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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 if 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

1st Tuesday of the Month
@ 7:30 or immediately
following the city
council meeting

Our summer will be busy with exciting projects and numerous City activities. We continue our commitment to the Farmer's Market and Street Dances; which bring thousands of visitors to our community. We have added sponsorships for these events to help defray the cost. Our new Park, Recreation & Culture programs are off to a great start; which include: Junior Master Gardener Program, Nature Detectives Club, Free Movie Nights and our From Lands to Legacy. The Mayor's Great Yard Award is back once again with private donations from Duff Consulting, Wintergreens, Startac Construction and My Geeky Guy. The donations provided by these local businesses fund the \$100 1st place, \$50 2nd place and \$25 3rd place prizes.

My Mayor's Employer Celebration luncheon is in its 7th year. I started this to make sure all of our employers know how valuable they are to us as a community. We have 145 businesses in Isanti that employ 1,481 people. We have our larger employers such as UPS and the School district; but also a lot of small businesses that are the heart and soul of our community. Each and every employer is integral in our success. We have tried to foster a strong business climate and continue to attract more commercial/industrial growth. Our tax rate is the lowest in the County with Braham at 100.358%, Cambridge at 92.053%, and Isanti at 72.361%. When I came into office, Isanti had the highest rate in the County. We have worked diligently to get to where we are today.

I am happy to report that to date we have received 21 new home permits for developed lots. We had 14 last year and less than 10 in total for the years 2007 to 2011. Family Dollar has filed their request to build in Isanti, starting what we expect to be a busy few years of commercial/industrial growth.

We have been granted two parcels of land from the DNR through special legislation; which the City will develop into recreational areas. The first parcel is 38 acres in our southwest quadrant between Rum River Drive SW and the Rum River. I have proposed that we develop a community garden space, educational space in partnership with the school district, Frisbee golf with native planting at each of the holes, trail system, and fishing pier along the Rum River. The multi-use approach will allow for maximum potential while preserving the land and improving educational opportunities.

The City is moving forward with plans to develop an indoor BMX track with Rum River BMX. The City would build and own the facility through the issuance of bonds that would be paid for through lease payments by Rum River BMX. The City had previously backed the debt issuance for the Indoor Hockey Arena which made that project possible. The national sanctioning body for BMX racing has agreed to give us a monopoly on indoor tracks within a 100 mile radius of Isanti. This will eliminate the 20% loss of racing each summer season and open up winter racing. During the winter racing season, we expect to have 2,000 visitors per week. This adds to our winter activities and makes us more attractive to future investment and commercial development.

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 website www.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.

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Community Development

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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.

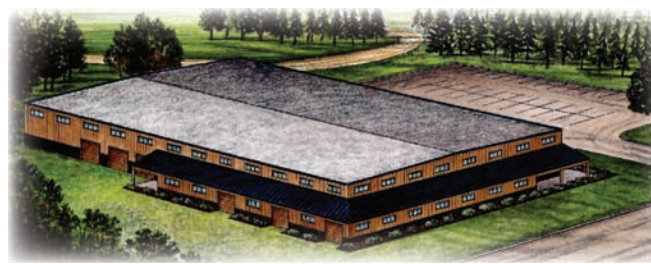


LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum

Economic Development

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City of Isanti and Rum River BMX Association Working to Part- ner Bringing Indoor BMX Arena to Isanti

City Staff and Officials have been work-
ing diligently with the Rum River BMX As-
sociation to bring a state of the art indoor
BMX facility to the City of Isanti. Nego-
tiations have been ongoing for quite some
time and the City of Isanti and the Rum
River BMX Association agreed on terms
to set up the framework of a deal that
will make this project a reality in Isanti.
On May 6, 2014, the Isanti City Coun-
cil adopted Resolution 2014-090 which
authorized City Staff to formalize the



Lease Agreement, Operating Policy and Financing Method and to proceed with actions to bring this exciting project to Isanti subject to conditions and due diligence protecting the City's interest. In addition, the City Council authorized the approval of plans and specs for the indoor BMX facility and authorized advertisement for bids on the project. This project is expected to begin construction in 2014 immediately following the Summer Rum River BMX Season with a target Grand Opening date of February 1, 2014.

