

# Isantian

Summer 2021



A Community For Generations.



Celebrate  
Summer in Isanti!

# 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 pm 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.

\*Subject to change

Residents of Isanti,

It has yet again been a crazy start to our Spring and Summer. I truly believe that our beautiful City will flourish with a successful 2021 that will continue to be shown by our strong community.

This summer will again be a great time to enjoy what Isanti has to offer as we have great bands planned for the Street Dances! Please join me at the first one on June 19th as we welcome back the band Bad Jack. Then, July 17th The Farmer's Daughters and August 7th the band Skitzo Fonik. The Council and I thought the community loved the idea of a fourth band last year and will continue that until we hear otherwise. With that being said, our fourth band this year will be Good for Gary on September 11th.



We also have other summer events planned which includes fireworks after the Jubilee Days parade, kid-friendly park events like Splish Splash Summer Bash, and more! Check out our Facebook page @CityofIsanti or our website [www.CityofIsanti.us](http://www.CityofIsanti.us) for details and updates. Come help us celebrate these great Isanti City events!

Most of you know, the Council members and myself listen to the residents of Isanti and try to meet your wants and needs. Staff and Council try to do our best to encourage businesses even though we do not have total control over what businesses come into or leave Isanti. As we are coming out of the pandemic, we are hopeful more businesses are able to grow and move into our City to provide jobs, opportunities, and growth.

Construction is underway for the City's new liquor store at 10-6th Ave SE. The store plans to be open before Thanksgiving. We plan to celebrate with a grand opening event near that time so be sure to keep an eye out once it gets closer!

We on the Council and at City Hall look forward to another great year of serving our beautiful City residents and businesses. Have a great summer and most of all, BE SAFE!

If you'd like to contact me with questions, concerns, or ideas for Isanti, feel free to call me at 612-236-7513 or email me at [jeffjohnson@isantimayor.com](mailto:jeffjohnson@isantimayor.com).

# City Offices & Staff Directory

## City Council Members

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### City Hall

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[www.CityofIsanti.us](http://www.CityofIsanti.us)

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

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



**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  
[@IsantiMunicipalLiquor](mailto:@IsantiMunicipalLiquor)



## ADVERTISE HERE!

If you are interested in advertising your business in the Isantian, please contact:  
[lsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us](mailto:lsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us).

City Hall will be closed for observance of the following holidays:

July 5 - Independence Day Observed

# Parks, Recreation & Culture

## City Parks

### Academy Park

6th Avenue Court NE



### Bluebird Park

201 Isanti Parkway NW



### Isanti Hills

Neighborhood Park

518 Dogwood Street SW



### Legacy Park

1043 Bellaire 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 Parks

#### Sanbrook Golf Course

1261 Heritage Boulevard NE



#### Key

	Basketball		Dog Park		Softball Field
	Fishing		Picnic Shelter		Tennis Court
	Garden		Picnic Tables		Playground Equipment
	Golf Course		Skate Park		Trails
	Horseback Riding		Volleyball		

## Isanti Family Farmers' Market

400 West Dual Blvd (next to Isanti Municipal Liquor)

Friday's May 28 - September 24 from 2pm - 6pm

The market is the perfect place to support local producers! You'll find a vast selection of locally grown seasonal produce, homemade jams and salsas, handcrafted goods, and so much more. There's always something new and exciting to find at the market!

Here are some helpful tips for shopping at the market:

- The Farmers' Market is outdoors, so dress for the weather. A little rain won't stop the market!
- Bring the kids! The market offers weekly kids' challenges and other fun activities.
- Bring a reusable bag to carry your purchases (a great way to support the environment!)
- Bring change and smaller denominations of money as each vendor is an individual business. Some vendors take check or credit, but cash is preferred.
- If you have certain questions about fruits or vegetables, ask the farmer. Vendors will be happy to tell you how it was grown, cared for, and how to make the best selection. Many will even share a recipe or two!
- Bargaining is not recommended but asking to buy smaller amounts is acceptable. Some vendors may divide amounts.



Find us on Facebook for the latest updates [@IsantiMarket](#)

## SPLISH SPLASH SUMMER BASH

JULY 9 11:00AM - 3:00PM  
KIDS DAY AT BLUEBIRD PARK

WATER SLIDES  
& GAMES,  
MUSIC,  
FOOD TRUCKS,  
FACE PAINTING  
& MORE!



