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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

We have an amazing summer ahead with numerous events bringing tens of thousands of visitors to Isanti. As I wrote in my previous article, our City is experiencing positive commercial/industrial growth which is spurring the need for new home building, as 36 new housing permits are issued to date. The summer also marks the opening of River Bluff Preserve; which is home to our Community Garden.

In this article, I want to talk about how Isanti is growing and changing. Over a decade ago, Isanti had approximately 2,500 residents with an average household income of \$43,000. Today we have over 5,600 residents with an average household income over \$63,000 with an average age of 31. While our population is overwhelmingly young in average age, we are seeing an influx of seniors moving into our Community. Isanti's motto is a "A Community for Generations." We strive to build a City that all generations want to call home and that serves their needs. Much has changed in a few short years in Isanti and much more will inevitably change as we grow into the future. The key is to make sure we grow in a safe and productive way that builds a foundation for generations to come.

I wanted to share the results of our Utility Rate Study. As discussed previously, our Utility rates will see a significant reduction starting in 2017. We are cutting the sewer base fee 50% from \$22.86 down to \$11.43. The water base fee is being cut 25% from \$16.90 to \$12.68. This will save \$187.80 per year. This will also give us the lowest utility rates in the region. The average sanitary sewer/water utility bill (3,500 gallons) of \$75.64 will drop to \$59.99 per month. Following is the information from the independent Northland Securities rate analysis of monthly sewer/water fees starting January 1, 2017.

Isanti -	\$59.99	Princeton -	\$87.88
Cambridge -	\$60.86	North Branch -	\$96.60
Chisago -	\$84.36	St. Francis -	\$99.32

If you are a heavier sewer/water user at an average of 7,500 gallons, the savings become even more dramatic in comparison due to higher rates charged by other communities for greater usage.

Isanti -	\$100.99	Princeton -	\$150.60
Cambridge -	\$114.05	North Branch -	\$167.00
Chisago -	\$136.98	St. Francis -	\$162.20

The sewer usage average for first time hook-ups has also been reduced to reflect our average usage. The old base utility usage number was 5,000 gallons which has been changed to reflect our true average usage of 3,500 gallons. This is a savings for new home owners. There are several other changes that fix issues faced by our utility users. I had promised a reduction in rates by 2018 and thankfully we will be able to start a year earlier than originally planned. We have been able to pay off debt amassed by previous Councils, as they had rapidly expanded the City before the Great Recession. Growth is good so long as we continue to make development pay for itself and we stick to our Long Term Financial and Growth Plans. Communities that are on the Met Council system pay significantly less due to the sheer size of the Metro area. We however are striving to be as competitive as possible with communities that are working in the same environment as we are.

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 and keep up to date on all things Isanti on Twitter at twitter.com/mayorwimmer Facebook at www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer or my blog at georgewimmer.com


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City Offices & Staff Directory

City Council Members

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Council Member	Position vacant at time of printing		

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Community Events and Parks Coordinator

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Police Department

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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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Economic 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.

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

Economic Development – Moving Forward in Isanti Commercial / Industrial Market and Development



The City of Isanti is a place where businesses can grow and prosper. In 2010, there were 131 businesses within the City Limits that employed 1399 people. In 2016, 168 Isanti businesses employed 1616 people. Between 2010 and 2016 Isanti welcomed 81 new businesses and bid farewell to 45 which is net positive business growth of 36 in a time period where economic conditions were not always helping businesses. Over this same period there were 6 new commercial / industrial buildings constructed, 15 existing C/I buildings purchased and 4 Isanti businesses that had expansions. These numbers do not include projects currently in the pipeline that have construction underway or will be starting shortly. Isanti has a growing business community and these enterprises are investing in Isanti.

The commercial/retail market is strong in Isanti. Investment is occurring along the Highway 65 Corridor, Heritage Blvd, and Main Street. Since 2011, new commercial businesses such as: WillowBridge Center, Family Dollar (new building), BowDaddy Archery, The Green Table, Therapy Associates (new building), Vixen Defense, Miller Tax Service (expansion), and many more have decided to relocate to, expand in, or build new in Isanti. The new editions complement our existing retail businesses.



