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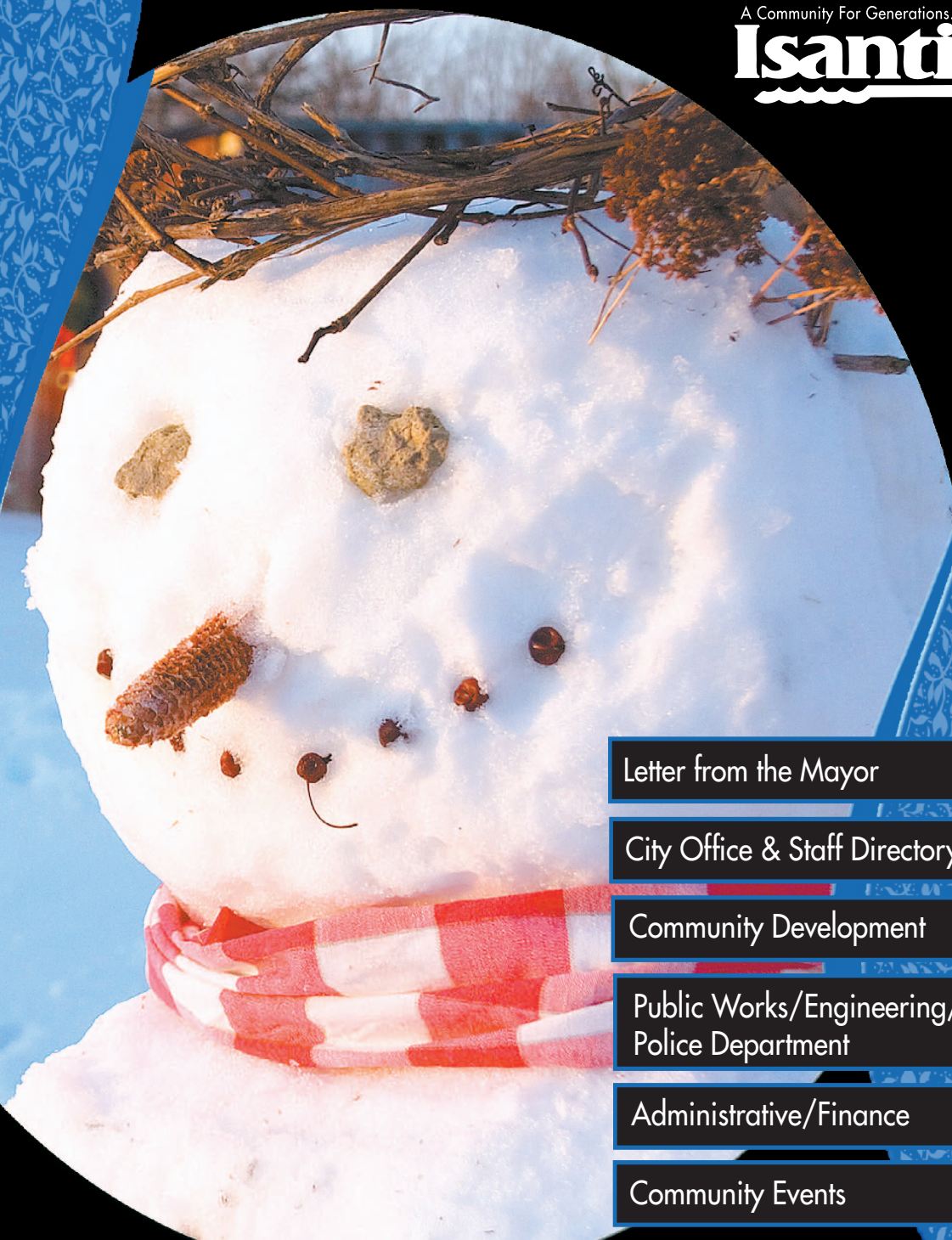
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Letter from the Mayor



**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.

As we go through another Minnesota winter I thought it would be good to discuss a few of our accomplishments, changes and issues.

We opened the Water Treatment Plant in October which will deliver softer, cleaner and safer water to each of our homes and businesses. The past decades of untreated water that have flowed through our City pipes have left deposits throughout the system. This will over the course of the next year be flushed through the system. We have achieved a wonderful accomplishment and have ensured the safety of our drinking water for generations to come.