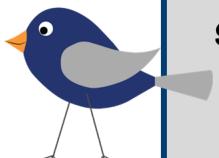
# Parks, Recreation & Culture, Cont...

## 2021 CURIOUS CREATURES

TUESDAYS - 9:00-10:00 AM

**2-5 yrs old**

Siblings welcome as helpers



**Free to city of Isanti residents**  
\$2/non-resident child

Join us for these fun themed programs as we get outdoors to investigate nature all year long!

**REGISTER:**

Email: [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) or  
call 763-444-5512

### SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 15--FARMERS' MARKET--BLUEBIRD PARK

JULY 6--RODEO ROUNDUP--BLUEBIRD PARK

AUGUST 10 -- PLAY BALL --UNITY PARK

SEPTEMBER 14 -- SUNFLOWERS -- RBP

OCTOBER 12 -- PUMPKINS -- RBP

NOVEMBER 9 -- ZOO -- ICC

DECEMBER 7 -- ELVES--ICC

(ICC-ISANTI COMMUNITY CENTER)

(RBP-RIVER BLUFF PRESERVE)



### COMMUNITY CENTER

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

#### Private Reservation Rates

Special Events  
50+ ppl, full-day  
\$295.28 inc. tax

Private Event <50 ppl  
Full-day - \$107.38 inc. tax  
Half-day - \$53.69 inc. tax

Non-Profit Event < 50 ppl  
Full-day - \$50 + tax  
Half-day - \$25 + tax

Visit [CityofIsanti.us](http://CityofIsanti.us) for the latest reservation schedule and application.

## DOWNTOWN ISANTI STREET DANCES

JUNE 19 → JULY 17 → AUG 7 → SEPT 11

### JOIN US!

7:00-11:00PM  
1ST AVE & MAIN ST



LIVE MUSIC • DANCING • FOOD TRUCKS • BEER WAGON



### MORE SUMMER FUN!

Medallion Hunt  
July 5

Jubilee Days Fireworks  
July 8 at 10:00PM

Follow us on Facebook  
or check the website for  
more details!

# Public Works



## SUMMER SUN EXPOSURE SAFETY TIPS

- Wear a broad spectrum sunscreen with min SPF 15.
- Apply sunscreen liberally (min 1 oz.) at least 20 minutes before exposure.
- Make sure to cover the ears, lips, neck, tops of feet, and backs of hands.
- Reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours and each time you get out of the water or sweat heavily.
- Throw away unused sunscreen after 1-2 years.
- Some sunscreens don't work well with insect repellent, requiring more frequent application when used together.
- Wearing protective clothing can help prevent sunburn.
- Workers should wear wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses with 100% UV protection and side panels.

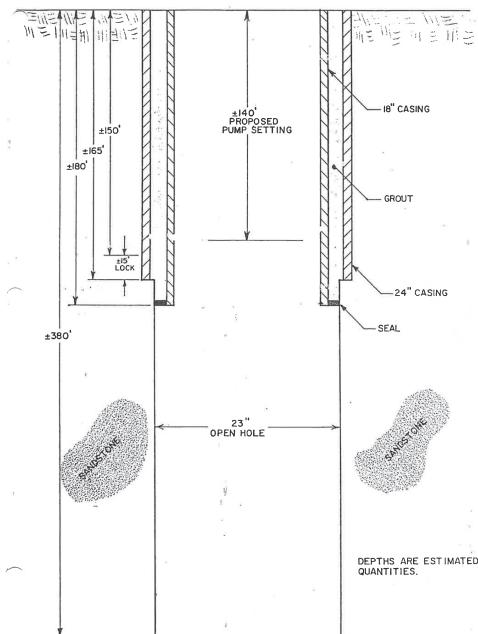
## Well Repair & Sandstone Buildup

The City of Isanti has three wells. Each well was originally drilled to a depth of between 378-380 feet deep. These wells provide the City of Isanti with all of its water needs. From June through September of 2020, the City of Isanti averaged about 925,000 gallons of water per day. From October through April, the City of Isanti averaged about 400,000 of water per day.

Isanti had its first well drilled in 1976. This well provided drinking water primarily to the downtown area. This well is still being used today and averages about 300 gallons per minute when it's running. Isanti expanded to its second well in 1991. This well averages approximately 900 gallons per minute. It's most recent well was drilled in 2006 and averages approximately 1000 gallons per minute. These wells all draw water from the Mt Simon-Hinckley-Fond du Lac aquifer with the exception of Well #1 which also draws from the Ironton-Galesville aquifer. In 2004, a new water tower was built and will hold approximately 750,000 gallons of water. In 2009, a new water treatment plant was built. The water treatment plant is capable of treating 3.42 million gallons drinking water per day.



