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## Letter from the Mayor



**Mayor  
George A. Wimmer**

### **CITY MEETING DATES:**

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

### **CITY COUNCIL**

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

### **CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION**

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

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

2nd Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00 pm

### **PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE BOARD**

4th Tuesday of the month  
at 6:00 pm

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

We have had a good year for our Great City. Isanti continues to grow with 59 new housing permits. We have added numerous new industrial and commercial businesses adding jobs, services and diversifying our tax base. We now have 173 businesses providing 1,751 jobs in our City and we have more in the pipeline. We have seen a good mix of new businesses and current businesses expanding. When I was first elected Mayor we had approximately 1,000 jobs in the City. My goal is to reach 2,000 by the end of my term in 2018. We have been successful because we have developed a Long-term Economic Development Plan that encompasses everything from zoning to marketing to leveraging outside resources. This dedication has led us to win our second Businesses Recruitment Award from the Economic Development Association of Minnesota since I have become Mayor. Our Economic Development Team has changed over my years in Isanti but our goals remain the same.

All City of Isanti Utility users will see a reduction in their base water/sewer fees starting in January. The sewer base fee will drop 50% from \$22.86 to \$11.43 and water will drop 25% from \$16.90 to \$12.68. The average water user uses 3,500 gallons of water per month. That user will see their bill go from \$75.64 to \$59.99 per month.

I wanted to share another sign of our long-term planning success. Before I became Mayor, there had been a perception that Isanti was not doing as well as the Regional Commercial Center of Cambridge. We have worked hard and stayed true to our vision of improving Isanti's financial position and long term growth. Today, I am happy to announce that not only are the City of Isanti's taxes lower than Cambridge, but so are our Water/Sewer fees. Our Household Income has gone from approximately \$5,000 less than Cambridge to over \$10,000 more since I was first elected. Home sales have also swung dramatically in our favor, even though Cambridge has over 50% more people than we do. Year to date, Isanti has seen a 24.5% increase in total home sales equating to 244 sold in 2016 compared to 196 in 2015. Cambridge has seen a .8% increase in sales equating to 238 compared to 236 in 2015. Total values have also increased as well. The average sales price in 2016 is \$184,233 growing 10.6% over the 2015 average price of \$166,513. Cambridge's average price in 2015 was \$174,211 and grew 1.6% to \$177,083. The increased values of properties across the board shows that the decisions we have made are protecting our property values and ensuring financial stability in the long term. The better we do at making Isanti a more attractive community to invest in, the more certain we can be in our long-term success. With all our achievements, however, I always plan for another slowdown in our national economy. Hopefully it will not happen but having been Mayor during the Great Recession, I learned that we must take nothing for granted.

Each January the full Council meets in a Goal Setting session to layout the larger projects and goals for the year and beyond. A few items I will be raising include: Dog Park, Outdoor Hockey Rink, Annexation of township properties 100% surrounded by the City, Traffic Light at HWY 65 & Cajima St. and Commercial/Industrial Traffic on residential streets. There will be more as we near our January Goal Setting but I wanted to inform the public of what I had so far.

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) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer](https://www.facebook.com/MayorGeorgeWimmer)

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- Wrongful Death
- All Types of Personal Injury

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- Felonies & Misdemeanors

#### **REAL ESTATE**

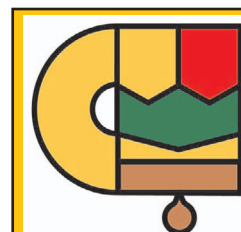
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#### **FAMILY LAW**

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# City Offices & Staff Directory

## City Council Members

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763-689-2141  
Fax 763-444-4868

### PUBLIC WORKS:

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Fax 763-444-5125

### MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE:

763-444-5063  
Fax 763-444-8044  
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.

**Elim Baptist Church**  
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www.elimisanti.org  
Ryan O'Leary, Senior Pastor

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# Public Works Department

## City Offices Closed

### **December 23**

Closed at Noon  
Christmas Eve

### **December 26**

Christmas

### **January 2**

New Year's Day

### **January 16**

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day

### **February 20**

President's Day

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## Water Shutoffs

Due to the upcoming change in seasons, and on-coming cold weather, if your home is going to be vacant for any 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.



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## If you dig a hole:

Please call Gopher State One  
Call at 1.800.252.1166 to Locate  
your utilities for Free!

