

SUMMER 2015

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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 pm

### **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 pm

### **PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE BOARD**

4th Tuesday of the month  
at 6:00 pm

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

Isanti will be busy this summer with numerous events and activities. May 29th kicks off with the opening of our Family Farmer's Market 2:30pm to 6:30pm at Eagle Park and will be held every Friday through the end of September. Rum River Rods car show is every Wednesday June 3rd to August 26th with their 5th Annual Summer Spectacular prior to the City's last Street Dance of the Season on August 15th, 11:00am to 5:00pm. The Isanti Redbirds baseball team has a full schedule of games June through August with all home games free to the public. The 8th Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Day is June 16th and highlights the 154 City businesses employing approximately 1,544 employees. We recognize milestone anniversaries, highlight business expansions such as Granger Machine and Lexington Textile and welcome new businesses represented by WillowBridge Center, Green Table, Family Dollar and Bow Daddy Archery Pro Shop and Range. June 27th will be a busy day with our soccer fields hosting the Kohl's Cup and our first Street Dance of the year with Jonah & The Whales playing Downtown 7:00pm to 11:00pm. We have Boogie Wonderland July 18th and Brat Pack Radio Supershow on August 15th. All Street Dances are free to the public with beer & food concessions on site. Rodeo/Jubilee Days kickoffs with the Isanti Parade on July 9th followed by a full weekend of events. Isanti Indoor Arena Home of Rum River BMX is once again hosting the State Finals Race. This event, along with many others, hosts thousands of visitors that spend money at our local businesses and help drive growth and new opportunities.

This edition of the Isantian has a new feature detailing the 10-Year Pavement and Asset Management Plans approved by the City Council. The City Council hosted an afternoon and evening public information meeting that had no attendance by our residents. I hope this means that our residents and businesses have supreme confidence in our infrastructure plans as we move forward to implement these necessary/mandated improvements. The corresponding revenue strategies to fund these improvements were also presented and later approved at the following Council meeting.

The results from our 2014 Audit continued the trend that we have seen over the past 8 years and once again provided great news. Isanti's per capita taxes are 30% less and our spending is 15% less than our peer group of cities. Administration cost, which is the cost associated with managing our City operations, is 39% less than our peer group of cities as well. I am especially proud of this number as it reflects cost we truly control. Many city operations are state mandated and lead to higher taxes or fees that we all do not like. The administrative cost of managing these activities is an area where I have stressed constant improvements and flexibility. As an organization, the City of Isanti will constantly strive for operational improvements and will continue to look for efficiencies. We have made significant investments (within our budget) to provide for long term capital improvements such as infrastructure to maintain a high standard.

Isanti will be making a few changes regarding Public Safety. We have hired a Police Investigator to help solve crimes and get our patrol officers back on the street in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. This change will benefit all residents and businesses in Isanti. The City will continue to receive fire protection from the Isanti Fire District, although our tax levy will directly reflect the increases or decreases in their charges for services. Since 2006 the City has hidden the 10% average yearly increase in cost by cutting other department budgets to make up the difference. The City can no longer afford to do that. It is our City's responsibility to be to be as transparent as possible to reflect our true operating cost.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me at 763-442-8749 or email me at [George@georgewimmer.com](mailto:George@georgewimmer.com). You may also follow me and keep up to date on all things Isanti on Twitter at [twitter.com/mayorwimmer](https://twitter.com/mayorwimmer) Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer](https://www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer) or my blog at [georgewimmer.blogspot.com](http://georgewimmer.blogspot.com)

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# City Offices & Staff Directory

## City Council Members

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## City Staff

### Administration

City Administrator/City Clerk Donald Lorsung ..... dlorsung@cityofisanti.us  
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### Building Department

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### Finance

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### Community Events Manager and Parks Coordinator

Josi Wood ..... isantiparks@cityofisanti.us

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### Police Department

Police Chief Gene Hill ..... ChiefHill@cityofisanti.us

## CITY CONTACTS:

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 isanti@cityofisanti.us  
 www.cityofisanti.us

