

# Isantian

Winter 2017

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# Letter from the Mayor



Mayor  
George A. Wimmer

## City Meeting Dates

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

## City Council

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

## City Council Work Session

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

## Planning Commission

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

## Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board

4th Tuesday of the month  
at 6:00 pm

## Economic Development Authority

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

It has been a full year of activities with many highlights and changes. We have 88 new homes built or in the pipeline on the date of writing this article. These homes are being built on existing infrastructure which helps defer the cost of our services. We have over a dozen new businesses in Isanti this year leading to a net positive change of employment of 81 new jobs. This brings our total jobs number to 1,881 up from the approximately 1,000 we had before I took office as Mayor. We are expanding and diversifying our tax base. River Bluff Preserve's Rum River shoreline will be the site of Cedar Tree Revetments. This riverbank stabilization method will help protect our eroding shoreline. We have partnered with Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District to make this project a reality. Our Community Garden continues to be a great success in our 2nd year. Not only have individual families grown great produce but we collectively donated hundreds of pounds of food to our local Senior Dining Program. Our Farmers Market has continued to expand and grow providing local producers a place to sell and our Community a great place to buy produce and local crafts. The Arts & Science Middle School has been built, bringing yet another educational opportunity to Isanti. Isanti is home to Traditional Calendar Public Schools, Year-Round Program Public Schools, Arts & Science Charter Schools and St. Scholastica HSC Academy, all giving great options for our Community.

Our new park, Academy Park, was built by our partners TenSquare, LLC and the Arts & Science Academy. They paid for this great park and will be turning it over to the City to service areas North of Heritage and East of 65. We have an agreement establishing use of the park for the Arts & Science Academy during school days with all other days and all evenings open to the public. The asphalt trail constructed as part of this project will eventually connect to a trail system that will develop in this quadrant of the City providing miles of walking and biking access. It was a long negotiation with a tremendous result.

Isanti is a great Community that attracts residential growth along with Commercial/Industrial businesses. We are following our Long Term Financial Plan, Development Plan and Marketing Strategy to ensure we can provide more services and options to our Citizens while diversifying our tax base. In 2017 our total City valuation is \$310,685,500 which is the sum of all property values in Isanti. We are increasing to \$350,753,300 in 2018 which is a 13% increase in total value. This allows us to collect more tax revenue, \$171,170 more in 2018 than 2017, but leads to a 5% overall tax rate cut. This means each individual property tax rate will be cut yet our total City revenues will increase because there are more residential, industrial and commercial properties contributing. Our goal is to continue growing and diversifying our tax base, so we can provide needed services and continue to cut tax rates while still paying for the increasing cost of doing business as a city. A prime example of increasing cost is the 26% health insurance rate hike we absorbed this year. A 26% increase in insurance equals \$78,549, which is a significant amount, but becomes manageable due to our tight fiscal control and increasing tax base. Our 2018 Budget has a \$170,356 surplus to bring our General Fund Balance over 50%. We had spent down reserves during the Great Recession in order to continue full City Services and soften the financial impact to Taxpayers. We have in our 2018 Budget a plan to reduce Tax Rates 5%, Increase Fund Balance by \$170,356, increase services, cut debt by 4% and ensure our Long Term Financial and Community success.

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/Mayor-GeorgeWimmer](https://www.facebook.com/Mayor-GeorgeWimmer)

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# City Offices & Staff Directory

## City Council Members

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Council Member	Steve Lundeen	612-203-8957	sdlundeen@yahoo.com
Council Member	Paul Bergley	763-377-2209	paulmb50@yahoo.com
Council Member	Ross Lorinser	763-587-3841	ross.lorinser@gmail.com

## City Staff

### Administration

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

### Public Services

Public Services Director/ Assistant City Administrator	Josi Wood	jwood@cityofisanti.us
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### Police Department

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

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### Finance

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### Planning & Zoning

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### Building Department

Building Official	Nick Henly	building-inspections@cityofisanti.us
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### Municipal Liquor Store

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

Community Events & Parks Coordinator	Katie Everett	isantiparks@cityofisanti.us
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## City Contacts:



