

Isantian

Winter 2018

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A Community For Generations.



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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

As I write my last Isantian article as your Mayor I feel very blessed and honored for having served our great City for 12 years as Mayor and 2 years as a Council Member. As a young Mayor of 34 when I was sworn in the first time I never thought I would be the longest serving Mayor in Isanti history. We made amazing progress in the last twelve years, which include:

- Cutting net debt from \$9.1 million to \$2.9 million while increasing our General Fund balance 42%. We improved the City credit rating from "Baa", just a step above a junk rating to AA+, a high quality rating.
- Modernizing all City infrastructure and building our water treatment plant to eliminate cancer causing radium.
- Administrative costs for the City are 20% less than our peer group of cities. We cut sewer base fees 50%, water base fees 25%, and property tax rates 7% in 2018; with an additional 10% cut for 2019.
- Per capita income increased 77% and the median household income improved 54%, median house value is \$31,750 higher than our neighboring city.
- We have a 48% net increase of total businesses and when all businesses currently under construction are complete we will have added over a thousand new jobs.
- We fulfilled the mandate of the Council to bring a hotel, clinic and pharmacy to Isanti.
- We won two prestigious Business Recruitment Awards from the Economic Development Association of Minnesota in 2008 for Ever Cat Biofuels and 2016 for SnoBear USA.
- We created The Long Term Financial Plan, Long Term Infrastructure Plan, and Long Term Development Plan.
- Isanti was named the 6th safest city in Minnesota, out of 853 cities, for 2018.
- We have added new patrol officers, a police investigator position, police bike patrol and have the highest rated School Resource Officer in the State.
- We have invested in new police equipment and technology to ensure our officers are able to keep us all safe.
- We have won the Drinking Water Quality Award and the Storm Water Blue Star Award.
- We are a State recognized Fit City and a Green Step City, both of which show our commitment to helping keep our residents fit and to ensuring the long term environmental vitality of our City.
- We have through negotiations with private developers and the DNR increased our park and recreation land by 67% at zero cost to the taxpayer. We built Legacy Park and River Bluff Preserve protecting our community's natural beauty and environment for generations to come.
- We have brought back street dances, the Farmers Market, and created educational Youth Programming, Free Movie Nights and our Community Garden.
- We funded a community dog park; and continue to lead our region in environmental practices including rain gardens and preservation of natural areas.

There is so much more but my space is limited. I have met several times with the Mayor-elect and he has requested a freeze on hiring open key positions on the Police Department and Economic Development as well as our Staffing Plan until he is sworn in. I am honoring that request to allow the new leadership to take Isanti in their direction. The 10% property tax cut I created and passed will still be moving forward next year. The City Budget can and will be changed per the direction of the new leadership so they can fulfill their campaign promises.

I want to again thank you for your support and help as we took Isanti through the Great Recession and came out stronger than ever. I want to leave you with a favorite quote of mine I try to live by every day: *"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."* - St. Francis of Assisi

City Offices & Staff Directory

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Economic Development

Economic Development Director	Position vacant at time of publication	
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Municipal Liquor Store

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Parks, Recreation & Culture

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isanti@cityofisanti.us
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Police

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



Public Works

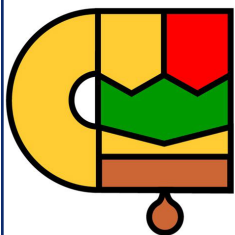
763-444-0459



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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(763) 689-4101

Winter Snow Plowing

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

December 24

Closed at Noon

Christmas Eve

December 25

Christmas Day

January 1

New Year's Day

January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 18

President's Day

OUTDOOR ICE & WARMING HOUSE

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 every day during park hours, 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

UTILITY BILLS

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

Online through
PaymentServiceNetwork.com
(including optional automatic withdrawals)

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

By phone
(763-444-5512)

Contact utilitybilling@cityofsanti.us for more info.