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 After Hours  
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 Fax 763-444-4868


### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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 Fax 763-444-5125

### **MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE:**

763-444-5063  
 Fax 763-444-8044  
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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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Isanti, MN 55040  
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 Ryan O'Leary, Senior Pastor

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## Community Development

### 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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### Restrictive Watering Ban in Force

City Code § 325-2 provides regulations for annual sprinkling restrictions. During the period from May 1 through September 1 annually, all property with addresses that end with an odd number may be sprinkled on odd-numbered days 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.** This provision shall automatically apply unless superseded by action of the City Administrator should a water shortage exist. The City Administrator is authorized under City Code §325-1 to restrict the sprinkling of lawns by posting a notice at City Hall setting forth the restrictions.

A new property owner may request an exemption of the restrictions for the sprinkling of new sod. To request an exemption please contact Rick Sames, Building Official. For a complete copy of the Code visit our website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

## 10-Year Pavement and Asset Management Plans

At the April 21, 2015, meeting of the Isanti City Council, the 10-Year Pavement Management and Utility Asset Management plans, along with the Revenue Plan for funding these improvements, were approved.

### Pavement Management Plan

In the spring of 2014, Isanti Public Works Staff went through the process of assessing the condition of all streets within the City of Isanti. Utilizing this information, City Engineer Bolten & Menk, Inc. prepared a report to assist the City with understanding the current condition of the streets, as well as a recommendation for pavement management over the next 10 years. Pavement Management is an essential part of extending the life of the existing pavement and reducing long-term pavement rehabilitation costs. The City of Isanti has over 31 miles of paved streets, all of which are currently in need of some type of maintenance. The last time maintenance activities were performed in the City of Isanti was 2009.

Through the pavement assessment process, each street within the City was given a rating that corresponds to a recommended maintenance activity (i.e. Seal Coat, Mill & Overlay, and Full Depth Reconstruction). The rating system allows for prioritization of repairs and ensures the maintenance practices performed are the most cost effective. Over 85% of the streets within the City of Isanti have a condition rating equal to or greater than 5. This rating indicates that the majority of the City streets have pavement life remaining that can be preserved or extended.

Pavement Rating Condition	Typical Recommended Maintenance
9 - 10	Do Nothing
7 - 8	Crack Rout & Seal, Seal Coat, Patching
5 - 6	Mill & Overlay
3 - 4	Full Depth Reclamation & Paving
1 - 2	Full Depth Reconstruction

Annual maintenance activities are costly; however, crack sealing and seal coating activities extend the useful life of the streets and decreases the need for more costly full depth reconstruction activities. The cost per lineal foot of a typical 36-ft wide street is \$9 for seal coating activities compared to \$253 for full depth reconstruction.

Rehab Type	Rehab Cost/LF
Seal Coat	\$ 9.00
Mill & Overlay	\$ 70.00
Full Depth Reclamation & Paving	\$ 118.00
Full Depth Reconstruction	\$ 253.00

The 10-Year Pavement Management Plan cost is projected at \$9,252,163. MSA (Municipal State Aid) funds will be utilized to pay for \$2,367,663 of the total cost; however, this leaves \$6,884,499 to be paid by the City over the next 10 years. In order to fund the Pavement Management Plan, the City has reviewed several potential funding sources. The Revenue Plan approved by the Isanti City Council at its April 21, 2015, meeting includes Local Government Aid dedicated to streets, a Franchise Fee imposed on Utility Providers for use of the Public Right of Way, Special Assessments, and a General Fund Tax Levy. The first year of the plan, 2015, includes plans to Mill & Overlay 1st Avenue north of Heritage Blvd to Bluebird Park, as well as Seal Coating activities in the Rum River Landing Phase 1 & 2 Subdivisions and the Rum River Meadows Phase 1 & 2 Subdivisions. The next phase of Reconstruction includes

Nina Street SW and Palomino Road SE. The Pavement Management Plan in its entirety, including maps detailing the 10-year Maintenance and Reconstruction Areas, can be found on the City of Isanti's website.

