

Isantian

Summer 2017



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Letter from the Mayor



Mayor
George A. Wimmer

City Meeting Dates

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

City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesday of
the month at 7:00 pm

City Council Work Session

Held at 5:45 prior to the
2nd City Council meeting
of the month if needed

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of the month
immediately following the
City Council meeting

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board

4th Tuesday of the month
at 6:00 pm

Economic Development Authority

1st Tuesday of the month
immediately following the
City Council meeting

I hope everyone is enjoying our wonderful Isanti weather. Our Community Garden, located at River Bluff Preserve, is ready for its second year of operation. It was fun to talk to so many people and get great advice as I was working my two plots last year. I hope we have even more this year. We have issued 31 new single family house permits to date. We are nearly halfway to the 2016 total of 63. We celebrated the Grand Opening of Allina Health's Next Generation Clinic in Isanti with over 400 people in attendance taking tours and learning about the facility. O'Reilly has begun construction just south of the Next Generation Coborn's Grocery Store. We recently approved the Arts & Science Academy's new Middle School which will continue our City's diverse educational options. We have a traditional public school, a year-round public school option, a charter school and a Catholic school in our great City.

I want to remind everyone of all the fun activities we have in Isanti. The Redbirds provide great baseball at Sportsman's field. Rum River BMX races weekly at Isanti Indoor Arena – the Nation's number 1 track. Our Farmers' Market has moved to its new location along Heritage BLVD providing great fresh food all summer long. Our Street Dances draw thousands to Downtown Isanti throughout the summer along with Rum River Rods Classic Car shows. We are home to regional soccer at our Isanti Soccer Complex – second largest in the state. August 12th is our Celebrate Isanti Day with a Family Bike Ride, 5k Run/Walk, Kid's Festival, Rum River Rod's Summer Spectacular Car Show, Craft Fair and all capped off with Jonah and the Whales Street Dance. Our Park & Trail System is a crown jewel to our Community. All of these great options are free to the public.

There is some great information in this Isantian Issue regarding how to keep informed about what the City Council is doing and how to address your questions, comments or concerns to the Council. Also our Rain Garden Incentive Program and many other highlights are shared. We are Celebrating the 10th Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Luncheon June 6th. I first began this tradition to honor our Employers and their Employees who bring so much economic vitality to Isanti. It continues to grow and flourish each year as our City grows. It is a great event that brings together businesses that have been in Isanti a hundred years with those just starting. I want to thank all those who attend each year and share their stories with me and each other. I will give a brief update on how we are doing as a City and what new projects we have been developing.

The first phase of our 10 Year Pavement Management Plan starts this year with the Palomino Road Project. Our entire road & trail system has been rated to determine which areas need improvements most. We are also doing improvements along 1st just north of Main St to the curb and sidewalk area. We also have our normal crack sealing/seal coating as well. The new pretreatment facility at our waste water plant will also be completed this summer. Keeping up on infrastructure projects each year helps to reduce the overall cost.

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 or Facebook at www.facebook.com/Mayor-GeorgeWimmer

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Municipal Liquor Store

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Parks, Recreation & Culture

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Public Works

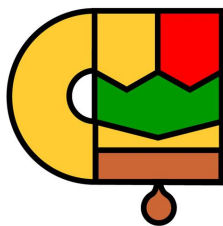
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Municipal Liquor Store

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Meeting dates as noted
on Page 2 and all
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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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Administration

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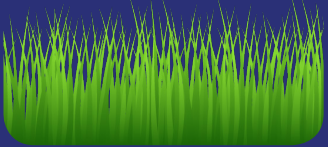
Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day
Monday, September 4
Labor Day
Monday, October 9
Columbus Day

RESTRICTIVE WATERING BAN IN FORCE

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

This provision shall automatically apply unless superseded by action of the City Administrator 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 construction property owner may request an exemption of the restrictions for the sprinkling of new sod. To request an exemption please contact Nick Henly, Building Official. For a complete copy of the Code visit our website at www.cityofisanti.us.



