

Isantian

Winter 2019



A Community For Generations.



Legacy Park
Sunnyside Landing...along Isanti brook

Letter from the Mayor



Mayor
Jeff Johnson

City Meeting Dates

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

City Council

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

City Council Committee of the Whole

Held at 5:00 prior to the
2nd City Council meeting
of the month

Economic Development Authority

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

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

Changes to meetings and
special meetings will be
posted on the city website
and at City Hall.

This has been a fantastic year; full of exciting opportunities for the City of Isanti. The City is growing and will continue to do so over the next few years. The City has issued 70 housing permits this year with still a couple months left. The average house and property values continue to rise within our great city. The City invites all residents to look at City ordinances even if you have in the past, some of these ordinances have been changed/updated in the past year for the City to become a bit friendlier to its residents.

Here are some of our amazing achievements and projects completed this year:

- A successful and engaging Night to Unite with Isanti PD.
- Upgrade to City Council chambers.
- Added Facebook sites for City Hall, Police Dept. and the Liquor Store.
- Street maintenance to keep our roads intact and safe.
- The first year of the stormwater maintenance project.
- Capital Improvement Plan to assist the city in better budgeting for future success.
- Isanti PD – School Resource Officer won an exceptional award.
- New technology installed for the Police Department, City Hall and the Liquor Store.
- Two new squad cars were added to the Police Dept. fleet.
- We became a sister city to Unification, Liberia.
- New businesses and expansions were approved including Senior Prairie Cottages, Healthy Hideaway, Idle Hands Tattoo and Dollar General.
- A number of great new staff was added to the team and a revised staffing plan.
- Reaching Step 5 as a MN GreenStep City.
- We became a Heart Safe City.
- An Ordinance to allow chickens passed.
- More conservation strategies throughout the city.
- New City website launched that is easier to navigate and up-to-date.
- New collaborations with other local entities to engage and promote our great community.
- A great Mayor's luncheon to recognize employers and employees.
- The master update to our Comprehensive Plan is in full swing.
- Amazing and well-attended summer events including the farmers market, street dances and Celebrate Isanti.

The snow is upon us in the beautiful City of Isanti with some frigid days as well. With the cold weather brings fresh new ideas as the Council will hold a Goal Setting session at the end of January like it does every year. We have high hopes for this meeting as it sets the objectives and direction for 2020. This year we have tackled large issues and have been successful in moving forward and in a positive direction.

The Council and I will be presenting ideas for the Goal setting objectives. But more importantly, if you have ideas for specific projects or overall goals of the City, I want your voice heard and would love your input as our Residents and Taxpayers. I grow more and more fond of this great City each and every day. As I will be coming up on a full year as Mayor, I am humbled by the great strides we have made and will continue to make for you all in the years to come. As we continue to move Isanti into a brighter future I would love to hear from you all.

If there are any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to reach out to me ANYTIME at jeffjohnson@isantimayor.com or call me via cell 612-236-7513.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun winter!

City Offices & Staff Directory

City Council Members

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- Economic Development

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Municipal Liquor Store

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Parks, Recreation & Culture

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City Contacts:



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www.cityofisanti.us

City Hall Hours:
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday
7:00a.m. - 5:30p.m.



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Police

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



@IsantiPD



Public Works

763-444-0459



Municipal Liquor Store

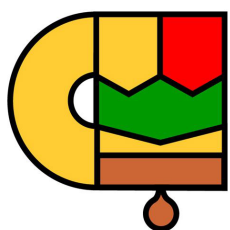
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Parks, Recreation, and Culture

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, December 24

Closed at noon
Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December

25

Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Monday January 20

Martin Luther King Jr.
Day

Monday February 17

President's Day

ISANTI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Open registration begins
February 18, 2020



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

Raised Beds: \$20
4'Wx8"Lx19" H
(These are priority for those
with mobility needs.)

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



Free Movie Nights Isanti Community Center

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

No outside food or beverages are allowed to help support our
local organizations that volunteer in the concession stand.