### City Hall

110 1st Ave NW  
PO Box 428  
Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5512  
isanti@cityofisanti.us  
www.cityofisanti.us



### Police

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



### Public Works

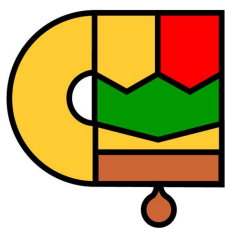
763-444-0459



### Municipal Liquor Store

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

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



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Julian Guilbeault  
651-219-0226  
[julian@evercatfuels.com](mailto:julian@evercatfuels.com)



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(763) 444-8680  
2 Enterprise Ave.

www.physicaltherapypctc.com



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# Utility Billing

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED

December 22

Closed at Noon

Christmas Eve

December 25

Christmas

January 1

New Year's Day

January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 19

President's Day

## 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 Community Development Director, at 763-444-5512 or [rkernosky@cityofisanti.us](mailto:rkernosky@cityofisanti.us)

## Utility Billing

The Isanti City Council; at its September 19th, 2017 meeting, formally approved changing the due date for all Municipal Utility Bills from the 13th (or next business day) to the 20th (or next business day) of each month, effective with bills due in the month of November. Furthermore, effective November 30th, 2017, utility bills will be mailed on the last business day of each month. Residents can expect to see their monthly bills arriving within the first few days of each month.

Those residents that are enrolled in Auto-Pay through City Hall, and have their payments electronically deducted from their bank account, will not need to do anything. Those payments will continue to be deducted on the new due date each month. PSN Auto-Pay users may update their payment date online through their PSN account.

### Summary of Changes: Effective November 2017

**Utility Billing Cycle:** First – Last Day of the month

**Mailing Date:** Last business day of the month

**Due Date:** 20th of each month

**Late Fees:** A minimum of \$5.00 will be assessed on the 26th of each month

**Delinquents:** Mailed on the 26th of each month

**Delinquents Due:** By 4:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month

**Door Postings:** First Wednesday of each month (Not effective October 15-April 15)

**Disconnections:** Second Monday of each month (Not effective October 15-April 15)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Billing Cycle Begins	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Payment Due (Previous month usage)	21	22	23	24
25	26 Late Fees Assessed: Delinquents Mailed	27	28	29	30 Billing Cycle Ends: Bills Mailed	

### Payment Options:

1. City Hall Reception Desk (Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm)
2. City Hall Drop-Box (Located on the north side of the building)
3. Mail (PO Box 400, Isanti, MN 55040)
4. PSN – [www.paymentservicenetwork.com](http://www.paymentservicenetwork.com)
5. Auto-Pay (form available online or at City Hall -please include a voided check)

# Utility Billing

Finance staff periodically answer questions about monthly Municipal Utility Bills. The following provides a brief description of the abbreviations used and rates by utility service.

## Sample Water Bill:

CHARGES/CREDITS	DATE	METER READING		USAGE	AMOUNT
		PREVIOUS	PRESENT		
WATER	10/17/17	153,127	156,627	3,500	10.47
W BASE					12.68
SEWER				3,500	25.41
S BASE					11.43
MN FEE					.53
STORM					6.43
Late Fee					.00
AFTER 11/20/2017	PAY	71.95	AMOUNT DUE NOW		
			66.95		

## Residential Water Bill Components:

**WATER** - Water Usage & Charges (2017: \$2.99/1,000 gallons)

These charges are based on actual usage and change every month.

**W BASE** - Water Base (2017: \$12.68 per month)

These charges recur monthly and do not change. Base charges provide consistency in revenue on a monthly basis.

*Water Usage & Water Base charges fund the operations of the water plant as well as the pipes that move the water from the plant to your residence. These charges pay for the ongoing expense of treating water. These charges also provide the funding needed to make debt payments on large infrastructure projects that bring water to your residence.*

**SEWER** - Sewer Charges – (2017: \$7.26/1,000 gallons)

Sewer rates are calculated as an average based on water usage during Jan/Feb/Mar of each year and are effective on the April statement. New customers are set to an average of 3,500 gallons until April averaging. If monthly water usage is less than the sewer average, sewer is billed per gallon. If monthly water usage is more than the sewer average, sewer is billed at the average.