Recently, Well #2 has undergone some major repairs. It was discovered during a recent inspection that the well pump had some bearing vibration and would need a major rebuild. The pump and columns were removed and a full inspection was to be done to the well pump and casing. During that inspection it was discovered that the well had filled in with sandstone from its original drill depth of 380 feet to a depth of only 310 feet deep. Originally, in 1991, the well had 846 cubic yards of sandstone removed, which left an open hole that was approximately 107' deep. The well now has an open hole that was only 37' deep. The well was at risk of pumping sand and would need to have an additional 300 cubic yards of sandstone removed to get back to the original depth. The sandstone removal is done by lowering pipe back down the well casing and forcing air into that pipe. By forcing air into the pipe, the air pressure draws the water up bringing the sand with it. Sandstone removal is not uncommon for a municipal well in the Mt Simon-Hinckley-Fond du Lac aquifer. The sandstone in our area of the aquifer is extremely fine in texture. It is also whitish in color. The sandstone removal was necessary to ensure that during a run cycle that the well doesn't pump sand and do damage to the pump bearings or introduce sand into the treatment process at the water treatment plant.



The Mount Simon-Hinckley-Fond du Lac Aquifer are actually three formations that act as a single aquifer. It is also the deepest aquifer in Minnesota. The aquifer is basically saturated sandstone that ranges from 50' to 200' thick in areas. Sandstone aquifers can hold large amounts of water and can filter pollutants very well. The sandstone in the Mt. Simon formation is white, gray or pink in color and is fine to course-grained sandstone with thin beds of shale. The sandstone in the Hinckley formation is also fine to coarse-grained but is pale red to light pinkish or brownish grey in color. The Fond du Lac formation is interbedded with mudstone and is dark red to pink in color. This aquifer is part of a very large system of water called the Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer system. It is a very complex multi-aquifer system separated by leaky layers known as aquitards. An aquitard limits the flow of water from one aquifer to another. Rock, shale, or clay are good examples of an aquitard. The Cambrian-Ordovician system of water covers parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, and even reaches into a small part of Illinois.

# Public Works, Cont...

## Mosquito Prevention

It's that time of year! Here come the mosquitoes! But before we get to the eliminating methods, let's get the deets on the skeets.

Did you know:

- There are over 3000 species of mosquitoes with about 200 species in the US alone.
- Mosquitoes are not parasites. They feed on blood to nourish their bodies so they can reproduce, not for their own survival.
- Only the female mosquitoes actually bite.
- They are the deadliest animal in the world - because of the diseases that they carry! Mosquitoes are vectors for several harmful diseases such as Malaria, Zika and Dengue.
- Oddly enough, of all the insects, mosquitoes are one of the weakest and slowest flyers!
- Mosquitoes have a special mating dance unique to their own kind! So why do mosquitoes like us humans so much!?
- They use a special organ called a maxillary palp to follow the smell of CO<sub>2</sub> released from our breath.
- Mosquitoes are able to drink 3 times their own body weight in blood.
- Mosquitoes, fortunately, only live for about 2 months.



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### 5 WATER CONSERVATION FACTS

1. A leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons a day.
2. You waste about 5 gal of water brushing your teeth if you leave the water running.
3. You can refill an 8-oz glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six-pack of soda pop.
4. 1" of rainfall drops 7,000 gal or nearly 30 tons of water on a 60' x 180' piece of land.
5. More than 13M households get water from private wells they treat and pump themselves.

For more water conservation tips, visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency's website at [www.EPA.gov](http://www.EPA.gov).

Several things can be done to repel and/or kill these pesky little bugs. Some of those strategies include:

- Chemical repellent such as DEET is standard, but it is not the only way.
- Fix any gaps, holes in screens on your house or tent to help keep them out.
- Use soaps that hide the smell of your sweat.
- Essential oils such as lavender, lemon, eucalyptus, burnt sage, rosemary, basil, lemon balm and Listerine will deter them as well.
- Make sure your yard has no standing water as that is where mosquitoes lay their eggs.
- Larvicide dunks can be used in pools and ponds to deter them.
- Citronella candles are a favorite for the patios, but Thermacells work very well as well and are refillable.

