

# Isantian

Summer 2018

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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

We have a great summer ahead of us. I want to announce a new program I created that partners with the six schools located in the City of Isanti, known as Painting Plow Blades. City staff will clean-up our City plow blades and drop one at each of the schools where teachers incorporate painting them into their Arts Program. We will display the plow blades at our Celebrate Isanti Day on August 11. I am excited to see what the students will create! Make sure you check the Community Event section on page 11 to see all the great activities that are available this summer. Please do not forget that Redbirds Baseball games, soccer games, and BMX races are all free to the public to attend.

We are hosting the 11th Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Day on June 19. On this day, we take time to celebrate all of our Employers and Employees in the City and their great contributions. We have increased total net employment in the City from 1,377 in 2009 to 1,928 in 2017; while increasing total net businesses from 123 to 182.

We have experienced significant growth in our City the past couple of years. This has raised questions regarding what will happen when growth slows down again. This is an excellent question, considering the boom of the early 2000s and the recession that followed. The City at that time made several unfortunate decisions that caused significant economic pain when the recession hit. The City had taken on a significant amount of debt and did not charge adequate developer fees to cover costs. This led to total net debt ballooning to \$9.1 million. This was a crushing amount of debt for a City our size. Another financial planning decision made was to base their decision on 130 new homes being constructed each year for 10 years. This inflated number led to irresponsible decision making including large increases in spending and staffing. Another legacy cost was the inadequate, and in some cases, no capital replacement budgets to repair/replace City infrastructure. When the recession hit with the collapse of the housing market Isanti suffered the consequences.

When I was first elected Mayor, cuts were made to address the financial issues the City was facing. There were staff cuts as well as cuts in spending and difficult Union negotiations occurred to share more healthcare benefits cost so we could conserve cash and start paying down debt. I created our Development Impact List, Long Term Financial Plan, Long Term Infrastructure plan and 5 Year Cash Flow Analysis Tool. We are now basing our residential fiscal impact plans on 25 home starts per year. In the last four years, we have had 233 total home starts. This is equivalent to 9.3 years of financial benefit. This helps protect the City when construction slows down and allows us to keep moving Isanti forward. We were able to use these tools, and along with tough decisions, are able to make the following improvements:

- Per Capita Income increased 77%
- Median Household Income increased 54%
- Median House Value is \$35,550 higher than neighboring communities
- Cut net debt from \$9.1 million to \$2.9 million, since being elected Mayor
- Improved City Credit Rating from Baa1 (one step above Junk/Speculative rating) to AA+ or High Quality
- 48% net increase in total number of businesses
- Local jobs increased by 40%, since being elected Mayor
- Received multiple Business Recruitment Awards from the Minnesota Economic Development Association
- Cut Sewer Base Fee 50%
- Cut Water Base fee 25%
- Cut SAC/WAC fees \$2,500
- Cut property tax rate 7% in 2018
- Proposed City Property Tax cut of 10% for 2019
- Isanti named 6th Safest City in Minnesota (out of 853 cities)
- Added Patrol Officer and Police Investigator positions and Police Bike Patrol
- Isanti School Resource Officer named #1 in the State
- Improved Police equipment and technology
- Won Drinking Water Quality Award
- Won Blue Star Award for Protecting and Preserving Minnesota's Water Resources
- Fit City Designation
- Green Step City

These improvements show that Isanti has overcome the obstacles of the past, and is now on a successful path moving forward. We truly are a "Community for Generations" and there is no better place to work, live or recreate than the City of Isanti.

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.org](http://georgewimmer.org).



# City Offices & Staff Directory

## City Council Members

|                |               |              |                         |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Mayor          | George Wimmer | 763-442-8749 | george@georgewimmer.org |
| Council Member | Dan Collison  | 763-444-4298 | djcollison@msn.com      |
| Council Member | Steve Lundeen | 612-203-8957 | sdlundeen@yahoo.com     |
| Council Member | Paul Bergley  | 763-377-2209 | paulmb60@gmail.com      |
| Council Member | Ross Lorinser | 763-587-3841 | ross.lorinser@gmail.com |