Ever Cat Fuels has opened to national and worldwide acclaim. We have added good paying jobs to our local economy with potential locally based spin-off businesses. This technology is being used in several other states and as far away as Tanzania. Our Isanti facility is not only the first production plant but is also a demonstration plant. This means that operators, builders, investors and government representatives from around the world will be coming to Isanti to learn the technology.

Our managing of both the Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds and the foreclosure situation has been hailed as the absolute best in the state of Minnesota. It is a lot of work but we are filling these homes with families and several new homes were built and sold this year.

The City Council, after discussions at several Council meetings and a Public Hearing, voted to change the term of office for Mayor from 2 years to 4 years. Ham Lake to our south and Cambridge to our north along with dozens of other communities throughout the state have already done so. This change does not affect my term of office; my term ends December 31st 2010. The winner of next year's election will serve the first 4 year term.

The City Council has been moving forward with the process to pave Railroad Avenue. This is the last gravel road in the City and this will be another nice accomplishment. We paved 3rd Avenue by the soccer complex this year. This will also be a cost savings as we will no longer need to continue the constant expense of repairing gravel washouts on these roads.

We have received our normal complaints this year regarding winter parking restrictions. As was stated in the last issue of the Isantian, local newspaper and city website – winter parking restrictions start November 1st. The question always arises – why is there winter parking restrictions on a 60 degree November day? The follow-up question is why not have “snow emergencies” when it actually snows. The main reason I have seen to answer these two questions is communications and cost. We do not have the benefit of metro cities that communicate their snow emergencies on network television. Even with this great communication tool there are still hundreds of people that end up getting towed. That is where the cost comes in. A person that violates our City Ordinance gets a \$20 ticket. A person that would get ticketed and towed during a snow emergency would end up paying hundreds of dollars. There is no perfect solution to this problem but the Council has asked the Police Committee to look into this issue and get input from Citizens on ideas that may improve this decades old ordinance.

Our hard work has paid great dividends and brought tremendous acclaim to our great City. Our leadership on Downtown development, foreclosure management, high-tech/green-tech business development, Long Term Financial Planning, budgeting and intergovernmental cooperation has put Isanti on the map in a way it never was before. I have truly enjoyed another year serving as your Mayor. It is a great privilege and honor that I will always treasure.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me at 763-444-7158, 763-442-8749 or by email at george@georgewimmer.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

CITY PARKS:

RIVERSIDE PARK

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



RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

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



MATTSON PARK

311 5th Avenue NW
Intersection of Main St. West & 5th Ave. NW.



WHISPER RIDGE PARK

795 3rd Ave SW
Nestled behind homes on the corner of Cottonwood St. SW & 3rd Ave. SW.



ISANTI TOT LOT

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



VFW PARK

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



UNITY PARK

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



BLUEBIRD PARK

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



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Economic Development Authority

763-444-5512

Looking back, the Economic Development Authority and staff spent the year working to assist businesses with new facilities and creating local job opportunities. Several new businesses opened in the community in 2009. In the Centennial Industrial Park, Ever Cat Fuels completed building improvements and began its operations. Downtown, the Isanti Retail Meats facility was completed. Both projects used local financing tools that the City had available to assist to make their projects reality. Assisting were regional and State agencies that are great development partners with such projects. Representatives from agencies such as these visited with the EDA this year and discussed the assistance they have or can provide. Assistance is not just financial, but also with entrepreneurial start ups, small business counseling and educational programs. If you have such needs, please let us know and we will work to direct you to the right resource. As we look forward to the coming year, the EDA will continue to work on new projects and programs to grow business and jobs in our community.

Neighborhood Stabilization Funds

The City of Isanti continues to have funding for future homeowners to purchase vacant foreclosed homes under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The funding is available for homeownership of vacant foreclosed homes in targeted neighborhoods in Isanti. This funding is only available for a limited time. For more information, please contact Lenee Hoffman at Central Minnesota Housing Partnership at 320-259-0393.

2010 Census

On April 1, 2010, the United States will conduct the 2010 Census. Every household will receive a questionnaire and the Census Bureau is relying on you or a member of your household to respond. The questionnaire will be short-form only and will take a few minutes to answer and return by mail. The information provided by each household will be protected by law and will remain confidential.

The information provided on this questionnaire by each household is extremely important, as this information affects the funding that our community receives, affects our communities' representation in Congress as well as at the state and local level, and affects the decisions made by our communities' leaders.

