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Letter from the Mayor



**Mayor
George A. Wimmer**

CITY MEETING DATES:

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

CITY COUNCIL
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION**
Held at 5:45 prior to the
2nd City Council Meeting
of the month

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**
2nd Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.

**PARK &
RECREATION
BOARD**
4th Tuesday of the month
at 5:00 p.m.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**
4th Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.

We have a few new items to discuss. I would like to congratulate Mr. Kolb and Mr. Kennedy on their election to 4 year terms on the City Council. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Duff on his election to the County Board representing Bradford Township and the City of Isanti. This leaves an opening on the City Council for 2009-2010; the Council will determine the best way to fill this vacancy at the first meeting in January. Go to www.cityofisanti.us for the complete election results of Mayor and Council.

The Council will hold a Goal Setting session at the end of January. I have high hopes for this meeting as it sets the Agenda for the next 2 years. The Goals we set in 2007; Long Term Financial Plan, 3 centering on economic growth and our Water Treatment Plant have all been great successes. We have been able to cut taxes and City spending in the last 2 budget cycles and will continue to work towards fulfilling our Long Term Financial Plan. We have grown existing businesses and attracted new ones to our City accomplishing our 3 economic growth goals which diversifies our tax base and should continue to allow us to ease our tax burden. Our Water Treatment Plant is being constructed and will be in operation by the summer of 2009, providing clean and safe drinking water for generations to come.

I will be presenting my agenda at the Goal setting session but more importantly I want to hear from you. I want the input of our Citizens and Taxpayers. If you have ideas for specific projects or overall goals of the City please contact me at George@GeorgeWimmer.com, write to P.O. Box 25, Isanti, MN 55040 or call me directly at 763-444-7158. I want your voice heard as we continue to move Isanti into a brighter future.

We face significant challenges in these tough economic times but we have developed processes to manage the home foreclosure issue and non-payment of taxes and assessments. Our process of handling the effects of home foreclosure is being hailed as a model for the region. From a high of 116 occupied foreclosed homes at the end of August we now have 74 in November - a 36% decrease. Our financial planning the last 2 years has allowed us to cut spending and taxes while developing healthy fund balances. This is important in tough economic times as we face the non-payment of taxes and assessments. We continue to work diligently to help existing businesses grow and recruiting new companies to Isanti. The methods we developed over the last two years to attract businesses brought us the recognition of the Economic Development Association of Minnesota when Isanti was awarded the prestigious Business Recruitment Award in June. The City of Isanti is well placed to handle the tough economic times we face.

I will be delivering the State of the City address at the February 18th Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and March 7th I will be jumping at the Arctic Plunge on Long Lake. The Plunge Committee raised over \$20,000 last year for Isanti Search and Rescue.

One last item, don't forget you can listen to the audio of past Council Meetings by going to the City website and clicking the link.

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Council Member	Ralph Johnson	Phone 763-444-0405	e-mail: rgj442@aol.com
Council Member	Sue Larson	Phone 763-286-9964	e-mail: larson2854@aol.com

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Meeting dates as noted on page 2 and all changes will be posted on the website, at City Hall and the Post Office. Special Meetings & times will also be posted on the website, City Hall and Post Office.

Community Development

New Zoning Ordinance

On October 21st, 2008, the Isanti City Council approved a new zoning ordinance. City staff would like to take the opportunity to thank all those individuals that sat on the various committee groups, to include: Housing Task Force, Business / Industrial Sub-Committee, and Downtown Committee; which worked so hard to draft ordinances that will help the community to grow and develop into the future. The new zoning ordinance as well as all planning and zoning applications can be found on the city's website at www.cityofisanti.us. If you have questions regarding the new ordinance provisions or the planning process, please contact Lisa Krause, City Planner at (763) 444-5512 or via e-mail at lkrause@cityofisanti.us.

Electronic Maps Update

City staff has been working to update street address information through the various map data companies. While much of the information has been forwarded along to those companies, staff has been notified that it will take some time for those changes to be reflected within their systems. City staff will continue to monitor the update process, to ensure that City streets and addresses are accurately identified.

Economic Development Authority

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The Economic Development Authority spent 2008 working on many items, so as to lay the foundation for future Economic Development. The City passed a Revolving Loan Fund policy and transferred funds to begin this endeavor. The City also created a low interest loan to assist in gap financing for qualified businesses. Please check the City's website www.cityofisanti.us or call City Hall at 444.5512 for more information. The City understands that in these tough economic times assistance in financing might make the difference in a business locating in our community and creating new jobs.