The construction of the indoor BMX facility will bring additional improvements to the City and Bluebird Park above and beyond the new facility itself. The City of Isanti is currently advertising to receive bids on the "2014-BMX & Public Works Site Improvements" project as well as the "Isanti BMX Building". The projects include needed parking lots, sewer, water and storm water improvements in Bluebird Park and the Public Works facility. These projects will enable the existing BMX track to be used all year long and bring commerce to the City year round. This one of a kind, indoor BMX facility will be sanctioned by USA BMX the national sanctioning body for the United States. Rum River BMX Association, USA BMX and the City of Isanti have reached an agreement that will prohibit the sanctioning of any new indoor tracks within a 100 mile radius of the facility located at 101 Isanti Parkway NW to help increase the success of the project in Isanti for a minimum of 10 years. The building will be a City owned facility and Rum River BMX Association has agreed to lease it for 40 years.

The proposed project includes the following improvements:

- A paved parking lot that will provide 122 additional parking spaces in Bluebird Park to be available for public use to access the new BMX Facility, the Vision Wake Park pond located on the south side of the proposed parking lot as well as the city trail system and all other facilities within Bluebird Park.
- A 75,000 square foot building will enclose the existing BMX track operated by Rum River BMX Association and it will stand 30 feet tall.
- The building will also include public restrooms and a warming house located along the existing trail at the southwest corner of the building that will be available to all Bluebird Park users year round.

The bid openings are scheduled for the end of May 2014. Once the bids are received, the City Council will determine if the projects will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. If the projects are awarded, construction could start as early as mid June on the Public Work Site and as early as early September on the BMX Building and Parking Lot. Each project is expected to take about four months to complete.

Rum River BMX Association has hosted the State Finals (2009, 2010, 2012, and 2014) and Nationals (2009, 2010 and 2013) here in Isanti. Construction of this state of the art facility will certainly have the potential to increase the frequency of these events and generate more opportunities for the City of Isanti to capture additional dollars from the upwards of 80,000 participants and spectators it brings to town annually.

Please call City Engineer Brad DeWolf P.E. at 612-756-1032 if you have any questions as to the specifics of the construction of this project.

Please Contact Kevin Riedemann of Rum River BMX Association at 763-444-5429 to learn more about the operation of Rum River BMX, track schedule and how to become part of this locally based organization.

Housing and Business Climate in Isanti is Positive

As of May 16, 2014, 15 new housing permits have been pulled. In 2013, 14 housing permits were pulled for the entire year. This is a great start for 2014. Stable growth in this market will add to the appeal of Isanti to businesses looking to expand operations or enter new markets. According to the 2014 Isanti County Certified Local Tax Rates, the City of Isanti maintained the lowest rate when compared to development in the cities of Cambridge and Braham. The local (City portion) of the certified tax rates are as follows listed highest to lowest: Braham (100.358), Cambridge (92.053) and Isanti (72.361). City Staff is currently engaged in an Economic Development Study that will evaluate the City of Isanti along with other surrounding communities. It is important

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

Community Development/Administrative/Finance

to the City of Isanti to be competitive in all aspects of development costs with other communities to assure that investment continues in our City. On April 22, The City of Isanti collaborated with the Department of Economic Development (DEED), Area Chambers, and economic development staff from Isanti and Chisago Counties to host the East Central Minnesota Job Fair. 33 businesses from the region and approximately 300 job seekers were in attendance. Interviews were held on site for some businesses and feedback from businesses in attendance indicated that some were hired on the spot. The success of this event has led to the commitment to hold it again next year on April 21, 2015 at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. The City of Isanti remains committed to creating an economic business climate that will help Isanti thrive.

Seventh Annual City of Isanti Mayor's Employer Celebration Day - June 17, 2014

The City of Isanti Mayor's Employer Celebration Day will be held June 17, 2014 from 11:30-1:00 at Isanti City Hall. This event is held to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community strong. The 2014 milestone anniversaries (Years in Isanti) for area businesses include: Advanced Telemetry Systems (30), Jimmy's Pizza (20), Freeport Finishing (20), American Manufacturing (10), Anoka Collision of Isanti (10), Isanti Mobil (10), Junction Bowl (10), Rendezvous Coffee Shop (10), Lexington Textile Supply Company (10), Ye Olde Firehouse Antiques & Gifts (10), Deb Barr Accounting (5), Ever Cat Fuels (5), Insurance Brokers of MN (5), Isanti Retail Meats (5), Pzazz Apparel (5), Spirit River Community (5). The City of Isanti is the home of 145 businesses that employ approximately 1481 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. This event is well attended and is a great opportunity for Isanti businesses to meet informally with other businesses, city staff and other business professionals. Isanti businesses should RSVP by June 12 to Economic Development Director Sullivan. This event is for business owners and their employees.