### Asset Management Plan

The City of Isanti has developed a comprehensive Asset Management Plan to ensure the long term sustainability of the City's water and wastewater infrastructure. The plan provided for the following:

- o Defining a level of service
- o Preparing an inventory of assets, including replacement dates and costs
- o Determining critical assets
- o Developing long-term capital improvement plans for replacing and adding critical assets
- o Reviewing alternatives for asset replacement and expansion
- o Developing long-range financing plans

## Community Development/Administrative/Finance

### 10-Year Pavement and Asset Management Plans (continued)

The Asset Management Plan positions anticipated long-term needs for replacement of current equipment, upcoming needs, and system redundancy. Providing a long-term plan for the management of the City's infrastructure assets ensures the City of Isanti can provide financing for the long-term needs of the facilities while providing the lowest costs possible. The Asset Management Plan is intended to be a working document that will be continually updated to meet upcoming industry standards and adjusted real world equipment needs. It will also ensure that the City of Isanti will be prepared for upcoming State and Federal regulatory requirements that drive much of the needs required by those systems. The ultimate goal of the Asset Management Plan will be to provide for the lowest cost potable water and wastewater service, while providing for the long-term needs of the systems that provide that service. Through the utilization of these long-term maintenance mechanisms, the City can plan financially for the future and provide the best service possible for the residents and business owners in the City of Isanti.

The City of Isanti Water Treatment Facility was built in 2008. The existing structures and equipment appear to be in good condition and the existing wells have adequate capacity to meet the current needs of the City. The Water Treatment Facility Capital Improvement Plan for the next 10 years provides for an additional Chlorine Generation System, in addition to rebuilding the Filter Underdrains.

Water Treatment Facility - Capital Improvement Plan		
Year	Budget	Description
2015	\$ 200,000	Additional Chlorine Generation System
2021	\$ 300,000	Rebuild Filter 1 Underdrain
2022	\$ 300,000	Rebuild Filter 2 Underdrain
2023	\$ 300,000	Rebuild Filter 3 Underdrain
2024	\$ 300,000	Rebuild Filter 4 Underdrain
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,000</b>	

The City of Isanti Wastewater Treatment Facility was built in 1996 and a new screening system was added in 2006; however, a majority of the facility has not seen renovation or rehabilitation; therefore, some of the infrastructure requires immediate attention. The 2015 Wastewater Improvements include replacement of the Main Lift Station, Construction of a New Pretreatment Facility, Aeration Blower Replacement, Aeration Diffuser Replacement, and Filter Rehabilitation at a cost of \$2.9M. Assuming annual preventative maintenance is followed, at a cost of \$20K per year, the 2015 improvements are expected to take the City of Isanti into the next decade. The Asset Management Plan, in its entirety, can be viewed on the City of Isanti's website.

Wastewater Treatment Facility - Capital Improvement Plan		
Year	Budget	Description
		Pretreatment Improvements, Main Lift Station/Demolition, Aeration Blower Replacement, Diffuser Replacement, Aeration Diffuser Replacement, Filter Rehabilitation
2015	\$ 2,900,000	
2025	\$ 500,000	Clarifier Rehabilitation
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,400,000</b>	

### 2015 Budget Process

City Staff began working on the 2016 budget in early May as individual departments began determining their expected expenditures for next year.

May 2015	Department heads meet with the City Administrator and Finance Director and put together each department's budget.
July 2015	Finance Committee meets to review the entire budget.
Mid July-August 2015	City Council work sessions are held to review each department's budget.
September 1, 2015	Isanti City Council to approve the 2016 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy.
December 1, 2015	Budget Presentation and Isanti City Council to approve the 2016 Final Budget and Tax Levy.

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

### 2014 Drinking Water Report

On April 15, 2015 the City of Isanti published the 2014 drinking water report in its entirety in the Isanti County News. The City of Isanti will not be mailing the 2014 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 2014 drinking water report at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us).