Paint the Plow Blades Inaugural Program

In 2018, the City of Isanti worked with each of our schools for the first Paint the Plow Blade program. Once winter plowing was complete, Isanti Public Works cleaned up the plows and applied a primer to create a blank canvas for student artwork. Blades were delivered to each of our schools: Isanti Primary, Isanti Intermediate/School for All Seasons, Isanti Middle/Minnesota Center, Art and Science Elementary and Middle, and St. Scholastica Academy all participated.



The artwork was showcased at the Celebrate Isanti kids' festival where families were also able to get an up close look at the plows. Public Works staff were on hand to meet our community members and answer questions.

Public Works starts preparing for winter well ahead of the season's official start each year to be able to respond quickly to changing conditions. The plow trucks were moved back into the Public Works garage and blades were attached to the trucks in early October, ready to go for the first snow event of the season. As the plows are put to use this season, the artwork will likely wear off. Once the snowy season has safely passed, the blades can be prepared for a new set of artwork.



St. Scholastica Academy



Art & Science Academy - Elementary



Art & Science Academy - Middle School

The Paint the Plow Blades program is one of the outreach programs the City of Isanti organizes to educate residents about the services performed to keep the community safe, maintain important infrastructure, and create a sense of pride for all of our residents and business owners who call Isanti home. The seemingly simple task of clearing snow from streets, parking lots, and sidewalks is a huge undertaking that requires months of planning and preparation and communication networks with Public Works staff, local public safety officials, and City leadership during each

Winter Snow Plowing



Isanti Primary School



**Isanti Intermediate School/
School for All Seasons**

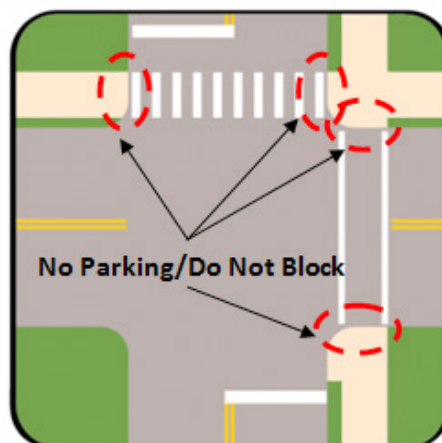
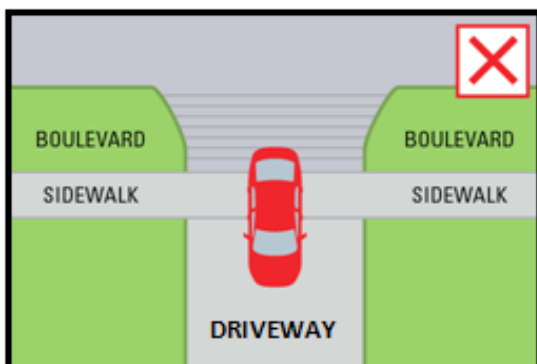
snow event. Isanti Public Works is constantly monitoring changing conditions and has staff on call to respond to ice and snow throughout the season. The City has a plow plan in place which prioritizes which streets and sidewalks are to be cleared on Day 1 of the snow event; these routes have been declared snow emergency routes and routes to schools. Once the Day 1 areas have been adequately cleared, Public Works begins the Day 2 routes, which is clearing the remaining streets, parking lots, and sidewalks. The Day 2 route does not always mean the second day after a snow event; it is the second day after the Day 1 routes have been cleared.

Being able to have clear, safe streets during the winter in Minnesota takes cooperation from the whole community. In order to make sure that all snow can be removed efficiently, the City asks its residents and businesses to be aware of and follow the Winter Parking Restrictions during the winter months.

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.



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.



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

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.

Police Department

SEASONAL SAFETY TIPS FROM ISANTI'S SAFETY COMMITTEE

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!



Keep a Cold-Weather Emergency Kit in Your Vehicle

Even when ensuring you are taking plenty of time and driving safely, accidents can happen, so make sure your vehicle is safety-prepared for the cold months. If an accident happens, you may be happy to have extra items at hand! At a minimum, an emergency vehicle kit should include a blanket, extra gloves and socks, snack food like raisins or cereal bars, a folding shovel, a first aid kit, a flashlight, and an extra cell phone charger.

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, 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 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 2018/2019 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.