Administration Department

The Administration Department is staffed by the City Administrator, Human Resources/City Clerk, and an Administrative Data Clerk. The Department is responsible for a wide range of duties, which include:

- Providing day to day administration over all City Departments. Assisting department heads with projects, policy development and as needed assist in their absence with department administration.
- Administration of Human Resources which includes: recruitments, employee relations, employee health benefits & wellness, pay equity, and safety programs.
- Development and drafting of procedures, policies, and programs to improve the health, safety, and welfare of the City, as well as responses to organizational needs and governmental mandates.
- Coordination with department heads and staff to administer community development programs, assistance with planning and development matters as well as financial matters and budget preparation.
- Processing of any licensing programs including: alcohol, gambling, pawn shop, peddler/solicitor, etc.
- Coordinates consultant services and assists with projects, as necessary.
- Executes governmental functions as City Clerk, as required by State Statute (Plan A).
- Keeps all records and filings of municipal documents and records.
- Administration of elections.
- Responsible for City overall insurance programs, claims, and administration.
- Website administration.

The duties and responsibilities assigned to those in the Administration Department require a broad knowledge and skill set. Don Lorsung, City Administrator, has earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from Minnesota State University – Moorhead and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Studies from Minnesota State University – Mankato. Mr. Lorsung is a long-term member of ICMA and the American Planning Association. He is a Credentialed Manager through the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Mr. Lorsung has over 32 years of experience in local government management in Minnesota and Iowa; he has been with the City of Isanti for over 11 years.

Lindsey Giese, Human Resources/City Clerk, has earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin – Stout in Retail Management with double minors in Human Resources and Business. Mrs. Giese worked as a Human Resource Generalist in a previous public sector position. She is currently working towards obtaining her Professional in Human Resources (PHR) Certification as well as becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). Mrs. Giese has been working with the City in the capacity of Human Resource/City Clerk for over one year.

At the time of printing, the part time Administrative Data Clerk position is vacant. However, the part time Administrative Data Clerk reports to the Human Resources/City Clerk and facilitates the processing and organization of city documents and assists in minor human resource functions of the City.

Common Questions for the Administration Department

I'm hosting a raffle; do I need a permit?

Yes. According to City Code, Chapter 178: Gambling, lawful gambling is permitted within the City provided that it is conducted in accordance with State Statutes. Any organization seeking to obtain a permit should file an application with the City Clerk. Applications should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the date the gambling/raffle is expected to be conducted. Applications for a Local or Exempt Gambling Permit can be found on the City website.

I have my own business, and I am interested in door to door sales. Do I need approval?

In an effort to keep the residents of Isanti safe, all peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants are required to obtain a license prior to attempting any sales. The individual intending to solicit or peddle a product must complete an application which is to be submitted to the City Clerk. In addition, the individual must provide authorization for a background check, two head-and-shoulders

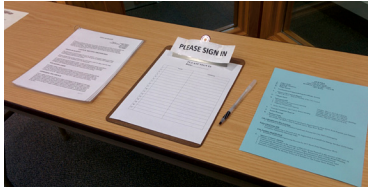
Administration

photographs (to be used for an identification badge) and a copy of documentation that connects the individual to the company/organization (i.e.: a business card), and any applicable fee. Applications can be found on the City website.

Where Can I Find Applications for Permits and/or Licenses?

Permit and/or license applications are available on the City website: www.cityofisanti.us/govt/applications-licenses-and-permits

I've never attended a City Council meeting, when I arrive what should I do?



The schedule for a Council meeting is shown on the "agenda". An agenda is simply a list of items of business to be considered at a meeting. Copies of the agenda are available at the entrance to the Council Chambers at the time of the meetings. Persons wishing to have an item considered by the Council must contact the office of the City Clerk before 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting date. It is necessary that

requests be made in writing. The written requests are forwarded to the members of the Council by the City Staff, thus allowing for more detailed study and review by the Council prior to the meeting.