2015 Budget Process

City Staff began working on the 2015 budget in early May as individual departments began determining their expected expenditures for next year.

May 2014	Department heads meet with the City Administrator and Finance Director and put together each department's budget.
July 2014	City's Finance Committee meets to review the entire budget. Individual Committees and Boards will review their budgets.
Mid July-August 2014	City Council work sessions are held to review each department's budget.
September 2, 2014	Isanti City Council to approve the 2015 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy.
December 2, 2014	Budget Presentation and Isanti City Council to approve the 2015 Final Budget and Tax Levy.

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

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

City of Isanti 2013 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter

At the April 15, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council approved the 2013 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter. To view a copy of the 2013 Annual Financial Report, please check the City's website at www.cityofisanti.us.

Junior Master Gardener Program in Isanti

The Master Gardeners of Isanti County are starting a Junior Master Gardener group in Isanti. As youth go through the program, they will interact and bond with nature, learn how to conserve our natural resources, make knowledgeable decisions about the environment and connect with other children and adults in having a personal pride, love and responsibility for gardening. They will perform science projects, have a garden plot and be involved in service projects and horticultural events. The program is geared for grades 3-6 but is flexible. Look for upcoming information on registration and start date on www.isanticountymastergardeners.com or by contacting 763-689-1810.

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Community Development

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Friday, July 4

Independence Day

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Monday, October 13

Columbus Day

2014 Mayor's Great Yard Awards

The Park and Recreation Board will be kicking off its seventh 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) Alan Duff, Duff Consulting, LLC; Second Place (\$50) Aaron Zdon, Startac Construction, Inc.; and Third Place (\$25) Aaron Andrews, My Geeky Guy, Inc.

Nominations will be accepted through Parks, Recreation & Culture staff, Josi Wood, who can be contacted at by phone at (763) 444-5512, via e-mail at isantiiparks@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. 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.

A message from Isanti Fire

One tool I have in my box to gain the attention of a group of kids that teachers don't have, is live fire. One of the few guarantees I can offer is that the lighting of this prop will silence a group of kids' horseplay...immediately!

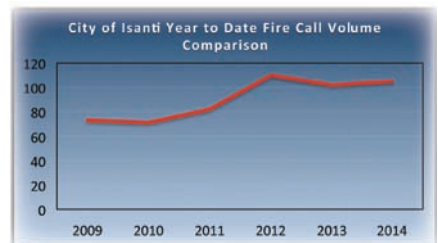
Each year we try to switch up our public education presentations at Isanti Fire District to keep them fresh. Using this as a prop is not all that new to us (as some of you retired Isanti Firefighters are mumbling right now), but it's still extremely effective. We've dusted off our old live fire simulator and started using it again to help us show kids not only the dangers of the fire, but how an extinguisher can be used to put it out. Often times the adults pick up some pointers along the way as well. This is a win-win for the firefighters, moms/dads, and kids!

This old prop getting pushed to the back of our fire education props area mirrors some of the things we tend to do around our homes as we get comfortable in our surroundings. An extinguisher in the garage that hasn't been looked at or tested for the last X amount of years is a good example, as well as a smoke/fire/CO detector that is in need of a battery or to be replaced. These items were important enough for us to buy them at one point, are they any less significant today? A fire safety plan; does your family have a plan of what to do when and if you ever encounter a fire in your kitchen, or a fire on your deck in or on your BBQ? Firefighters are constantly preparing for "what if" around the fire station to limit any surprises. The more preparation you can do yourselves around your homes will greatly help you deal with your own "what if's" as well. The fire service is constantly approached with newer and better tools; bigger pumps, more powerful radios, new construction methods, changing density materials and chemicals are a few of many. Some of these things make our homes and its contents more affordable, but less safe when impacted by heat or flame. Us dusting off the old tools, and freshening up our knowledge of some of these routine items, could make a big difference someday.

The graph shown is a comparison of year to date fire call volume in the City of Isanti. This is one of the many trends tracked by the Isanti Fire District. Graphs like this explain to our Governing Board, your City Officials and the Firefighters doing the public education that the call volume in the City is overall on the rise over the last 6 years.