If you are a snowbird, the census questionnaire should be filled out for your primary place of residence, not for your winter residence location.

Additional information regarding the upcoming Census can be found at www.mn2010census.org or at www.2010.census.gov/2010census/.

Remember "Every 1 Counts in Minnesota," so your participation is important to your community.

New Light for the Flag at Bluebird Park

On October 26th, 2009, the City raised the United States Flag and the City Flag on the flag pole, which has stood empty within the northwest corner of Bluebird Park. In September 2004, a Patriotic Scout, Jared Johnson, began construction within this corner of the park as his Eagle Scout project. The project included the provision of landscaping, the laying of block, and the preparation of a concrete pad for the flag pole. The only thing missing was the extension of electricity to the area to power a light for the US Flag. After several years, a light now shines brightly within this corner of the park and the flag pole proudly displays the Nation's and City's flags.

PICTURED AT RIGHT are (L-R) Mayor Wimmer, Councilor Sue Larson, and City Planner Lisa Krause.



Community Development

Building Department

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It's been a full year now since the Residential Rental Ordinance has been in effect in Isanti and I thank all of you for your help in making the program a success. If you or someone you know rents or owns a home used for rental purposes that does not yet have a rental license please contact us so we can get the licensing process started.

Foreclosed homes continue to be a matter that we are working with. Statistics show that the total number of foreclosed homes in October, 2009 was 145 with 45 of those unoccupied (16%). The total number of foreclosed homes on a monthly basis is similar to last year, with slightly less unoccupied homes. The City has been fortunate this year to experience a relatively low amount of property damage due to broken pipes in foreclosed properties, but it is very important during the cold months to get the water shut off and the homes winterized. You will probably become aware of these vacant homes in your neighborhood before the City does and so it is a huge benefit to everyone if you notify us immediately when you become aware of an empty home. Even if you aren't sure if the home is truly vacant we strongly encourage you to give us a call and we'll check it out.

The number of building permits issued through October in 2008 & 2009 are as follows.

2008 – Total number of residential permits was 229 with a value of \$4,080,453

Total number of commercial permits was 36 with a value of \$3,061,801

2009 – Total number of residential permits was 258 with a value of \$1,077,161

Total number of commercial permits was 20 with a value of \$150,454

In 2008 and 2009, each year we had 3 new homes built. In both years, the highest number of residential permits issued were for Roof/Siding replacement. Second highest total were Deck permits and Lower Level Finishes ran a close third.

As always, if you have a building or code question, do not hesitate to give me a call. I will do my best to answer it or direct you to someone who can.

~Building Official Rick Sames

Sign Regulations

As a reminder to current business owners and any other individual looking to construct or place a sign upon their property, the City of Isanti has adopted regulations for signage. The ordinance regulates the location, size, and various features of signs to enable the public to locate goods, services, and facilities without difficulty or confusion; to prevent the wasteful use of resources in competition among businesses for attention; to prevent hazards to life and property; and to ensure an aesthetic value of the City.

Property owners looking to construct signs are required to obtain a sign permit from the City prior to construction and/or location of a sign. All sign applications are reviewed by City Staff to ensure compliance with the sign ordinance regulations. Signs constructed without a permit or signs found to be in violation of ordinance requirements and standards may result in a revocation of the sign permit for that particular business and/or issuance of a citation due to non-compliance with City Ordinances. Please contact the Planning Department for all questions and concerns regarding sign regulations.



Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex

BMX Track

Isanti Ice Arena

Martin's Landing

(DNR Canoe Landing)

Redbirds Baseball Field

For links visit:

www.cityofisanti.us



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 City Code §284-14. "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 City Code can be found on the city's web-site: www.cityofisanti.us.

If snow or ice is not removed, the City will hire a company to remove snow and ice and bill back to the owner or renter the fee of \$30 per incident for said removal and an additional \$25 non-compliance fee will also be billed to the owner or renter per incident.

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Water Shutoffs

Due to change in seasons and on-coming cold weather; if your home is going to be vacant for whatever reason, please call City Hall to have the water shut off to prevent freezing pipes and other water damage.

City Code section 325-9 E. authorizes the City to disconnect services due to electric and/or gas utility services being shut off between October 15 and April 15 and the City determines in good faith that the premises has been vacated by the former account holder and no transfer of the account has been made.