So now that we know a little about mosquitoes, does the City of Isanti do anything to help keep them at bay? Actually, they do. Public Works will be fogging for mosquitoes beginning in June and continuing throughout the summer. Look to Facebook and the City website for updates as to when the fogging will occur in your neighborhood. It is usually on short notice because conditions need to be just right. Fogging will begin at dusk and it takes approximately 3 hours to complete. They don't necessarily drive down each street but they will fog the entire town each time and will go out a couple times each month.

## Compost Site

Public Works Garage - 100 Isanti Parkway NW

The compost site only accepts yard waste (leaves and grass clippings) and offers composted soil, when available, spring through fall.

**Regular Hours - Closed July 3 for Independence Day**

April 20 - November 7

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm - 7pm (or sunset)

Saturdays 12pm - 5pm

Select Sundays 12pm - 5pm - April 25, May 2 & 9, October 24 & 31 and November 7



# Community Development



**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 keep our neighborhoods and public spaces clean and sanitary.**



## 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.

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

## Isanti Liquor - New Store Opening November 2021

Meeting growing customers' needs and adding additional revenue to the city are two of the driving forces behind building the new Isanti Liquor. At 12,604 square feet, the store will offer an extensive selection of beer, wine, spirits, and non-alcoholic options in an inviting and contemporary retail setting. Located at 10 6th Ave SE, the store will be a vibrant presence for the community for many years to come.

With its great location and larger selection, the city anticipates the new store will add 50% in additional annual revenue as it carries on the city's long tradition of municipal liquor sales. The increased revenue from the new store will be used to offset general city expenses, which in turn saves money for the city's residents. Isanti Liquor currently provides \$350,000 in net profits to the city each year. That number will grow with increased revenue at the new location.

As well as larger selections of wine, liquor, mixers, and beer, you can also look forward to plenty of parking for vehicles with trailers, boats and RVs, ease of access to and from Hwy 65 and Heritage Blvd, and even an online order-curb-side pickup option.

If you have requests for items to be carried at the new store, we want to hear from you! Let us know during your next visit, or send us a message via Facebook @IsantiMunicipalLiquor.

We at Isanti Liquor thank you for your continued support, and look forward to being an even bigger asset to the community we serve. See you at the new store!

Keith Lusk  
Assistant Store Manager  
Isanti Liquor



Pictured left to right: Jason Cook (Bolton and Menk, Inc.), Keith Lusk (Isanti Liquor), Sheila Sellman (City of Isanti), Josi Wood (City of Isanti), Councilmember Collison, Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Lundein, Greg Fauskee (Isanti Liquor), Mike Betker (City of Isanti), Glen Huls (Alliance Building Corp), Robert Landsberger (Alliance Building Corp), and Michael Angland (Widseth)

# Community Development, Cont...

## Stormwater Ponds

Along the city streets, you can see the City of Isanti's stormwater system in the form of catch basins. These function as a way to discharge rainfall from the street, ensuring proper drainage and filtration which eventually goes to the Rum River. Stormwater Ponds, located all over the city, act in a similar way. These ponds exist as a way to naturally drain and filter water that falls on impervious surfaces, such as driveways, rooftops, and patios. Water that falls on city structures and on development sites can collect pollutants like fertilizer, oil, sediment, and litter from ordinary human activity. Thus, it's vitally important to the health of our watershed and our city's water to keep our stormwater ponds as clean and healthy as possible.

Here are some tips to keep these stormwater ponds clean and healthy:

- Keep litter, yard waste and pet waste out of drainage ditches and storm drains.
- Pesticides and Fertilizers need to be used and disposed of properly. Fertilizers should never be broadcast over streets or sidewalks.
- Properly dispose of oil and antifreeze.
- Never hose chemicals off on impermeable surfaces.
- Reduce erosion from your property by planting plants and grasses over exposed areas.
- Allow natural plants to grow up around your pond to help filter runoff water.

Thank you for keeping the City of Isanti an environmentally friendly place to live!



## Future Development Projects

**Caribou Coffee** – Caribou Coffee will begin construction this summer on a new freestanding building on a vacant parcel at the corner of Highway 65 and Main St East, across from the Best Western Hotel. The site will feature a small 605 square ft Caribou Cabin building, 14 parking stalls, a drive thru and by pass lane and an outdoor patio area with seating. This small-scale building will be for drive-thru and walk-up ordering services only, with only employees being permitted access to inside the building.