## Public Works Department

### General:

The Public Services - Public Works Department consists of a Public Services Director, Josi Wood, Public Works Foreman, Matt Sylvester, and six Maintenance Technicians: Mike Harris, Jim Mager, Vic Fanth, Josh Becker, Scot Klersy and Jake Pudlick.

The Public Works team works in many divisions including parks, streets, and utilities (water and wastewater, and storm water). With the many areas and differing duties, Public Works staff needs to be capable of working in a large range of fields and be knowledgeable in areas such as microbiology, chemistry, environmental awareness, labor, mechanics, operation of equipment and be able to recognize and handle dangerous situations. By utilizing their skills and knowledge, they are able to provide the most important work that the department does which is provide public services to the residents. Public services include not only water and sewer but also a compost site, safe parks to send your children to, and safe streets to pass during those not so favorite winter storms.

### Streets:

The Public Works Staff works to ensure that the 29 miles of trails/sidewalks and 34 miles of streets are maintained and kept in safe condition. The City undertakes annual tree trimming efforts along streets, trails and right-of-way areas to help with visibility and the safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles. Branches and shrubs trimmed in



**Spreader Plow Truck**



the mentioned areas are done at no cost to the property owner.

During the winter, snow removal for streets and trails/sidewalks take the majority of the staff using two skid steers, 3 heavy duty spreader trucks and two trucks with front blades depending on what is needed. Application to assist with street de-icing consists of pretreatment in the form of salt brine, which is a saturated salt water liquid mix, rock salt and also an organic mixture of rock salt. The City has used beet juice for the last few years since it is relatively inexpensive and also very safe. Beet juice is a by-product of the sugar beet refining process which helps to lower the temperature that the rock salt will melt the ice. Since rock salt will not typically melt ice below 12° F, beet juice mixed in will allow the salt to melt ice all the way down to -25° F. That means not only safer streets but cleaner streets and storm drains with minimal use of sand.

### Storm Water:

The City has 77 storm water ponds and over 500 storm inlet/

outlet structures which make up the overall storm water system. With the City being designated a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community, the ponds and structures must be maintained per our approved plan and also inspected to ensure compliance as well as system integrity. The Public Works staff work with specific goals in mind such as whether the pond design is wet or dry based on the requirements for that particular intake area. Both types require the need for annual cutting of large trees and overgrowth as well as intake repairs which can be quite extensive.

Especially during the Fall, you may also see our sweeper going around the City picking up leaves and debris which helps us to maintain the system from not getting overloaded or plugging the storm drains. The free City compost site gives residents a place to bring their leaves and grass clippings which also helps the City achieve their storm water goals.

### Water Treatment Plant and Operations:

The Foreman and Maintenance Technicians are all certified licensed Water Operators with the MN Department of Health. They are continually being trained to know the latest technology and information to work to ensure your water is not only safe to drink but has the highest quality of aesthetics. To



**Elgin Sweeper**

## Public Works Department

### Public Works Department

ensure our water quality, testing must be completed every day as well as thorough testing and reporting monthly to the State. Some of the daily tests include Fluoride, Chlorine, Iron, and Manganese. We pump out of three City public wells, from the Mt. Simon Sandstone and Wonewoc Sandstone aquifers, to treat enough water for the demand which is anywhere from 325,000-700,000 average gallons per day depending on the time of year. The average person uses 55 gallons of water each day. To have adequate pressure, 64 psi, the water is pumped into the 150 ft high water tower; the tower holds 748,000 gallons. Public Works staff pay close attention to how much water we pump, treat and send through the system so we can report accurately our annual water consumption. The goal is to have as little unaccounted (water not tracked with a meter) as possible. The City's water disinfection treatment is generated onsite. It was a unique system and one of the first in the state when the plant was new in 2009. By using water, food grade salt and an electric cell generator called a Miox system, the City generates their own sodium hypochlorite for disinfection.

With the many variables, numerous chemicals and reagents, and constantly moving mechanical parts required to operate a water treatment plant Public Works is constantly working to ensure this vital piece of public service is functioning properly.

There are also many other services that fall within the water division. Public Works staff are responsible for getting water meters to businesses and residents who either are new or in need of a replacement. They do monthly meter reads, meter histories and also troubleshoot meter issues. They turn water service on/off and fix or coor-



minate repairs to water main or valve leaks. And lastly are responsible for the location and identification of water main and service lines.

