to hear from anyone that has suggestions on how to make our community a better place to live, work, and play.

I wanted to share some highlights from our latest's Audit Report.

- City Administrative costs are 23% lower in Isanti than our peer group of cities
- City net debt is down 57% since I became Mayor
- Economic Development spending is 400% higher than our peer group of cities
- General Fund Balance is up from 58% to 89% due to cost cutting
- Park and Recreation spending is 42% less than our peer group of cities
- Liquor Store gross profit is up over 10% since our reorganization

We have put Isanti on firm financial footing as we face several more tough years. I am very optimistic about the economic development projects we have been working on. We have assembled an excellent team to manage our City into a brighter future.

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 on Twitter at twitter.com/mayorwimmer Facebook at www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer or my blog at georgewimmer.blogspot.com.



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

Community Development

Additional Sign Reminders

- The City would like to remind local businesses that handwritten signs, whether temporary or permanent, are prohibited. All signs must be professionally made.
- Signs shall not be placed upon any public utility pole.
- Signs are not permitted within the public right-of-way.
- Temporary off-premises signs are permitted within the "B-1", "B-2", "B-3", "CBT", "RC", and "I" zoning districts, providing written permission is granted by the property owner and a temporary sign permit has been approved by the City. Temporary signs are allowed by an annual renewable permit.

Recreational Vehicle Parking Ordinance

Chapter 227, Article II of the Isanti City Code; establishes regulations for the parking and storage of all types of vehicles 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, flatbed trailer, and all other RV's (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. If you have questions regarding the ordinance provisions, please contact Tanya Nuss, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761 or cso@cityofisanti.us

Economic Development

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Economy Improving In Isanti

The City of Isanti has recently seen an increase in commercial-industrial activity. Currently, the City of Isanti has 141 documented businesses that employ approximately 1434 people. These numbers show an increase of 9 businesses and an increase of 62 employees from this time last year. Purchases of existing buildings and expansions of others are the theme for early 2012. 605 1st Avenue NW was purchased by Conveyor's Direct (formerly from the City of Ramsey) and will operate a custom manufacturing business. 425 East Dual Blvd NE was purchased by Marla Properties and it will utilize the building for storage. Pat's Small Engine and Repair, celebrating its 5 year anniversary in Isanti, is in the process of adding 2800 square feet to accommodate its growth. Many other building purchases, expansions, acquisitions and new construction projects are in process or in concept stages. City staff is working hard to secure additional industrial, retail and commercial projects to provide employment opportunities as well as retail and dining options for Isanti residents.

Mayor's Employer Celebration Luncheon

The Isanti Economic Development Authority is a proud sponsor of the Mayor's Employer Celebration Luncheon to be held on June 20, 2012 at Isanti City Hall from 11:30-1:00. This annual event thanks Isanti Employers for providing jobs and services in Isanti and recognizes milestone anniversaries for some of these businesses. A gratis picnic lunch is provided for all Isanti employers and their employees. In 2012, the following Employers will be recognized for milestone anniversaries with the years in parentheses: Elim Baptist (90), Apitz Painting (40), Specialized Organization Services (20), Above All Rooftops (20), Wintergreens Golf and Grill (10), Training Connections (10), Riverside Grocery (10), Rebecca's Flowers (10), Isanti County Equipment (10), Hermann Insurance Services (10), Family Pathways Thrift Store (10), Therapy Associates (5), Snap Fitness (5), Pat's Small Engine and Repair (5), Northern Pawn (5), McDonald's (5), Marketplace Home Mortgage (5), Lake State Federal Credit Union (5), Krayola Kids Childcare Center (5), Isanti Barber (5), Hockert Sales (5).

The City of Isanti is the home of 141 businesses. These businesses employ 1434 people within our community. The five largest employers in Isanti are: United Parcel Service, Rum River Ornamental, McDonald's, Advanced Telemetry Systems, and Cambridge-Isanti School District 911. Our vibrant business community provides quality jobs, a substantial tax base and is actively involved in the community.

Vision Wake Park

Vision Wake Park opened in May 2012 in Bluebird Park. This unique water sport venue has been highlighted numerous times on Fox News 9. The artificial lake has a cable towing system installed that allows one to be pulled in a contained environment free from boat traffic and associated wakes. This is the only facility in the Midwest and it serves as a wonderful draw to the City of Isanti. If you are feeling adventurous, need some excellent exercise or a just a better suntan, be sure to come check out the new wake board park. For more information visit: www.visionwakepark.com.