A second economic development foundation item that was created this year is a tax abatement policy. The policy establishes guidelines for projects and identifies the amount of assistance that the City may be willing to use tax abatement to assist a business locating or relocating within our City. The policy ensures that the City is still receiving tax revenue while assisting the business. Job creation is an important aspect of this policy. Isanti is again, on the cutting edge of innovation, as the City is the first governmental organization in Isanti County to create such a policy.

Staff will be attending a conference in Business Retention and Expansion. Most job growth is generated from businesses expanding their operations. The City has noticed that many of our businesses are thinking about expanding, may have business concerns that they do not know where to go for an answer, or just want to know that the City cares. From a recent business and retention visit, it was found that a local business owner had a dream. The City was able to assist in this dream and bring a new business, Isanti Retail Meats, to our community.

Downtown Committee

The Downtown Committee has been and continues to work hard for downtown area businesses. The committee members are currently working on event coordination and promotion and our proposed projects for 2009. The group is trying to bring more people to Isanti to visit our great businesses.

The Downtown still has a stigma that nothing is going on. As many business owners, elected officials, and City Staff have spent considerable time on making our downtown shine, I think a look back at the projects of 2008 is important:

- ~New construction – Isanti Retail Meats. Scheduled to open before Christmas.
Faith Lutheran Church – new elevator
- ~New Businesses: Professional Social Work Services, LLC,
Painted Garden
James Silen, Attorney
- ~Relocated to the downtown: Peters & Associates,
Northern Minnesota Network
Training Connections
Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce
- ~Downtown events: Family Pathways mural
Book events at Bear Books
Trick-or-Treating for Halloween
Jubilee Days events and parade
Rum River Bike Classic
Governor's Media Tour associated with the Deer opener
Downtown planters, benches, banners & bunting (for July 4th)

Many great businesses and events are in our downtown and it is exciting to see what 2009 will bring!

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Community Development

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The mission of the Small Business Development Center is to improve economic growth in central Minnesota by providing assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses in order to increase the number of new business start-ups, expand existing small businesses, and reduce the number of small business failures.

Most business support is provided through one-on-one counseling with a SBDC assigned counselor. All consulting services are confidential and are low or no cost. Counseling is provided by professional consultants and qualified volunteers who have extensive, practical experience in areas such as marketing, finance and accounting, operations and business planning. Most consultants have been business owners themselves and have advanced college degrees.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College also offers public courses which focus on business start-up and key business practices for a modest fee. Those courses can be seen at: <http://www.anokaramsey.edu/continuing/sbdc.cfm>

For information on how you can access help from Anoka-Ramsey Community College's Small Business Development Center satellite office, Contact Craig W. Bakken at 763-433-1964 or at craig.bakken@anokaramsey.edu.

Counseling services are funded, in part, through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and regional support partners

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The 2009 Isantian newsletters will be sent out with the following advertising deadlines:

Spring Newsletter

Ad Deadline: February 25

In Mail: March 17

Summer Newsletter

Ad Deadline: May 27

In Mail: June 16

Fall Newsletter

Ad Deadline: August 19

In Mail: September 15

Winter Newsletter

Ad Deadline: November 25

In Mail: December 15

If you would like to advertise in the Isantian, please contact Sue Beckman, 763-691-6035 or Karen Barth 763-691-6007 at the Scotsman/Isanti County News.

For additional information regarding any of the content of the Isantian, please see our website www.cityofisanti.us or contact the city staff at the numbers listed on Page 3 of this newsletter.

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Building Department

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The building department has experienced a significant slow down in new housing permits but our commercial permits as well as our remodeling and repair permits have kept at a steady pace. Several of those commercial projects will come to fruition very soon and should benefit the citizens of Isanti. If you are a hockey fan, the Owls are in town and enjoying the new expansion of the ice arena building. Included in the addition is a dedicated workout area with weight machines etc., and a skate sharpening facility. Isanti Meats retail store will be opening soon, Evercat fuels is nearing production, the new 36 unit apartment building and the new water treatment plant building are nearing completion. These are certainly some tough economic times but Isanti continues to have some positive things to get excited about!

January 1, 2009 marks the start of the Rental Licensing Ordinance in Isanti. This can be a plus for both the owners and renters. We have done our best to notify all the rental property owners in the city about the new ordinance. "Thank you" to all of you who have taken the steps to acquire your licenses. If you are an owner or renter and have not had your home inspected yet, it is not licensed and you are asked to contact us immediately.



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410 Railroad Avenue SW
Intersection of Railroad Ave. SW and Palomino Road SW.