Attention Dog Owners

Please be reminded that dog licenses are due March 31, 2010. All dog owners must license their dogs annually. License fees are \$10 per year for fixed dogs and \$15 per year for non-fixed dogs. A late fee of \$5 will be charged if licensed after March 31, 2010. City Code states that any property owner who has more than two dogs must obtain a kennel permit. Please contact City Planner Lisa Krause regarding information on obtaining a kennel permit at 763-444-5512.

Engineering Project Updates

Isanti Water Treatment Facility

Construction of the Isanti Water Treatment Facility is complete! The new water treatment plant is treating the City's drinking water to reduce radium, manganese and iron from the drinking water.

An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 20, 2009 to celebrate the grand opening of the treatment facility. Attendees were treated to complementary refreshments and tours of the new facility.



Subway Lift Station Replacement

The sanitary sewer lift station located near Subway along the south side of County Road 5 has been scheduled for replacement in 2010. The structural integrity of the concrete structure has deteriorated to the point of failure. Portions of the walls of the structure have lost over half of the thickness due to the corrosion from the sanitary sewage over time. The plumbing and mechanical components of the lift station have also reached their design life.



Railroad Avenue Improvements

The City Council is considering an improvement project to reconstruct approximately 1750-feet of Railroad Avenue SE from Palomino Road SE to Towns Edge Road SE. The project would include the paving of this segment of Railroad Avenue SE with the addition of bituminous trail and trunk water line. This project is scheduled to be constructed in 2010.

Please call City Engineer Brad DeWolf P.E. at 612-756-1032 if you have any additional questions.

Public Works/Engineering/Police Department

Isanti Police Department

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A vehicle is the most dangerous place a child can be – traffic crashes are the leading killer of youth. That is why it is important parents properly restrain their children in the correct safety seat.

- In Minnesota, three out of every four child restraints are used incorrectly – meaning children are riding in the wrong restraint or it is not properly secured.
- Make sure child restraints are installed correctly. Seats should be secured tight and not shift more than one inch side to side or out from the vehicle's seat. The restraint's harness should fit snug on the child – so the harmless material at the shoulders cannot be pinched and the retainer clip should be at the child's armpit level.
- A child needs to progress through different restraints as they age and grow: rear-facing infant seats, forward-facing toddler seats, booster seats, and seat belts.
- Do not rush your child into a forward-facing seat or a seat belt.
- Keep kids under age 12 in the back seat.

Under Minnesota's new booster seat law, a child cannot use a seat belt alone until they are age 8 or reach 4 feet 9 inches tall – whichever comes first. We strongly recommend to keep a child in a booster based on their height, rather than their age. Kids that are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches aren't ready to use a seat belt alone because a seat belt does not fit them properly. Poor belt fit can contribute to serious injury – including ejection, serious abdominal damage or death in traffic crashes. Boosters are seat lifts that help raise a child up so a seat belt fits properly.

Always remember to reference your child passenger safety seat manual and your car manual.

The Isanti Police Department has a limited number of free child passenger safety seats for families in need. If you need a child seat or a child seat inspected, please contact us at 763-444-4761.

Safe and Sober Grant

The Isanti Police Department has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the project entitled SAFE & SOBER COMMUNITIES. The Isanti Police Department will be working with the cities of Lindstrom, Chisago, and Wyoming under this grant.



Isanti Liquor Food Shelf Donation

Isanti Liquor has been randomly selected by the MMBA to receive an additional \$100 to be donated to our local food shelf. A check will be issued to Isanti County Food Shelf and be mailed to the Isanti Liquor Store for presentation. Once received, the check and the additional \$125 that was collected at the store for a total of \$225 will be presented.

The MMBA collected a total of 20.5 tons of food (every dollar collected equaled one pound of food). The increase from 2009 was nine tons. The staff enjoyed being involved in collecting for such an important need in our community. Isanti Liquor would like to thank all the members of the community for their generosity.

Shari Harker

Isanti Liquor Store Manager

Winter Parking Notice

Winter Parking City Code Chapter 227-4

Winter parking. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle or permit it to stand on any City street including the snow emergency routes from November 1 through March 31 of each year, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Parking will be permitted on the streets between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. providing that the snow removal has been completed or in the absence of snow. Parking will not be permitted in the City's downtown municipal parking lot between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

*Vehicles in violation of winter parking restrictions during the time period in which snow plowing needs to be done will automatically be ticketed and towed.