When I am at a meeting, and want to address the City Council what should I do?

Persons wishing to address the Council on a subject which appears on the agenda must wait until the item is discussed by the Council. The procedure for consideration of an agenda item is (1) staff presentation; (2) presentations by petitioner or advisory bodies (if required); (3) Council motion and second to place the matter on the floor; (4) Council questions of staff and/or advisory body reports and discussion; (5) presentations from the audience; and (6) Council decision. No discussion of an item is allowed by the Mayor, Council, or members of the audience until the matter has been placed on the floor.

1. An individual wishing to address the Council should stand, wait to be acknowledged by the Mayor to speak, and state his or her name and address before speaking.

2. All remarks should be directed to the Mayor rather than to any individual Councilmember or to administrative staff. The Mayor may wish to refer any questions to the proper Councilmember, City Administrator or other appropriate staff.

3. To avoid confusion, only one person may have the floor (speak) at any one time. The Mayor is responsible for determining who has this privilege.

4. In order to facilitate matters and permit all of those who wish to express themselves to do so, presentations are limited to three minutes except at official public hearings. Groups are encouraged to speak through a single spokes-person rather than individually.



Want to stay up to date on what the City Council is discussing at meetings, but unable to attend?

The City Clerk posts recorded audio of City Council meetings onto the City website following regularly scheduled meetings; www.cityofisanti.us/govt/listentocouncilmeetings. You can also subscribe to newsblasts to be informed when City Council Agendas are posted, or when the City Council has approved the Minutes from previous meetings. To subscribe please visit the City website.

I am interested in working for the City of Isanti, how do I know if there are any job openings?

The City of Isanti is always looking for talented candidates to fill our vacant positions. It is our priority to keep the community updated on any current openings of city positions. Human Resources posts any open positions onto the City of Isanti website as well as notifications at City Hall and the Isanti Post Office. If you have questions on any recruitment processes please contact HR/City Clerk, Lindsey Giese at LGiese@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-5512.

Link to job opportunities: www.cityofisanti.us/govt/job-opportunities

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE CITY OF ISANTI SAFETY COMMITTEE



Parents teach your kids about stranger danger

Know where your children are at all times. Make it a rule that your children must ask permission or check in with you before going anywhere. Give your children your work and cell phone numbers so they can reach you at all times.



Skateboarding, Scooter & Bike Safety Tips

- All skateboarders and scooter-riders should wear protective gear; helmets are particularly important.
- Riders should never skate alone. Children under the age of 8 should be closely supervised.
- When purchasing a helmet, look for a label or sticker that says the helmet meets the CPSC safety standard.
- A helmet should be worn so that it is level on the head and covers the forehead, not tipped forward or backward. The strap should be securely fastened with about 2 fingers able to fit between the chin and strap. The helmet should be snug on the head, but not overly tight.

Building/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 property 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.



ISANTI INDUSTRIAL SITES "SHOVEL READY" CERTIFIED

The City of Isanti has Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots available in Isanti Centennial Complex Business Park with lots ranging from 1.21 acres to 15.49 acres. All city utilities and fiber optic service are to the curb at each site which makes your decision to locate to the City industrial park easy. You can't beat lots for \$1.00 and the newly installed infrastructure in the industrial park. If you want to learn more please contact Economic Development

Director Sullivan at
ssullivan@cityofisanti.us or
763.807.4339.

Building Department

We all rely on the safety of the structures surrounding us in our everyday lives; our homes, schools, offices, stores, restaurants, recreational facilities, etc... Building and Zoning codes provide very important safeguards and standards to protect us from disaster due to fire, structural failure, deterioration, weather, and natural disasters- to name just a few. The codes and ordinances don't just consider 1 year or 5 years from now, but try to consider the people who 25, 50, 75+ years from now will be using these structures and living in the community. These codes and ordinances also help to maintain a standard of health and wellbeing, while ensuring our community stays beautiful and thriving for generations to come!