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant and Operations:

The Foreman and Maintenance Technicians are all certified licensed Wastewater Operators with the MN Pollution Control Agency. They are responsible for the City's sewer system which is comprised of over 150,000 feet of sewer mains, over 660 manholes and 10 lift stations all of which takes skilled maintenance technicians/ operators to maintain. Maintenance includes cleaning, most of which is done annually, and monitoring for problems which could result in sewage backups or other significant problems. The amount of sewage, including grey water, that is being treated by the wastewater plant can be as high as 450,000 gallons per day. To treat the wastewater there are a series of steps that use biological processes and the knowledge of operators to create an

incredibly clean water output. One of the main processes is the function of six ponds in a series that use bacteria and aeration to break down the solids. Through chemical, mechanical and disinfecting processes, the clean wastewater is discharged into the Rum River. Interestingly, the treated wastewater that goes into the river is cleaner than the water already in the river. To ensure all treatments and processes are being done correctly, the skilled Foreman and six Maintenance Technicians, must provide many test results and reports to the MN Pollution Control agency which is who the plant is permitted through.

The Public Works department is staffed or overseen every day, 365 days a year. During the weekdays, the hours are typically 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After hours, weekends and Holidays, there is always a skilled operator on-call to monitor the critical elements to ensure all public services are running at peak performance and problems or issues are being caught right away and being resolved.



### Contact

#### Public Works

If you have questions about your services, please contact the Public Works Department at 763-444-4059 or email Josi Wood at [jwood@cityofisantian.us](mailto:jwood@cityofisantian.us). If you have questions about your utility billing, please contact City Hall at 763-444-5512. If you see a safety concern or problem that you believe needs immediate attention and it is outside of normal business hours, please contact the Isanti County Dispatch at 763-689-2141 to be routed to the Isanti Police.

Thank you for being a resident within the City of Isanti and allowing our fantastic Public Works staff to give you the best services available.

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### ADDITIONAL SIGN REMINDERS

- The City would like to remind local businesses that handwritten signs, whether temporary or permanent, are prohibited. All signs must be professionally made.

- Signs shall not be placed upon any public utility pole.

- Signs are not permitted within the public right-of-way.

- Temporary off-premises signs are permitted within the "B-1", "B-2", "B-3", "CBT", "RC", and "I" zoning districts, providing written permission is granted by the property owner and a temporary sign permit has been approved by the City. Temporary signs are allowed four times per year.

- Any questions regarding signs may be directed to Roxanne Achman, Community Development Director, at 763-444-5512 or [rachman@cityofisantian.us](mailto:rachman@cityofisantian.us)



## Economic Development

### Snow Removal Policy

The City of Isanti will be removing snow from all public sidewalks and trails within the city limits. A full copy of the City Code can be found on the city's website at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us).

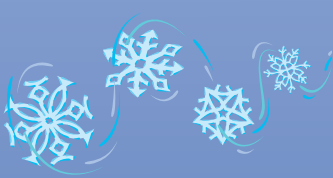
As a reminder – pushing snow onto property other than your own is prohibited. This includes onto city lots and into the right-of-way.



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### Isanti Industrial Sites "Shovel Ready Certified"

The City of Isanti has Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified lots available in Isanti Centennial Complex Business Park with lots ranging from 1.21 acres to 15.49 acres. All city utilities and fiber optic service are to the curb at each site which makes your decision to locate to the City industrial park easy. You can't beat lots for \$1.00 and the newly installed infrastructure in the industrial park. If you want to learn more please contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at [ssullivan@cityofisanti.us](mailto:ssullivan@cityofisanti.us) or 763.807.4339.