This project will include investment of over 4 Million dollars in Isanti. This full service grocery store will include a pharmacy, gas, and a car wash and anticipates hiring 150 people by its projected opening before Labor Day 2016. Staff has been working with other commercial businesses and developers and will continue to help generate investment, expansion of existing business, new jobs and tax base for the city.

Industrial development and expansion are one of the keys to a successful community. While commercial and retail projects are usually centered in the spotlight, the industrial sector doesn't get the respect that it deserves. Isanti manufacturing, distributing, and warehousing businesses provide excellent living wage job opportunities for residents and are the cornerstone to a strong local and global economy. Companies like Granger Machine, Metal Coatings and Manufacturing, Evercat Fuels, Advanced Telemetry Systems, SnoBear USA, and Pat's Small Engine all have made significant investment in the community like many other local businesses and serve as great ambassadors for our community.

The City of Isanti has used loans, grants, State funding and incentives directly, or

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Economic Development

indirectly, to help encourage investment in the City of Isanti. Since 2010, the City has made six loans from its revolving loan fund totaling \$167,000 and all of the loans are current. The City has also provided four grants from special TIF legislation totaling \$316,500 from revenue generated from TIF Districts within Isanti. The City has also leveraged the State of Minnesota MIF program for \$400,000 to help recruit SnoBear USA to Isanti from North Dakota. The City Development Team was recognized for its efforts with SnoBear USA and was awarded the Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) Excellence in Economic Development Award for 2016 which was its second since 2008.

In all, the beneficiaries of the loans, grants and incentives now provide 140 jobs in Isanti. In 2010, there was approximately 80,000 square feet of vacant industrial space. In 2016, including building under contract for purchase, there are only about 5,000 square feet of space available for lease with none available for purchase with the city brokering, or providing gap financing, for many of those deals. The City has obtained Shovel Ready Certified status for the remainder of three city owned industrial lots which should begin to develop with space becoming non-existent in the industrial park.



Housing Market Report and Demographics

In 2010 the City of Isanti population was 5,251. As of April 2016, our city population is estimated to be 5,629 which would be the highest city population in the history of Isanti. Let that sink in.... Isanti has recovered from the Great Recession. Over the past three years the City has seen new single family housing starts at 38 in 2014, 41 in 2015, and 36 so far in 2016, which is ahead of the 2015 pace. According to Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors data on the housing market for 2010 and 2015, Isanti shows positive trends. There were 232 closed sales in 2015 compared to 148 in 2010 and the time a house stays on the market has decreased significantly from 124 days in 2010 to a mere 61 days at the end of 2015. During that time period average house prices have increased from \$128,794 (93.1% of listing price received) to \$175,649 (98% of listing price received). Based on reports from local realtors the days on the market are less than the 61 reported now. The City implemented the SAC and WAC deferral program in 2013 and has renewed annually, which has allowed builders to cash flow more effectively and has helped continue the housing market momentum. These new housing starts represent a strong housing market and a growing desire to live in our community.

According to the American Community Survey the median age of a City of Isanti resident is 31.2 which is significantly younger than the County Average of 38.7. The young demographic helps fuel the entrepreneurial spirit and energy that is helping shape the community moving forward. In addition to single family housing, there has been some senior memory care housing growth. In 2012, an 18 unit building was constructed by Prairie Senior Cottages of Isanti. Approvals are in place for a second building in 2016 that would add an additional 24 units of senior memory care. There has been interest in developing market rate apartments in Isanti as well but no projects are scheduled to be built in 2016. The City continues to work with developers to add the housing types that the city needs and can support. In 2014 the City of Isanti collaborated with the 5 counties of East Central Minnesota to commission a housing study by Maxfield. The study showed strong demand in our area for single family housing, market rates apartments, and senior housing; that study serves as a great tool to use for generating development into the future. The Isanti motto, "A Community of Generations" truly fits this ever-changing community.