**Isanti Liquor Store** – Construction has started for a new municipal liquor store near Coborn's Grocery at 10 6th Ave SE. The site will feature a 12,604 square foot building with 44 parking stalls and surrounding landscaping. Parking will include 26 regular parking stalls, 6 drive up stalls and 12 trailer parking stalls. The current location of the municipal liquor store will be redeveloped.

**Serenity Circle Counseling** – Serenity Circle Counseling, currently located at 401 E Dual Blvd Ste 120, is constructing a new building for their counseling and therapy services at 201 Main St W. The site will feature a building of roughly 2,000 square feet, a parking lot with 4 stalls, surrounding landscaping and extended sidewalks and city utilities.

**Circle B Ranch** - Circle B Ranch will be opening this summer for events such as weddings, family reunions and other large gatherings in their new rustic event center. The property is located at 27498 Polk St NE. The property also features a guest house that offers sleeping arrangements for up to 11 people and is available for gatherings and retreats.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Please join us in welcoming these new businesses to Isanti:

Little North Boutique  
Gypsy Curls  
Samantha Rose Creative Co.

And these businesses that will be opening soon:

My Jungle Gym  
Serenity Circle Office (new location)  
Prairie Senior Cottages II  
Caribou Coffee  
Isanti Municipal Liquor Store (new location)

Learn more about these businesses and other Isanti businesses by visiting our [Business Directory at www.CityofIsanti.us](http://www.CityofIsanti.us)

# Police



## PEDDLERS PERMIT

With warmer weather and storm season ahead of us, reports of solicitors and peddlers going door-to-door often increases. In accordance with City code, all for-profit sales of products and services in Isanti require a license from the City.

Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have a license and photo ID badge issued by the City.

**Solicitor/Peddlar:** A license is needed if you plan to go door-to-door selling products or services, or taking future orders within the City.

**Transient Merchant:** A license is needed if you are planning on selling products from a temporary location within the City, such as in the parking lot of a retail business.

Every resident has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property.

If you post a sign on your home or business that prohibits solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property. If a peddler approaches you, you also have the right to request their City-issued ID badge. If they cannot supply their badge or state they are licensed by the State of Minnesota, you have the right to call 9-1-1 as a non-emergency to report an unlicensed solicitor in the neighborhood.

You may also view the list of licensed peddlers at [CityofIsanti.us](http://CityofIsanti.us).

## Safety Reminders

The Isanti Community has many opportunities to enjoy our Minnesota Summer. As you spend time outdoors in our community, please remember to be safe.

### Bicycle Safety

Everyone riding a bicycle needs to wear a helmet no matter how far you intend to ride. Statistics from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons show that cycling has the highest number of head injuries compared to all other sporting activities. Helmet use has been estimated to reduce the odds of head injury by 50 percent, and the odds of head, face, or neck injury by 33 percent.

Parents, teach your children to be safe while riding using these tips:



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- Check your bike to ensure nothing is broken or wrong before you ride.
- Wear brightly colored clothing so that others can see you better.
- Remember: one seat = only one rider!
- Keep both hands on the handlebars.
- Obey traffic signs and lights. Use hand signals when stopping or turning.
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic and use the right-hand side of the road.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and stay alert for cars backing out of driveways.
- When riding with others, ride in a single-file line.

### ATVs and Golf Carts

Special vehicles [Class 1 ATVs and golf carts] operated within the City need to obtain a Special Vehicle Permit from the Police Department. Class 2 ATVs do not need a City permit. All ATVs and applicable recreational vehicles need to abide by state laws and display state registration, if applicable. The City Special Vehicle Permit application can be found on the City website. The application may be mailed to the Police Department for processing.



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Refer to MN DNR laws regarding state laws requiring operators to wear helmets. All persons under 18 years old must wear DOT-approved helmets when on an ATV or UTV. All persons are encouraged to wear a helmet no matter the length they plan on operating.

Every pool, every lake and every warm summer day holds the possibility of new, fun summer experiences. All you need to add is your undivided attention. Please enjoy all of your outdoor activities. Remember to always be thinking about safety!!

Chief Travis Muyres | Police Chief/Emergency Management Director  
Isanti Police Department



# Isanti Fire District

## Fireworks Danger

**Fact:** Hand held sparklers (fireworks) burn at 1,200 F. In comparison, wood ignites at 356 F and will burn at 575 F.

**Fiction:** The sparks from our sparklers are so small that they will not start a fire; "my" kids would never play with them without me; and if a fire did start, I will "just" put it out.