Historic Downtown Sign Constructed

Construction was completed on a Historic Downtown directional sign located on the northwest corner of 1st Avenue NW and County Road 5 NW. This project was a public private partnership coordinated by the City of Isanti EDA and was made possible by contributions from area businesses and the City of Isanti EDA. Special thanks go out to KJD Signs and Jill Reller for collaborating on the construction and design of this project that should help improve commerce for the City of Isanti.

Business Visits – Discovering Isanti

Mayor Wimmer and Economic Development Director Sullivan make periodic visits to businesses in Isanti. The visits are informal and serve as an opportunity to learn more about what our businesses make, what services they provide, what their needs are, and how to identify what the City can do better to help them be more successful. Since January of 2011, 21 visits were conducted and a lot of positive and constructive feedback was received from businesses. The vast majority of the businesses that were visited expressed optimism for the upcoming year and were happy to call Isanti home. In a meeting with Auto City Classic, Staff was amazed to find out that this business is a company recognized worldwide for its ability to serve the classic car restoration part market. Although they specialize in classic windshields and custom glass this company is often able to find, or fabricate rare parts for the classic car you are looking to restore. If you are an Isanti business interested in scheduling a visit with the City of Isanti to tell your story, express some ideas to improve the business environment or to "meet the Mayor." Please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan to get a visit scheduled.

Isanti Economic Development Authority – Business Development Incentives Available

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.

Community Development

Building

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A warm hello from your local Building Department! The City of Isanti is showing positive economic signs in both its' commercial and residential sectors. Very soon bells should be resonating from the new bell tower which is part of the new addition onto St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Additions are also in the works for Pat's Small Engine and Repair and another industrial building on 1st Avenue NW. The rodeo grounds are building some preferred seating, to be added just in time for this year's rodeo during Jubilee Days.

In 2005, when the housing market slowed significantly, the construction of 16 town homes in various stages of completion came to a halt. In 2011, eight of those homes were purchased, construction was completed, and they are now all occupied. The remaining eight were sold this spring to another company and they are slated to be completed this summer which further reduces the vacant housing stock in Isanti. The City has issued its' first "new single family home" building permit for 2012 and another set of plans are currently being reviewed for a second home.

Summertime tends to be very busy with lots of projects. The following were just a few reminders relating to water that just may keep you out of hot water.

- The rising summer temperatures bring with them an increased interest in residential swimming pools. If the pool you are installing has a water capacity of 5,000 gallons or more, AND a depth capacity over 24 inches, it is required to have a permit and a self-closing, self-latching, non-climbable enclosure. Contact the Building Department for details.
- Sand point wells are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Health and the City of Isanti. Applications and additional information are available at the City Hall.
- Minnesota Plumbing Code requires domestic water supplies to be protected from lawn irrigation systems by a registered backflow device designed and approved specifically for that purpose. Thus, a permit and inspection is required when installing a lawn irrigation system.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!
City of Isanti Building Official
Rick Sames

Legacy Park Trail Construction

At their regularly scheduled meeting on May 1st, the City Council awarded the bid to GL Contracting, which would allow for the construction of a natural trail system through Legacy Park. The City is working to obtain the necessary permits from the Department of Natural Resources. The City hopes that trail construction will be completed and open to the public by August 31st, 2012. For additional information regarding the Legacy Park Trail Project, please contact Planning and Parks Director, Lisa Wilson at (763) 444-5512 or lwilson@cityofisanti.us. Copies of the trail plan can be viewed at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 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.

Are you cleaning up after your pet?

It is your responsibility as a pet owner to clean up after your pet. When taking your pet for a walk, please show courtesy to other public and private owners by removing the excrement deposited by your pet. City Code 87-5.1 requires pet owners to immediately collect and remove dog feces deposited by their animal on public or private property. A container, equipment, or other device is required for transport of the fecal material to an appropriate disposal receptacle located on the property of the pet owner. Please help us in keeping our neighborhoods and public spaces clean and sanitary.