## Economic Development

### Isanti Welcomes New Businesses in 2016-17

2016 has been a fantastic year for investment in the City of Isanti. Existing businesses have been expanding and established companies from outside the community have received City approvals to construct new and renovate existing facilities. Over the past year staff estimates that there have been 158 new jobs brought to Isanti from new and expanding businesses. The Economic Development team has been working hard to recruit new businesses that will add employment opportunities, and products and services that our community lacks. The Economic Development team also meets with existing businesses to learn about what the City could be doing to improve the business climate in Isanti. New businesses identified for 2016 include: Twinkle Toes by Petra (103 Heritage Blvd NW), Nelson Massage Therapy (401 E Dual Blvd), Jung Do Sol TKD Club (4 Enterprise), Protection Security (901 E Dual Blvd NE), Joy-Us Cares (11 Heritage Blvd NW), HearSwell (33 Main St) Leader Financial (404 Whiskey Road), Oakwood Insurance (404 Whiskey Rd), Bitzer Consulting (210 6th Avenue), North American Title Company (210 6th Avenue), Ally Medical Supply (404 E Dual Blvd NE), SOCA Power sports (401 E Dual Blvd NE), MN Care Partners (401 E Dual Blvd NE), the Paw Spa (401 E Dual Blvd NE), Coborn's Market Place, Fusion Nails (404 Whiskey Rd), Trans-Mississippi Biological Supply (101 Isanti Parkway NE), Tab and Slot (702 E Dual Blvd NE), Learning Designs (2 Enterprise Ave), Boards and Brushes (2 Enterprise Ave), New Hope Community Church Isanti (114 Dahlin Ave) and Jo Jo's Photography (27 Main St). Construction is underway for the new Allina Clinic slated to open in spring 2017 and city approvals have been granted for a new O'Reilly's Auto Parts and an expansion of the Prairie Senior Cottages Isanti Memory Care project. These companies and many more now call, or will soon call, Isanti home to their business.



### Isanti Housing Market Continues to be Strong

Single family housing construction continues to boom in Isanti. From 2014-2016, 138 housing permits were issued with 59 coming in 2016. Year to date market data, as provided by the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors data for single family housing, states that City of Isanti has 244 Closed Sales (up 24% from last year) with an Average Sales price of \$184,233 (up 10.6% from last year). For comparison purposes, the City of Cambridge has 238 Closed Sales (up 0.8% from last year) with an Average Sales price of \$177,083 (up 1.6% from last year) The data 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. Isanti is positioned well to grow responsibly through the next decade and City Staff has estimated our current population to be 5,629 which is the highest it has ever been.

### Marketing Opportunities

The City of Isanti EDA will be rolling out some marketing opportunities for City of Isanti businesses. The City is in the process of putting together a City of Isanti Map and a Promotional Bag to be distributed to residents and visitors. Be on the lookout for more information on this great advertising opportunity for your Isanti business. Contact Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan for more information.



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# Engineering Department/Building Department

## Building Department

A busy year of building and expansion is nearly behind us, and the cold and snow is ahead. I apologize for the redundancy, but every winter I'm going to harp on safety while being cooped up indoors. If you have a gas furnace or any gas appliances, it is required that you have a minimum of 1 functional Carbon Monoxide Alarm on each level of your home with sleeping rooms. They must be placed outside of, and within 10' of the sleeping rooms. Every level and every sleeping room also requires a functioning smoke detector. Please check all your alarm batteries. In addition, remember to keep clean your furnace filters, HRV/ERV filters, humidifier filters, and perform maintenance on all other necessary winter equipment.

The MN Dept. Of Commerce offers information on programs to save money and energy at:

<https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-home/save-energy-money/>

The U.S. Energy Dept.'s homepage has a lot of information on how to save energy in the home:

<http://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>

And as always; feel free to call the building department at any time with questions regarding building permits, inspections, etc. The department is in place to help the citizens of Isanti build, alter, repair, and add on to structures and property in a safe and consistent manner where it concerns safety, health, public welfare, longevity, and community enhancement. Also, continue to check the building dept. section of the website for updates, permits, and building information.

*I wish you all a safe winter season, and Happy Holidays!*  
**-Nick Henly, Building Official**

### 2016 Residential Construction Permits (as of 11/22/2016)

- Permit totals: 528
- New Single Family Homes: 59
- Commercial Construction Permits: 64

## Engineering - Brad DeWolf, P.E.

### Drinking Water and Household Hazardous Waste - Things You Should Know

The City is working together with its Wellhead Protection Committee and local, state and federal agencies to protect area drinking water sources through the implementation of its Wellhead Protection Plan. There are many products that homeowners use on their properties for activities such as cleaning or maintaining equipment. When used, stored and disposed of according to manufacturer's instructions on the labels, these products can be useful tools around the home. There are times, however, when these products are not used, stored or disposed of when they may become a significant source of ground water contamination that may lead to a drinking water source that is either unusable or requires extensive treatment. Drinking water that has become contaminated with chemicals found in hazardous household products can create adverse health effects. You, as a land owner, can take preventative steps to protect drinking water by using, storing, and disposing of household products as listed on the product label. To learn how to become actively involved in the protection of drinking water or to learn ways to handle hazardous waste products in your home to prevent groundwater contamination, property owners are encouraged to contact the City or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association website at [mrwa@mrwa.com](mailto:mrwa@mrwa.com) or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's website at [www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/hhw/index.html](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/hhw/index.html)