UNITY PARK

420 3rd Avenue NW
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BLUEBIRD PARK

201 Isanti Parkway NW
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Skate Park	Swings	Horseshoes
Picnic Shelter	Trails	Basketball Court
Picnic Tables	Softball Field	Volleyball Court
Tennis Court	Hockey Rink	Playground Equipment
Toddler Equipment		

Opening: Outdoor Ice Rink & Warming House



Winter is just around the corner and so are the opportunities for outdoor winter sports. The City is beginning its preparations for the outdoor hockey and ice skating season. The hockey rink and the pleasure rink are both located within Bluebird Park. The warming house is scheduled to arrive mid-December, with the goal of opening the warming house the weekend before Christmas, weather and ice permitting. If the City is able to make ice prior to this date, they will do so. A schedule for the warming house hours will be made available on the City's website (www.cityofisanti.us) or by calling City Hall at (763) 444-5512.

Safe Routes to School Grant

In a continued effort to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle transportation routes throughout the community, the City of Isanti will be submitting a grant application to receive funds that will enable the City to construct sidewalks in those areas along County Road 5 where currently sidewalks are missing. The sections that have been identified include: the south side of County Road 5 from Credit Union Drive NE to Elim Lane NE and on the north side of County Road 5 from Hillock Court NW to the Isanti Primary School. The City hopes that by filling these gaps and providing a safe walkway along the County Road 5 corridor, more children will be encouraged to walk to school each day.



City Flag Design Contest

The Park and Recreation Board had launched a contest for the designing of the City Flag. The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the many submissions at their October meeting and selected four (4) drawings; in which components from each drawing will be utilized in the final flag design. The Park and Recreation Board would like to thank everyone who submitted a drawing in the contest and would also like to congratulate the winners. Everyone did a remarkable job, making the decision process very difficult. The winners of the contest include: Carol Hazard, Stephanie Blake, Maksim Gaubly, and the team of Trudi Breuninger, JoAnn Welcome, and Anna Vick.



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2009 Proposed Budget and Property Taxes

Isanti City Council will act on the proposed 2009 budget and property taxes at its December 16, 2008 meeting. The proposed budget for 2009 is \$3,407,479 which is an increase of 3.3% from revised 2008 budget. Proposed property taxes for 2009 are \$2,259,491 which is a decrease of .81% from 2008. The proposed property tax rate for 2009 is 55.5%, a decrease from the 2008 tax rate of 59.9%. The 2009 budget will be available on the City's website once approved by

New Finance Director Hired

On October 7, 2008 City Council unanimously approved a resolution offering Kristi Smith the Finance Director position. Kristi began her position on October 27, 2008.

Previously she worked for Miller McDonald, Inc., an accounting firm in Bemidji, Minnesota. For the past seven years she gained experience in auditing of governmental entities and non-profit organizations, preparing financial statements and audit presentations. Kristi is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in Minnesota and North Dakota and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Kristi is married to Nathan Smith and they have two children, Tanner and Grant.

We welcome Kristi and her family to the City of Isanti.

Foreclosed Properties

Foreclosures of homes have been and continue to be a significant issue for the City. Staff continues to monitor and meet frequently on the foreclosed homes within our City. Staff is working to handle issues on these properties in order to keep our neighborhoods strong and vibrant. We ask that you report any neighborhood foreclosed home concerns to City Hall, and if something appears unusual, please contact the Police Department. Some items that we are working on: utility shut-offs to prevent freezing pipes and snow removal for this winter, nuisance removals and other monitoring. The watchful eye of many of you has been appreciated by City Staff. If you believe the home next to you has been foreclosed on and you see suspicious activity, please notify the police by calling 911.

Facing Foreclosure?

Here are some resources available to you:

Home Ownership Center of MN

<http://www.hocmn.org/ForeclosurePrevention.cfm>

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

www.mnhousing.gov

Lutheran Social Services Debt Counseling Services

<http://www.lssmn.org/debt/>

What is the foreclosure process?

The process is complicated, but here is summary of the steps in a foreclosure process:

1st missed payment - Lender calls and sends letter

2nd missed payment - Considered in "default"

3rd missed payment - Begin foreclosure process

4th missed payment - Notice of foreclosure sent to homeowner, lender attorney involved

5th missed payment - Sheriff sale date scheduled and published for 6 consecutive weeks

6th-7th missed payment - Sheriff sale occurs

Home owned by bank - Homeowner/Mortgage given 6 month redemption period

After 6 month redemption period - Home vacant and full responsibility of the bank.