## City Staff

### Administration

|                            |                |                          |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| City Administrator         | Donald Lorsung | dlorsung@cityofisanti.us |
| Human Resources/City Clerk | Katie Brooks   | kbrooks@cityofisanti.us  |

### Public Services

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Public Services Director/<br>Assistant City Administrator | Josi Wood | jwood@cityofisanti.us |
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### Police Department

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| Police Chief | Gene Hill | ChiefHill@cityofisanti.us |
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### Economic Development

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| Economic Development Director | Sean Sullivan | ssullivan@cityofisanti.us |
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### Finance

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| Finance Director | Michael Betker | mbetker@cityofisanti.us |
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### Planning & Zoning

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### Building Inspections

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| MNSpect | 952-442-7520 | info@mnspect.com |
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### Municipal Liquor Store

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| Liquor Store Manager | John Jacobi | jjacobi@cityofisanti.us |
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### Parks, Recreation & Culture

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| Parks, Recreation and Culture Manager | Katie Everett | isantiparks@cityofisanti.us |
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## City Contacts:



### City Hall

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PO Box 428  
Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5512  
isanti@cityofisanti.us  
www.cityofisanti.us



### Police

401 1st Ave N  
Isanti, MN 55040  
Non-Emergency  
763-444-4761  
Emergency 911  
After Hours  
763-689-2141



### Public Works

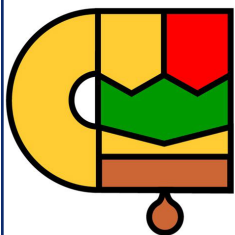
763-444-0459



### Municipal Liquor Store

400 West Dual Boulevard  
Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5063  
www.isantiliquorstore.com

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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# Parks, Recreation, and Culture

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, July 4  
Independence Day

Monday, September 3  
Labor Day

Monday, October 8  
Columbus Day

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

## Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department

The Parks, Recreation, and Culture (PRC) Department is staffed by Katie Everett, the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager. Everett has been on staff with the City of Isanti since September 2015, and is responsible for ensuring the City's standards are maintained at each of its park facilities, coordinating City events and programs, and working with residents and local organizations throughout the year. The PRC Department works closely with Isanti Public Works to perform the majority of park maintenance and repair projects in-house. Some specialized and larger-scope projects may be contracted out as needed, but most of the work to keep our facilities in top shape is done by City staff - make sure to wave at the lawn mowers this summer! Because of the growing needs of the department in the summer months, PRC will also include a summer intern, Bree Erickson, in 2018.

## Park Facilities

The City manages over 160 acres of parkland and over 29 miles of trails and walkways. Isanti's residents have access to eleven (11) City-owned parks, as well as a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat launch, and Sanbrook Golf Course all within City limits. Isanti has a variety of park facilities to serve the diverse needs of its growing population. Park options include: neighborhood playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, a skate park, a soccer complex, an indoor BMX arena, a community garden, natural spaces with walking trails, and more.

## Featured Parks



### Bluebird Park – 201 Isanti Parkway NW

A 65-acre park which includes the Isanti Soccer Complex (managed by the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club), the Isanti Indoor Arena (Home of Rum River BMX), a playground, skate park, pavilion, basketball court, and green space. The south end of the 3-mile Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail is also located inside Bluebird Park.

### River Bluff Preserve – 1111 Rum River Drive SW

A 38-acre park on the Rum River, River Bluff Preserve is a place to escape to nature inside the City. Since its development in 2016, the park has become a favorite for residents in the area. River Bluff offers natural turf trails that connect north to Martin's Landing and a dock with benches for fishing right on the river. The park is also home to the Isanti Community Garden.



### Mattson Park – 311 5th Ave NW

Conveniently located on Heritage Blvd and 5th Ave NW, Mattson Park is a great family destination. The park includes a playground, pavilion, horseshoe pits, tennis courts, and a basketball court. The tennis courts will be resurfaced early this summer!



## Reservations



Each of the City's park pavilions, as well as athletic amenities (tennis courts and Unity ballfield), are available for reservation. Pavilions are free for City residents to reserve, and just \$10 for non-residents. Tennis Court and ballfield rates vary. Reservation applications and rates can be found on the City's website.