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December 25

Christmas

January 1

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January 18

Martin Luther King Day

February 15

Washington's Birthday

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out March 16th with an advertising deadline of February 24th.

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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2010 Budget

Isanti City Council will act on the proposed 2010 budget and property taxes at its December 1, 2009 meeting. The proposed budget for 2010 is \$3,354,072 which is almost equal to the 2009 amended budget of \$3,341,934. Proposed property taxes for 2010 are \$2,166,662 which is a decrease of 3.5% from 2009. The 2009 tax rate is 55.231% and it is Council's intent for 2010 to not increase the tax rate. The 2010 budget will be available on the City's website once approved by council.

Recreational Vehicle Parking Ordinance

Chapter 227, Article II of the Isanti City Code establishes regulations for the parking and storage of recreational and other equipment within residential areas of the City. Seasonal time frames have been established for those units, to include boat trailer and/or boat, camping trailer, enclosed trailer, flat bed trailer, and all other non-self propelled RV's (except snowmobiles and ATVs) will be permitted from April 1st to November 30th. Fish Houses on Wheels will be permitted from November 15th to April 1st. Snowmobiles will be permitted from December 1st to April 1st. ATVs will be permitted from June 1st to November 30th.

The Ordinance also establishes location, surface type, size limitations, and screening requirements as well. A copy of the ordinance can be found on the city's website at www.cityofisanti.us. If you have questions regarding the ordinance provisions, please contact Steve Wacha, Community Service Officer, at (763) 444-4761.

Utility Billing Services

The City of Isanti is making a change to their utility billing contract effective December 2009. Currently your water and sewer billings are consolidated and billed with other utility services. Beginning in December 2009, you will be receiving a separate bill for your water and sewer. The bill will state it is for City of Isanti City Services and will supply you with a new customer service phone number for questions and/or problems. We are working hard to make sure this is a smooth transition. Customers previously paying via ACH should have received information and forms in the mail in order to continue this payment method. The City is also exploring other options such as online billing and online payments.

Isanti Chamber Launches New Website

The Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the launch of our new website at www.isantichamber.com. The website offers a comprehensive business directory where information is available on businesses that support our community, an extensive calendar of events for all activities going on in the Isanti Area, and sales and specials offered by member merchants – click the "Hot Deals" button. Be sure to check it out!

The Chamber is also proud to announce our relocation to 121 W. Main Street, Isanti. On the SE corner of 2nd Ave. and Main St., this location allows the Chamber to better serve our members and the public. Stop in and visit and be sure to check the website for the Grand Opening celebration date and details.

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Community Events

Isanti Ambassadors



The Fall has been a busy start to the holiday season. Isanti Ambassadors travelled to the LaCrescent Applefest in southern Minnesota. They enjoyed a weekend touring apple orchards, eating sweet treats and teaching other communities about the wonderful City of Isanti. Other Ambassador highlights include The Defeat of Jesse James Days in Northfield, MN; Isanti VFW's Halloween Party for Kids and Anoka's Halloween Celebration.

Isanti's float entry in both the illuminated night-time parade and Grande Day Parade in Anoka featured the "Wizard of Oz" theme. Ambassadors dressed in costumes, as well as their "munchkin" tag alongs. They were a smashing hit on their brightly decorated float. The Ambassadors participated in Isanti's Home for the Holidays in November which was a nice segue into the Christmas season. Alicia Pankan, Amanda Domogalla and Courtney Moore, 2009 Isanti Ambassadors, are looking forward to the annual ATV/Snowmobile Parade on January 1, 2010.

2009 ISANTI AMBASSADORS Courtney Moore, Amanda Domogalla and Alicia Pankan royally represented the City of Isanti at the 2009 Cambridge Snowflake Parade on Saturday, November 21st.

*Photo provided by
Jon Tatting,
Isanti County News*



Water Use Conservation Tips

Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.

Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.

Wash your fruit and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.

When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They're more water and energy efficient.

Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.

When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.

Library Link

Through the efforts of the Friends of the Isanti Area Library, the East Central Regional Library now hosts a Library Link at City Hall. The Link Site is open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact ECRL Librarian Heidi 763-689-7390.

The Library Link Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Isanti City Hall.

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Community Events

OPENING: Outdoor Ice Rink

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. While the warming house will not be available this season, the goal is to have ice available the weekend before Christmas, weather permitting. If the City is able to make ice prior to this date, they will do so.