It is important that we don't get too comfortable around fire, keep the dust to a minimum and stay fire safe everyone.

Hope to see you all at the 38th Annual Isanti Firefighters PRCA Rodeo and Isanti Jubilee Days!



Building Department

763-444-5512

The Building Department is gearing up for a very busy summer in 2014. As of May 12th the City has received fifteen new home permit applications. That's more than the total number of new home starts in the years from 2007 through 2013 combined. We have to go all the way back to 2006 to find a year with a quicker start.

Commercially, the primary and middle schools have permits to extensively renovate and remodel, the BMX track is looking to be enclosed, a charter school will be opening after doing some remodeling in the existing "Shade-Tree" building, and several tenant changes are scheduled in the existing retail suites.

Sand point wells – continue to be a popular "non-potable" water alternative. Please be advised that these wells are required to be licensed through the Minnesota Department of Health. The City also requests that you inform them when you are installing one.

Swimming pools-with a depth capacity over 24 inches and a volume capacity over 5000 gallons require a permit.

Fire Pits- can be an enjoyable part of a summer evening. The State Fire Marshall requirements are as follows, a fire ring with a maximum of 3 feet in circumference, maximum flame height of 3 feet, and a separation of 25 feet to a combustible structure. For combustibles, along with garages and primary residences think cedar fence, trees, play houses, etc.

Have a safe and fun summer everybody and as always if you have any questions about permitting projects, rental housing requirements, or general construction questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-444-5512 Ext. 118 or building-inspections@cityofisanti.us or just stop on in to City Hall if you are out and about.

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

Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

Police Department

763-444-4761

As of April 1st, 2014 I was appointed by the Isanti City Council as the new Chief of Police. Mayor Wimmer presided over my oath of office and it is an honor for me to be able to fill this position. I will be diligent in my duties to provide a safe and secure environment while being fiscally responsible. Modern policing is an ever changing technological environment and I will maintain and enhance that expected professional level of services. Our Officers have a wealth of experience and talents and the community is fortunate to be able to retain these dedicated individuals in the community.

During the summer months I want to remind everyone about crimes of opportunity such as; thefts from automobiles and open garages. Please do not leave your vehicles unlocked and secure your open garage doors at night, this invites crimes of opportunity. Do not leave items, especially electronic items, visible in your car; even visible power cords left in the vehicle can be a cause for a break-in to your vehicle. Always lock your car when parked is the best deterrent for a crime of opportunity. If you see suspicious behavior or acts of vandalism, PLEASE call the police immediately...many more crimes can be solved by getting involved. Your complaint can be made anonymous.

The Isanti Police Department will again offer six ATV Youth Safety Classes this year beginning Saturday, June 28, 2014. The two other class dates will be August 9th and October 11, 2014. All classes and riding sessions will be held at the Isanti Community Center. There is a morning session that starts at 8:00 a.m. and an afternoon session that starts at 1:00 p.m. There is a training CD that each student will need for the class and that can be obtained by coming to the Police Department or by contacting the MnDNR at 1-888-646-6367, 651-296-6157, or 800-366-8917. You can request a CD through email by writing to info.dnr@state.mn.us. Registrants must be age 11 or older to take the class. If you are 11, you cannot receive your certificate until your 12th birthday. There is a \$10.00 fee for the class.

Class participants are encouraged to bring their own ATV that fits them; proper fitment will be checked before the riding portion of the test. If the ATV does not meet proper fitment they will not be able to take the riding portion of the program. We will have an ATV available that will fit all sizes of participants. Proper clothing and foot wear will be required for the riding portion of the test...NO FLIP-FLOPS! Obviously a portion of this class is outside, so dress accordingly. This class will take place rain, sleet, snow, or shine! If there is a storm with lightning, the riding portion will be delayed until that threat has passed.

Parents are encouraged to stay for the class because it will be up to you to supervise your children once you return home. Having a proper working knowledge of ATV safety is essential to reinforce these measures at home and on the trail.

Any person operating an ATV in Minnesota born after July 1, 1987 must possess an ATV safety certificate in order to operate an ATV on public lands, trails or waterways (obviously when frozen). If you have any questions regarding ATV operating regulations you can stop at the office to pick up a DNR rules and regulations booklet.