City Offices Closed

December 24

1/2 day Christmas

December 25

Christmas

January 1

New Year's Day

January 19

Martin Luther King Day

February 16

Washington's Birthday

Election Results

Isanti Mayor

* George Wimmer	1432
Sue Larson	573

Isanti City Council (2 Seats)

*Jeff Kolb	899
*Jim Kennedy	744
Ross Lorinser	693
Steven Rask	573

District 3 Isanti County

Commissioner

*Alan Duff	1924
Gail Genin	1648

Cambridge-Isanti School Board (1 Seat)

*John Carlson	6355
Darcy Winsor	4905

Cambridge-Isanti School Board (3 Seats)

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*Gary Hawkins	6067
*Jeanette Polzin	5675
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If you dig a hole:

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Water Treatment Facility Update

Construction of the Water Treatment Facility is underway and progressing as scheduled. The new facility is located on the same site as the Isanti water tower. The water treatment plant has been designed to treat the City's drinking water to reduce the amount of radium, manganese and iron for the drinking water.

The Minnesota Department of Health and federal drinking water standards regulate drinking water for radium levels. The City is currently complying with the radium rule by blending low radium water (from Well No. 1) with the other higher sources (Well Nos. 2 and 3).

Currently the City relies on operation Well No. 1 whenever it is supplying drinking water. This is not a long-term solution for the City due to expanding water demands, expected growth, and mechanical breakdown of the well. There is no guarantee that future wells will have low enough radium levels to allow continuing the blending program and achieve the water supply needs for the community. A choice was made to treat the water and a pilot study was conducted. The treatment goals are to remove radium, manganese and iron to safe and aesthetically pleasing levels.

The construction crews are currently finishing masonry and preparing for process equipment installation. Municipal Builders, Inc. has indicated that they would like to have the new building enclosed by the end of December 8, 2008 so they can work throughout the winter on interior piping and plumbing. If construction continues as planned the new facility could be in operation and delivering treated water to all Isanti residents as early as August 2009. Pictured below are some recent photos taken of the facility under construction.





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Is my money safe? That depends on where you keep it. With the economic concerns, rumors have started that people are not trusting credit unions/banks and taking their money out. People are concerned about the economy and are hiding their money elsewhere. I have asked a few banking/credit union professionals and they have not seen that trend. They have concerns of those that believe their money is not safe at the bank/credit union and have provided some insight on what to expect. Here is their perspective:

Our experience lately is that clients are not taking cash out and hoarding it under the bed. We have found people in our area discussing financial issues but not panicking. Also, I believe the \$250,000 FDIC NEW INS LIMIT gave clients a comfort and once this occurred, fewer people were moving deposit around just for coverage. During times of stock market and money market return drops, historically we have seen deposits increase at banks as people move to quality-secure investments and have considered there local bank a safe secure place to do business.

I have to say "as a general comment—people in our area seem to be very aware of the financial turmoil—but are not panicking." Many comments that they feel things will get worse before better—but not to the point of hoarding cash in the freezer. I would like to point out how un-safe it is to carry excess cash on your person or at home—once they are robbed you are out the money! Plus people actually misplace funds and many times spend more because they have cash. One big question is: How long would it take to get your NCUSIF money if a financial institution failed? Answer: If a Credit union were to close its door the checks are usually mailed to the member within 3 business days.

In closing:

While our current situation is challenging, history has taught us that it is temporary. Our economy will once again flourish, unemployment will fall, and the value of our homes will increase. Maybe not as quickly as we would like and maybe not to the levels we've been enjoying. But our economy will bounce back and so will Americans. You may have wondered if your deposits are secure. Your money is insured. The national Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF) insures accounts to at least \$100,000 per account (with additional coverage of up to \$250,000 for certain retirement accounts), just as the FDIC does for banks. Still think its good idea to pull some money out of your financial institution and keep it under a mattress? Here are some reasons why you might not want to: tornadoes, fire, flooding, and theft. In an instant, all of your hard earned money could be gone... for good.

Thank you to Peggy and Greg for your quotes.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Parking of vehicles is not allowed on City streets between the hours of 1am and 8am from November 1st through March 31st of every year. Parking is permitted on streets between the hours of 6am and 8 am provided that snow removal has been completed or there is not snow. Parking is not permitted in the City's downtown municipal parking lot (located south of Main Street and west of the railroad tracks) between the hours of 1am and 5am. Your cooperation will help make snow removal effective.

Snow Removal

It is the homeowner's responsibility to clear sidewalks abutting or serving their property that are not on a designated school route as part of Ordinance No. 256 Subd 6.

"No person shall permit an accumulation of snow or ice to build up or remain on any public sidewalk abutting or otherwise serving lots or parcels located in the City of Isanti."