Moving Forward

The City has had many recent successes but economic development is an ongoing effort. There is no time for rest and sustainable growth is the goal. Marketing to external businesses, brokers, real estate agents, and internal business retention and expansion efforts are key components of economic development plan. The City of Isanti is represented online through its website, commercial real estate listings, DEED Shovel Ready Program and on Business Climate through a partnership with DEED. In addition, the City has put together print and electronic brochures and maps to help market our community. To stay current, marketing materials and listings are constantly being updated. Events such as Manufacturer's Week and the Mayor's Employer Celebration Day bring the City and businesses together to share ideas and to learn about each other's needs and expectations – and to celebrate the wonderful business already in Isanti. The City has built responsible relationships with the broker and banking communities to bring prospects and capital to the City of Isanti. All of these items under the coordination of the economic development department along with the support of the existing business community are what really makes Isanti a great place to live and conduct business.



2015 Drinking Water Report

On April 6, 2016 the City of Isanti published the 2015 drinking water report in its entirety in the Isanti County Newspaper. The City of Isanti will not be mailing the 2015 drinking water report to all customers, but a copy is available upon request. To request a copy please call Josi Wood at 763-444-5512; or visit our website to view the complete 2015 drinking water report at www.cityofisanti.us.

City Offices Closed

Monday, July 4

Independence Day

Monday, September 5

Labor Day

Monday, October 10

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.

Building/ Engineering

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.



RIVER BLUFF PRESERVE

Rum River Drive SW



UNITY PARK

420 3rd Avenue NW

North of Unity Blvd. NW.



BLUEBIRD PARK

201 Isanti Parkway NW

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



LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum



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

Building Department

Welcome to summer Isanti- finally!

Just like the resilient weeds in my lawn, new homes have been popping up everywhere; and businesses continue to grow and take root in our city. Unlike the weeds in my lawn, these are welcomed and very good things!

I want to reiterate that the building department section on Isanti's website is an ever-growing source of general building information and codes, as well as city requirements, permits, and licenses. You can even fill out and submit most building and zoning permits online! Please visit us at <http://cityofisanti.us/govt/city-departments/building>

Summer safety tip: The warm weather and longer days make it a good time of year to review fire evacuation drills, tornado drills, etc. with your family. And while enjoying those summer night bonfires or BBQs, please remember to exercise caution, be aware of the rules for fires in your area, and be respectful of those who may be affected by the smoke, ashes, noise, etc. It is recommended that portable fire pits never be utilized within 30' of any combustible structures including your garage, deck, or shed.

Thank you, and I hope you all have a great (and safe) summer.

Nick Henly, Building Official

Engineering Department

Lawn Care Product Management

The City has been working with community residents, and state, local and federal resource staff to protect area drinking water resources through the implementation of a Wellhead Protection Plan. Improper management of fertilizers and lawn care chemicals can impact groundwater quality and our drinking water supply. Every property owner needs to manage these products in a safe responsible manner. When lawn care products are applied at the proper rates and timed so they do not rapidly run-off or infiltrate the soil, they pose a relatively minor threat to groundwater. On the other hand, excessive use and poor application timing can result in these products contaminating ground water. Everyone needs to do their part by following recommended rates and guidelines for using lawn care products to help protect our community drinking water supply.

For more information, log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association's
Web site at www.mrwa.com

For more on how excessive nutrients impact drinking water supplies, see
<http://www.mrwa.com/SWP/Brochures/NutrientManagementBrochure2009.pdf>

Fire Department

Congratulations to the following new Isanti Firefighters for becoming certified in Emergency Medical Rescue and Firefighter 1!