A permit application, plan review process, and required inspections help officials to ensure that construction and projects comply with the minimum requirements of MN State Building Codes and city zoning ordinances. Although no code can eliminate all risk entirely, they do help to significantly reduce the risks we unknowingly face every day.

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

Nick Henly, Building Official

Economic Development

City of Isanti Engages City of Isanti Businesses

The City of Isanti and its Economic Development Authority have taken a more active role to engage the business community in joint marketing efforts. The City of Isanti has reached out to the business community to cooperate on marketing activities that are geared toward increasing commerce and community marketing in the City of Isanti. Implementation of City of Isanti Promotional Bag Program and circulation of a 2017 Community Map were rolled out this year. Isanti Businesses and the City of Isanti working together on marketing efforts just makes sense.

City Promotional Bag Program (Free Advertising for Isanti Businesses)

If your business is in the City of Isanti, you need to take advantage of this Free Advertising opportunity in 2017. All a business needs to do is contact Sean Sullivan, Economic Development Director, and provide items to insert in the promotional bags. The City of Isanti is partnering with large local events to provide a direct marketing opportunity for Isanti Businesses to visitors and residents that attend large events in our community. The program will be utilized first at the Land O Lakes Nationals BMX Event held May 12-14 at Isanti Indoor Arena – Home of Rum River BMX. Quality, attractive, City of Isanti reusable bags filled with marketing materials from City of Isanti businesses only will be distributed to a limited number of attendees to the event. This program will be utilized again for a major soccer tournament to be held at the Isanti Soccer Complex in July and once again for the State BMX Finals held at the Isanti Indoor Arena in August. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

Community Map

Residents and businesses received the new Isanti Community Map and Park Brochure inserted into the 2017 Spring Isantian. The Community Map provides great information on where things are at and where businesses are located in the City of Isanti and Isanti County. Some Isanti businesses took advantage of this advertising medium and are highlighted within the publication which includes a business listing and identifier for their specific business. Be sure to shop local and patronize your City of Isanti businesses. Be sure to keep your map in a handy location for quick reference to: Isanti businesses, City of Isanti elected officials, City Parks and City Departments. If you don't have a map, or need one just stop up to City Hall and get one.



Engineering

Managing Stormwater on your Property this Spring

Stormwater runoff can come from rain water, snow melt, or other precipitation that runs off the land and eventually enters our public waterways. With spring weather comes an increase in stormwater runoff and an opportunity to improve your lawn and garden's health for the summer months ahead. Here are some tips to consider:

- **Install a rain garden:** Rain Gardens capture and filter stormwater runoff using native flowers, grasses, and shrubs. They make an attractive landscaping feature and provide benefits to the environment. The City of Isanti is currently accepting applications for its Rain Garden Incentive Program. Applications are available online at <http://www.cityofisanti.us/resident/rain-garden-incentive-program> or can be picked up at City Hall. Program participants will be given tools for planning and implementing rain gardens on their property, and approved applicants will be reimbursed 50% of the cost, up to \$500, for plants, soil, and other supplies to get the garden started. Application Deadline Extended to June 30, 2017!

- **Plant a native tree or shrub:** Native plants have deep root systems that help to absorb stormwater. As an added bonus, native plants require less water to stay healthy during the hot summer months while being cold hardy as well.

- **Install a rain barrel:** Rain barrels store rainwater until you want it later. This reduces runoff from your property and conserves drinking water. Also, rainwater is healthier for your plants than tap water. It is highly oxygenated, free of the salts, inorganic ions, and fluoride compounds contained in tap water that can accumulate in the soil over time. And, rain barrels are not subject to the City's lawn watering restrictions if one is implemented.