Dec 6



Jan 10
(new date)



Feb 21



Mar 20



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

Email: isantiparks@cityofisanti.us

Dog Park - Hours 7am-10pm

The City dog park is located within Bluebird Park, along Isanti Parkway, east of the Isanti Indoor Arena. The dog park has approximately 1-acre of open grass area to provide an off-leash area for dogs to exercise and socialize.

The Rotary of Cambridge and Isanti donated money to the city to purchase an additional bench and dog park amenities, which will be added by spring.

Please continue to clean up
after your pet with each use.



ARE YOU CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR PET?

It is your responsibility as a pet owner to clean up after your pet. When taking your pet for a walk, please show courtesy to other public and private property owners by removing the excrement deposited by your pet.

City Code 87-5.1 requires pet owners to immediately collect and remove dog feces deposited by their animal on public or private property. A container, equipment, or other device is required for transport of the fecal material to an appropriate disposal receptacle located on the property of the pet owner. Please help us in keeping our neighborhoods and public spaces clean and sanitary.

Parks, Recreation, and Culture



OUTDOOR PLEASURE SKATING RINK & WARMING HOUSE - Bluebird Park

Public Works is prepping the rink area and will be ready to flood the pleasure rink as soon as we get continuing cold weather. A warming house with public restrooms are open every day during park hours, 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. (Located on the south end of the Isanti Indoor Arena-BMX) The pleasure rink is for leisure skating. Hockey sticks or nets are not allowed on this rink.



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

The City of Isanti strives to offer the facility for reasonable fees.

The Isanti Community Center application and calendar of availability is posted at:
cityofisanti.us/parks-recreation-culture/pages/community-center



MOMENTS
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COMMUNITY CENTER

Current reservation rates:

\$295.28 for events with over 50 people.

\$107.38 for events with less than 50 people and over 4 hours or all day

\$53.69 for events with less than 50 people and for 4 hours or less or non-profit groups with less than 50 people and all day.

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

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



COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Development

Community Development Update

As of October 2019, there have been 70 new housing permits issued, although this number is less than last year, the economy is steady and building continues in the City of Isanti. Dollar General is under construction on Palomino Road and should be completed this year. Prairie Senior Cottages phase 2 Senior facility has been approved at their current location of 705 6th Ave NE. This approval provides for a second 24-unit Senior Care facility on the site.

Economic Development Authority

Does development interest you? The Isanti Economic Development Authority (EDA) has an open seat and we are looking for candidates. The EDA is engaged in the promotion and coordination of the development, expansion, and relocation of businesses of our Community working to achieve City goals. If you are interested in applying for the open EDA seat please apply by going online to www.cityofisanti.us under Forms and Permits or contact the City Clerk.

SAFETY TIP

As the days get colder and winter is just around the corner now is a good time to test all safety and mechanical equipment in your house. It is important to keep furnace filters, HRV\ERV filters and humidifier filters clean. Now is a good time to perform maintenance on all other necessary winter equipment.

Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) should evaluate and adopt a new set of Building Codes. The last code is from 2012 and was adopted in Minnesota in 2015. The Building Codes and Standards Unit of the Construction Codes and Licensing Division of the DLI is waist deep in the adoption of the 2018 model Building Codes for Minnesota, to be effective in March of 2020.

As a homeowner, how does this affect you? Unless and until you perform construction work on or in your home, it shouldn't affect you. The concept of a "grandfather clause" lives in the Building Code. It says that "the legal occupancy of any structure existing on the date of adoption of the code shall be permitted to continue without change." So, as long as nothing has changed in your home, there should be no issues.

What if you were planning a project, but are unsure what the new code requires? Would you need to change all your plans if it got submitted too late? In a word, No. The Code in effect at the time you submit your permit application is the code that will be used for plan review, construction, inspections, etc.