A full copy of the ordinance can be found on the city's website: www.cityofisanti.us.

If snow or ice is not removed, the City will hire a company to remove snow and ice and bill to owner or renter a fee of \$30.00 per incident.



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Monday, December 29th
1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30th
1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31st
1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31st
8:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve Bash – FREE

Friday, January 2nd
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Monday, January 19th
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20th
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 16th
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1st
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Snowflake Skate – FREE

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Senior Dining Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Isanti Senior Dining will have their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 10th at the Isanti Community Center. The Isanti Community Center will be closed the week of December 14th due to Annual Lion's Christmas Project. The Senior Dining gets together on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Annual ATV/Snowmobile Parade – Thursday, January 1, 2009

Isanti's Annual New Year's Day Parade is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. with the line up at the Isanti Middle School at 2:30 p.m. The parade route will be determined by the Isanti Police Department. Chili will be served at the Isanti Community Center following the parade. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun – whether you are on a machine, watching the parade, or eating chili!!! The 2008 Isanti Ambassadors: Stephanie Hanson, Robin Hardy and Mariah Harper will be on hand to help present the awards. There is no entry fee and no need to pre-register. All ATV's and snowmobiles are welcome. Call 444-4761 with questions.

Annual Snowflake Skate – Sunday, March 1, 2009

Everyone is invited to participate in this FREE open skate at the Isanti Ice Arena from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This family event is promoted by the Isanti Community Involvement Team and is sponsored by Landmark Community Bank. The Isanti Ambassadors will be at the event for fun and games. Canned goods will be accepted for the Isanti Food Pantry.

Arctic Plunge – Sunday, March 7, 2009

The Arctic Plunge is March 7, 2009 on Long Lake. Many events occur on this day including helicopter rides, vintage snowmobile races and more. The Arctic Plunge raises money for charities and organizations, last year the Plunge raised over \$20,000 for the Isanti Search and Rescue. Contact to learn how you may be a part of this great event: e-mail us at: bolson0212@msn.com or give Carrie a call at 612-282-6246 or see our website: www.arcticplunge.com

Old Tyme Dance – Saturday, March 14, 2009

The Isanti Community Center will be featuring Tony Jambor & Band from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available. This is a free event sponsored by the Isanti Community Involvement Team. Canned goods will be accepted for the Isanti Food Pantry. The 2008 Isanti Ambassadors will volunteer to be "dance partners". All ages are welcome to attend.

Isanti Home Show – March 28 & 29, 2009

Contact Debbie Bray at 763-444-8303 or check out the web site at www.isantihomeshow.com.

City Wide Garage Sales – Saturday, May 2, 2009

Isanti City wide garage sales will be May 2, 2009. The cost of your ad will be \$10.00 as before and you will be placed on the City map. You may either take your ad to the Scotsman in Cambridge or give Hannah Christenson a call if you have any questions at 763-444-5083.

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The deadline for the spring issue is February 25, 2009.

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Community Events

Isanti Chamber of Commerce

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce continues to promote local commerce and business growth in the Isanti Area. Over the past 9 months, the Chamber has sponsored two monthly networking events, a monthly luncheon offering topics that are relevant to local businesses, and several special events.

In the special events category, as part of the Rodeo Jubilee Days, Kids Day was a huge success. This July, more kids and their families enjoyed free games, pony rides, food and craft vendors and the famous Outhouse Races than ever before.

An added event this past summer was the Town Wide Sidewalk Sale. Due to such good attendance at these sales offered by our local retailers, this event will continue to be offered the second weekend of August each year.

The Historic Downtown Committee, jointly supported by the Isanti Chamber and the City of Isanti, has really done a great job in making downtown a more pleasing place to shop and work. The biggest addition to Downtown Isanti is the mural on the west side of Family Pathways. This mural depicts Main Street Isanti in 1900 and was beautifully painted by Walt Horcher and Lisa Marie. In addition to the street light banners and planters, benches now line the street affording residents and visitors alike a place to rest and/or visit.

The Isanti Chamber has welcomed 20 new members since April 1, 2008 and will continue to work to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Isanti Area so that its citizens and all areas of business shall prosper.



2008 ISANTI AMBASSADORS Robin Hardy, Stephanie Hanson and Mariah Harper (dressed as Santa's elves) royally represented the City of Isanti at the 2009 Cambridge Snowflake Parade on Saturday, November 22.

Photo provided by Jon Tatting, Isanti County News

ON NOVEMBER 9TH Isanti Ambassadors visited Isanti hometown merchants during "Home for the Holidays." Photo taken at Creamery Mall.



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