Lastly, since the cold weather is approaching many of us tend to warm up our vehicles by letting them idle. Often we see vehicles running while still parked in the garage. Many garages are attached to residences and the carbon monoxide that comes out of the exhaust could still enter the home even if the garage door is open fully. Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs after enough inhalation of carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas, but, being colorless, odorless, tasteless, and initially non-irritating, it is very difficult for people to detect. Carbon monoxide is a product of incomplete combustion of organic matter due to insufficient oxygen supply to enable complete oxidation to carbon dioxide (CO₂). It is often produced in domestic or industrial settings by older motor vehicles and other gasoline-powered tools, heaters, and cooking equipment. Symptoms of mild acute poisoning include lightheadedness, confusion, headaches, vertigo, and flu-like effects; larger exposures can lead to significant toxicity of the central nervous system and heart, and even death. Carbon monoxide can also have severe effects on the fetus of a pregnant woman.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Respectfully,

Chief Gene C. Hill



Curious Creatures

Nature themed parent-child programs
Ages 2-5 (siblings welcome)
FREE to City residents: \$3/Non-resident child

Select Tuesdays
10:00 - 11:30 am

Visit cityofisanti.us for schedule and registration info
763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us




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Community Development

Community and Economic Development

Happy winter, Isantians! It's been a very busy fall here at City Hall, and I'm excited to share with you all how our year is wrapping up and what to expect for 2019!

But first, with every winter, it's important to remind ourselves of the safety of our family and friends. Please take a few moments to ensure that you have a minimum of one functional carbon monoxide alarm on each level of your home, double check to make sure that they are within 10' of bedrooms to provide additional safety! Also take a few moments to check your smoke detectors to ensure that they are properly working. Remember, batteries don't last forever! 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.

The commercial, industrial, and residential sectors continue to thrive in our great community. The 60-unit Best Western Plus is well under construction with a Spring 2019 opening anticipated. As part of this project, the City has extended Richard Avenue SE to connect to Main Street E, and extended 5th Avenue NE to connect to Main Street E. These connections will continue to offer additional connectivity to residents and visitors, and will help with the commercial development in the Anlauf Commercial Park. Kwik Trip is quickly constructing their Isanti store and is on-time for a February 2019 opening. The right turn lane from Heritage Blvd NE to E Dual Blvd NE is installed and will be opening shortly. 2019 is already promising to be another busy year! A purchase agreement for an 80-unit Senior Housing project has been signed and a national retail store has also signed a purchase agreement to build a new store here in Isanti.

As of mid-November, 85 single-family homes have been constructed or are under construction; in December of 2017 we received 13 single-family home permits. If that trend continues, we will exceed last year's number of new homes (91)! Our vacant and buildable residential lot count has significantly dwindled over the last few years, but with the Legacy Pines subdivision (49 lots in Phase I, 177 total) and now the Heritage Estates subdivision (50 lots) we have expanded our room for continual residential development.

I would also like to take a moment to welcome Corey Mueller to the Community Development Department! Corey will be filling the part-time MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Technician position. Corey is finishing a degree in Hydrology from St. Cloud State, and brings a summer of MS4 experience to the City of Isanti from MNDOT.

Finally, please feel free to reach out to the Community Development Department with questions on planning, zoning, economic development, MS4, and code enforcement. We are already looking forward to a busy 2019, and hope that you and your family have a safe holiday season and a very happy new year!

Sincerely,
Ryan J. Kernosky, MPA
Director of Community Development
Interim Director of Economic Development

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 Community Development Director, Ryan Kernosky at kernosky@cityofisanti.us or 763-444-5512.

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 storm-water treatment system. Contact us before you start your work about how we can help!



Keep It Local - - 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/keep-itlocal for more information, search our online business directory, or stop by your chamber of commerce at 2 Enterprise Ave NE, Suite C4, Isanti.

Public Safety

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

C-I Soccer Association
763-552-GOAL (4625)
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

If you would like your organization listed, please contact us at 763-444-5512 or isantiparks@cityofisanti.us

Isanti Fire District

Warm wishes!