According to statistics, about 10,000 people are treated for injuries in hospital emergency departments each year due to the mishandling of live, misfired and waste consumer fireworks. In addition, fires resulting from fireworks cause over \$100 million in direct property damage. Many cities saw a surge in consumer fireworks usage by the public in 2020.



When Isanti firefighters visit our schools and talk about fireworks, we describe them to the kids as "flying matches". One little match can do a lot of damage. Thousands of acres of vegetation, homes, businesses, our pets and even our lives can be at stake from one little match.



The bottom line is the best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals, like the fireworks show that will take place after the Jubilee Days parade in Isanti this year! The show is scheduled for 10:00 pm on Thursday, July 8. The fire department will be on standby with Engine 1 in case a "flying match" lands in the grass unexpectedly.

## Department Updates

Calls continue to rise at the fire department and as of today we are up 6% from last year, which was a busy year in itself. Another update, the fire district ordered 2 new command units to replace 2 aged out units which we should expect to see on the street in the next 60 days.

If you or anyone you know has interest in becoming a paid-on-call firefighter, please check us out on social media, online at [www.isantifiredistrict.org](http://www.isantifiredistrict.org), or simply stop by the fire station. We generally hire annually and besides having the fulfilling ability to protect and serve your community, we also offer hourly pay while on calls and a retirement pension.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer!

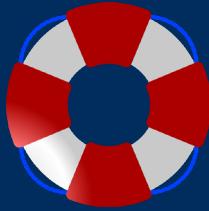
Alan Jankovich | Fire Chief  
Isanti Fire District



### FIRE ESCAPE CHECKLIST

- ◊ Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?
- ◊ Is there a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area?
- ◊ Is there a smoke alarm on each level of the home, including the basement?
- ◊ Do you test your smoke alarms at least once a month?
- ◊ Do children know the sound of the smoke alarms?
- ◊ How old are the smoke alarms? If they are more than 10 years old, replace them.
- ◊ Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- ◊ Does your family know two ways out of each room in the home?
- ◊ Are all the exits in the home clear of obstructions?
- ◊ Has your family picked a meeting place outside the home where everyone can go when they've escaped a fire?
- ◊ Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?
- ◊ Does the family practice the escape plan at least twice a year?

# Safety Committee



## 5 Steps to Save A Life

**1. Throw Don't Go.** Find a lifesaving device, pole, towel, clothing or anything you can extend out to reach the drowning person. Jumping in yourself should be a last resort, especially if nobody else is around to help you.

**2. Yell for Backup.** Call attention to the drowning to alert others you are helping and to call 911.

**3. Help from Behind.** If you do need to assist from in the water, approach the drowning person from behind to avoid panic-grabbing that could endanger your life as well.

**4. Watch for Secondary Drowning.** Lethargy, coughing and labored breathing are all signs that could be life-threatening to the individual hours after a near-drowning incident. Contact your physician after the experience for advice and next steps.

**5. Get CPR Certified.** Local and online classes are available year-round. Knowing how to perform CPR could save a life in many situations.

## Boat & Water Safety Tips

As you head out to enjoy the hot summer months, take a few minutes to prepare your family and friends for potential risks while you cool down on or near the water. The below tips could save a life and allow you to enjoy a relaxing and fun Minnesota summer.

### General Water Safety Tips

Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional death for children under 14, and the 5th leading cause for people of all ages. Within the City of Isanti, there are rivers, ponds, ditches, and private pools - all of which can be a risk to children. Use these tips to keep you and your family safe as you celebrate summer by the water.

- If a child is missing, always check the water first as every second matters.
- Never swim alone and look out for those with you.
- Make sure everyone near the water knows how to swim.
- Do not entrust a child's life to another child when near water.
- Stay away from pool drains.
- Be aware of rip currents, even in lakes and rivers.
- Stay within designated swimming areas.
- Do not swim or operate watercraft while consuming alcohol.
- Know your limits, especially in open water.
- Be mindful of Boater's Fatigue and how the wind, noise, heat and vibration of the water can wear you down while on the water.

### Life Preservers

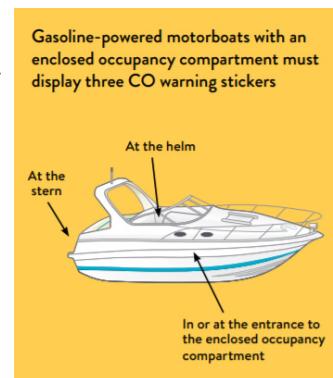
Remember, even good swimmers drown. Unexpected immersion in cold water creates a serious risk to life and a life jacket offers thermal protection as well as buoyancy to keep you afloat should your body experience shock in the water. Accidents happen and these tips can save a life on the water.