The Building Code exists to protect you and your family; businesses, and their employees and customers; and visitors to our community from risks inherent in the built environment. We have first responders to help us when bad things happen. Building Inspectors are "first preventers" to identify and remove hazards in the plan review and construction process, decreasing the risks of injury or death. If you have any questions regarding these changes or general building code questions please contact MNSPECT at 952-442-7520 or info@mnspect.com

2020 U.S. Census

The US Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years, of everyone residing in the United States. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. The population totals from the 2020 census will determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. States also use their totals to redraw their legislative districts. These totals affect funding in our community, and data collected in the census help inform decision makers how our community is changing.

The Census starts April 2020 and ends July 2020. Most people will receive a postcard directing them to an online response form, and some people will get a printed form. If you don't respond to the postcard (or printed form) you will be sent a letter followed by the form. If you don't respond to that form, you will get a letter (or two) from the Census followed up by an in-person visit(s).

Are my answers safe and secure? The Census Bureau collects data for statistical purposes only. Your identification is confidential. This information cannot be shared with anyone including but not limited to landlords, social workers, law enforcement or employers.

How can we identify fraudulent activity and scams?

- The Bureau will not ask for your full Social Security number.
- The Bureau will not ask for money or donations.
- The Bureau will not ask anything on behalf of a political party.
- The Bureau will not ask for Your full bank or credit card account numbers.
- Don't trust caller ID -scammers can use "spoofing" tools to make it appear they're calling from the Census.
- Check that a census mailing has the return address to Jeffersonville, Ind, the site of the National Processing Center, if not do not fill out and return.
- Check the URL of any supposed Census website. Make sure it has a census.gov domain and is encrypted – look for https:// or a lock symbol in the browser window.

What are some Tips for when we are visited by Census Bureau Rep:

- Ask to see their ID badge, which contains: photograph, Department of Commerce Watermark, and expirations date.
- Supervisor contact information and/or the regional office phone number for verification will be provided if asked.

How can I help?

The Census Bureau is hiring a variety of temporary jobs including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. Candidates must complete an online job application, the application includes assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience.

<https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/how-to-apply.html> or for additional information on the 2020 US Census please go to <https://2020census.gov> or you can email demography.helpline@state.mn.us

Building Code Update

The Minnesota Legislature has indicated that every five years, the

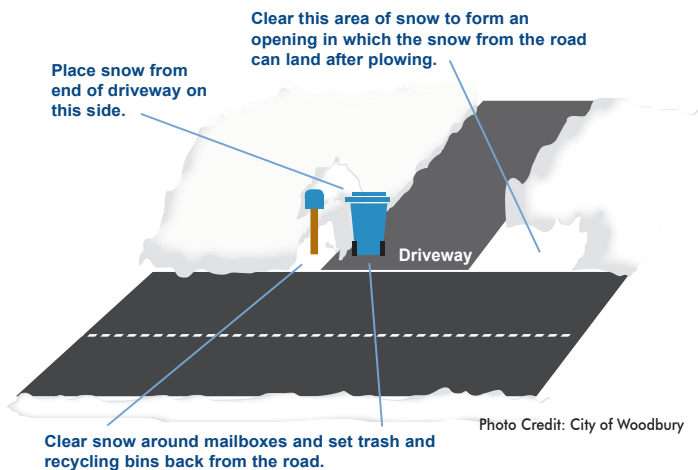
Public Works

10 tips: Surviving the Winter Plowing

Stay back! Motorists should allow at least five car lengths between their vehicle and a plow. Remember, if you can see their mirror, they can see you. Most accidents occur when the plow truck turns from an intersection, suddenly stops, and backs up to return to complete plowing the other side of the street. Please give plow trucks room to work