**S BASE** - Sewer Base (2017: \$11.43 per month)

These charges recur monthly and do not change. Base charges provide consistency in revenue on a monthly basis.

*Sewer Usage & Sewer Base charges fund the operations of the wastewater facility and associated infrastructure. These charges cover the expense of treating wastewater and the pipes that deliver that wastewater from your residence to the City treatment facility.*

**MN FEE** - State Test Fee (\$0.53 per month)

This money, collected by all water supply systems in the state and based on State Statute 144.3831, is submitted to the State Department of Health and used to monitor the quality of drinking water in public water supply systems across the state.

**STORM** - Storm Water (\$6.43 per month)

These fees cover the costs associated with managing storm water. Storm water is all water that the city must manage that did not originate at the City's water plant.

## Questions or Concerns Regarding Utility Billing:

Please contact the Utility Billing Department:

Phone: (763)444-5512

Fax: (763)444-5560

Email: [UtilityBilling@cityofisanti.us](mailto:UtilityBilling@cityofisanti.us)

Mail: PO Box 400, Isanti, MN 55040

In Person: 110 1st Ave NW, Isanti, MN 55040

## 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.

## SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

The City of Isanti will be removing snow from all public sidewalks & 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.

# Economic Development



This winter season, shop local. Did you know that for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$68 stays in the local economy? Gifts and all the supplies you need for entertaining can be found right here in your local community. Visit [www.north65chamber.com/keepitlocal](http://www.north65chamber.com/keepitlocal) for more information or stop by your chamber of commerce at 2 Enterprise Ave NE, Suite C4.



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

## Economic Development

### Development Summary for 2017

The commercial, industrial and residential sectors are hitting on all cylinders in Isanti. O'Reilly Auto Parts opened a new 7,453 square foot store just south of Coborn's Marketplace on Highway 65 on October 14. The Arts and Science Academy completed construction of its 19,500 square foot middle school and it is expected to open in November 2017. The Development Team continues to work with additional business leads and has a number of projects at various stages in the pipeline. Stay tuned and look for new business additions to the City of Isanti.



Here is a summary of new businesses that have committed to locating to or have already moved into the City of Isanti in 2017: O'Reilly Auto Parts, Art and Science Academy Middle School, Climb Theater, Brushes and Boards, Blackhawk Tile and Stone, Wasteland Performance, Circle B Ranch/The Nest, KAS Bodywork, Edward Jones, Willow Bridge Yoga, Rockstad and Company Relics and Wares, Serenity Circle Counseling, and Allina Health. The City Development Team continues to work with prospects that will fill community needs and City Council goals. Not to be outdone is the residential sector. As of November 1, 2017 there were 88 single family housing permits submitted surpassing the total of 63 for 2016. A lot is happening in Isanti, it's an exciting time to be an Isantian.

### City Promotional Bag Program (Free Advertising for Isanti Businesses)

Isanti businesses took advantage of the City Promotional Bag Program in 2017. The program included the purchase and distribution of 1000 quality city logo bags filled with information, products, and marketing materials from City of Isanti businesses. The bags were distributed at the following events: Land O Lakes Nationals (Isanti Indoor Arena – Home of Rum River BMX) in May, State North Qualifier Soccer Event at Isanti Soccer Complex in July, and the State BMX Finals held at Isanti Indoor Arena, Home of Rum River BMX in August.

Initial feedback from participating businesses has been favorable but City Staff will continue to request feedback to see what can be done to improve the program. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this program, don't hesitate to contact Economic Development Director Sullivan at 763-444-5512 or [rsullivan@cityofisanti.us](mailto:rsullivan@cityofisanti.us). The program is simple to use. All a business needs to do is contact Economic Development Director Sullivan and provide items to be inserted in the promotional bags four days prior to the event. Item counts range from 300 to 350 depending on the event. An email will be sent out to all Isanti businesses prior to the each bag distribution event to give your business an opportunity to participate.