Year-to-date your Isanti Firefighters have responded to 372 runs in the City of Isanti (4 minute response time average). Of these calls, 75% were emergency medicals and 25% were fires, vehicle crashes, alarms and calls for public assistance. This is a 50% increase in call volume from just 5 years ago. Our City is growing!

This picture of a white house with smoke coming from the windows was an opportunity Isanti Fire was awarded in October in the City of Isanti.

The residence, which was originally built in 1910 and has since had several additions to it, was contracted to the Fire District to use for training prior to demolition. The home spent its last weeks as the site of many training exercises which simulated numerous types of emergencies.

Some describe this type of training as invaluable as a classroom simply cannot recreate the experience of hands on, local, live scenarios. This structure was inspected and overseen by numerous State and City agencies to be considered viable for training prior to use.

As our winter months approach, please respect the heat from portable heaters, chimneys, holiday decorations, and the cold from mother nature. These items are a part of many people's every day lives, which can often times make us naive to the dangers they impose. Simple awareness and caution can ensure our Firefighters do not come visit you unexpectedly!

If you are looking for some great gift ideas this holiday season, don't rule out smoke alarm batteries, a new fire extinguisher, flameless candles and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Fire prevention begins at home.

Happy Holidays Isanti.
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.



Health and Wellness

Allina Health

Common questions about acupuncture answered

A quick guide by Lucy Kervin, LAc, acupuncturist, Allina Health Isanti Clinic

Acupuncture is a part of Traditional Chinese Medicine and has been used clinically for thousands of years. But do you know the facts about this ancient practice? If you haven't explored acupuncture and are curious whether it could benefit your health, here are some answers to common questions and reasons to give it a try.

What is acupuncture?

Acupuncture is the insertion of very thin, sterile needles into specific points on your body. Part of an ancient medical system called Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), acupuncture stimulates the body's natural healing abilities and promotes well-being, and is the oldest, continuously practiced form of medicine world-wide. In Traditional Chinese Medicine, the body is thought to have an intricate, interconnected network of vessels called "meridians" that carry energy and blood to every organ, muscle, joint and cell of the body. Pain and disease occur when there is either too much or too little energy and blood flowing through any particular meridian. Acupuncture helps to regulate the flow in the meridians, like adjusting the valves in a large plumbing system.

What does acupuncture help treat?

Acupuncture is an excellent complementary therapy when done in coordination with Western medical care.

Some common health issues that acupuncture may help with include:

- Pain of all kinds including lower back and neck pain
- Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting
- Migraine prevention
- Headache (tension type and chronic)
- Knee osteoarthritis
- Allergic rhinitis, also known as hay fever
- Irritable bowel syndrome and other digestive disorders
- Painful menstruation
- Insomnia
- Stress and anxiety

What does acupuncture feel like? Will it hurt?

Acupuncture needles are very thin, so they rarely cause pain. Most people report feeling nothing, warmth, heaviness or a slight tingling sensation where needles are inserted, and many find acupuncture to be relaxing.

Will my insurance cover acupuncture?

Many insurance companies cover acupuncture, especially for chronic pain conditions. But some don't, including Medicare.

One way to get the benefits of acupuncture at a reduced cost is trying Group Acupuncture. In group acupuncture, a number of people receive acupuncture at the same time, and also receive an individual assessment and customized treatment by the acupuncturist.

Both individual and group acupuncture are now offered at Allina Health Isanti Clinic. To schedule an appointment, call 763-688-9700.



DID YOU KNOW?

Turning off the water while you brush your teeth can save up to 4 gallons a minute.



That's up to **200 gallons per week** for a family of four!

ISANTI COMMUNITY GARDEN

We're expanding! The community garden will offer additional ground plots and raised beds in 2019 - don't miss your chance to get involved in the coming season.

Open registration begins February 19 (early registration available for returning gardeners).



Ground Plots: \$15
10'x10'; reserve up to 3 per household

Raised Beds: \$20
Talk to us about wheel-chair accessible options!

More information available online at cityofisanti.us and at City Hall.