The summer Safe and Sober Grant season is upon us and the department again received another federal grant for enhanced enforcement for the use of seatbelts, child seats / restraints,

Future events:

June 14th is the Patriot Ride. This is an organization of motorcycle riders that ride as a fundraiser in support of our veterans. They will be coming through town between the hours of 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. There will be an estimate number of 2,000-3,000 riders this year. They will be traveling through Isanti on Heritage Blvd from the west to Hwy 65 and then south back into Anoka County. Come out and wave the flag in support of our Military Veterans and their families.

National Night Out will be held August 5th, 2014 at the newly remodeled Isanti Community Center, just north of City Hall. Quality grilled hot dogs will be provided along with condiments. There will be root-beer floats provided and served compliments of the Chief of Police. This is a potluck event so please bring a dish, dessert or treats to share with the community. There will be fun family game events, a kids coloring contest, an air bounce house and many more fun events. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and grilling will start about 6:00 p.m. If you have ideas for some fun events please call me or send me an email.

Respectfully, Gene C. Hill, Chief of Police

Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

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

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

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

4. Homeowners: Make sure to carefully inspect any playground equipment you may have in your backyard. Make sure that equipment is safely anchored to the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, and that bolts are not protruding.

Weed and Grass Nuisances

City of Isanti would like to bring your attention to City Code Chapter 216 Nuisances; and the fines associated with violation of these provisions. All noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property are prohibited within the City of Isanti. 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 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 questions regarding the Code Requirements, please contact Code Enforcement/Zoning Technician Sean Stevens at (763) 444-5512 or codeand-zoning@cityofisanti.us.

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Community Events

Friends of the Isanti Area Library



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library group helped to establish and continues to support the East Central Regional Library's Isanti Outreach Site, which is located in City Hall. The Librarian is there to serve you on Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. with books, movies, and audio books. Ask her about Children's Story Time and other special events planned for this season.

You are welcome to request items by phone or on the East Central Regional Library website, then pick them up here in Isanti. Checking out movies and DVDs for three weeks from our Isanti Outreach Site makes it easy to catch up on past seasons of your favorite TV show, or have entertainment on hand without that last-minute return rush.

The Friends of the Isanti Area Library greatly appreciate volunteers to help with events, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information: Susi@isantilibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

Restrictive Watering Ban in Force

Per City Code Chapter 325-2, during the period from May 1st through September 1st annually, all property with addresses that end with an odd number may be sprinkled on odd-numbered days only. All property with addresses that end with an even number may be sprinkled on even-numbered days only. During this time period, **no sprinkling shall be allowed from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.** *A new property owner may request an exemption of the restrictions for the sprinkling of new sod.

Thank You Sponsors!

The City of Isanti would like to take the opportunity to thank the following sponsors of this year's City Events. Without their generous support, these events would not be possible.

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Family and Youth Recreation Programs

Nature Detectives Club – 9:00am-10:30am **First Saturday of every month (except July).**

Looking for something fun and local for your child to do? Register them for the Nature Detectives Club held at the Isanti Community Center! This fun, nature centered program is geared for children ages 4-7 years old. There will be a mix of activities including education, crafts, games and more! Register early for an early-bird discount. Cost is \$4 per child per session. The program is designed to drop your child off, but you are able to stay and join in the fun if you'd like. To register or learn more, contact the Community Events & Parks Coordinator, Josi Wood, 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us. There may be openings if you arrive the day of but spots are limited, registration ahead of time is recommended.

NATURE DETECTIVES CLUB



August 2nd – Minnesota Mamas

September 6th – Awesome Apples!

From Lands to Legacy – 9:00am-10:00am **June 21, July 19 and August 16.**

This series will focus on the Native American history and the Rum River right at our Legacy Park. Learn about the Native American past, folklore and traditions as to how the river was instrumental for so many things. The program will be at Legacy Park unless inclement weather, in which case, it will be held at the Isanti Community Center. Entrance to Legacy Park is located near the intersection of Bellaire Blvd NW & Blossom Blvd NW at the northwest corner of Villages on the Rum development. The cost is \$4 per person or \$12 per family per session. To register and/or find out more information, contact Community Events & Parks Coordinator, Josi Wood, 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us.