- MN requires life jackets be worn by all children under 10 while boating, but it is recommended that everyone wear a preserver while on the water.
- MN law requires that one properly-sized U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket be available for every passenger.
- Life jackets should be worn any time you are on the water, regardless of swimming ability or watercraft.
- Water wings, pool noodles and inner tubes are meant for entertainment, not safety. Do not use these as a replacement for a life jacket.

### Sophia's Law

This carbon monoxide law requires all motorboats with an enclosed accommodation compartment be equipped with a functioning marine CO detection system and that all gasoline-powered motorboats with an enclosed occupancy compartment to display a total of 3 CO warning stickers.

The law, which went into effect in May 2017, is designed to prevent accidental exposure and potential death due to carbon monoxide release while boating. It is also important to be aware of potential CO exposure from vehicles while loading and unloading your boat from the water.



Learn more about MN water safety laws and precautions you can take at:  
[DNR.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/](http://DNR.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/)

# Safety Committee, Cont...

## Severe Weather Preparedness

Severe weather season is upon us and too many Minnesotans get injured each year due to a lack of preparedness for impending storms. These less-common tips will help you remain safe as the summer storms roll in.

- 1. Never drive through a flooded road.** The road may become unstable with excess water, you can risk losing control of your vehicle, and you could put yourself directly in harm's way. Take the extra time to find a safer route.
- 2. Sign up for NOAA weather alerts on your phone.** The activation of the outdoor warning siren system is based on the following criteria:
  - When a tornado Warning is issued by the National Weather Service.
  - When the National Weather Service indicates sustained wind speeds of 76 MPH or more.
  - When public safety personnel determine activation is necessary due to imminent danger to life and property
- 3. Take shelter in severe storm warnings as well.** Tornadoes can be present even if you are in a severe thunderstorm watch or warning. Storms can also produce large hail, falling trees and flying objects that could severely damage your property or yourself in caught in the path.
- 4. Include shoes and a helmet in your emergency kit.** A helmet, mattress or padded object can offer protection from falling objects and shoes will protect your feet from shattered items that may cover the ground after the storm has passed.
- 5. Pack an emergency kit.** Include a flashlight with extra batteries, bottled water, a 3-day supply of non-perishable foods that do not require electricity to consume, sanitary wipes, hygiene products, first-aid items, shoes, protective gear, and blankets. Save a kit in your basement (or designated shelter area) and your vehicle and create a safety plan with your family.

### KNOW THE TERMS



#### ADVISORY

An advisory is issued when hazardous weather is occurring, imminent or likely.

Advisories are for less serious conditions that cause significant inconvenience and if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.



#### WATCH

A watch means weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur. In other words, a "watch" means watch out for what the weather could do, and be ready to act accordingly.

You may wish to alter or have a backup plan for any outdoor activities or travel.



#### WARNING

For severe thunderstorms, tornadoes or flash floods, a warning means the weather event is imminent or occurring somewhere in the defined warning area and that people need to take shelter as soon as possible.

## TORNADOES AND ROAD SAFETY

### WHAT TO DO

Get off the road. The best option is to drive to a designated shelter, basement or safe room.

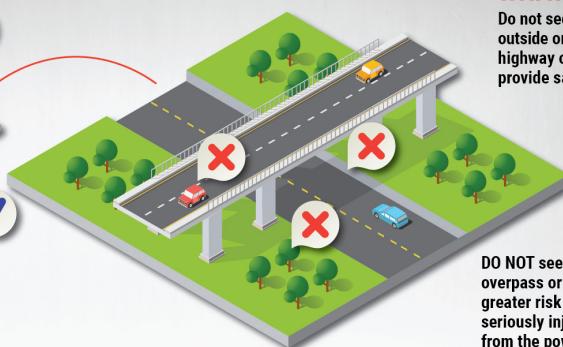


The next best option is a small, windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor of a sturdy building.



### WHAT NOT TO DO

Do not seek refuge in a vehicle, outside or under an overpass. A highway overpass does not provide safety from a tornado.



DO NOT seek shelter under an overpass or a tree. This puts you at greater risk of being killed or seriously injured by flying debris from the powerful tornadic winds.