The youth hockey association will have exclusive use of the outdoor hockey rink on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., November 1st to February 15th of each winter season. The public is permitted to use the hockey rink outside of these reserved times. The pleasure rink is open to the public during regular park hours, which are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Open Skating at the Civic Arena

Check the website for
dates and hours:

www.isantiarena.org

Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEARS EVE BASH

8:00 p.m.-12:15 a.m. New Year's Eve Bash at the Isanti Civic Arena. This is a free family event. Bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 ANNUAL ATV/SNOWMOBILE PARADE

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 2009 Isanti Ambassadors: Courtney Moore, Alicia Pankan and Amanda Domogalla will be on hand to help present the awards. There is no entry fee and no need to pre-register. All ATVs and snowmobiles are welcome. Call 763-444-4761 with questions.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 ISANTI SENIOR ENTERTAINMENT

11:15 a.m. Isanti Senior Entertainment - George Watson at the Isanti Community Center – Contact: Glenda 763-444-6320.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 ISANTI SENIOR VALENTINE PARTY

11:15 a.m. Isanti Senior Valentine Party at the Isanti Community Center - Contact: Glenda 763-444-6320.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE SKATE

1:00-3:00 p.m. Annual Snowflake Skate at the Isanti Civic Arena. Everyone is invited to participate in this FREE open skate. This family event is promoted by the Isanti Community Involvement Team. The Isanti Ambassadors will be at the event for fun and games. Canned goods will be accepted for the Isanti Food Pantry.



SATURDAY, MARCH 6 ARCTIC PLUNGE AT LONG LAKE

Event starts at 10:00 a.m. Arctic Plunge is at 2:00 p.m. Many events occur including Vintage Snowmobile Races, Englund Family Old Fashioned Ice Cutting Demonstration, Helicopter Rides, and Food Concessions. The event raises money for charities and organizations. To be a part of this event contact: Warren 763-234-3068; info@arcticplunge.com; www.arcticplunge.com.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 27 & 28 ISANTI HOME SHOW

Located at the Isanti Civic Center. Contact Debbie Bray at 763-444-8303 or check out the website at www.isantihomeshow.com.

Community Events



Minnesota Owls Home Games Schedule

Home Games are played
at the Isanti County Area David C. Johnson Civic Arena, 600 1st Avenue NW
www.minnesotaowls.com or www.isantiarena.org

December

Saturday, 5th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 13th, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, 19th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10th, 2:00 p.m.

January

Friday, 15th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 16th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 24th, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 31st, 2:00 p.m.

February

Friday, 12th, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 14th, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 19th, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 26th, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 27th, 7:30 p.m.



Rum River BMX News

We must stop and ponder just how quickly the 2009 BMX racing season has blown by. We saw some incredible things happen at the track this past year thanks to the tireless efforts of the volunteers that love to call Rum River BMX home. The track started out the year adding tar to the corners through the help of grants and sponsors so we are able to rest relatively easy that the corners are going to hold up with little or no maintenance for years to come. They also added stadium lighting which will allow for more hours of operation and some spectacular evening races and practicing events well into the fall. The Rum River BMX also hosted the 2009 Land O Lakes Nationals, and the Minnesota BMX State finals. So the logical question is what is in store for 2010?

Well the track will sadly not be hosting a national event again next summer but things are looking pretty good for hosting the 2010 Minnesota State BMX finals and possibly a few other prestigious events. The dynamic non-profit association will continue to focus on getting the word out about the benefits of BMX racing. If you have not experienced the track you're missing out on a great atmosphere full of excitement and energy. In riding the track you will develop balance, endurance, and a sense of self confidence as you master the 1100' track. The best part is there is no special gear or bikes required to ride! It will provide moms, dads, and children of all ages hours of riding enjoyment as the sport is for everyone.

Watch for the track to reopen after winter, usually in May weather permitting. We will have some special open house rides again in the spring for you to come and give things a try. In the meantime, check out our website at www.rumriverbmx.com and while you're there, sign up for our electronic newsletter so you can keep up to date with all of the great things happening at the track.

Thanks and we hope to see you soon! - Kevin Riedemann



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do while helping your community at the same time? Please see below for some options. They can use your help and can be satisfying at the same time!

FAMILY PATHWAYS

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Jan Peterson
763-444-8515

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Sue Larson
763-286-9964

ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

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763-689-8220

ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson
763-689-1442

ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)
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MEALS ON WHEELS/ SENIOR DINING

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