### City Offices Closed

**Friday, July 3**

in Honor of  
Independence Day

**Monday, September 7**

Labor Day

**Monday, October 12**

Columbus Day

### Garage Sale Regulations

Spring and summer lead to warm weather; and garage sale events. City staff has received many inquiries regarding 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, 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 Roxanne Achman, Community Development Director.



# Community Development

## 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

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

## Economic Development

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### New Commercial and Industrial Construction in Isanti

The landscape in the City of Isanti has recently changed and more changes are on the horizon. The newly constructed 75,000 square foot Isanti Indoor Arena – Home of Rum River BMX opened this spring. Rum River BMX Association has hosted the State Finals (2009, 2010, 2012, and 2014) and Nationals (2009, 2010 and 2013) here in Isanti. This project is estimated to bring 80,000 participants and spectators to town annually. WillowBridge Center, along with the Green Table Café, has fully opened as well, offering the residents of Isanti and surrounding area more salon and

spa alternatives along with healthy foods, smoothies and a great cup of coffee. Family Dollar has communicated an opening date of July 2 to the City. Bow Daddy Archery Pro Shop and Range has submitted plans to come to Isanti in July 2015. This new business will be located at 801 Hwy 65, Isanti MN 55040 just south of the John Deere dealership. This full service archery pro shop will service any bow brand, sell compound bows, traditional equipment, and crossbows and offer a large indoor shooting range along with a TechnoHunt simulator. TechnoHunt, Spot, and Youth leagues will be starting soon! Please check out [www.bowdaddyarchery.com](http://www.bowdaddyarchery.com) for further details. It's exciting to see the retail and recreational sectors of Isanti growing.

Plans have been submitted for two new industrial expansions in 2015. Granger Machine, a precision machine shop which has called Isanti home since 1998, has plans for an expansion of 2,000 square feet this summer. Lexington Textiles, a laundry supply company providing a variety of custom bags, slings, carts, and laundry accessories, built their original facility in 2003 and has submitted plans to construct a 6,000 square foot addition to provide space for their growing business. There are additional commercial and industrial prospects that the City is working with that would be great additions to the community. Stay tuned.

### Housing Market in Isanti Positive

As of May 18, 2015, 15 new single family housing permits have been pulled. In 2014, 38 housing permits were pulled and this year has started off faster than last. The momentum that was built in 2013-2014 has continued and Isanti is in a great position to continue to grow with approximately 300 platted lots remaining. More housing projects, including multi-unit products are on the horizon for Isanti in 2015. Stable growth in this market will add to the appeal of Isanti to businesses looking to expand operations or enter new markets.

### Eighth Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Day – June 16, 2015

The Mayor's Employer Celebration Day will be held June 16, 2015 from 11:30-1:00 at Isanti City Hall. This event is held to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community a great place to live and work. 2015 milestone anniversaries (Years in Isanti) for area businesses include: Strike Funeral Home (50), Elaine's Flowers (50), Isanti Maytag Laundry (20), Sanbrook Golf Club (20), Boeke's Woodshop (10), Community Pride Bank (10), Dance Dynamics (10), Diamond Welding (10), Lil Sprout Child Care Center (10), Demorie Alterations (5), HME Products (5), Stellar Enterprises (5), Water Works Manufacturing (5). The City of Isanti is the home of 154 businesses that employ approximately 1,544 people within our community. 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 11 to Economic Development Director Sullivan. This event is for business owners and their employees.

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## Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

### Police Department

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Greetings All...I hope you have enjoyed our early Spring and warm weather.

The Isanti Police Department will again offer ATV Youth Safety Classes this year. We certified 63 youth at our April 18th class and will be offering two more class sessions beginning Saturday, August 15 and October 10, 2015. All classes and riding sessions will be held at the Isanti Community Center. There is a training CD that each student will need for the class and that can be obtained by going 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. Youth age 11, cannot receive their certificate until their 12th birthday. There is a \$10.00 fee for the class.

**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 Police Department to pick up a DNR rules and regulations booklet.**

The City Council of Isanti has passed an ordinance that allows class 1 ATV's and golf carts to be driven on municipal streets under certain restrictions. A city ATV permit and application can be obtained at the police department. The permit sticker costs \$25.00 per year.