Also available for reservation is the Isanti Community Center (ICC). The ICC is a high demand destination for a wide variety of gatherings from bridal showers and birthday parties to memorial services, weddings, and more. The City views the Community Center as an important amenity for its residents and the surrounding community, and therefore strives to offer rates that keep the

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facility accessible to all, while remaining financially responsible. Discounted rates are available for non-profit groups. Check availability and download an application online at [cityofisanti.us](http://cityofisanti.us), or call City Hall at 763-444-5512.

## Programs and Events

The City of Isanti is also proud to offer its residents a wide variety of opportunities to learn, be active, and gather as a community throughout the year. Over the last several years, the PRC Department has developed year-round family programs, revived Downtown Isanti Street Dances, opened a Community Garden, and relocated the Farmers' Market. The City works to continue offering relevant opportunities that benefit our residents and the wider community. Many programs are offered free to Isanti residents. Some program highlights are below, and all program information is available online at our website and [facebook.com/IsantiEvents](https://facebook.com/IsantiEvents).

### Isanti Community Garden

Located inside River Bluff Preserve, the Isanti Community Garden contains 60 - 10'x10' garden plots, raised beds, and educational areas reserved for partnerships with Isanti County Public Health and the Cambridge-Isanti Schools. Each season, plots are available to rent for a small fee (\$15 for ground plots), and each gardener has the opportunity to grow healthy foods alongside a great community. Garden tools, including hoses, are provided for gardeners.



### Passport to Parks - Citywide Scavenger Hunt



In 2017, the City launched the Passport to Parks citywide scavenger hunt. The hunt will continue in 2018! Starting with a kick off event on June 21, Passports will be available for pick up at City Hall and download at [cityofisanti.us](http://cityofisanti.us). Passports bring participants to each of Isanti's parks and other important City landmarks. Completed passports can be turned in at City Hall and redeemed for a prize; all passports with correct answers will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing which will take place August 11.

### Celebrate Isanti

**CELEBRATE Isanti**



August 11th is the 2nd Annual Celebrate Isanti event. The event is a full day of free activities to celebrate the residents, businesses, and organizations that make Isanti a great Community for Generations! The event will include:

- 5K Family Bike Ride & Run/Walk (Starting at the Cambridge Park & Ride, ending in Bluebird Park. The first 50 registered in each event will receive a free goodie bag!)
- Kids Festival (Bluebird Park)
- Rum River Rods Summer Spectacular Car Show (Downtown)
- Street Dance (Downtown - featuring Bad Girlfriends)

Check online for more event details including times and 5K registration.

### Save the Date - Fall Family Day @ Legacy Park



Fall is the best time to enjoy Legacy Park! Join us on October 6 for family activities in Legacy Park including a campfire and s'mores station, self-guided hikes, and family photo opportunities! More information coming soon!

There's always something to do in Isanti - we'll see you out there!

All Parks, Recreation, and Culture information is available online including park maps, reservation applications, and program information. Check back to the website ([www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)) and our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/IsantiEvents](https://facebook.com/IsantiEvents)) often for updates. Contact Katie Everett for more information at [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) or 763-444-5512.

## 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.



## COMMUNITY CENTER

The Isanti Community Center availability is now posted online! Go to [cityofisanti.us/events](http://cityofisanti.us/events) for the latest reservation schedule.

Non-profit rates are available upon request.

Contact the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager to book a reservation at 763-444-5512 or [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us)



# Police Department

## 2017 DRINKING WATER REPORT

On April 25, 2018 the City of Isanti published the 2017 drinking water report in its entirety in the Isanti County Newspaper. The City of Isanti will not be mailing the 2017 drinking water report directly to customers; a copy is available upon request and is also available on our website. To request a copy please call Josi Wood at 763-444-5512; or visit our website to view the complete 2017 drinking water report at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us).



## ARE YOU CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR PET?

It is your responsibility as a pet owner to clean-up after your pet. When taking your pet for a walk, please show courtesy to other public and private 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.

## Police Department

Greetings All...Spring sure took its time arriving this year, enjoy the warmer weather. Now that warmer weather is here, the parks will become heavily used. If you witness acts of vandalism in our parks and to other property, call the police immediately! **Remember, See Something – Say Something.**

I would like to introduce Officer Tanner Hagen to the community. He was hired to replace an officer that resigned from the department. He is a Cambridge-Isanti High School graduate and a graduate from St. Cloud State University. When you see him, welcome him to our community.