## FREE MOVIE NIGHTS

at Isanti Community Center



DECEMBER 8 - UP  
JANUARY 19 - MIGHTY DUCKS  
FEBRUARY 16 - TANGLED

MARCH 16 - SECRET LIFE OF PETS  
APRIL 20 - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (2017)

Movies - 7:00 pm  
Doors/Concessions - 6:30 pm  
Trailers and more info at [cityofisanti.us](http://cityofisanti.us)



# Public Safety

## Police Department

Hello Everyone!

Snow has made its appearance early this year and 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, 2017, you can see the entire ordinance on the City's website at [www.cityofisanti.us](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 that is available on 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 allows 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. These permits expire at the end of the calendar year, do not forget to renew your permit for your recreational vehicle. 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 2017/2018 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



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do while helping your community at the same time? Contact any of the following groups to make a positive impact!

Cambridge-Isanti Hockey  
board@  
[cambridgeisantihockey.com](http://cambridgeisantihockey.com)

C-I Soccer Association  
763-552-GOAL (4625)  
[cambridge-isantisoccerclub.com](mailto:cambridge-isantisoccerclub.com)

Family Pathways  
Aging Services - Collette  
763-689-8811  
Food Shelf - Bobbie  
763-552-3663  
Thrift Store - Kristen  
763-552-3003

Friends of the Isanti  
Area Library  
Susi McCune  
763-444-4585

Isanti County Parks  
Barry Wendorf  
763-689-8220

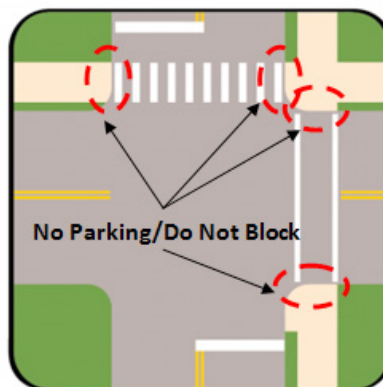
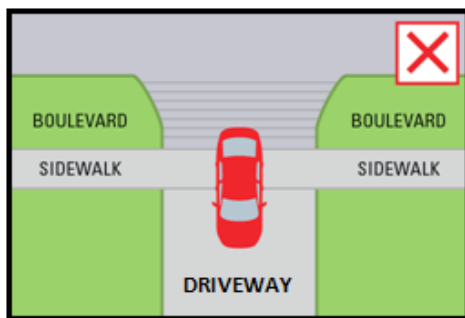
Isanti Lions  
Joe Mau  
763-444-4107

Meals on Wheels/  
Senior Dining  
Lynne Howe  
763-245-1193

North 65 Chamber of  
Commerce  
763-689-2505  
[North65Chamber.com](http://North65Chamber.com)

*If you would like your organization listed, please contact us at*  
763-444-5512 or  
[isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us)

## 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.

# Building Department

## SEASONAL TIPS FROM ISANTI'S SAFETY COMMITTEE:

### Stay Warm

Living in Minnesota, you may become laid back about the below freezing temperatures that become the norm during the winter months. So, it's always good to be reminded of basic cold-weather safety tips: Dress in layers, keep exposed skin covered, and walk with care on ice and snow. Children, seniors, and pets are generally more at risk during cold weather, so keep the kiddos in an extra layer, check on your elderly family and neighbors more often, and bring those pets inside or provide adequate, warm shelter and unfrozen drinking water for them.



### Give Yourself Time when Traveling

Weather impacts travel safety, and according to the US Department of Transportation, 86% of all weather-related crashes happen on pavement that is icy and/or wet. To help prevent a road accident, make sure you give yourself plenty of travel time so you aren't rushing. Go slowly, leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle ahead of you, and anticipate turns and stops. It's always better to get to where you're going late than not at all!

## Building Department

The impressive momentum from last year's growth and building increased this year.