Station 1: Brent Anderson, Brandon Boettcher, Mitch Gerold, and Rachel Sauvageau

Station 2: Ross Glad and Justin Hattesoil

Station 3: Gabe Hermanson and RJ Simonson

These guys and gal have put in many hours of training since joining us to get to where they are. Isanti Fire is very happy to have them on our team.

Each month at a minimum Isanti Fire District hosts a training drill. So far this year your firefighters have been training on topics such as Confined Space Entry, Map Reading, Trench Rescue, Wildland Firefighting and School Bus Incidents/Extrication. Some of these are rarely occurring incidents which actually makes things a little worse in the eyes of someone trying to remember a skill they learned "back then." We have several training events planned throughout the summer around the City, if you see us set up with a relaxed look on our faces feel free to stop and say hi!

Run counts are up a little bit compared to last year at this time but our equipment and crews are engaged and ready. We recently finished building a new-to-us grass truck that we purchased used from the MN DNR. We gave it a new, fresh coat of paint and installed a repurposed water tank, pump and hose reel from an old truck. With some donated labor hours from our firefighters and under \$10,000 we have ourselves a shiny, red, one-ton pickup that will fight grass fires for many years to come.

The 40th Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Association's Rodeo is going to be hosted in Isanti on July 8, 9 and 10 this year. July 10th will be the first time someone in the Great Lakes Region has hosted a PRCA Xtreme Bulls Challenge. This bull riding only event will be bringing world champion names like Sage Kimzey and Tuff Hedeman to our town. For the little ones, Sage's sister Dusta (star of the movie Cowgirls and Angels) will be here with her brother Trey to show us their trick riding skills during the performances. We may just see them in the parade on Thursday night too!! You will notice that there have been several new improvements at the Rodeo Grounds this year, including a large amount of added seating on the grass hill in front of the spectator bleachers. Come one come all!

For more info on our Department, the 40th

Annual Isanti Firefighters Professional Rodeo or to buy tickets please visit www.isantifiredistrict.org.

Al Jankovich, Fire Chief

Police Department

Police Department

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

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, D.C. to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

There are many new faces in the City who may not know the story of Marshal Frank Dahlin who has fallen in the line of duty within the City of Isanti. Dahlin Avenue is so named in his honor. The following is a short story of the events that unfolded in December 1926:

MARSHAL FRANK DAHLIN -Isanti PD - Died December 23, 1926

Marshal Frank Dahlin was making his usual rounds of the potato warehouses on Tuesday, December 21st, around 11:30 p.m. when he surprised three thieves preparing to loot the warehouse. As the thieves were walking towards him up the railroad tracks from the Miller warehouse, they opened fire on him and escaped in their getaway car.

A night employee, Oscar Spitz, who was working at the Oleson beanery, heard the shots and found Dahlin lying in a pool of blood on the track near the depot. He notified Sheriff Claes Johnson and deputies; County Attorney Henry Soderquist arrived shortly thereafter.

Although wounded severely, Dahlin was able to tell officers the details of the attempted robbery. He stated he used his gun to wound one of the suspects who had to be carried by his associates to the waiting vehicle. He was unable to provide any other description of the suspects. He was taken to a Minneapolis hospital where he died two days later.

Four months after the shooting, two suspects were arrested. Frank "Slim" Gibson and Jack Northrup had been involved in numerous robberies in the area, including Zimmerman Garage, Stanchfield State Bank, Severin Mattson Store, the State Bank of Grandy, and a gas station in Isanti where they shot the attendant, Gust Peterson. Gibson signed a confession stating that he shot twice at Marshal Dahlin and Dahlin shot him twice, hitting him in the chest and shoulder. Six days after their arrests, the men pled guilty to the murder and were given life sentences. One hour later they were transported to Stillwater State Prison.

Marshal Dahlin was born in May, 1877, and was 49 years old when he died. He was survived by his wife, Isabelle and stepson, Clarence. He had been a marshal for Isanti for one year. His funeral was held at the M.W.A. Hall in Isanti and he was buried in Isanti Union Cemetery.