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Community Development

2012 Mayor's Great Yard Awards

The Park and Recreation Board will be kicking off its fifth year of the "Mayor's Great Yard Award". This award recognizes the hard work, dedication, and creativity of our residents to help maintain a beautiful City. The awards are open to all Isanti City residents. 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.

This year's awards are sponsored by the following businesses: First Place (\$100) Daniel Mujwid, Above All Rooftops to Remodeling, Inc.; Second Place (\$50) Aaron Zdon, Startac Construction, Inc.; and Third Place (\$25) Ken Drilling, KJD Signs, LLC.

Nominations will be accepted through Park and Recreation staff, Lisa Wilson, who can be contacted by phone at (763) 444-5512, via e-mail at lwilson@cityofisanti.us or by mail or drop off at City Hall, 110 First Avenue N, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN 55040. 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.

Garage Sale Regulations

With Spring and Summer, comes warm weather and garage sale events. This year, City staff has received many inquiries regarding the regulations for garage sales. Garage Sales are permitted within each of the residential zoning districts; however, there are rules that have been established with regards to the duration, signage, and number of events; which include the following:

- The number of sales permitted per individual property is not to exceed four (4) per year.
- The duration of a garage sale is not to exceed three (3) consecutive days.
- Any related signage shall be limited to the premises and to other residential property provided that the property owner's permission has been obtained to display such signage, and signage shall conform to the sign ordinance and shall be removed at the termination of the sale.

If you have additional questions regarding the ordinance provisions for garage sales, please contact Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director.

School For All Seasons

The School For All Seasons is an option for Cambridge-Isanti Public School students in grades K-5. The program is located in Isanti, Minnesota at the Isanti Intermediate School site and is free to all students because it is a public school. School For All Seasons follows a year-round calendar that begins in August and ends in the middle of June. Students are given breaks between each grading period and summer vacation lasts about six weeks.

Multi-age homerooms that span grades K-5 and flexible grade level groupings for math, reading, social studies, science and language arts are a feature of School For All Seasons. School For All Seasons also offers community building activities twice a month that incorporate character education and citizenship.

The School For All Seasons is one of five elementary school programs in the State of Minnesota that follow an alternative calendar in this format. We feel that providing parents and students with different options is the best way to meet the needs of every learner. We also have a middle level program at Isanti Middle School called Minnesota Center for students in middle school (grades 6-8) that follows an alternative calendar. If you would like additional information on this innovative program, please feel free to contact the school office at (763) 552-8801.

Sign Regulations

As a reminder to current business owners and any other individual looking to construct or place a sign upon their property or upon property owned by another individual, the City of Isanti has adopted regulations for signs. 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.



Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

Engineering Project Updates

Legacy Park Trail

The City of Isanti is proposing to construct a nature trail through Legacy Park. The majority of the trail system is proposed to be surfaced with crushed limestone with some side trails having a simple dirt surface. The proposed trail will pass through a natural wooded area owned by the City of Isanti located to the northwest of the Villages on the Rum subdivisions. A culvert crossing will be constructed across Isanti Brook to provide access to the trail. This trail will give residents in the community an opportunity to access an undeveloped natural area. It provides an educational opportunity showcasing undisturbed forest as well as the Isanti Brook and Rum River basins, which contain many types of flora and fauna. The trail is designed to be handicap accessible to provide access for everyone and allows a natural setting for running and walking as well.

Construction is planned to commence in June and be completed and open to the public by the end of August. Please call City Engineer Brad DeWolf P.E. at 612-756-1032 if you have any questions.

Photos of Isanti Brook in Legacy Park:



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 fines associated with violation of these provisions.

Public nuisances affecting health: All noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property. 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. 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. All unpaid charges will be assessed to the property.

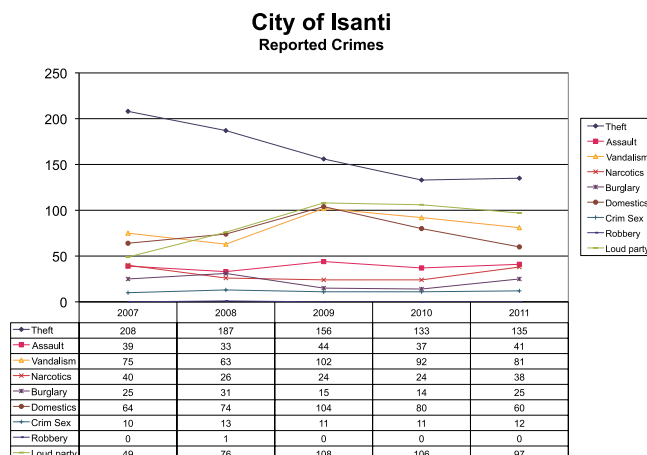
The costs associated with this are billed on a time spent basis. A \$25.00 non-compliance fee is charged in addition to the cost.