Community Events

Rum River BMX

With the start of the 2014 season we are seeing lots of great things coming to the community for Rum River BMX (RR) This will be our second season with the balance bike course which offers our kids ages 1-5 a safe and fun place to ride and race their balance bikes. This is a new addition to the facility and is bringing in a lot of young enthusiasts. The big track is growing by leaps and bounds as well, this year we are hosting the Minnesota State finals in August. This event should bring thousands of riders and family members from around the state to the track all summer as they practice and hone their skills on the course. In addition to the many races and practices we have all summer and fall, we have further refined our mentor and training programs for riders. We have a 10 week class that provides close to 15 hours of hands on instruction on how to become a BMX racer. This class is taught by our USABMX certified coaches, assistant coaches and youth trainers. You can stop by our registration booth to sign up for this opportunity. We are also very pleased to bring to the community a BMX STEM program – STEM is short for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math – and the principals used in those area and how they affect the bikes we use today. It is an interactive learning course that will allow kids to ride and to learn at the same time. The class is being made possible because of the joint efforts of the Cambridge Community Education program and the Rum River BMX association. The Rotary club of Cambridge-Isanti provided the funding to bring the program to reality. So with all of this and much, much more going on you will want to make sure and stop by this summer or check out our Facebook pages.



Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce and its members are proud to sponsor Jubilee Days, which coincide with the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo on July 11 and 12, 2014. The 2014 Rodeo-Jubilee Days begin on Thursday, July 10 with one of the largest parades in the state. The parade begins at 6:30pm with a flyover by the T-6 Thunder. The route begins at Main Street and 5th Avenue SW and winds east through downtown Isanti. Live music, food and beverages will be available along the parade route for spectator's convenience.

Rodeo performances begin at 6:30pm on July 11 and 12. Saturday, July 12 offers many activities, including a Walk/Run, Kids Free Fun Day, Turtle Races, Lions Corn Feed, Outhouse Races, Royal Box Lunch Auction and food and craft vendors. The 2014 Isanti Ambassador Coronation will be held Sunday July 13.

Watch your local newspaper 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. If you would like to be part of the biggest event in Isanti please call the chamber office at 763-444-8515 or email admin@isantichamber.com. We are always in need of volunteers. See you at the 2014 Isanti Rodeo-Jubilee Days!

Isanti Ambassador

2013-2014 royalty Kellie, Kaitlin, and Emma have discovered that summer is upon us again. For the Isanti Ambassador Program that means traveling, festivals, community service and CANDIDATES! This year, we have several young women competing for the title of Isanti Ambassador. Through candidacy the youth are provided opportunity to build public speaking skills, practice interview skills, build relationships, get more involved in the community and festival, while learning to become a community leader. If chosen the ambassadors go on to serve the community, just as Kellie, Kaitlin, and Emma have done, for one year representing Isanti at various festivals throughout the state and learning about the importance of community service. The candidates and current ambassadors will be active in the community over the next few months and would love to meet you. This year's royal theme is masquerade, and we hope you will consider joining us as we unmask our new royalty and bid farewell to three fantastic ambassadors. The coronation ceremony is July 13th at 4pm and will be held at Spectacular Events. As always check out our Facebook group: Isanti Ambassador Program for more details of our upcoming events. To request an appearance email isantiambassador@yahoo.com



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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tracy Neifert
763-444-7368

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf
763-689-8220

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ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Edie Frison
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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Susi McCune
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Kim - Manager
763-444-1787

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Joe Mau - 763-444-4107

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

Community Events

Isanti Community Center



Come check out the newly re-modeled Isanti Community Center at the end of June! Thanks to the Ruby Johnson Trust and City of Isanti, the Community Center is getting a fresh new interior look for all your meeting and event needs. The Community Center is perfect for Luncheons, Graduation Parties, Weddings, Fund Raisers, Seminars, Business Presentations, Birthday Parties, or a number of any other events.

Located at 208½ First Avenue NW (next to City Hall). Check out rates and information at www.cityofisanti.us and click on Community Center or contact the Community Events & Parks Coordinator at 763-444-5512 or isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us.

Isanti Community Center Senior Dining Events

- Senior Dining Services M-F 10:30 – 1:30 (Dining Services to be held at Faith Lutheran Church June 5-20th due to ICC renovations)

- Reservations are highly encouraged 1 day in advance by calling Edie Frison at (763) 689-5992 or the Isanti Community Center on Monday - Friday between 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at (763) 444-7539. Suggested donation of \$4.00 (60 and older); or \$7.50 (under 60). This includes home delivered meals and/or site dining.