Sourced from: The book "We Will Remember." With permission from Lisa Lovering, Author and Board of Director MN Law Enforcement Memorial Association L.E.M.A. 2009

Have a great and safe summer! PLEASE SECURE YOUR VEHICLES IN YOUR DRIVEWAY

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

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

For links visit:
www.cityofisanti.us

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 Code Enforcement/Zoning Technician 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 at (763) 444-5512 or codeandzoning@cityofisanti.us.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



- NO CARS - Never leave a pet in the car, not even with the window cracked.
- NO ASPHALT - If it's too hot for bare feet, it's too hot for bare paws.
- LIMIT EXERCISE - Don't let playful pets over exert themselves in the heat.

- GET TECH SAVVY - Become familiar with the tools and social media platforms your kids are using.
- SET LIMITS - Set clear boundaries and be consistent with enforcing rules.

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Community Events

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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
763-689-1442

ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)
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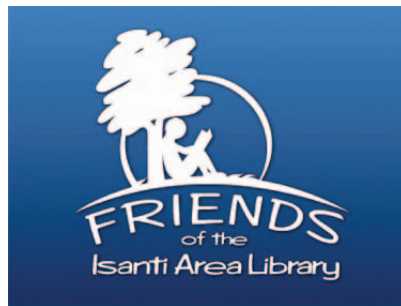
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Joe Mau - 763-444-4107

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

Friends of the Isanti Area Library



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library group helped to establish and continues to promote 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, audio-books, and e-books. Ask about Children's Story Time and other library events planned for this season.

You are welcome to request items by phone or on the East Central Regional Library website (ecrlib.org), 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.

We accept tax-deductible donations all year long. We gladly accept gently used books, DVDs, audio-books, and of course cash. (Please no Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, or VHS tapes) We especially need children's, westerns, and large-print books. All fundraiser proceeds and donations are used for projects promoting the Isanti Outreach Library and encouraging literacy in the community. Books for sale at the Library Outreach Site are a great deal at only 25¢ each; other items are available.

Watch for us in the Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade on Thursday, July 7! If your family would like to walk with us in the parade to help us celebrate please let us know.

We also greatly need and 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 or to arrange donation drop-off: Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

Farmer's Market




The kick-off of the Isanti Family Farmer's Market was May 27th!

Come shop local farm fresh produce and a variety of homemade goods. The market is open every Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm until September 30th (no market July 1st). The Market is located Downtown off Main Street behind Custom Meats.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor or have Market questions, please contact Katie Everett, 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us.

For more Isanti Family Farmer's Market information check out the website www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org or like us on Facebook: Isanti Family Farmer's Market



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Community Events

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 4 – Youth Bike Rodeo

There will be a youth bike rodeo held by the Isanti VFW Ladies Auxiliary at the VFW located at 410 Railroad Ave. SE. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. For more information, you can contact Kim Viskoe at the VFW by calling 763-444-9787. The police department will have a youth oriented bike course set up for this event.

Saturday, June 11 – 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. Call 763-552-GOAL (4625) for more information.

Thursday, June 16 – 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

Saturday, June 25 – Royal Tea with the Isanti Ambassadors – 11:00am

Join the Isanti Ambassadors at Faith Lutheran Church to Meet the Candidates, make a craft, and enjoy food and drinks. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Email isantiambassador@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, June 25 – Downtown Isanti Street Dance – 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Featuring Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys. Free, family friendly and open to the public. Beer and food vendors on site.

Saturday, June 25 – Rum River BMX State Championship Race

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

Sunday, June 26 – Rum River BMX Olympic Day

The Rum River BMX Association is hosting an Olympic day race. Everyone is welcome to come and try out BMX racing for free! Visit <http://www.usabmx.com/tracks/1549> for more info.

Thursday, July 7 – Isanti Ambassador Homecoming Luncheon

Join the ambassadors for a Homecoming Luncheon in honor of Maddie Simon being crowned a 2016 Aquatennial Princess! Visiting Royalty and community members are invited to come and congratulate Maddie along with the rest of the 2016 Minneapolis Aquatennial Family.