- **Let your lawn get a little longer:** Grass has about the same depth of roots as shows above the ground. By using a higher setting on your lawn mower you are encouraging your lawn to have deeper roots. These roots take up rainwater and store it in your lawn. This decreases the amount of stormwater runoff. Your lawn will also be healthier and stand the wet dry cycles of Minnesota weather with less lawn watering and chemicals.

- **Take your lawn clippings and leaves to the City Compost Site:** Yard waste that gets into our lakes and streams can lead to fish kills and algae blooms. If you need to dispose of lawn clippings and leaves, consider taking them to the City compost site located at the Public Works Garage at 100 Isanti Parkway West. The Compost Site is open Sunday noon-5pm and on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-7pm.

RAIN GARDEN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The City of Isanti views rain gardens as a great tool for responsibly managing stormwater. Application materials will guide residents through the planning and implementation process. Application available on cityofisanti.us and at City Hall.

The deadline to apply for the reimbursement program has been extended to June 30!



TORNADO WARNING

Ever wonder exactly what it takes for the sirens to sound?

- The National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning for a specific area.
- That tornado warning is sent via teletype to the emergency dispatch centers in the effected area.
- Once received, the tornado warning sirens are activated by the emergency communications center to warn the public.
- Once the sirens are activated, citizens should turn to their source of gathering severe weather information such as a weather radio, TV, internet sources, etc.
- Calls to the emergency dispatch centers should be avoided due to overwhelming the call center and hindering access for real emergencies.
- Sirens typically will not go off again until the warning period has expired. If they do, it is due to an imminent threat, an extension of the warning, or at the request of a law enforcement officer.

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Public Safety

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

NORTH 65 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The North 65 Chamber of Commerce, led by its members, promotes business growth, provides resources, and enhances partnerships to support a thriving community. All businesses and organizations are invited to join and enjoy the many benefits that Chamber membership has to offer. Luncheon meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and are a great way to learn more about the chamber while making valuable business connections. Contact the chamber office at 763-689-2505 info@north65chamber.com or visit our website north65chamber.com for more information.

Isanti Police Department

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

The Isanti Police Department is looking for several energetic women and men who want to serve their community in the capacity of an Isanti Police Reserve Officer. All are welcome to apply, no law enforcement experience is necessary. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, the Police Department, or by going to the City's website at www.cityofisanti.us. The application can be filled out online and printed. Once completed, please turn your application in at the police department. If the door is locked, please place in the drop box next to the front door.

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.

I want to remind you and to remember Marshal Frank Dahlin who has fallen in the line of duty within the City of Isanti in 1926. Dahlin Avenue is so named in his honor.

There will be a youth bike rodeo June 3rd 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.

The City Council of Isanti has passed an ordinance that allows ATVs 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.

Have a great and safe summer! PLEASE SECURE YOUR VEHICLES IN YOUR DRIVEWAY, this deters crimes of opportunity by having a locked car.

Respectfully, Chief Gene C. Hill

Fire District

Greetings from the Fire District!

We are excited to announce 4 new members responding out of our Station 1 in the City of Isanti; Cassie Higgins, Kevin Carlson, George Eifert, Cliff Hanson and from our Station 2 substation Tim Mills. Welcome aboard all!



We have had a busy year thus far with a 13% increase in department runs from this time last year. Our current run volume in the City is at 139 runs with a 3-minute response time average compared to 123 last year with a 4-minute response time average. Recently, additional focus has been placed on our presence at medical emergencies, which accounts for 75% of our current call volume in the City limits. These efforts focus on efficiencies on our equipment side, and more in depth medical training for the Firefighters.

July 7-8-9 will be the 41st Annual Isanti Firefighters Professional Rodeo in Isanti. Feel free to stop by the fire truck and say hi to our guys and gals hosting the trucks at several different Jubilee Days events throughout the weekend. Rodeo activities will include 2 days of Rodeo on the 7th and 8th followed up with evening entertainment by the band Bad Jack, and an X-treme Bulls Challenge on Sunday the 9th. Hope to see ya'll there!