- 2nd Monday of each month – Isanti Senior Blood Pressure Checks

- Monday's without scheduled events – Senior Dining Bingo

- 3rd Monday of each month – Master Gardener Ruth Thunstrom

Calendar of Events

REOCCURRING EVENTS:

Rum River Rods - Every Wednesday June 4-August 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Main Street Isanti

Farmer's Market - Every Friday May 30 - September 26 (except July 4th) in Eagle Park, Downtown from 2:30-6:30 p.m. For details visit www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org

ATV Youth Safety Class offered by the Isanti Police Department – June 28, August 9 and October 11. \$10 fee for the class. An 8 a.m. session and 1:00 p.m. session offered each of the days.

From Lands to Legacy – June 21, July 19 and August 16, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Legacy Park, \$4/person or \$12/family per session (see pg 8 for more info)

Nature Detectives Club – (See pg 8 for more info) August 2nd "Minnesota Mammals", September 6th "Awesome Apples!" 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Isanti Community Center. \$4/child per session.

Isanti VFW Bingo – Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. \$1,000 Progressive Bingo Event

Isanti Lions Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast - 3rd Sunday of every month, 8:00 a.m. to noon Isanti Community Center

Silver Sneakers - 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Every Monday & Wednesday Kim 952-334-1812

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Patriot Ride through Isanti along Heritage Boulevard, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Tribute to Dad's Race. Sign-up from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Free to spectators)

Rum River BMX Track, call 763-444-5429 for details

7th Annual City of Isanti Mayor's Employer Celebration Day 11:30-1 p.m. at City Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Free Olympic Day racing. Sign-up from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Free to spectators)

Rum River BMX Track, call 763-444-5429 for details

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Isanti Street Dance featuring Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys
7 p.m. – 11 p.m. Free Admission, Downtown Isanti

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Blood Drive at the Isanti Community Center 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

JUBILEE DAY PARADE, 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 11 & SATURDAY, JULY 12

38th Annual Professional Rodeo, Isanti Rodeo Grounds, 6:30 p.m. both nights
For details see the website at www.isantifiredistrict.org

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Jubilee Days: Fitness Run/Walk Event, Kids Free Fun Day, Turtle Races, Lions Corn Feed, Outhouse Races, Royal Box Lunch Action and food and craft vendors. Watch your local newspaper for a detailed schedule of all the activities.

SUNDAY, JULY 12-THURSDAY, JULY 17

C-I Soccer Club Girls Summer State Qualifying Tournament
@ Isanti Soccer Complex 7 a.m.-Dark

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Isanti Ambassador Coronation, Spectacular Events, 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Race for Life charity race – benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Isanti Street Dance featuring Boogie Wonderland 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. Free Admission, Downtown Isanti

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

National Night Out, Isanti Community Center doors open at 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Rum River BMX State Championship race

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Night Golf Event – Sanbrook Golf Club
Contact the Chamber for more info 763-444-8515



Community Events

Calendar of Events (continued)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Rum River Rods Car Show Finale, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. \$5 entry fee, Downtown Isanti
Isanti Street Dance featuring Rock It Science 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. Free Admission, Downtown Isanti

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Rum River BMX State Championship finals

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Blood Drive at the Isanti Community Center 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Isanti Historical Society Upcoming Events

We are handicapped accessible, have good parking, and are located on the NORTH side of Highway 95 at 33525 Flanders Street NE, Cambridge. Your gps will tell you to turn south but - ignore it - and go NORTH. FOR INFO ON ANY OF THE EVENTS AT THE ICHS CALL: SUE AT - 763-689-4229 Mon-Wed 9:30-4:30 Closed Thurs-Sunday. Information is also available on our website: www.ichs.ws and face book. Also available on the website are links to register for Old Time School, Pioneer School, and Swedish School this summer.

4TH Tuesday each month, the RUM ELVA LODGE OF THE CAMBRIDGE, MN SONS OF NORWAY will hold their monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a Norwegian to attend or to join! Contact Dave at: 763-389-4908 for info.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH, 7 PM - "Elinor & Leonor" two reknown Swedish musicians (fiddle & 5 string cello). Sponsored by the Cambridge Center for the Arts the concert will feature traditional Swedish music & DANCING! For info contact Marilyn McGriff at: 763-691-1946.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2 PM - RHONDA FOCHS INTRODUCING HER NEW BOOK "MINNESOTA'S LOST TOWNS." Come and hear fascinating stories of towns that appeared and disappeared in over 20 counties in MN. Free will admission.