School Resource Officer Adam Gau recently received the Distinguished Service Award at the 2018 Minnesota Chiefs of Police Banquet held in Duluth on April 24th, 2018 (pictured right). The award is for the continued educational opportunities and mentoring of our youth here in the Isanti Schools. He is also the President of the Minnesota Juvenile Officers Association. He has won several other awards from organizations that recognize the valued presence of him in our schools. Congratulations Officer Gau.



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. 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 2nd 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.

A City ATV permit and application can be obtained at the police department. The permit sticker costs \$25.00 per year.

**PLEASE SECURE YOUR VEHICLES IN YOUR DRIVEWAY**, this deters crimes of opportunity by having a locked car.

## FIREWORKS FACTS - What Is Legal, and What Is Not??

Certain types of fireworks became legal in Minnesota in April of 2002. With the increase complaints about fireworks, the Police Department wants you to know these important facts:

**What's Legal?** Minnesota law permits the sale, possession and use of some non-explosive and non-aerial fireworks. Examples include sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks and novelty items like snakes and party poppers. These consumer fireworks may not be used on public property such as roads, alleys, schools and parks. Purchasers of these fireworks must be at least 18 years old.

**What's Illegal?** The law still prohibits explosive and aerial fireworks for public sale, possession and use. Minnesota State Statute 624.21 governs these items such as firecracker, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars, and shells – any fireworks that are explosive and aerial.

**Please comply with the fireworks law!** Be a considerate neighbor! Not everyone enjoys them! Fireworks can be extremely frustrating for some neighbors, especially when homes are close to each other, when people are trying to sleep (shift workers) and when small children and pets are frightened. Fireworks can be very dangerous and a personal injury and structural fire risk.

Most Fireworks complaints are NOT 911 call worthy unless they are involving life safety. Increased calls to the 911 center for these types of non-life threatening complaints overburden the call centers and callers for true emergencies have longer wait times for their calls to be answered. Know your law enforcement agencies non-emergency number and use it for non-life threatening fireworks complaints.

-- Respectfully, Chief Gene C. Hill

## Curious Creatures

Parent/child programs in the parks with structured activities and free play time to explore the park.

2nd Tuesdays  
10:00-11:30am

FREE for City residents;  
\$3/non-resident child



June 12 - River Bluff Preserve  
July 10 - Bluebird Park  
Aug 14 - Mattson Park

Register:

[isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiiparks@cityofisanti.us)

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MARKETPLACE

209 6th Ave. SE, Isanti (763) 444-5884

# Building and Engineering

## Community Development & Building

After a long and snowy winter, the Community Development Department is ready for summer and what is normally the busiest time of the year for our staff! To help everyone enjoy this summer and to help continue to provide a clean, welcoming, and safe community, please take note of the following:

- Decks - Almost all decks require a building permit and various inspections throughout the construction process.
- Sheds and Accessory Structures - Sheds under 200 square feet require a zoning permit, and accessory structures over 200 square feet require a building permit. Proper placement on your property is key to ensure that drainage easements and proper setbacks are protected or met.
- Fences - All fences require a zoning permit, and depending on placement on the property line, neighbor approval.

More specifics on permitting can be found at <http://cityofisanti.us/govt/city-departments/building> or by contacting City Hall at 763-444-5512.

Finally, 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.



Have a great summer!

Ryan Kernosky, Community Development Director

## City Engineering News

### Palomino Road Improvements

The Palomino Road Improvements project is planned to be completed by June 22. Thank you for cooperation and patience with this project.

### 2018 Pavement Management Improvements

A 10-year pavement management program has been adopted in the City in order to extend the life of the City streets. This year, the following developments and roadways are scheduled to be seal coated:

- Villages on the Rum Developments: 1-5 Additions
- Hillock Court north of Heritage Boulevard
- 3rd Avenue N from Heritage Boulevard to Isanti Parkway
- Unity Boulevard from 3rd Avenue N to 1st Avenue N
- W Dual Blvd from Heritage Boulevard to E Dual Boulevard
- Enterprise Avenue south of Cajima Street.