For complete copies of the Code and fee schedule visit our website at www.cityofisanti.us. For questions regarding the Code Requirements, please contact Community Service Officer Tanya Nuss at (763) 444-4761 or cs@cityofisanti.us.

Isanti Police Department

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The graph provided shows the reported number of crimes for the past few years (2007-2011). Reported crimes are crimes that community residents and businesses report. Traffic offenses are both officer initiated and community reported. Over the years, the reported crimes have remained level. The biggest change seen is the decrease in thefts. On the traffic side, the Isanti Police Department has worked very hard to lower the number of drunk drivers in the community. Our budget has remained the same or decreased over the years, and hopefully, our crime rate will do the same.



City Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

Monday, October 8

Columbus Day

Burning Permits

City Code prohibits burning by referencing MN State Statutes 88.1 and 88.22 and the MN Uniform Fire Code. Campfires are permitted, if the following provisions are met. A campfire is a fire set for pleasure, cooking, warming, ceremonial purposes or similar purposes, which is not more than three feet in diameter by two feet high. Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings or combustible materials. Combustible materials are things such as wood, paper and plastics.

Any fire larger than the above stated dimensions is considered "open burning" and is regulated by the DNR. Burning grass, leaves, brush and lumber requires a permit. Permits can be obtained from the Isanti Fire Department 763-444-8019 or application can be made on their website at www.isantifiredistrict.org.

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Administrative/Finance

City of Isanti 2011 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter

At the April 17, 2012 City Council meeting council approved the 2011 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter. To view a copy of the 2011 Annual Financial Report, please check the City's website at www.cityofisanti.us.



Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

1. Be aware of where fire extinguishers are placed within your home or business.

2. Keep grills away from combustibles and light and/or start all grills outside.

3. Beware of unstable weather (summer is known to have very unstable weather conditions) – inform your kids of where to go in a severe weather emergency.

Have a safe summer!

2013 Budget Process

City Staff will begin working on the 2013 budget in early June as individual departments began determining their expected expenditures for next year.

June 2012	Department heads meet w/the City Administrator & Finance Director and put together each department's budget.
June-Early July 2012	City's Finance Committee to review entire budget. Individual Committees and Boards will review their budgets.
Mid July-August 2012	City Council work sessions held to review each department's budget.
September 6, 2012	Isanti City Council to approve the 2013 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy.
December 6, 2012	Budget Presentation and Isanti City Council to approve the 2013 Final Budget and Tax Levy.

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

Welcome new Finance Director

The City of Isanti would like to welcome Sarah Cotton. Mrs. Cotton has accepted the position of Finance Director with the City of Isanti; and will be responsible for the day to day financial management of the City. Mrs. Cotton has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She holds an active Certified Public Accountant (CPA) License in the State of Minnesota and continues to pursue certification maintenance credits to maintain her credentials. Mrs. Cotton has three years of experience in public accounting as well as nearly four years of experience in the industry working as a senior financial analyst.



2011 Drinking Water Report

On April 25, 2012 the City of Isanti published the 2011 drinking water report in its entirety. The City of Isanti will not be mailing the 2011 drinking water report to all customers but a copy is available upon request. To request a copy please call Karissa Henning at 763-444-5512; or visit our website to view the complete 2011 drinking water report at www.cityofisanti.us.

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. The Environmental Protection Agency 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.



Community Events

Help Make a Difference by Joining the VFW or VFW Auxiliaries!

The Isanti Rum River VFW #2735 is located at 410 Railroad Avenue SE. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies' and Men's Auxiliaries are non-profit organizations to gain support for our countries veterans, their families, and help to enrich the community they are in; to make the community better and stronger for everyone.