Isanti residents can take their household hazardous waste to the Chisago County facility in the North Branch Industrial Park, 39649 Grand Avenue, North Branch, MN Ph: 651-213-8920) [www.co.chisago.mn.us/396/Household-Hazardous-Waste](http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/396/Household-Hazardous-Waste)

### MN Center – Future City

Minnesota Center will compete in Future City for the fourth time in Jan. 2017. Future City is a national competition in which teams of 6th-8th grade students design cities of the future; this year's challenge was The Power of Public Space. MNC students begin the project by taking a field trip through the city of Isanti learning about infrastructure from city engineers and officials. Teams of middle school students create a future city based off this year's theme "Power of Public Spaces" by researching, playing SimCity, designing a model, writing an essay, building the model, and finally presenting their city to judges. While all of MNC participates, only the top 3 teams go on to regionals in January. We feel since we made it to the top 5 in the region last year, we have a chance at getting into the top 5 again. We want to thank the continued support from the city and city officials for the success of this project!

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### Seasonal Tips

**\* Wash Your Hands Often:** Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product.

**\* Manage Stress:** The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health. Keep a check on over-commitment and overspending. Balance work, home, and play. Get support from family and friends. Keep a relaxed and positive outlook. Get enough sleep.

**\* Travel Safely** Whether you are traveling across town or around the world, help ensure your trip is safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight and age. Get any appropriate vaccinations if traveling outside of the country.

**Have a safe winter season!**

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# Police Department/Fire Department

## CITY PARKS:

### RIVERSIDE PARK

**503 Rum River Drive NW**

Corner of Rum River Drive NW & Hill-  
ock St. NW



### RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

**1108 South Passage SW**

Along the north side of South Pas-  
sage SW, just west of County Rd.  
23 SW.



### MATTSON PARK

**311 5th Avenue NW**

Intersection of Main St. W & 5th  
Ave. NW.



### WHISPER RIDGE PARK

**795 3rd Ave SW**

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



### ISANTI HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

**518 Dogwood Street SW**

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



### VFW PARK

**410 Railroad Avenue SE**

Intersection of Railroad Ave. SE and  
Palomino Road SE.



### RIVER BLUFF PRESERVE

**Rum River Drive SW**



### UNITY PARK

**420 3rd Avenue NW**

North of Unity Blvd. NW.



### BLUEBIRD PARK

**201 Isanti Parkway NW**

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



### LEGACY PARK

NW corner of Villages on the Rum



## KEY

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

## Isanti Police Department

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the great Fall weather and colors so far. I was able to be in the BWCAW canoeing this year at the peak...it was nothing short of spectacular!

Snow is bound to make an appearance. I want to remind all citizens and visitors of the City's Winter Parking Ordinance. There is NO street parking after 1:00 a.m. starting November 1st, 2016, you can see the entire ordinance on the City's website at <http://www.cityofisanti.us>. If you have any questions or concerns about the ordinance please call.

Just a friendly reminder, last year we had some complaints of snowmobile misuse. Snowmobiles are not allowed to drive on another's property without permission. Please keep your snowmobile on the trail or right of way. All property in Isanti is owned by someone. Snowmobiles may not be driven in the City Parks or on school property unless it is part of a marked state or local trail system. There is an ordinance that governs their operation within the City and that is also available from the website. Minnesota requires snowmobile certification by law for anyone born after December 31, 1976. Adult snowmobile safety certification is for snowmobile operators age 16 and over. The adult course is designed to show the student the most common causes for snowmobile accidents in Minnesota, and how to avoid becoming an accident statistic.

The City Council passed an ordinance to allow golf-carts and Class I ATV's (ATV's that you straddle) to be operated within the City, on municipal streets, under permit for a fee of \$25.00 per year. Class II ATV's (side by side) are already permitted by law but need further licensing from the State. The application and permit can be obtained from the Police Department and is good for one calendar year. For further information, please call or stop by for more details.