**2017 Construction Permits issued as of 10/31/2017: 622, including 83 new homes so far!**

While the volume this year has been challenging, as always my main focus is the safety of the Isanti Citizens. In that spirit, I urge all of you to please take a few moments to ensure your family's safety this winter while being cooped up indoors. Be sure you have a minimum of one functional Carbon Monoxide Alarm on each level of your home with sleeping rooms. They must be placed within 10' of the sleeping rooms. And be aware that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms do not last forever! Battery operated smoke and CO detectors are required to be changed after 10 years. In addition, re-visit your emergency escape routes and plans with your family.

Please prepare and test all your safety and mechanical systems now, and book any necessary maintenance for your heating and ventilation equipment! In addition, remember to keep clean your furnace filters, HRV/ERV filters, humidifier filters, and perform maintenance on all other necessary winter equipment.

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.

Thank you, and be safe this winter.

Nick Henly  
Building Official

## Confused about cooking oils?

**A quick guide from Rachel Baar, RDN (Allina Health Isanti Clinic)**

According to some claims, coconut oil can cure bad breath, leave your hair shiny, your skin soft, help you lose weight and even heal a wound. Some fans even suggest tossing out your olive oil and use coconut oil exclusively. But, is coconut oil really that good?

It depends. While coconut oil has many good things going for it, so do lesser-known oils like avocado, peanut and sesame.

**Coconut oil** is best known for its antimicrobial properties. It contains about the same amount of calories and fat as other cooking oils, but coconut oil is higher in saturated fat. Coconut oil contains medium chain saturated fats that are likely healthier than the longer chain saturated fats found in many animal fats. It is a solid that turns to liquid at about 75 degrees. It has a high smoke point and works well for baking or cooking at high heat. The oil has little coconut flavor for those who don't like the taste of flake coconut.

**Avocado oil** is full of antioxidants and healthy fats such as oleic acid, a monounsaturated omega-9 fatty acid. It also has high amounts of lutein, an antioxidant that promotes healthy eye-sight. Avocado oil can be used as a dressing for salad or used for grilling, baking and sautéing. Studies show that avocado oil may help lower blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels.

**Peanut oil** is high in vitamin E and antioxidants, like resveratrol and phytosterols. It can also help boost your HDL cholesterol—or good cholesterol. According to OrganicFacts.net, studies have shown that consuming more resveratrol in your diet may decrease your risk of cancer, boost your immune system and prevent cognitive disorders like dementia. Plus, the high levels of vitamin E in peanut oil make it a good choice for healthy skin.

**Sesame oil** is best known for high vitamin E and antioxidants. While this oil may improve hair and skin health, stimulate bone growth, reduce blood sugar and blood pressure, maintain good heart health, manage anxiety and depression and lower inflammation, according to OrganicFacts.net, it also has higher levels of polyunsaturated fats than some other choices. So, use sesame oil in moderation for the flavor it can bring to your special recipe.

**Grapeseed oil** is one oil to avoid. It contains none of the healthful benefits of grapes and is high in polyunsaturated fats, containing up to 70 percent of the bad omega-6 fatty acids. Too many of these omega-6 fatty acids may lead to inflammation and weight gain.

Finally, oils can come in a number of varieties: refined, unrefined, roasted and cold-pressed. Each variety has small differences in taste, nutrients and health benefits. I recommend trying a few to find the ones that you prefer. Remember that oils are high in calories regardless of their health benefits and should be used in moderation as part of a well-balanced eating plan.



# Fire District

## Fire District

### Season's Greetings!

As with every fall/winter season, the fire department is on high alert for "seasonal" fires. Unfortunately, last winter brought struggles to some homeowners in our area due to holiday lighting, portable heaters and poorly maintained chimneys. We are all at risk! Please don't downplay the importance of working smoke alarms and CO detectors, clean chimneys and proper fire etiquette. Understanding accidents happen, the fire department is here to help whenever needed, and is honored to do so.

October was Fire Prevention Month and Isanti Firefighters were busy again presenting to our community schools and daycare centers. 880 kids to date have either toured Station 1 or have been visited by one of our firefighters with a fire truck. Please help us remind our little friends the importance of fire safety! The easiest fire to put out is the one that never starts.