### Storm Sewer System Improvements

Stormwater ponds provide temporary water storage and flood protection. Their function also aids in improving water quality in stormwater runoff by capturing sediment and pollutants. These sediment and pollutants need to be removed periodically to maintain the storm sewer system.

The City was designated as a Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) community in 2017 by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). In order to comply with MS4 regulations, the City is required to perform regular inspections and routine maintenance to uphold the functions of the stormwater system.

Later this summer or fall, the City plans to begin a storm sewer system maintenance project in the southern region of the City. This is the beginning of a 7-year maintenance program that will complete a review of all storm ponds and aprons within the City.

Please call City Engineer Brad DeWolf P.E. at 612-756-1032 or Assistant City Engineer Jason Cook, P.E. at 763-200-2444 if you have any questions.

## 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 Planner 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 Planner at (763) 444-5512 or [codeand-zoning@cityofisanti.us](mailto:codeand-zoning@cityofisanti.us).

## RAIN GARDEN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Rain Gardens are great tools for managing stormwater and are a great landscaping addition! The City of Isanti has an incentive program to help property owners design and install rain gardens within City limits. Approved applicants will be reimbursed 50% of the installation costs, up to \$500. Program details and applications available online and at City Hall.



# Fire District

## 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.

## Fire District

Greetings Isanti! Grilling season is here! With this wonderful season, the Fire Department sees an increasing trend of outdoor cooking fires. Statistically, July is the peak month for BBQ grill fires. To help offset the trend, and ensure your BBQ is not visited by big red trucks with flashing lights, please review our outdoor cooking tips!

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- Your grill should be placed away from your home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. For safety purposes, let's "assume" you start a grease fire while grilling. Is it far enough away from combustibles to be considered safe?
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and from trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- If you have a fire on your grill, call us immediately! Early activation of the fire department is vital!

### Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to prepare the charcoal for use. For example, a charcoal chimney starter allows you to start your charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a charcoal fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the charcoal once it is lit.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. Take a minute to share with your little ones the importance of your precautions!
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use a properly sized extension cord!
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



### Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubbly test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

BBQ season in Isanti is a reminder that it is also time for the Isanti Jubilee Days and the 42nd Annual Isanti Firefighters Rodeo! We hope you join us July 6th, 7th and at a special KiDs Day and Xtreme Bulls Competition on Sunday July 8th. WORLD CHAMPION professional bull riders right in your home town!

More info about the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Association and information about becoming an Isanti Firefighter are available on our website, [www.isantifiredistrict.org](http://www.isantifiredistrict.org).

## Summer Safety Tips

Beware of the "100 Deadliest Days"; The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is the deadliest time for teen crashes on our roadways. Parents can play a role to help keep their new teen drivers safe. The first year of licensed driving is the most exciting and dangerous year of your teen's life. Car crashes are the number one killer of teens. In 2015 (most recent data) there were 3,327 teen motor vehicle deaths—more than homicide, more than suicide. If you have a teen driver you can help ensure their safety with these tips:

- Drive the way you want your teen to drive.
- Expect mistakes – The only way to learn is to make mistakes, so accept this, be positive and try to help minimize risk when the mistakes happen. Praise correct driving.
- One of the biggest dangers for teen drivers: passengers. Make it clear that until they practice enough, teens can't have teen passengers. One of the highest risk driving situations for teens is to drive with other teens in the car.



# Economic Development

## Economic Development

### Mayor's Employer Celebration Day and Business List Update

The 11th Annual Mayor's Employer Celebration Day will be held on June 19, 2018 at Isanti City Hall/ Community Center from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. This event is held to recognize Isanti businesses and their role in making our community strong. Milestone anniversaries for City businesses will be recognized and celebrated. Milestone anniversaries for 2019 include: Faith Lutheran Church, Century Link, Federated Coop, Colbaugh Custom Cabinets, Gordon Fredeen Dentistry, Rum River VFW, Village Hair Parlor, Granger Machine, River Counseling, Classical Homeopathy, Cylinder-head Express, Jung Do Sol Tae Kwan Do Club, NHH Building and Restoration, Rivers Bend Salon and Spa, Sherry Longley Photography, The Warriors Forge and Vixen Defense. Invites have gone out to Isanti businesses so be sure to RSVP.