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

Do not forget about the three upcoming streets dances held downtown on June 27th, July 18th and August 15th. These are great community events. Just a reminder, no outside alcohol allowed in the street dance area.

National Night Out will be held August 4th, 2015 at the Isanti Community Center, just north of City Hall on 1st Ave NW. 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 pot-luck event so please bring a dish, desert 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 around 6:00 p.m. If you have ideas for some fun events please call me or send me an email at chiefhill@cityofisanti.us.

Lastly, the police department has a new investigator on staff to meet the growing needs of our community.

**Have a great and safe summer! Respectfully, Chief of Police**

### Building Department

In the spring of 2015, the State of MN. adopted a new version of the State Residential, Mechanical, and Energy Code and they are currently in the process of also adopting a new version of State Commercial Code. These new codes may or may not affect the way in which you construct your next project and so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give my office a call to discuss it.

**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. And must be sealed by a license well driller when they are vacated. The City of Isanti also requests that you inform them when you are installing one or vacating 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. If I can't answer your question, I'll do my best to find someone who can.

**City of Isanti Building Official – Rick Sames**

### Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex  
Isanti Indoor Arena -  
Home of Rum River BMX  
Isanti Ice Arena  
Martin's Landing  
(DNR Canoe Landing)  
Redbirds Baseball Field

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**www.cityofisanti.us**

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### Building Department Staff Update

The City hired part-time Building Inspector, Nick Henly, in February. Nick will be training with Building Official Rick Sames. Nick will begin taking on some of inspections, permits and plan reviews. Our Code Enforcement / Zoning Technician, Sean Stevens, has obtained his Permit Technician Certification to help in reviewing and approving fixed fee permits as well.

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### 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 codeandzoning@cityofisanti.us.

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### If you dig a hole:


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**LANDMARK**  
Community Bank

Isanti  
711 6th Ave. NE  
**763-444-5528**

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**STRIKE**  
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ISANTI & CAMBRIDGE CHAPELS  
Isanti Chapel – 409 E. Broadway – 444-5212  
Cambridge Chapel – 720 1st Avenue E. – 689-2070  
Hugo and Brian Strike, Directors and Owners  
[www.strikefuneral.com](http://www.strikefuneral.com)

## Community Events

### 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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763-552-7284

#### ISANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tracy Neifert  
763-444-8515

#### ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf  
763-689-8220

#### ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson  
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If your organization is not listed, please contact City Hall at 763-444-5512 or [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

### Friends of the Isanti Area Library



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

Don't miss the free Heebie Jeebies family comedy music show on Monday, June 15 from 1-2 pm at Isanti Primary School. Kids (of all ages) will laugh, move, and dance their way through the show. The Isanti Outreach Site sponsors this event with funding from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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 the library makes it easy to catch up on past seasons of your favorite TV show, or have entertainment on hand without that last-minute return rush.

All donations to the Friends of the Isanti Area Library are tax-deductible, and we gladly accept donations of gently used books, DVDs, audio books, occasionally other related items, and of course cash. (Please no Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, or VHS tapes) We especially need children's books and westerns.

Walk with us in the Jubilee Days Parade on July 9th! We also greatly appreciate volunteers to help with various other community events, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information: [Susi@isantiLibrary.org](mailto:Susi@isantiLibrary.org) or 763-444-4585.

### Farmer's Market

The kick-off of the Isanti Farmer's Market is May 29th! Come shop farm fresh produce, artisans and also craft and homemade goods. The market is open every Friday from 2:30pm-6:30pm (except July 3rd) until September 25th. The Market is located downtown off Main Street behind Isanti Custom Meats. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or have Market questions, please contact Josi Wood, 763-444-5512 or [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us).

For more Isanti Farmer's Market information check out the website at [www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org) or like us on facebook: Isanti Family Farmer's Market.