Thursday, July 7 – Isanti Parade – 6:30pm

Jubilee Days kicks off with the Isanti Parade, one of the largest in East Central MN. For more information visit www.north65chamber.com.

Friday, July 8-10 – Isanti Firefighters 40th Annual Rodeo

This year's 3-day event will be packed with fun and exciting events. Maiden Dixie will perform live Friday and Saturday nights. New this year – Sunday's event will feature Xtreme Bulls! Visit www.isantifiredistrict.org/isanti_rodeo_assc for ticket information and a full list of events.

Sunday, July 10 – Isanti Ambassador Coronation – 6:00 pm

Join the Isanti Ambassadors for the annual coronation ceremony at Isanti Middle School at 6:00 pm.

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, horseshoe tournament and craft fair (9:00am-3:00). Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more info. (763) 689-2505 or www.north65chamber.com.

Saturday, July 16 – 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.

Tuesday, August 2 – National Night Out

National Night Out will be held at the 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 pot-luck 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 contact the Police Chief.

Saturday, August 13 – Downtown Isanti Street Dance – 7:00pm – 11:00pm

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

Saturday, August 13 – Rum River Rods Classic Car Summer Spectacular – 11am – 5pm

Rum River Rods is hosting their 6th annual summer spectacular. There will be a pie eating contest, muffler



Mark Your Calendars for FREE Summer Music Events June 25, July 16, & August 13

The bands kick-off at 7pm and play until 11pm with minimal breaks. There will be vendors with food and drink sales on site. The Street Dances will be held right on Main Street at the intersection with 1st Ave NW. 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!

Downtown Isanti Street Dances...

June 25 – Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys

July 16 – Boogie Wonderland

August 13 – Jonah and the Whales



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Community Events



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 and space may be limited. Program minimum: 5 pre-registered 7 days prior.

Storywalk
August 6;
1:00-3:00pm
\$3/person;
\$10/family

Come to our new park – River Bluff Preserve – with your family and friends for an afternoon enjoying the trails and reading a children's story! You'll go for a walk through the park discovering pages of the story on your way. Come and go at your own pace.

For questions on these programs or to register, call City Hall at 763-444-5512 or email isantiparks@cityofisanti.us



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rap contest, food vendors, and custom trophies given out. \$10 entry fee per car/truck and non-perishable food collected for Family Pathways.

Saturday, August 13 – 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 18 – 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

REOCCURRING EVENTS:

Rum River Rods Classic Car Show – Every Wednesday June 1 – August 31, 5:30-8:30pm

Downtown Main Street Isanti

Farmers Market – Every Friday May 27 – Sept 30 (except July 1st in Eagle Park Downtown from 2-6pm.

For details visit www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org

Nature Detectives Club – (See sidebar for more info) Youth Nature Program at the Isanti Community Center, first Saturday of the month, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. \$4/child per session.

Contact Katie (763) 444-5512, isantiparks@cityofisanti.us for more info.

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
 Isanti Community Center

Isanti Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels – Monday thru Friday at the Isanti Community Center.

Reservations can be made ahead and are recommended by calling (763) 444-7539 between 10:30-1:00 pm or call Lynne at (763) 245-1193. The suggested donation is \$4 for persons 60 and older; \$7.50 under 60.

o Book sale last Wednesday of every month

o Bingo on every Monday

o Special events typically on Wednesdays

o Blood pressure checks the 2nd Monday of the Month

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

TWO CITIES,
One Community
 EVENT
September 10, 2016

Call 763-444-5512 or visit
cityofisanti.us for more information
 or to register for the 5K events.