1. Isanti's winter parking regulations. No vehicles can be parked on the street between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m., or after a 2-inch snowfall. This not only ensures more effective plowing but also helps you avoid a citation.
2. Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until the plow trucks have completed their street before cleaning the end of their driveway. City plow units are designed to discharge snow to the sides of the road and are not capable of skipping driveway areas.
3. Keep sleds and toys away from the street.
4. Snow from the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you're facing the street (see image below). This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway during the next plowing. In addition, shovel the snow pushed into your driveway before it has a chance to freeze and become a hardened mass of snow.
5. Residents hiring contractors to plow their driveways should remind the contractor about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. Doing so not only creates hazards for drivers, but also makes it difficult for the city to keep the streets clean. Contractors also should pile snow far enough off the road to prevent the road from narrowing and creating a safety hazard.
6. If trash/recycling pickup day coincides with plowing activities, make sure your trash can and recycling bin are well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow will not hit them. Plows are required to push snow back to the mailboxes, curbs and road edges to keep the road wide and passable.
7. Residents who have experienced sod damage in the past may wish to mark their yard line with flexible stakes or lathe. This will help the plow operators avoid future damage.
8. Don't allow children to build snow forts and tunnels adjacent to the curb, or play in the snow banks adjacent to the curb or snow piles in cul-de-sacs. It can be difficult for the plow operators to see children.
9. Residents should clear snow from the mailbox area after each plowing. Snow that remains in front of mailboxes will get compacted by post office vehicles and make subsequent plowing less effective. In addition, mail carriers may stop delivering your mail if access to your mailbox is restricted.
10. Residents are encouraged to "adopt a fire hydrant" near their home and keep snow cleared away from it. This will ensure that hydrants are accessible in case of an emergency.

Avoid the "second shovel"



Water Conservation Tip

Make sure your exposed outdoor pipes and hose bibs are securely covered with pipe insulation. This will ensure that they won't freeze or develop any leaks. It will also prevent the pipes from bursting. You can hire a professional to inspect your plumbing system and wrap your exposed pipes with insulation.

Safety Tip

Carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas, is often called "the silent killer."

- Early symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning symptoms may include a dull headache, dizziness, weakness and a shortness of breath.
- Continued exposure may result in nausea, confusion, and blurred vision.
- If CO has been detected with an alarm device and you or someone you know have any of these symptoms, leave the area and get to the emergency room immediately.



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Police Department

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is caused by prolonged exposures to very cold temperatures. When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it's produced. Lengthy exposures will eventually use up your body's stored energy, which leads to lower body temperature. Hypothermia is most likely at very cold temperatures, it can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

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 on hand! At a minimum an emergency kit should include a blanket, gloves, socks, snack food, a folding shovel, a first aid kit, flashlight, and an extra cell phone charger.



The Isanti Police Department has been in the process of reorganizing its staffing and commitment to the Isanti community. The overall goal of the department is to enhance the quality of life to all residents and all visitors of our great community. Part of the transition of the Department is appointment of the Police Command Staff. The command staff consists of the Police Chief and the Police Lieutenant. Lieutenant John McCarty was hired in September. The command staff has a total of 37 years of law enforcement experience. We are committed to providing a professional community based service to the residents of Isanti.

I was appointed as the Chief of Police on June 4th. At that time I addressed the council with the top three goals of the department:

- increase police department by filling vacancies,
- have a complete assessment of real and intellectual property,
- develop a community based mission statement.

In 2019 the Police Department has hired 4 full time officers to fill vacant positions. We have sought out applicants that are dedicated to the ideologies of community orientated policing. Hiring of a new officer required 12-16 weeks of Field Training where they are paired up with a training officer. During this time the new officers get training in the procedural operations as well as a solid understanding on how to serve the Isanti community.

In September the Police Department transitioned over to an integrated squad camera and body worn camera system. The body worn camera policy was presented to the council and to the public at an open meeting for discussion. A copy of the policy can be found on the city website under the Police Department. This system makes a seamless acquisition of video from multiple sources. All patrol officers and all patrol vehicles are equipped with the state of the art technology. As a user, the officers capture the video on the devices and when they drive into the parking lot the video automatically uploads to a video server. The video system is a step in delivering a professional service that is above the industry standard.