The City of Isanti will be contacting your business over the next few months to update your business information for City records. If you do not receive a call or email from the City of Isanti requesting updated business information, please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at 763.444.5512 to update your information. Thank you for your help with this matter. Current business information is important so that the City can better communicate with city mailings, pertinent business items and other options to increase commerce for your business in Isanti.

### Isanti Housing Market Continues to Surge

Single family housing construction continues to boom in Isanti. From 2015-2017, 196 housing permits were issued with 91 coming in 2017. 2018 has continued to show strong growth with 26 permits pulled with an additional 11 in process as of early May. Data from actual sales in regional markets from the Minneapolis Realtors Association shows that the City of Isanti is more than holding its own with the Cambridge Market which is great news for the whole region. The City of Isanti continues to leverage a housing study conducted by Maxfield Research in 2015 to work on filling the senior and residential housing needs for the community. City Staff has estimated our current population to be approaching 6,000 which is the highest it has ever been, and Isanti is positioned well to grow responsibly through the next decade.

## Allina Health

### Helping your overweight pet

Minnesota usually ranks in the top 10 among the 50 states when it comes to good health. Unfortunately, Minnesota recently came out on top of another health survey: most overweight pets. Banfield Pet Hospital, a national veterinary clinic service, published its State of Pet Health 2017 Report, focusing on pet obesity. About 41 percent of dogs and 46 percent of cats are too fat in the North Star State.

Animal obesity, like in people, is unhealthy. Overweight dogs and cats have more health problems than their lean counterparts, including more than 20 associated diseases and conditions, like cardiac disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, difficulty breathing, arthritis and urinary incontinence. Obese cats often have difficulty grooming and may develop skin problems.

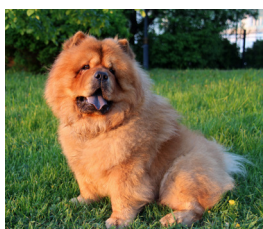
Obesity also increases expenses. With more illness comes more veterinary visits and medications; Banfield estimates that your overweight pet can cost you \$1,200 to \$2,000 more per year than if your pet was in peak shape.

Why Minnesotans, who seem to take our own health seriously, tend to have overweight pets is a complex question. Admittedly, weather may be a factor. Who wants to take Rover for a walk when it's 20 below zero? Plus, in the dead of winter, it is often dark out before and after the work day, making it even less appealing to go outside. But cold weather is only part of the problem.

People tend to overfeed their furry buddies as a show of affection. While a small piece of chicken off your dinner plate may not seem like a lot, it doesn't take much before the pounds creep on. Obesity is defined as 20 percent over ideal weight. That is only 4.4 pounds for a 22-pound dog. The solution is simple. Cut back on food and increase your pet's activity, even by 10 minutes a day.

You may also reap the benefits from playing with your pet by becoming more active yourself. If you have children, family dog walks or cat play time serve as learning experiences for your children on how to care for a pet. Another benefit is improved mental health for your pet. Active, healthy animals are less likely to misbehave because they are not bored and looking for trouble.

So, Minnesotans, let's get fit with our pets and get to the top of the healthiest pets in America list. Mary Y. Sa, PsyD, LP (Allina Health Isanti Clinic)



## 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 [dsullivan@cityofisanti.us](mailto:dsullivan@cityofisanti.us) or 763.807.4339.

## UTILITY BILLS

City utility bills (for water, sewer, and storm water) are due the 20th of each month. There are several convenient payment options:

Online through [PaymentServiceNetwork.com](http://PaymentServiceNetwork.com) (including optional automatic withdrawals)

Drop off at City Hall (Drop box is available outside of business hours)

By phone (763-444-5512)

Contact [utilitybilling@cityofisanti.us](mailto:utilitybilling@cityofisanti.us) for more info.