July 23-27 - Isanti County Fair - Rootbeer floats for sale, vaudeville acts, and guest speaker, Doug Ohman

Wednesday, August 13th, 1 pm, Larry Backlund shares his "Live Loon Cam" in a unique presentation called "Amazing Loons" as seen on the internet.

Saturday, September 27th, 6:30 pm - RED JOHNSON - seen on RFD'S "Midwest Country." Love songs, patriotic songs, & lots more.

Christmas concert on Sunday, November 30th, at 2 pm with Betty & Ed Rydell and other surprises!

COACHES CORNER

Steve Allen, Isanti Redbirds

The Isanti Redbirds are once again preparing for the upcoming amateur baseball season. The 'Birds play in the very competitive Metro Minny League. The Metro Minny is one of the best Class B amateur baseball leagues in Minnesota. The 'Birds will play about 40 games this summer, with about half of them in Isanti.

The 'Birds are composed of players who have completed (or are completing) their high school or college eligibility and want to continue playing baseball at a competitive level. The Redbird pitching staff is led by veterans Adam West, Dallas Nelson and Joe Ramberg. Adam played college baseball at University of Wisconsin at Superior; Dallas played at Waldorf University and Joe recently completed his college career at Grand View University.

The 'Birds each year immerse a few new high school juniors and seniors into their roster. This allows for a gradual transition and integration of talent and leadership. The veteran players do an excellent job of mentoring the younger players. The 'Birds also often add new players to their roster who move into our community or the surrounding area. Anyone interested in trying out for the 'Birds should contact the team's manager, Steve Allen at sallaen958@gmail.com or 763-689-4055.

Come out to Sportsman's Park in Isanti this summer and take in a game or two. Enjoy a bag of popcorn and some excellent baseball.



ISANTI REDBIRD BASEBALL *The Legend Continues* 2014 Schedule

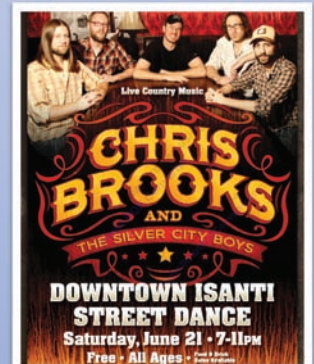
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
JUNE			
1	Sartell Tournament	Away	TBD
4	Albertville	Home	7:30 p.m.
6	Forest Lake	Away	7:30 p.m.
8	Blaine	Home	7:00 p.m.
11	St. Francis	Away	7:30 p.m.
14	Isanti vs Mora Mora vs St. Croix Isanti vs St. Croix	Home	2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
15	Ramsey	Away	2:00 p.m.
18	Coon Rapids	Home	7:30 p.m.
20	Hibbing	Home	7:30 p.m.
23	Anoka	Away	7:30 p.m.
25	East Bethel	Home	7:30 p.m.
26	Hamel	St. Michael	7:30 p.m.
29	Baseball 365	Home	5:00 p.m.
JULY			
6	Monticello	Home	7:00 p.m.
9	St. Francis	Home	7:30 p.m.
11	River Falls	Away	8:00 p.m.
12	Outhouse Race	Isanti	1:00 p.m.
13	Anoka	Home	7:00 p.m.
16	Coon Rapids	Home	7:30 p.m.
18	East Bethel	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
20	Forest Lake	Home	7:00 p.m.
25	Champlin	Home	7:30 p.m.
26	Elk River	Home	7:30 p.m.
27	Blaine	Away	5:00 p.m.
30	Champlin	Away	7:30 p.m.
AUGUST			
2	Hamel	Home	1:30 p.m.
8	Section Tournament Starts		

Mark Your Calendars for FREE Summer Music Events

**June 21, July 19
& August 16**

There will be vendors with food and drink sales available. The bands kick-off at 7pm and play until 11pm with minimal breaks. The Street Dances will be held on Main Street near the Creamery. In the case of inclement weather, the Street Dances will be held at the Rodeo Grounds. Have your local and out-of-town friends join you for a night of fun!

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





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