The Isanti Police Department received another grant to conduct Safe & Sober enforcement in 2017 focusing on DWI, seat belt usage and other high risk traffic violators. Please ask your Isanti bartender/waitress to call Safe Cab if you need a ride home if you feel you have had too much to drink this holiday season.

Happy Holidays to everyone!  
Respectfully, Chief Gene C. Hill

## Fire Department

Greetings from all of us at Isanti Fire District!

As we look ahead towards another beautiful MN winter I hope everyone has the peace of mind that they have replaced their smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries, and gave them an audible test run. During winter months, our heating, lighting, cooking, and holiday activities increase dramatically, with that, so does the risk of residential fires. Please remember to practice fire prevention by not leaving your cooking unattended, keeping space heaters and candles a safe distance away from anything that could catch on fire and be sure to water your Christmas trees daily. If you are in a situation where you are not able to purchase a new battery for your detector, please contact me.

Isanti Firefighters have a new record! We have presented fire prevention to 757 school age children this October through numerous school, daycare and special event visits. Feel free to sneak a pop quiz into a random visit with your child to make sure they are retaining all that good information!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has supported all of us who work in public safety this year. Through attendance at our Rodeo Associations events, to the letters of appreciation we receive, to the sincere thank you's many of you take the time to pass on to us on-scene or just in general, it is all very much appreciated.

Happy Holidays from your Isanti Firefighters.

Alan Jankovich  
Fire Chief | Isanti Fire District





## Community Development

### New Members in the Finance Department

We'd like to take a moment to introduce you to the two newest members of the City Finance Department.

Beth Bradley (pictured left) started as the new Utility Billing/Accounting Clerk on October 11th. Beth comes to the City with a degree in Corporate Finance and experience working in the Minnesota State Retirement System. Beth can assist you with utility billing questions, and chances are you'll get a chance to meet her if you visit the front desk at City Hall! In her free time, Beth enjoys taking her dog to the park, running, nutrition, discovering new organizational tips/tricks, and traveling.

Jackie Fisher (pictured right) stepped into the role of Finance Director on November 7th. As Finance Director, Jackie is responsible for City of Isanti financial oversight; she will help prepare budgets for approval by Council, perform internal audits, manage daily financial operations, and many more finance-related tasks. Jackie has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Accounting and comes to us from Onamia Public Schools as their Business Manager. Jackie has three kids, a granddaughter, a fiancé, and a dog, and when she's not crunching numbers, she enjoys hunting, cooking/baking, entertaining, and spending time with her family.



Welcome to Isanti!

### Residential Rain Garden Incentive Program

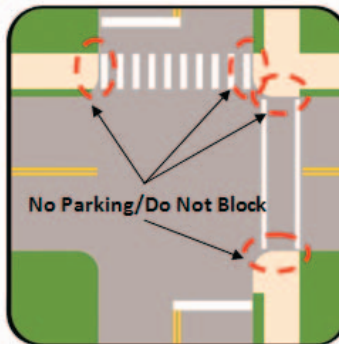
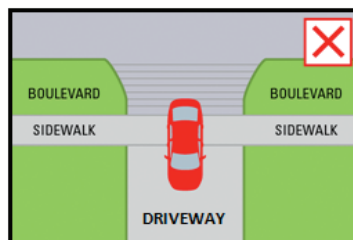


City Council has approved a Residential Rain Garden Incentive Program for 2017. Rain gardens help to capture and filter storm water before it is returned to lakes, streams, and rivers. The program will reimburse recipients for a portion of the expenses of installing a rain garden on their property within the City of Isanti. Participants will gain a beautiful landscape feature, while helping to reduce inputs to the municipal stormwater treatment system. Application materials will help residents determine if a rain garden is a good choice for them and help them plan their rain garden. Look for more program details at the beginning of 2017 on the city's website and in the Spring Edition of the Isantian. To see a rain garden in action, visit the City's demonstration rain garden on the east side of the Isanti Indoor Arena (BMX facility).

### Winter Parking Restrictions

Parking of vehicles is not allowed on city streets between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. from November 1st through March 31st of every year. Parking is permitted on streets between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. provided that snow removal has been completed or there is no snow. Parking is not permitted in the City's downtown municipal parking lot (located south of Main Street W and west of the BNSF railroad tracks) between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Your cooperation will help make the snow removal process more efficient and effective.