# Community Events

## City Parks:

**Academy Park**  
6th Avenue Court NE



**Bluebird Park**  
201 Isanti Parkway NW



**Isanti Hills  
Neighborhood Park**  
518 Dogwood Street SW



**Legacy Park**  
Bellaire and Blossom Boulevards



**Mattson Park**  
311 5th Avenue NW



**Riverside Park**  
503 Rum River Drive NW



**River Bluff Preserve**  
1111 Rum River Drive SW



**Rum River Meadows Park**  
1108 South Passage SW



**Sanbrook Golf Course**  
1261 Heritage Boulevard NE



**Unity Park**  
420 3rd Avenue NW



**VFW Park**  
Railroad Avenue and  
Palomino Road



**Whisper Ridge Park**  
795 3rd Avenue SW



## Features:



## Farmers' Market



The Isanti Family Farmers' Market kicked off the season on May 25! The farmers' market is a great place to find healthy, local, and fresh produce alongside a variety of homemade goods and more! Support our local economy **every Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm until September 28th**. The Market is 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](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us). For more Isanti Family Farmers' Market information visit [www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.isantifamilyfarmersmarket.org), follow us at [Facebook.com/IsantiMarket](https://www.facebook.com/IsantiMarket), and sign up for the weekly e-newsletter for updates delivered to your inbox!

## Friends of the Isanti Area Library

Join us in the Isanti Jubilee Days parade on Thursday, July 5th! People of any age are welcome to join us. Come and share your ideas with us at our Parade Planning Meeting on June 18th and make it even more fun. Help us spread the word about our local library!

Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library is a nonprofit group ([IsantiLibrary.org](http://IsantiLibrary.org)) that helped to establish and continues to promote the ECRL Isanti Library Outreach Site, doing our part to guarantee access to high-quality educational resources for everyone. Located inside Isanti City Hall, the Outreach Library offers books, movies, audiobooks, and e-books. Our Librarian is there to serve you most 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., with help available to answer your questions.

For your convenience, you are welcome to request items by phone or on the ECRL website ([ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org)), then pick them up here in Isanti. Checking out movies and DVDs for three whole weeks from the library makes it easy to catch up on past seasons of your favorite TV show or have entertainment on hand without a last-minute return rush.

Friends 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 throughout the year. We especially need children's, westerns, and large-print books. Cookbooks and picture books are popular, too. (Please, we do not take Encyclopedias, X-rated, or VHS tapes). 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 also available. Complete information is available on our web site, [IsantiLibrary.org](http://IsantiLibrary.org). Share the fun! We greatly need and appreciate volunteer help with various library and community events in addition to the parade, 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](mailto:Susi@IsantiLibrary.org) or 763-444-4585.

## Redbirds Baseball

The Isanti Redbirds are preparing for another season of amateur baseball in the Isanti.

The 'Birds continue playing in the very tough Metro Minny League ([www.metrominny.com](http://www.metrominny.com)). The Metro Minny League is made up of the following teams: Anoka, Andover, Blaine, Brooklyn Park, Centennial, Champlin, Coon Rapids, Forest Lake and Isanti. The 'Birds will be playing have 29 games scheduled prior to their Sectional Tournament this year. This includes 16 Metro Minny League games and 13 non-League games.

On June 16th, the 'Birds will be hosting their Alumni Game (note attached flyer). Former Redbird players are asked to contact Wade Reichmann ([wade\\_reichmann@hotmail.com](mailto:wade_reichmann@hotmail.com)) for more information.

### 2018 Home Games at Redbird Field in Isanti:

June 2 vs Hibbing @ 5:00 pm  
June 6 vs Coon Rapids @ 7:30 pm  
June 8 vs Foley @ 7:30 pm  
June 13 vs Blaine @ 7:30 pm  
June 15 vs Centennial @ 7:30 pm  
June 16 - Alumni Game @ 2:00 pm



July 11 vs Centennial @ 7:30 pm  
July 13 vs Brooklyn Park @ 7:30 pm  
July 16 vs Andover @ 7:30 pm  
July 18 vs Anoka @ 7:30 pm  
July 20 vs Champlin @ 7:30 pm  
July 22 vs Forest Lakes @ 5:00 pm

# Community Events

## Saturday, June 23 - Isanti Ambassador Program's Annual Royal Brunch - 11:00 am

Come to Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church and meet the 2018 Isanti Ambassador candidates and hear them present about their sponsors, answer a fish bowl question, and meet their buddies. Tickets can be purchased from any of the ambassador candidates for \$7 or at the door for \$10. There will also be a silent auction with great contributions from local businesses! Anyone willing to donate to the silent auction can contact the Ambassadors at [isantiambassador@gmail.com](mailto:isantiambassador@gmail.com) or 763-222-5768. Hope to see you there!