MAYORS'
 WELCOME
 10:30 am
 Bluebird Park

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FAMILY BIKE RIDE

8:30am

5K RUN/WALK

8:45am

Cambridge Park n Ride

Registration - 8:00am

FIRST 50 PARTICIPANTS
 IN EACH EVENT GET A FREE
 GOODIE BAG! FREE SHUTTLE
 BACK TO PARK N RIDE

WELLNESS AND KIDS FAIR

9am-1pm

Bluebird Park - Isanti

Games and Vendors

FAMILY FESTIVAL

1-3pm Cambridge City

Park Kids' show and

Ice Cream Social

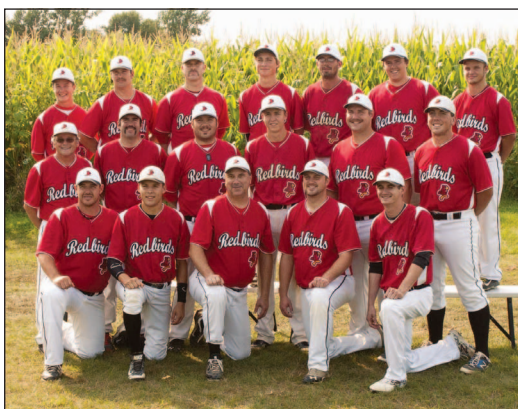
Community Events

Isanti Redbird Baseball Season

The Isanti Redbirds opened their 2016 baseball season on Wednesday, May 11th with a non-conference game against the St. Croix Bandits in Isanti at 7:30 PM. The 'Birds then played the Mora Blue Devils in another non-conference game in Mora on Sunday, May 15th. You can follow the Redbirds on their league schedule at www.metrominny.com. Or, go ahead and friend us on Facebook.

I would like to recognize one of our "home grown" Isanti players who has recently retired from the Redbirds. Packy Lind has been a Redbird player for sixteen years. He has played over 500 Redbird games during this period of time. Packy is the type of player who gives 100% of his effort all the time. To notice Packy, all you would have to do is look for the player with the dirtiest uniform! He was blessed with baseball talent, but more importantly, he was blessed with desire. Pound for pound, we have never had a more durable or tougher player than Packy. Packy has been a loyal and supportive teammate and a great leader for the Redbirds over the past sixteen years. The 'Birds are going to miss him this year!

With various individuals like Packy retiring this year, this year's team will be a lot younger. However,



this will also provide new opportunities for younger ball players. Come to a game this year and encourage these players. Who knows, you may be seeing right in front of you, the development of the next Packy Lind!

Footnote: Packy is still on our roster if he should come out of retirement. We also kept him on our roster in case he's needed for the Isanti Jubilee Days Outhouse Races!

2016 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
JUNE			
1	Andover	Home	7:30 pm
3-5	Sartell/ St. Stephen Tourn.	Away	TBA
8	Elk River Wood Ducks	Home	7:30 pm
10	Brooklyn Park	Away	7:00 pm
12	Forest Lake	Home	5:00 pm
15	East Bethel	Home	7:30 pm
18	St. Croix	Away	1:00 pm
20	Chaska Hitdawgs	Home	7:30 pm
22	Blaine	Home	7:30 pm
25	Foley	Home	5:00 pm
26	Champlin	Home	5:00 pm
29	Brooklyn Park	Home	7:30 pm
JULY			
1	Anoka	Home	7:30 pm
8	Outhouse Race	Isanti	1:00 pm
10	River Falls	Away	6:00 pm

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
13	Coon Rapids	Home	7:30 pm
16	Hibbing	Home	11 am
17	Blaine	Away	2:00 pm
20	Hinckley	Away	7:30 pm
22	Forest Lake	Away	7:30 pm
24	East Bethel	St. Francis	2:00 pm
27	Coon Rapids	Wintercrest	7:30 pm
30	Andover	Away	2:00 pm
31	Anoka	Away	3:00 pm
AUGUST			
2	Section Tournament Starts		



Good Luck Redbirds!

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

*You are cordially
invited to the
Isanti
Ambassador
Program's
**Royal
Tea**
Saturday,
June 25th
11 a.m.*

Faith Lutheran Church





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