Please do not park on, in front of or over sidewalks and trails. It makes it difficult and dangerous for sidewalk users to cross at their intended crossing, and it also makes it difficult for the City to maintain sidewalk and trail intersections. The City has the right to ticket and/or tow vehicles at the owner's expense if they are hindering snow removal.



### Other Isanti Area Recreational Sites

Soccer Complex  
Isanti Indoor Arena - Home of Rum River BMX  
Isanti Ice Arena  
Martin's Landing  
(DNR Canoe Landing)  
Redbirds Baseball Field

For links visit:  
[www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

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### 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

Collette Colucci  
763-552-7284

#### NORTH 65 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

763-689-2505  
North65Chamber.com

#### ISANTI COUNTY PARKS

Barry Wendorf  
763-689-8220

#### ISANTI COUNTY TRAIL & GREENSPACE

Bill Carlson  
763-689-1442

#### ISANTI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

763-552-GOAL (4625)  
cambridgeisantisoccer.net

#### ISANTI HOCKEY

Robyn or Fred  
763-444-6432

#### MEALS ON WHEELS/SENIOR DINING

Lynne  
763-245-1193

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Susi McCune  
763-444-4585

#### VFW

Michelle - Manager  
763-444-9787

#### ISANTI LIONS

Joe Mau - 763-444-4107

If your organization is not listed, please contact City Hall at 763-444-5512 or [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us)

## Community Events

### Outdoor Ice & Warming House

Winter is coming – and cold weather is perfect for making ice!! Public Works has been prepping and will be ready to flood the pleasure rink as soon as we get continuing cold weather. The rink and a warming house with public restrooms located on the south end of Isanti's Indoor Arena are located in Bluebird Park and are open during park hours, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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### Join us for the Nature Detectives Club!



Join us the first Saturday of each month to explore, play, craft, and have fun! Nature Detectives Club is geared for ages 4-7. \$3 pre-register; \$4 walk-in (space may be limited). Program minimum: 5 pre-registered 7 days prior to each program. Call 763-444-5512 or email [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) to register!

### Friends of the Isanti Area Library



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library group helped to establish and continues to promote Isanti's Library Outreach Site, which is located in City Hall. The Librarian is there to serve you on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. with books, movies, audiobooks, and e-books. Ask about Children's Story Time and other library events planned for this season.

We now furnish a computer to use for accessing the Internet from 1:00-3:00 pm during Wednesday Outreach Library hours, with a printer, too. A volunteer is available to help you with the computer if needed. Printing is a modest fee.

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

Don't miss our Annual Used Book\* Sale (\*books, audiobooks, and DVDs) held Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18 at Junction Bowl. Local authors will offer book signing and there will be a reading corner for kids. Donations are currently being accepted for this fundraiser.

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

We also greatly need and appreciate more volunteers to help with various kinds of community events, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Contact Susi McCune for more information or to arrange donation drop-off: [Susi@IsantiLibrary.org](mailto:Susi@IsantiLibrary.org) or 763-444-4585.

### Isanti Community Center

The Isanti Community Center is a great place to hold your event! Dances, luncheons, graduation parties, fundraisers, seminars, business presentations, birthday parties, and many other activities are held year round. Located at 208½ First Avenue NW, next to City Hall. For information and reservations call City Hall at 763-444-5512 or email [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us).



The Isanti area Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to deliver hot meals from the Isanti Community Center to residents in their home. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30p.m. and can be as little as just one day per month. If you would like more information, please contact Lynne, (763) 245-1193.

## FREE MOVIES

Movies 7:00pm  
Doors/Concessions 6:30

December 9, 2016 - Elf (PG)  
January 20, 2017 - Hook (PG)  
February 17, 2017 - Inside Out (PG)  
March 17, 2017 - Jungle Book - 2016 (PG)  
April 21, 2017 - The Little Prince (PG)

Isanti Community Center



Each movie night is hosted by a local youth organization. Concessions benefit the volunteering groups! Questions? Call 763-444-5512 or email [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us)



## Community Events

### Calendar of Events



#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10-18 – ISANTI LIONS CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

The Isanti Lions, local stores and the community have provided Christmas dinner & toys to local children and over 300 Isanti County families annually. Contact Joe, (612) 790-9529, to find out how to donate, adopt a family or volunteer wrapping and helping with other needs to make this project another great year.