## Friday, June 29 - Past Ambassador Dinner

Are you or someone you know past royalty of Isanti? We would love to have you join us for our first annual Past Ambassador Dinner on June 29th at Isanti Middle School. To RSVP or get more information send an email to [isantiambassador@gmail.com](mailto:isantiambassador@gmail.com) or call Taylor at 763-222-5768.

## Thursday, July 5 - Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade - 6:30pm

Jubilee Days kicks off with the Isanti Parade, one of the largest in East Central MN. Planning committee welcomes new members and ideas. For more information visit [www.north65chamber.com](http://www.north65chamber.com).

## Friday July 6 - Sunday July 8 - Isanti Firefighters 42nd Annual Rodeo

Pro Rodeo performance is Friday and Saturday night starting at 6:30 PM. Sunday is Xtreme bulls competition and KiDs! Day, event starts at 3:00 pm. Evening entertainment Friday following the Rodeo performance is the Shane Martin Band and Saturday evening following the Rodeo performance is the Amie Austin Band. [www.isantifiredistrict.org/isanti\\_rodeo\\_assc\\_](http://www.isantifiredistrict.org/isanti_rodeo_assc_) for more information or to purchase advance tickets online!

## Saturday, July 7 - Isanti Rodeo 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](http://www.north65chamber.com).

## Sunday, July 8th - Isanti Ambassador Coronation - 6:00 pm

Come and join us at Isanti Middle Schools as we celebrate the reign of our outgoing ambassadors Kaitlyn Scholla, Chanel Cuneo, and Olivia Knowlton and welcome in our new 2018 ambassadors. We're sure it's going to be one of our "greatest shows!" Doors open at 5:30 and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Reception to follow.

## Saturday, August 11 - Celebrate Isanti

5K run/walk, Family Bike Ride, Kids' Festival, Car Show, and Street Dance (featuring Bad Girlfriends). All events FREE and open to the public.

## Saturday, August 11 - Rum River Rods Classic Car Summer Spectacular - 10:00am - 3:00pm

Rum River Rods is hosting their 7th annual summer spectacular. There will be a pie eating contest, muffler rap contest, food vendors, and custom trophies given out. \$10 entry fee per car/truck and non-perishable food collected for Family Pathways.

## Sunday, September 16 - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 am - 12:00pm

The Isanti Lions will host a Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast at the Isanti Community Center.

## Recurring Events

### Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels

Monday through Friday Catholic Charities sponsors the noon meal. Reservations can be made ahead and are recommended by calling Lynne @ 763-245-1193 or (763) 444-7539 between 10:30am - 1:00 pm. The suggested donation is \$4-\$7.75 for persons 60 and older; \$7.75 under 60.

Sit and Be Fit Classes: Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:00-11:45 -Free!  
Card playing Tuesdays during Senior Dining

### Curious Creatures

Second Tuesday of every month, 10:00-11:30am. Parent/Child program in Isanti's parks; each program will include structured activities and free play time to explore the park. FREE to City of Isanti residents; \$3/non-resident child. Contact Katie (763) 444-5512, [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) for more info.

### Memorial Blood Center Drives

Wednesday, June 27 and Thursday, August 23. 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. Cal (651) 332-7162 to sign up, or go to [mbc.org/searchdrives](http://mbc.org/searchdrives) and enter sponsor code 9797.

## CELEBRATE Isanti August 11, 2018

### FREE ACTIVITIES ALL DAY!

- \* Family Bike Ride\*
- \* 5K Run/Walk\*
- \*First 50 signed up in each event get a free goodie bag!
- \* Kids' Festival
- \* Car Show
- \* Street Dance (feat. Bad Girlfriends)

Visit [cityofisanti.us](http://cityofisanti.us) or [facebook.com/isantievnts](https://facebook.com/isantievnts) 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 23



July 14



August 11







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