Darrin Rosnow, who joined the Isanti Fire Department in August of 1987 is hanging up his helmet at the end of 2017. Darrin, son of retired Isanti Firefighter Don Rosnow, has been a tremendous asset to our department. Darrin has held numerous positions along the way including Fire Apparatus Operator, Relief Association President, Rodeo Association President and Instructor. Darrin is a great leader whose patience and work ethic will be greatly missed. Darrin's son, Mike joined the Department 6 years ago and will carry on the Rosnow family tradition as a 3rd generation Isanti Firefighter. Thank you Darrin for your 30 years of service!

Isanti Fire District is also in appreciation of Brett Larson, City of Isanti, who is retiring after being an Isanti Firefighter for 14 years and a Dalbo Firefighter for 7 years. Also resigning after 5 years at Station 1 is RJ Sauvageau from Bradford Township. Thank you all for your dedication!

Fourth Quarter 2017 is our hiring season, if you are interested in becoming an Isanti Firefighter please contact our office or visit [www.isantifiredistrict.com/employment](http://www.isantifiredistrict.com/employment) for more information. It is guaranteed to be a memorable experience!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!

Alan Jankovich | Fire Chief  
Isanti Fire District

## WINTER STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Snow and ice on roads, parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks can create hazardous conditions for people and property. Snow and ice removal is best done non-chemically with plows and shovels but, the results are not always adequate to ensure safety. Chemical ice melters (typically chloride salts) and/or sanding is often part of a broad strategy to make winter's passage a safe one.



**Snow & Ice Removal:**  
Use mechanical means before applying salt/sand, whenever possible.

**Salt Application:**  
Follow manufacturer's instructions and use only enough to break the ice/pavement bond. Do not apply on vegetation or near waterways. Use less harmful deicers such as Calcium Magnesium Acetate or Sodium/Potassium Acetate.

**Sand Application:**  
Use only enough to provide traction on slippery areas. Sweep up excess sand after snowmelt.

## ISANTI COMMUNITY GARDEN

It's never too early to start thinking about spring! Watch for community garden registration information beginning in February! Plots start at \$15/season.



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**YEAR ROUND INDOOR BMX RACING**

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Isanti, MN**

# Community Events

## City Parks:

### Riverside Park

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



### Rum River Meadows Park

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



### Mattson Park

311 5th Ave. NW Intersection of Main St. W & 5th Ave. NW.



### Whisper Ridge Park

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



### Isanti Hills

### Neighborhood Park

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



### VFW Park

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



### River Bluff Preserve

1111 Rum River Drive SW



### Unity Park

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



### Bluebird Park

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



### Legacy Park

Bellaire Blvd. & Blossom Blvd.



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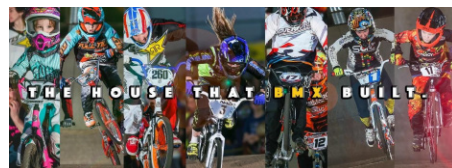


## Steve Allen retires as manager of Isanti Redbirds

Steve has spent 17 seasons leading Isanti Redbird baseball, coaching in 604 games and finishing with a 374 - 230 amateur baseball record over that tenure. One of Steve's greatest accomplishments was winning the Class C State Championship in 2011. Memories of great players, great plays and great relationships fostered over the years are treasures in Steve's ball bag. Being an amateur baseball league manager is hard work but the rewards are many. Steve will be greatly missed on and off the field.

If you think you have what it takes to be the next coach for the Isanti Redbirds please complete the application on our website ([www.hometeamsonline.com/ISANTIREDBIRDS](http://www.hometeamsonline.com/ISANTIREDBIRDS)) and return it to Wade Reichmann at [wade\\_reichmann@hotmail.com](mailto:wade_reichmann@hotmail.com) or call/text Cindy at (612) 226-1006. Applications need to be returned as soon as possible.

See you at the game!



Come watch for FREE!