By becoming a member you would help the VFW in continuing to provide the services needed by our veterans and our veteran's families. You would also be supporting multiple projects within our community such as: scholarships, patriotism, and safety and education of our children among many others!

Please stop in at any time to inquire about membership and learn what you can do to help make a difference!

Isanti Ambassadors

As the festival year ends, the Ambassadors prepare for a busy schedule. Not only are all three young women graduating from high school but are maintaining employment in the community and are averaging 3 plus royalty events for the remainder of their reign. Is it worth it? All three agree, without a doubt! Their year has focused on volunteerism and building community spirit. The Ambassadors have learned many of the "behind the scenes" aspects of Isanti and feel as though they are more connected to the community.

In May, the current royalty welcomed this year's Ambassador Candidates to the program. As candidates, the young women will be able to participate in a variety of events including traveling to the City of St. Francis for Pioneer Days to learn what a visiting Ambassador does. The candidates will also participate in all of the Rodeo-Jubilee Days Festival events and have the opportunity to advance themselves in areas such as public speaking, poise, etiquette and interview skills. The current Ambassadors will guide the candidates through the process while completing their final duties. They are beginning to taste the bitterness of mentoring these young women, while knowing that this is almost the end of their time as reigning Ambassadors. Thank you for your year of service ladies and good luck at college. The Ambassadors have asked to extend a special thank you to everyone who has helped the Ambassador Program this year.

Jubilee Days: July 5-7, 2012

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce and its 100+ members are proud to sponsor Jubilee Days, which coincide with the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo on July 6th and 7th, 2012. The 2012 Rodeo-Jubilee Days begin on Thursday, July 5th with one of the largest parades in the state. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at Main Street W and 5th Avenue SW 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 6th & 7th. Saturday, July 7th offers many activities including a Walk/Run, Kids Free Fun Day, Turtle Races, Lions Corn Feed, Outhouses Races, Royal Box Lunch Auction, and food and craft vendors. The 2012 Isanti Ambassador Coronation will be held Sunday, July 8th 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 2012 Isanti Rode-Jubilee Days! If you would like to be a part of the biggest Event in Isanti, please call the Isanti Chamber at 763-444-8515. We are always in need of volunteers.



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

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763-444-7368

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

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763-689-8220

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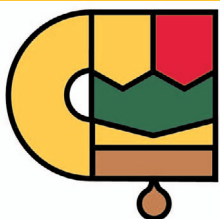
VFW

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Peter Talbot, Associate Pastor
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OUR PURPOSE:
*Elim exists to know and love God and
to help others know and love Him.*

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



UNITY PARK

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



BLUEBIRD PARK

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



LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum



MAY 30 – SEPT

Exercise Class. Isanti Community Center, Contact Edie Frison for details at (763) 689-5992

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Family Practice Night, BMX Track, call (763) 444-5429 for details

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

5-10 p.m. Royal BBQ, Isanti Community Center

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

5:30 p.m. Olympic Day Event, BMX Track, visit www.usabmx.com for details.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Noon Rum River Float, Country Camping

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Senior Dining, Speaker: County Commissioner Susan Morris, Isanti Community Center

JULY

TBD

Little Country Band, Isanti Community Center, Contact Edie Frison for details at (763) 689-5992

THURSDAY, JULY 5

3:00 p.m. Pig and Turkey Roast, Isanti Community Center

6:30 pm JUBILEE DAY PARADE

After Parade Fundraiser – Cookin' on the Grill, Campfire and Music by Terry Duboise, Isanti VFW

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Fundraiser – Cookin' on the Grill, Entertainment by Soup Bones, Isanti VFW

SATURDAY, JULY 7

7:30 a.m. Fitness Run/Walk Event –Registration at 7:30 a.m., Start at Main Street W and First Ave NW, Medals will be awarded

All Day Pie social, corn feed, vendors, Isanti Community Center/City Hall Complex

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Jubilee - Free Kids Day. Moonwalk, pony rides, games, City Hall Complex

2 p.m. Outhouse Races on Main Street, Contact Tammy Hoveland at Lake State Federal Credit Union for details

Backyard & Classic Horseshoe Tournaments, Entertainment by Sting Ray, Isanti VFW

SUNDAY, JULY 8

4 p.m. Isanti Ambassador Coronation, Isanti Middle School

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Race for Life Charity Race, BMX Track, call (763) 444-5429 for details