Alan Jankovich, Fire Chief Isanti Fire District




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The Art & Science Academy in Isanti is expanding and is now accepting applications for new student enrollment for the 2017-18 school year.

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For additional information, please visit our website at
artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us
or call 763-444-0342

Art & Science Academy is located at: 903 6th Ave Ct, NE, Isanti, MN

Public Works

Summer 2017 Street Improvement Projects

1st Avenue Sidewalk & Curb Replacement

This project includes removal and replacement of all concrete sidewalk and curb along the east side of 1st Avenue from Main Street to the City Hall Entrance. It also includes the replacement of some concrete sidewalk at the entrance to City Hall.

The City of Isanti has awarded this project to Innovative Concrete Solutions. This project is anticipated to begin in late July and take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

While work is being performed at the City Hall entrance, access to City Hall will be provided on the south side of the building. Access will be maintained to the front entrance of Isanti Retail Meats throughout the project.

2017 Pavement Management Project

This project will include crack filling the pavement in the following developments and roadways: Villages on the Rum 1st-5th Additions, Hillock Court, 3rd Avenue N, Unity Boulevard, W Dual Boulevard and Enterprise Avenue. The project will also include crack filling and sealcoating the following developments and roadways: Hillock West Phase 1 and 2, Whiskey Road, Isanti Parkway, E Dual Boulevard, Cajima Street and South Passage

The City of Isanti has awarded this project to ASTECH Corporation. This project is anticipated to take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete.

The Contractor will begin by patching the existing street where it is in a failed condition. Once this is complete, the contractor will clean out open cracks and fill them with a hot mix bituminous mastic product to prevent water from entering the road subgrade.

Those areas designated for a sealcoat will then get an oil tack coat spray and granite chips spread over the roadway surface. Within the following days the contractor will return to sweep up loose chips.

The streets will be posted "no parking" in advance of each segment of work. Please do not park on these street when posted.

Access will be maintained to all residences and businesses along the project.

2017 Palomino Road Improvements

This project includes replacement of the pavement from Railroad Avenue to Highway 65. The project also includes construction of a new 5-foot concrete sidewalk along the north side of the road. The curb and gutter will be replaced where needed and the watermain will be replaced along the project.

This project is anticipated to begin in late summer and take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete.

The roadway will be closed to thru traffic during this project, but access will be provided to residents throughout the project.



Please do not park on streets in these areas while construction is under way. Thank you for your cooperation during these construction projects. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City Engineer, Brad DeWolf.



Summer Baseball in Isanti

I would like to encourage you to come out this summer and watch the Isanti Redbirds play baseball. This group of talented individuals from all around the Isanti area will provide you with some great entertainment. Below are the dates and times of our home games that will be held at the Redbird Field in Isanti:

Sat., May 13th vs Pine City at 2:00 PM

Sun., May 14th vs Mora at 5:00 PM

Wed., May 24th vs East Bethel at 7:30 PM

Wed., May 31st vs Beaudreau at 7:30 PM

Wed., June 7th vs Monticello at 7:30 PM

Fri., June 16th vs Andover at 7:30 PM

Mon., June 19th vs Shoreview at 7:30 PM

Wed., June 21st vs Coon Rapids at 7:30 PM



Tues., June 27th vs Shoreview at 7:30 PM

Wed., June 28th vs Duluth at 7:30 PM

Sun., July 9th vs Champlin at 7:00 PM

Wed., July 12th vs Foley at 7:30 PM

Sun., July 16th vs Forest Lake at 7:00 PM

Wed., July 19th vs Brooklyn Park at 7:30 PM

Fri., July 21st vs Anoka at 7:30 PM

Sun., July 23rd vs Blaine at 5:00 PM

All regular season games are free and our concession stand is always stocked with goodies. Some of these home games will also include special youth night activities where the 'Birds will be joined by members of area little league teams. Also, we anticipate that some of our post season games will also be hosted in Isanti. Finally, don't forget to come to Downtown Isanti to watch the 'Birds defend their Outhouse Race title on Saturday, July 8th. You can follow all Redbird activities on Facebook or on our league website at www.metrominny.com.