Every member of the Isanti Police Department worked on developing a new mission and vision statement. The mission statement is an important guiding statement that encompasses the core of how and why the Isanti Police Department serves the community. The new Isanti Police Department Mission Statement was adopted in November. Our mission statement focuses on cooperation with the community to enhance the quality of life. Every Department employee views our new mission statement as the framework in every action and decision they make.

I am pleased with the progress that the Police Department has made in a short time, and excited for the future of the City of Isanti.

Sincerely,
Chief Travis Muyres



Mission

The mission of the Isanti Police Department is to work in collaboration with the citizens of Isanti to enhance the quality of life by engaging, protecting, and serving the community with respect, integrity and professionalism

Isanti Fire District



As the trend of structure fires declines in the US, the number of deaths from fires is on the rise. Over 1.3 million fires occurred in the most recently published annual census. 3,400 people died because of them and 14,670 people obtained reportable injuries. More yet, 23 billion dollars was lost because of those fires. (U.S. Fire Administration, Emmitsburg, MD)

Locally in Isanti we are witnessing similar trends with the leading cause of these fires and injury accidents being unintentional, careless causes. Surprisingly we are responding to homes

that are/were actively burning and they have no beeping in the background...they have NO functioning smoke alarms. A simple detector with a 9-volt battery I can agree is a nuisance when you burn food in the kitchen, don't open the damper before you open the wood stove door or haven't changed your battery in a while. However, they can also let you and your family members know something very bad is happening, and to exit immediately. According to scientific research by the Underwriters Laboratory, occupants who had seventeen minutes to vacate a burning building thirty years ago now have three. Three minutes to stop whatever you were doing, including being in a deep sleep, and get out of your home before the air quality and structural stability is no longer supportive of your life. That is very concerning.

Isanti Fire District is partnering with the Red Cross to help place these lifesaving, injury preventing and valuation protecting smoke detectors in homes in Isanti that need

one, for free. If you are unable to purchase or install a smoke alarm yourself, you qualify. Please watch our website; www.isantifiredistrict.org for more details or visit www.getasmokealarm.org to request an appointment now.

Please do not assume that an unintentional fire is something that will not happen to you or your family next.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays, Isanti.

Alan Jankovich | Fire Chief | Isanti Fire District
www.isantifiredistrict.org



American Red Cross
Minnesota Region

SPACE HEATER SAFETY TIPS

1. Avoid using portable and fixed heaters, as heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fire deaths.
2. FACT: two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.
3. Ensure your space heater has a seal from a qualified testing laboratory (UL)
4. Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn
5. Choose a heater with a thermostat and over-heat protection
6. Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over
7. Keep small children away from a space heater
8. Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed
9. Most cords are not rated to run a portable heater and can start on fire if used. Portable heaters should be plugged directly into a proper wall outlet
10. Check your dryer and furnace exhaust pipes on your house regularly during cold weather seasons. Ice and or lint buildup can cause hazardous gases to push into your home, or cause a fire hazard

Community Highlights

City Parks:

Academy Park

6th Avenue Court NE



Bluebird Park

201 Isanti Parkway NW



Isanti Hills

Neighborhood Park

518 Dogwood Street SW



Legacy Park

Blossom Boulevard



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



Unity Park

420 3rd Avenue NW



VFW Park

Railroad Avenue and Palomino Road



Whisper Ridge Park

795 3rd Avenue SW



NON-CITY PARK

Sanbrook Golf Course

1261 Heritage Boulevard NE



Features:



RECURRING EVENTS

Senior Dining

Located at the Isanti Community Center Monday thru Friday from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Reservations are made ahead and are recommended by calling (763) 444-7539 between 10:30-1:00pm, or by calling Kären Klund at 715-828-0122. The suggested donation is \$4.25 - \$8.00 per person 60 or older; \$8.00 under 60.

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

Isanti Redbirds Season Review

It's safe to say that the 2019 season was a very successful season for the Isanti Redbirds.