FRIDAY, JULY 27

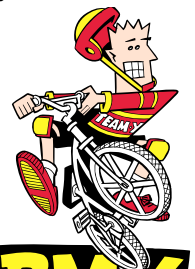
Glow-ball Golf Tournament, Sanbrook Golf Course sponsored by the Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Redline Cup National Series Race, BMX Track, call (763) 444-5429 for details

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Minnesota State Champion Series Race, BMX Track



Community Events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

28th Annual - National Night Out, Contact the Police Department for details

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 17-18

Isanti Sidewalk Sales, For information contact the Isanti Chamber at (763) 444-8515

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 24-26

Minnesota State BMX Finals, BMX Track

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Rum River BMX Fall Classic/Condo Classic, BMX Track, call (763) 444-5429 for details

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Toys for Tots Charity Race, BMX Track, call (763) 444-5429 for details

Great Amateur Baseball in Isanti

Come out and watch the Isanti Redbirds Amateur baseball team play this summer! It's free and it's great entertainment. This very talented team has games all summer long on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays with most of the games starting at 7:30 p.m. The Redbird games are played at Sportsman's Field (in Bluebird Park) in Isanti. You can follow the 'Birds online at www.metroinnny.com.

The 'Birds will also be hosting their Isanti Classic Tournament on June 15, 16 and 17 at Sportsman's Field. There will be non-stop baseball that weekend with eight teams competing all day long!

The 'Birds also participate in numerous other community activities. Redbird players will be working with our local youth baseball organization CICB, hosting clinics for younger aspiring baseball players. Please don't forget to come to the Isanti Jubilee Days' Outhouse Races and watch the 'Birds try to defend their outhouse racing title again this year! This is another great family event in Isanti!

Come out and enjoy a game or two this summer!



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ISANTI REDBIRD BASEBALL *The Legend Continues* 2012 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
JUNE			
1-3	Sartell Tournament	Away	TBD
6	East Bethel	Home	7:30 p.m.
8	Anoka	Home	7:30 p.m.
10	Big Lake	Home	7:00 p.m.
15-17	Isanti Redbird Classic Baseball Tournament	Home	TBD
20	River Falls	Home	7:30 p.m.
22	St. Francis	Home	7:30 p.m.
24	Blaine	Away	5:00 p.m.
27	Coon Rapids	Home	7:30 p.m.
29	Lyons Pub	Home	7:30 p.m.
JULY			
1	Forest Lake	Away	7:00 p.m.
5	Parade - Grand Marshalls	Isanti	6:00 p.m.
7	Isanti Jubilee Days Outhouse Race	Isanti	TBD
8	Big Lake	Away	1:00 p.m.
11	St. Joseph's Saints	Home	7:30 p.m.
13	Champlin	Home	7:30 p.m.
14	Brainerd B's	Home	2:00 p.m.
15	Champlin	Away	2:00 p.m.
18	Blaine	Home	7:30 p.m.
20	Mora	Home	7:30 p.m.
22	Forest Lake	Home	7:00 p.m.
25	Coon Rapids	Away	7:30 p.m.
28	Hamel	Away	1:00 p.m.
29	St. Michael	Home	5:00 p.m.
AUGUST			
3	Playoffs Begin - Forest Lake		

Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex
BMX Track
Isanti Ice Arena
Martin's Landing
(DNR Canoe Landing)
Redbirds Baseball Field
Vision Wake Park

For links visit:
www.cityofisanti.us

2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Isanti Senior Blood Pressure Checks, Isanti Community Center

2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

VFW - 9 a.m. to noon, Fund-raiser Pancake Breakfast

EVERY MONDAY

Isanti Senior Dining - Bingo

EVERY WEDNESDAY

VFW - 6:00 p.m. \$1,000 Progressive Bingo Event

ISANTI SENIOR DINING - OTHER SUMMER EVENTS

Dates to be Determined - Contact Edie Frison for information at (763) 689-5992

Speaker from the Arthritis Association

Fire Safety Discussion - Speaker Randy Polzin

Isanti County Historical Society - Speaker Kathy McCully

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out September 10th with an advertising deadline of August 24th.

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

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



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