Come join us at the ball field!

- Manager Steve Allen



2016 DRINKING WATER REPORT

On April 19, 2017 the City of Isanti published the 2016 drinking water report in its entirety in the Isanti County Newspaper. The City of Isanti will not be mailing the 2016 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 2016 drinking water report at www.cityofisanti.us.

GARAGE SALE REGULATIONS

Spring and summer lead to warm weather and garage sale events. 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.
- A single garage sale is not to exceed three (3) consecutive days.
- Any related signage shall be limited to the premises and to other residential property provided that the property owner's permission has been obtained to display such signage, and signage shall conform to the sign ordinance and shall be removed at the termination of the sale.

If you have additional questions regarding the ordinance provisions for garage sales, please contact the Community Development Director.

Community Events

City Parks:

Riverside Park

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



Rum River Meadows Park

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



Mattson Park

311 5th Ave. 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 Hills

Neighborhood Park

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



VFW Park

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



River Bluff Preserve

1111 Rum River Drive SW



Unity Park

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



Bluebird Park

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



Legacy Park

Bellaire Blvd. & Blossom Blvd.



Key:



The Isanti Family Farmers' Market kicked off the season in a new location on May 26!

The farmers' market is a great place to find healthy, local, and fresh produce alongside a variety of homemade goods, honey, and more!



Support our local economy every Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm until September 29th (no market June 30th).

The Market is now located at **400 West Dual Blvd** on the north side of the Isanti Liquor Store parking lot.

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 follow us on Facebook: Isanti Family Farmer's Market



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library is a nonprofit group (IsantiLibrary.org) that helped to establish and continues to promote the Isanti Library Outreach Site, doing our part to guarantee access to high-quality educational resources for everyone. Located in Isanti City Hall, the Outreach Library offers books, movies, audiobooks, and e-books. Our Librarian is there to serve you on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. Ask about Children's Story Time and other library events planned for this season. The Friends also maintain a computer

and printer for guest use from 1-3 p.m., including help to answer your questions.

We actively "recycle" donated items back into our community and promote literacy all year long! We gladly accept your tax-deductible donations of gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks, and of course cash. (Please no Encyclopedias, X-rated, 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 and learning in our community. Books for sale at the Library Outreach Site are a great deal at only 25¢ each, and other items are available.

We'll be in the Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade on July 6th so watch for us and wave! All of our events are posted on our website: IsantiLibrary.org

Help us spread the fun! We greatly need and appreciate volunteer help with various community events, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly planning meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information or to arrange a donation drop-off: Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.

Rum River BMX

Rum River BMX located in the Isanti Indoor Arena has quickly become a premier BMX Racing destination for riders from across the country. The track achieved the #1 ranking in both 2015 and 2016 as the top USA BMX track. That award is based on membership and participation at local races throughout the season and is a testament to the strength of the local racing program here in Isanti. The local program at Rum River BMX provides some of the best weekly BMX racing available anywhere in the country, as well as weekly coaching lessons, and open practice times for riders to hone their skills. For anyone looking to see what BMX racing is all about feel free to stop in and catch the excitement. Spectators are always free, bikes and helmets are available for those wanting to try the sport of BMX racing. Rum River BMX is a family friendly environment. We offer a balance bike track for those not quite ready for pedals. The full track is designed with all riders in mind including parents and even the occasional grandparent. For more information visit our www.rumriverbmx.com website, check us out on facebook, or catch one of our live racing broadcasts on our YouTube channel.

Throughout the year we also host larger special events. In February Rum River BMX hosted a Gold Cup Regional qualifying race and Race For Life in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma society. For the 2nd year in a row May brought the Land O Lakes National to town along with racers from across the country and Canada. August will see Rum River BMX host both a MN State Series qualifying race and the MN State Finals. If you haven't yet, stop out and see what is going on. In BMX racing nobody sits on the bench.