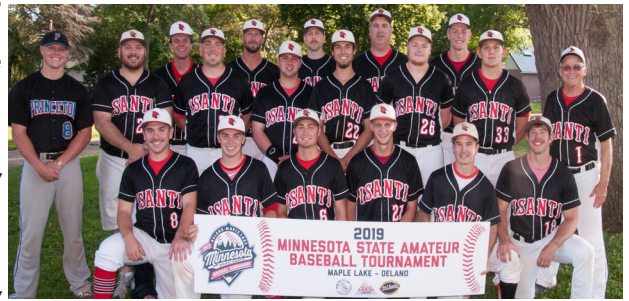
It started with the 'Birds moving back to Class C and the Eastern Minny League. Throughout the season (37 games), the 'Birds were pretty steady and competed hard with very few ups and downs. There were team highlights, like capturing first place in the Eastern Minny South League and there were individual highlights, like the pitching staff's 2.31 Earned Run Average. There were "personal best" individual efforts by many players, but the team character and defense played a bigger part in our success.

One of the most satisfying parts of this year was watching the team overcome adversities. A couple times during the season, the team suffered a couple of tough losses. How they responded to these losses demonstrated the type of team that they were going to become. The injury to Matt Duong was a huge blow to the team. But, they didn't let this detour their season! Another very satisfying experience was watching the players get a chance to go back to the State Tournament and play extremely well in the tournament. It will be hard to duplicate this past year, but it will be fun trying! We're looking forward to the 2020 season.



If you go past the Redbird field this fall, notice all the work that has been done. We have completely repaired and upgraded the infield and we have planted 12 new trees!

Once we get past winter, we'll be ready for next year!



This holiday season, shop local. Did you know that for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$68 stays in the local economy?

Unique gifts, delicious food, personal services, holiday décor, party supplies and more can be found right here in our local community.

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Visit www.north65chamber.com for more information, search our online business directory, or stop by your chamber of commerce at 2 Enterprise Ave NE, Suite C4, Isanti.

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR HEART IS
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Community Events in and around Isanti

December 14-22

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.

Isanti Lions Christmas Project

December 26 and February 27 (Thursday)

Donate blood to help save lives in our community! Blood drives are held every other month from 12-6pm 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 zip code 55040.

Blood Drives

January 19th, February 9th, March 15th, 2020 (Sunday) Lions Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast

Isanti Community Center 8am-noon Come support this local organization, who supports others in our community.

March 1, 2020 (Sunday)

Cambridge Middle School from 12pm-4pm 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 receive a VIP Gift Bag. Couples and vendors register at www.north65chamber.com Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for more information.

East Central MN Spectacular Wedding Fair

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.

2020 Isanti County Master Gardeners - Burst into Spring Event

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Where: Armed Forces Reserve Center, Cambridge, MN

Silent auction, door prizes, vendors.

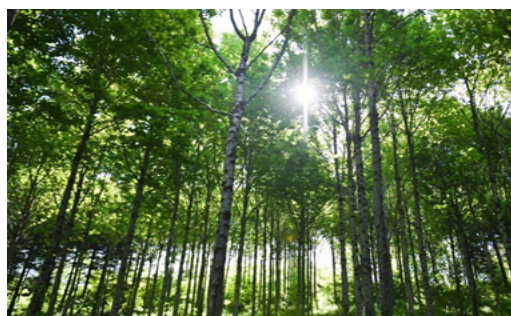
"Early-bird" \$20 registration, \$22 at "Door registration", \$8.00 lunch, if available (pre-ordering lunch is recommended)

Welcome and Keynote starting at 9:00am

Keynote: Daniel Griffin, PhD - Minnesota's Climate:

History and Changes Informed by trees

Discover how work being done across Minnesota helps to anticipate climate changes. Old growth oak tree rings reveal a fascinating connection between climate and plants, and a complex history of drought and wetness for the Upper Midwest. This plant perspective could be critical as we anticipate a warmer and more extreme climate in Minnesota's future.



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