**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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## Community Events

### 2015 Legacy Park Family Series



Bring the family out to Legacy Park to enjoy a wonderful series of what life was like for the Dakota and Ojibwe Native Americans. Come for one or all! Per session cost is \$3/person or \$10/family when you pre-register. \$4/person if not pre-registered. Legacy Park is located at the intersection of Bellaire Blvd. and Blossom Blvd.

#### **Archeology Lab: June 27, 9:30-10:30am**

Before they could get in their cars and go to the store, Native Americans found many creative ways to use their natural resources. During this program, you'll become an archeologist and guess what some unfamiliar objects and tools were made of and used for in everyday life. Just bring your thinking caps, we'll bring the tools!

#### **Run, sneak, toss! Games of Native Americans: July 18, 9:30-10:30am**

The Native Americans had a lot of hard work to do, but they took time to play games too! Come out to learn a variety of games that Native Americans played long ago. No experience necessary, we'll teach you everything you need to know.

#### **A Crafty Culture: August 15, 9:30-10:30am**

Artwork is a very important part of many Native American cultures; it was used to tell stories, given as gifts, and to show pride in one's family. We'll see many examples of Native American crafts, and try our hand at some as well.

**For questions on these programs or to pre-register, call City Hall at 763-444-5512 or email [isantiparks@cityofisantia.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisantia.us)**

### North 65 Chamber of Commerce

Hello Isanti! All the planning and preparation has paid off. North 65 Chamber is now moved into our new office at 2 Enterprise Ave., C4 in Isanti. We are up and running at full speed with our Chamber duties, currently hard at work planning the events for the Rodeo and Jubilee Days and our Chamber Cup golf tournament later on July 27. We will continue to strive to find new and interesting ways to promote our region and the people and businesses in it. Melissa Bettendorf and I, along with our board of directors, still have some settling in to do, however. We have signage to get on the door and pylon sign, continue to work through changing over the website and so much more. My plan is to make it out and visit with all the Isanti businesses to introduce myself. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about the Chamber, feel free to drop me a line. Otherwise, don't be surprised if you see me at your business to introduce myself and the new North 65 Chamber.

**Eric Champion, President, North 65 Chamber of Commerce**



### Cambridge-Isanti Public Schools

Cambridge-Isanti Public Schools are offering a summer school program from July 20-August 13. The program runs Mondays-Thursdays from 8:00-12:00 and is designed to provide extra support for students in reading and math. If you have any questions about this program, please contact any of the Isanti schools.

School For All Seasons Elementary School and Minnesota Center Middle School in Isanti begin classes on July 29, 2015. We are an optional program of Cambridge-Isanti Public Schools that emphasizes learning year-round and provides an emphasis in science, technology, environmental education, arts, and mathematics. Please contact School For All Seasons at 763-552-8800 or Minnesota Center at 763-691-8600 for additional information.

The Isanti Intermediate School and Isanti Primary School Parking Lots are being upgraded to improve traffic flow this summer. This is the final phase of the construction projects approved by voters in 2-13. The parking lots are scheduled to be completed by the end of August. Thank you for your patience as we improve traffic safety at our schools.

School For All Seasons and Minnesota Center students have adopted Legacy Park in Isanti and have visited the park over each of the four seasons. On Wednesday, May 6, 2015 Mrs. Grace's first grade students from School For All Seasons presented Mayor George Wimmer with a poem they had written about Legacy Park.



### Sign up for Nature Detectives Club!

Calling all youth who love nature! This drop-off program is designed for children ages 4-7. Each program involves outdoor exploration, hands-on learning, craft time and lots of fun! The group meets the first Saturday of the month, year-round, at the Isanti Community Center from 9:00 am-10:30 am Cost is \$3/child when you pre-register. \$4/child if not pre-registered.

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### 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](http://www.isanticountymastergardeners.com) or by contacting 763-689-1810.

## Community Events



### Mark Your Calendars for FREE Summer Music Events June 25, July 18, & August 15

The bands kick off at 7:00 p.m. and play until 11:00 p.m. with minimal breaks. There will be vendors with food and drink sales on site. The Street Dances will be held on Main Street at the intersection of Main Street and 1st Ave NW. In the case of inclement weather, the Street Dances will be held at the Isanti Indoor Arena. 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!



## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, June 25 – Memorial Blood Center – 11:30am – 6:30pm

Donate blood to help save lives. The event is held every other month at the Isanti Community Center. Walk-ins welcome but registration is preferred. Call (651) 332-7000 or visit [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org)

### Saturday, June 27 – Downtown Isanti Street Dance – 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Featuring Jonah and the Whales. Free, family friendly and open to the public. Beer & food vendors on site.

### Saturday, June 27 – Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club Kohl's Cup

The Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club is hosting this year's Kohl's cup. The Kohl's cup is a rec tournament with participants from all around the state. This will be a fun day to watch some great soccer at a local venue. Visit [www.cambridgeisantisoccerclub.com/](http://www.cambridgeisantisoccerclub.com/) for more info.

### Thursday, July 9 – Isanti Parade – 6:30pm

Jubilee Days kicks off with the Isanti Parade.

### Friday, July 10-11 – Isanti Firefighters 39th Annual Rodeo

Visit [www.isantifiredistrict.org/isanti\\_rodeo\\_assc\\_](http://www.isantifiredistrict.org/isanti_rodeo_assc_) for a list of events and activities.

### Saturday, July 11 – Jubilee Day

Join in the fun! Fitness run/walk (8:00am), kids free fun day (10:00am-1:00pm), outhouse races (2:00pm), corn feed, turtle races, kiddie parade, horseshow tournament and craft fair (9:00am-3:00pm). Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more info. (763) 689-2505 or [www.north65chamber.com](http://www.north65chamber.com).

### Saturday, July 18 – Downtown Isanti Street Dance – 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Featuring Boogie Wonderland. Free, family friendly and open to the public. Beer and food vendors on site.

### Saturday, August 1 – Rum River BMX MN State Finals Race

The Rum River BMX Association is hosting this year's State Finals Race at the Isanti Indoor Arena. Visit <http://www.usabmx.com/tracks/1549> for more info.

### Tuesday, August 4 – National Night Out - starting at 5:30pm

The Isanti Police Department will be hosting National Night Out at the Isanti Community Center. Fun family games and events. This a pot-luck event. Hot dogs and root-beer floats to be provided. Doors open at 5:30pm.

### Saturday, August 15 – Downtown Isanti Street Dance – 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Featuring Brat Pack Radio Supershow. Free, family friendly and open to the public. Beer and food vendors on site.

### Saturday, August 15 – Rum River Rods Classic Car Summer Spectacular – 11:00am – 5:00pm

Rum River Rods is hosting their 5th annual summer spectacular. There will be a pie eating contest, muffler rap contest, craft/vendor fair, food vendors, kids events, and custom trophies given out. \$5 entry fee per car/truck and non-perishable food collected for Family Pathways.

### Saturday, August 15 – ATV Safety Training

The Isanti Police Department partners with the MN DNR to offer an ATV Safety Training at the Isanti Community Center. Register or get more info by calling (763) 444-4761.

### Thursday, August 27 – Memorial Blood Center – 11:30am – 6:30pm

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## REOCCURRING EVENTS:

**Rum River Rods** - Every Wednesday June 3-August 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Main Street Isanti

**Farmer's Market** - Every Friday May 29 - September 25 (except July 3rd) in Eagle Park, Downtown from 2:30-6:30 p.m. For details visit [www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org)

**Nature Detectives Club** – Youth Nature Program at the Isanti Community Center, first Saturday of the month, 9:00am-10:30pm \$4/child per session. Contact Josi (763) 444-5512, [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) for more info.

**From Lands to Legacy** – Come take part in this family program at Legacy Park. Learn from the naturalist, have fun and play games. June 27, July 18 and August 15, 9:30am-10:30am. Legacy Park, \$4/person or \$12/family per session.



## Community Events

### Calendar of Events (continued)

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

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



**Isanti Community Center Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels** – Monday through Friday at the Isanti Community Center. Reservations can be made ahead and are recommended by calling 763-444-7539 between 10:30am-1:00 pm or call Edie at 763-689-5992. The suggested donation is \$4 for persons 60 and older; \$7.50 under 60.