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – ANNUAL ATV/ SNOWMOBILE PARADE**

Isanti's annual New Year's Day Parade is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. with the lineup at the Isanti Middle School at 2:30 p.m. The Parade route will be determined by the Isanti Police Dept. A chili fundraiser will be served following the parade at the Isanti Community Center. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun – whether you are on a machine, watching the parade, or eating chili! There is no entry fee and no need to pre-register. All ATVs and snowmobiles are welcome. Call (763) 444-4761 with questions.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – SPECTACULAR BRIDAL FAIR**

Hosted by the North 65 Chamber of Commerce at the Cambridge Middle School, 12:00-3:00 p.m.; the Bridal Fair will feature local vendors providing everything a couple needs to plan a beautiful day. Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more information: 763-689-2505 or info@north65chamber.com.



#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 3 & SATURDAY, MARCH 4 – ANNUAL ARTIC PLUNGE**



Registration and festivities begin Friday at Captains on Long Lake. Saturday, events take place beginning at 1:00 p.m. with the Arctic Plunge beginning at 2:00 p.m. Events include an old fashioned ice cutting demo, helicopter rides, food and live entertainment! The event raises money for charities and organizations. Find out more information by visiting [www.arcticplunge.com](http://www.arcticplunge.com) or email: [info@arcticplunge.com](mailto:info@arcticplunge.com).

#### **FRIDAYS, DEC THRU APRIL – COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS**

On select Fridays, a free movie will be showing at the Isanti Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Concessions will open at 6:30 p.m. Check out page # for movie selections and dates. Contact Katie at (763) 444-5512 or [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) for more info.

#### **SATURDAYS – NATURE DETECTIVES CLUB**

First Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., kids explore, play games, make crafts, and have fun! Program minimum 5 pre-registered 7 days before each program. \$3/child when you pre-register or \$4 per child the day of (space may be limited). See page 10 for more information. Contact Katie (763) 444-5512, [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) to register.

#### **OTHER EVENTS:**

- Lions Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Third Sunday of every month at the Isanti Community Center. Serving from 8 a.m. until noon.
- Isanti Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels – Monday thru 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 10:30-1:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$4-\$7.50 for persons 60 and older; \$7.50 under 60.
  - o Senior Dining will be meeting at Faith Lutheran in Isanti the week of Dec 12-16.
- Memorial Blood Center – December 22 & February 22 Blood Drive at the Isanti Community Center 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Walk-ins welcome but registration is preferred. Call (651) 332-7000 or visit [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org)

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- Sunday, April 1, 2017 - North 65 Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling Annual Dinner, 5:30 p.m. at Spirit River Community Center. RSVP by March 15. Contact the Chamber at 763-689-2505 or [www.north65chamber.com](http://www.north65chamber.com) for more info.

### Isanti Community Garden

After a great first season in the community garden, we are looking forward to the next in 2017! Registration will begin in February 2017: returning gardeners reserving the same plots can begin registering **February 6 to 10**, returning gardeners reserving new plots can begin registering **February 13 to 17**. **Open registration will take place February 18 to June 1**. For more information about the community garden, stop in to Isanti City Hall or visit our website.



### School for All Seasons

School For All Seasons students enjoyed an abundant harvest this fall! They gathered root vegetables such as carrots, onions, potatoes, and beets as well as non-root vegetables/fruits like corn, squash, pumpkins, peppers, and tomatoes. We had a harvest party where students cut vegetables to make soup for our school community, enjoyed salsa and chips, and tasted cooked beets for the first time! The school garden opportunity provided students a hands-on experience that strengthened our school community through working together. They are very excited for the next planting, growing, and harvesting season!

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### 2017 Summer Programs

The Downtown Isanti Street Dances and Isanti Family Farmers Market are scheduled to return in Summer 2017. Watch for more details in the next Isantian!

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### Isanti Redbirds Amateur Baseball Annual Meeting

It's not too early to begin thinking about next year's summer baseball season! The Isanti Redbirds amateur baseball team will be having their annual winter meeting in the next month or two. At this meeting, players will be setting goals and making plans for the up-coming season. If you're interested in attending the team meeting or trying out for the 'Birds, please contact manager, Steve Allen at 763-689-4055 or [sallen958@gmail.com](mailto:sallen958@gmail.com).



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