Community Events Calendar

Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 29 - Memorial Blood Center Drive - 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Donate blood to help save lives in our community! Blood drives are held every other month at the Isanti Community Center. Walk-ins welcome; appointments preferred. Call (651) 332-7162 to sign up, or go to mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 9797.

June 24 - 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.

2017 Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days

July 6 - Isanti Parade

Jubilee Days kicks off with the Isanti Parade, one of the largest in East Central MN.

July 7-9 - Isanti Firefighters 41st Annual Rodeo

This year's 3-day event will be packed with fun and exciting events. The PRCA Pro Rodeo will begin at 6:30 p.m. after some local youth talent enlighten the crowd with pre-rodeo activities. Bad Jack will perform live Friday and Saturday nights starting immediately after the Rodeo performances. Sunday's 3:00 p.m. matinee program will be a PRCA Xtreme Bulls challenge! Visit www.isantifiredistrict.org/isanti_rodeo_assc_ for ticket information and a full list of events.

July 8 - Jubilee Day

Free Kids Fun Day, Kiddie Parade, Games, Craft Fair, Turtle Races, Outhouse Races

July 9 - Isanti Ambassador Coronation

For a complete schedule of events, parade registration and more visit north65chamber.com. The Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days planning committee includes interested citizens, civic groups and chamber members who voluntarily serve to promote Isanti through this event. The group meets throughout the year and welcomes any new members and/or ideas. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce at 763-689-2505 or info@north65chamber.com.

July 15 - Downtown Isanti Street Dance - 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Featuring Devon Worley Band. Free, family friendly and open to the public. Beer and food vendors on site.

July 31 - Annual Chamber Cup Golf Outing

Open to everyone! Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more information. 763-689-2505 north65chamber.com.

August 12 - Celebrate Isanti

8:30 am - Family Bike Ride 8:45 am - 5K Run Walk 9:00 am-1:00 pm - Kids' Festival
11:00 am - 5:00 pm - Rum River Rods Summer Specatular Car Show
7:00pm-11:00 pm - Street Dance featuring Jonah and the Whales

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Recurring Events

Rum River Rods Classic Car Show - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays June 14 - August 30, 5:30-8:30pm

Downtown Isanti on Main Street

Farmers Market - Every Friday May 26 - Sept 29 (except June 30) at 400 West Dual Blvd from 2:00-6:00pm. For details visit www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org

Nature Detectives Club - (See pg 7 for more info) Youth Nature Program at the Isanti Community Center, first Saturday of the month, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. \$3/child pre-register, \$4/child walk-in. Contact Katie (763) 444-5512, isantiparks@cityofisanti.us for more info.

Isanti Lions Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser - 3rd Sunday of every month, 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 - \$7.50 for persons 60 and older; \$7.50 under 60.

- Sit and Be Fit - Wednesdays and Fridays, \$3/session. Sign up at the Isanti Community Center or call Isanti Physical Therapy at 763-444-8680.
- Blood pressure checks - 2nd Monday of the month

CELEBRATE Isanti August 12, 2017

FREE ACTIVITIES ALL DAY!

* Family Bike Ride*

* 5K Run/Walk*

*First 50 signed up in each event get a free goodie bag! Visit eventbrite.com or call City Hall to register.

* Kids' Festival

* Car Show

* Street Dance (feat. Jonah & the Whales)

Visit cityofisanti.us or facebook.com/isantiev-ents for more info.

DOWNTOWN ISANTI STREET DANCES

Join us on 1st Ave and Main St for free, all ages entertainment with live music and food and beer sales on site!

Music - 7:00-11:00 pm

June 24

**BOOGIE
WONDERLAND**

July 15

THE DEVON WORLEY BAND
devonworley.com/

August 12

**Jonah &
The
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