- Book sale last Wednesday of every month
- Bingo every Monday
- Special events typically on Wednesdays
- Blood pressure checks the 2nd Monday of the month.

**Happy Senior Card Club** – Every Tuesday from 11:00am-3:00pm at the Isanti Community Center.

### Isanti Redbird Baseball – 2015 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>JUNE</b>			
3	Anoka	Home	7:30 pm
6	Andover	Away	2:00 pm
7	East Bethel	Away	2:00 pm
10	Champlin	Home	7:30 pm
14	Andover	Home	5:00 pm
15	Blaine	Home	7:30 pm
19	Forest Lake	Away	7:30 pm
21	St. Paul Mudhens	Home	7:00 pm
24	Brooklyn Park	Home	7:30 pm
28	St. Francis	Home	5:00 pm
<b>JULY</b>			
1	Baseball 365	Home	7:30 pm
8	East Bethel	Home	7:30 pm

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>JULY</b>			
9	Blaine	Away	7:30 pm
11	Outhouse Race	Isanti	1:00 pm
12	Champlin	Away	7:00 pm
17	Coon Rapids	Home	7:30 pm
22	St. Francis	Away	7:30 pm
24	St. Paul Capitols	Home	7:30 pm
26	Forest Lake	Home	7:00 pm
29	Coon Rapids	Away	7:30 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>			
1	Hibbing	Home	2:00 pm
2	Brooklyn Park	Away	2:00 pm
5	Anoka	Away	7:30 pm
10	Section Tournament Starts		

### Seasonal Tips from Isanti's Safety Committee

#### BICYCLE SAFETY

Many injuries happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths, not just on streets and wearing proper safety equipment can minimize the risk of serious injuries. Protective gear must be worn whenever you or your children are on bicycles, scooters, skates, rollerblades, skateboards and more! Be sure the right type of helmet is being used. When purchasing a helmet, look for a label or sticker that says the helmet meets the CPSC safety standard. And if the gear doesn't fit, don't buy it—sizing matters!

#### FIREWORKS SAFETY

Fireworks can cause severe burns, disfigurement, and possible death. Fireworks that are often thought to be safe, such as sparklers, can reach temperatures above 1000 degrees Fahrenheit. The greatest recommendation for fireworks safety is to watch a public fireworks display coordinated by professionals.

It is important to note the City of Isanti regulations regarding fireworks use. To check out the City of Isanti Ordinance on Fireworks, go to <http://www.cityofisanti.us/govt/fireworks>

#### WATER SAFETY

Two to three children die every day as a result of drowning. Teach kids to swim. Formal swimming lessons can protect young children from drowning. Parents, learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Your CPR skills could save someone's life. There are many programs available in the area for CPR and swimming including Cambridge-Isanti Community Education classes.

### Isanti Community Center



The Isanti Community Center is a great venue to host your event! The ICC is perfect for Luncheons, Graduation Parties, Weddings, Fund Raisers, Seminars, Business Presentations, Birthday Parties, or a number of any other events.

Located at 208-1/2 1st Avenue NW (next to City Hall). Check out rates and information at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us) and click on Community Center under the Resources tab or contact City Hall at 763-444-5512 or [isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us)

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### 1st Annual Two Cities, One Community: Run- Walk-Bike Event

Mark your calendar...the joint event between the City of Isanti and City of Cambridge will take place Saturday, October 3rd. It will begin in Cambridge at the Park 'N Ride and follow the C-I Bike/Walk Trail to Isanti where you'll find wellness vendors, free kid games, rock climbing wall, moon walk/jumping house, food vendors and MORE at Bluebird Park! Also join in for music and a root beer float social at the Cambridge City Park and later in the afternoon for Oktober Fest with beer and brats!

Sign up to receive a FREE event goodie bag (while supplies last) and/or contact us for more event details: 763-444-5512 or [isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us). A full list of event details and activities can be found at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us).

**Have a safe summer season!**





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