Free Movie Nights

Select Fridays, October through April
Isanti Community Center

Doors/Concessions 6:30 pm/ Movies 7:00 pm



January 18, 2019 - Happy Feet

February 15 - The Princess Bride

March 15 - Emoji Movie

April 19 - Guardians of the Galaxy

Now accepting applications for youth volunteer organizations! Volunteering groups earn the profits from concessions while helping the community!

Community Events

City Parks:

Academy Park

6th Avenue Court NE



Bluebird Park

201 Isanti Parkway NW



Isanti Hills

Neighborhood Park

518 Dogwood Street SW



Legacy Park

Bellaire and Blossom Boulevards



Mattson Park

311 5th Avenue NW



Riverside Park

503 Rum River Drive NW



River Bluff Preserve

1111 Rum River Drive SW



Rum River Meadows Park

1108 South Passage SW



Sanbrook Golf Course

1261 Heritage Boulevard NE



Unity Park

420 3rd Avenue NW



VFW Park

Railroad Avenue and Palomino Road



Whisper Ridge Park

795 3rd Avenue SW



Features:



Rum River BMX

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 and we hope you will stop by for some free entertainment.



Our Friends of the Isanti Area Library is a nonprofit group (IsantiLibrary.org) that helped to establish and continues to promote the Isanti Library Outreach Site, doing our part to guarantee access to high-quality educational resources for everyone. Located inside Isanti City Hall, the Outreach Library offers books, movies, audiobooks, and e-books. Our Librarian is there to serve you on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. Ask about Children's Story Time and other library events planned for this season. The Friends also maintain a computer and printer for guest use from 1-3 p.m., with help available to answer your questions.

For your convenience, you are welcome to request items by phone or on the East Central Regional Library website (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.

Don't miss our Annual Used Book* Sale (*books, audiobooks, and DVDs) held Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16 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. Complete info is available on our web site 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 or 763-444-4585.

Community Events

Saturday, December 15-23 – 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.

Thursday, December 27 and Thursday, February 21 - Blood Drives

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 and enter sponsor code 9797.

Tuesday, January 1 – Annual ATV Parade

Isanti's annual New Year's Day Parade hosted by the Isanti Police Department. Contact Isanti PD for more information, and check the City's website for schedules and location details. 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. Call (763) 444-4761 with questions.

Saturday, February 24 – East Central MN Spectacular Wedding Fair

Noon-4pm at Cambridge Middle School. 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 a VIP gift bag. Couples and vendors register at www.north65chamber.com. Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more information.



COMMUNITY CENTER

The Isanti Community Center (ICC) is a perfect venue for a variety of events from birthday to parties to business meetings to weddings, and more!

The City of Isanti strives to offer the facility for reasonable fees. Current reservation rates follow:

\$275 (plus tax)
Events with >50 people

\$100 (plus tax)
Events with <50 people,
full day

\$50 (plus tax)
Events with <50 people,
4 hours or less

Non-profit and recurring
event rates are available
upon request.

The Isanti Community Center availability is now posted online! Go to cityofisanti.us/events for the latest reservation schedule.

Contact the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager to book a reservation at 763-444-5512 or isanti@cityofisanti.us

Tell us about your upcoming events, and we may list them in the next Isantian!

EMAIL EVENT DETAILS TO ISANTIPARKS@CITYOFISANTI.US, AND SELECT PUBLIC EVENTS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EVENTS LISTING.

Recurring Events

Curious Creatures

Select Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am. Nature themed parent/child program; each program will include structured activities and free play time to explore the park. FREE to City of Isanti residents; \$3/non-resident child. Contact Katie Everett (763) 444-5512, isanti@cityofisanti.us for more info.

FREE Movie Nights

Located at the Isanti Community Center select Friday nights at 7:00pm: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, and April 19. Concessions support local youth organizations.

Senior Dining

Located at the Isanti Community Center Monday thru Friday from 10:30am – 1:00pm. Reservations are made ahead and are recommended by calling (763) 444-7539 between 10:30-1:00pm. The suggested donation is \$4.00 - \$7.50 per person 60 or older; \$7.50 under 60.

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

Isanti Lions Pancake Breakfast

Select Sundays, serving from 8:00 am to noon at the Isanti Community Center.



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