That's right friends... you can come and watch all the BMX racing you want for free every Saturday and Sunday at the Isanti Indoor Arena – Home of Rum River BMX. Only the racers have fees to ride so what that means is if you're looking for a fun family day out at a great price... come and watch! Just be prepared to have the excitement entice you into thinking I bet I can do that. If you start thinking that you're probably right because we have one of the largest rider bases in the country. We offer loaner bikes, helmets, and more classes and practices than you can shake a stick at. Practices are on Tuesday and Friday nights and we know how to have fun. We are open year round so it's a great way to get your exercise and ride your bike all winter long. What most people don't realize is we have something for all ages and levels of riders, as young as 2 and as old as 72 ride our world class track. So as the fall starts to approach and winter is crowding in on you, don't hesitate to come for a FREE show – you may just end up riding, taking some lessons and building memories that last a lifetime. For complete information go to our website at [www.rumriverbmx.com](http://www.rumriverbmx.com) and we hope you will stop by for some free entertainment.



1-3 p.m., with help available to answer your questions.

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

We actively "recycle" donated items back into our community and promote literacy all year long! We gladly accept your tax-deductible donations of gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks, and of course cash. We especially need children's, westerns, and large-print books. Cookbooks and picture books are popular, too. (But please, no Encyclopedias, X-rated, or VHS tapes). All fundraiser proceeds and donations are used for projects promoting the Isanti Outreach Library and encouraging literacy and learning in our community. Books for sale at the Library Outreach Site are still a great deal at only 25¢ each, and other items are available.

Watch for announcements about our next Annual Used Book\* Sale held each year in February, which is "I Love to Read" Month. All our events are posted on our web site: [IsantiLibrary.org](http://IsantiLibrary.org)

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

# Community Events

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, December 9-17

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.

### Thursdays, December 28 and February 22

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

### Friday, January 1

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.

### Saturday, February 25

East Central Minnesota's premier wedding fair. Free admission. Local vendors with everything you need to plan your big day, all in one convenient location. Includes a runway show and prize drawings. First 50 couples to pre-register receive VIP admission that includes a gift bag. Noon-3pm at Cambridge Middle School. Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more information: 763-689-2505 or [info@north65chamber.com](mailto:info@north65chamber.com).

### Recurring Events

#### Free Movie Nights

On select Fridays, a free movie will be showing at the Isanti Community Center at 7:00 p.m. (see pg 6 for schedule). Concessions will be open at 6:30 p.m. Local youth organizations can volunteer to host a movie night – they'll earn the concession profits and connect with new community members! Contact Katie at (763) 444-5512 or [isanti-parks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isanti-parks@cityofisanti.us) for more info.

#### Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels

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

Senior Dining will be meeting at Faith Lutheran in Isanti the week of Dec 11-15.

Sit and Be Fit Classes: Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:00-11:45 -Free!

#### Isanti Lions Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast

3rd Sunday of every month, 8:00am to noon at the Isanti Community Center.

#### 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). Contact Katie (763) 444-5512, [isanti-parks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isanti-parks@cityofisanti.us) to register.

**Save the Date!** Saturday, April 14, 2018. North 65 Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Fling Dinner at The Hall at Spirit River. Social Hour begins at 5:30pm. Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more information: 763-689-2505 or [info@north65chamber.com](mailto:info@north65chamber.com)

## Residential Rain Garden Incentive Program

Rain gardens help to capture and filter storm water before it is returned to lakes, streams, and rivers. The incentive program will reimburse recipients for 50% of the expenses of installing a rain garden (up to \$500) 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. Program details available on our website; application period opens February 1, 2018.

## OUTDOOR ICE & WARMING HOUSE

Don't hibernate this winter!

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 (on the south end of the Isanti Indoor Arena-BMX) are located in Bluebird Park and are open during park hours, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.



## COMMUNITY CENTER

The Isanti Community Center (ICC) is a great place to host your event.

The facility is perfect for weddings, fundraisers, seminars, business presentations, birthday parties, and more! The capacity is 215 people with tables, chairs and select kitchen amenities included in the rental. The ICC is open to the public for renting. We also offer 1/2 price weekday rental rates for non-profit groups.

Availability is now posted online! Go to [cityofisanti.us/events](http://cityofisanti.us/events) for the latest reservation schedule.

Contact the Community Events and Parks Coordinator to book a reservation at 763-444-5512 or [isanti-parks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isanti-parks@cityofisanti.us)





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