# Community Events



## Planning an Event?

City code 278 "Special Events" requires event producers to acquire a Special Event Permit with approval by the City Council and Public Safety personnel for any event anticipating more than 75 attendees on either public or private property.

A Special Event Permit application is not required for places of worship; stadiums or athletic fields; family gatherings, including family reunions, graduation parties, religious ceremonies, weddings, and similar events held on private property; garage sales; and events established through the City.

A permit application must be submitted to the City Parks, Recreation & Events Coordinator for approval a minimum of 30 days prior to the event.

Visit [CityofIsanti.us](http://CityofIsanti.us) to download an application and learn more about the Special Event Code and permit requirements.

Contact [IsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us](mailto:IsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us) with questions.

## Friends of the Isanti Area Library

The Friends of the Isanti Area Library is a nonprofit group ([IsantiLibrary.org](http://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 on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check with the Librarian about special events, too.

Make sure to stop in this summer for books or media or even just to browse and get your Treat 'n' Treasure Mystery Bag! They are for both adults and kids. It's our way of helping you have fun this season.

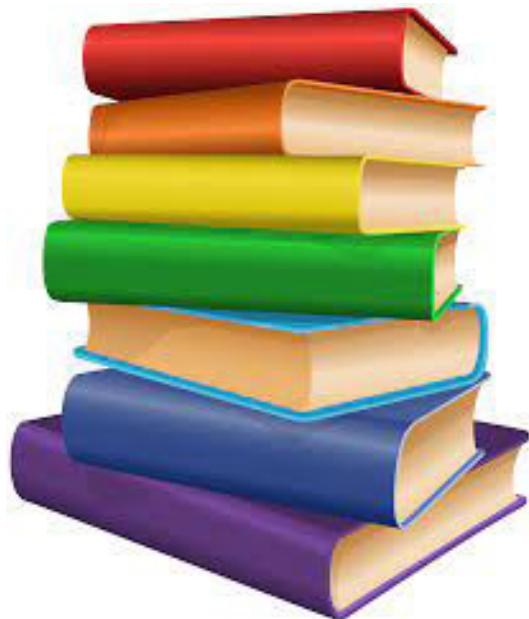
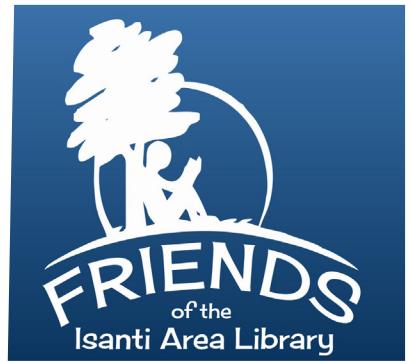
You are welcome to request items by phone or on the East Central Regional Library website ([ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org)) to pick up here in Isanti. And checking out DVDs for three weeks makes it easy to catch up on past seasons of your favorite TV show, or have entertainment on hand without a last-minute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

Mark your calendar for our **Annual Used Book Sale October 22-23**—last year our community donated more than 5,000 items! In addition to our main fundraiser, our Friends accept and actively "recycle" donated items back into our community and promote literacy all year long. Our Give & Take boxes and bookshelves are strategically placed around town. Give a few books or take some to read from any of them; let us know if you would like to sponsor one at your home or business.

We're always taking donations! Please remember us when you're cleaning, downsizing, or moving. 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 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 and the annual sale are still a great deal at only 25¢ each, and other items are available.

Help us spread the fun! We greatly need and appreciate volunteer help with various community events and from home, and we are actively seeking new members. Interested adults are always welcome to attend our monthly planning sessions. Contact Susi McCune for more information or to arrange a donation drop-off: [Susi@IsantiLibrary.org](mailto:Susi@IsantiLibrary.org) or 612-345-0311.



# Community Events, Cont...

## Saturday, June 5 – Spring into Summer Charity Car Show (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

BMC Auto Classic Imported Car Show at BMC Automobile (444 East Dual Blvd) put on in conjunction with the Jaguar Club of Minnesota. Vehicles on display both outside and inside of our shop. Show is free, no admission charge. Any donations will benefit the Harbor House, a cancer resource center located in Cambridge. For more info contact: [jae@bmcautos.com](mailto:jae@bmcautos.com).

## Monday, July 26 - Annual Chamber Cup Golf Outing

Join the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for an afternoon of networking and fun at the Annual Chamber Cup Golf Outing. Your participation supports the work and mission of the North 65 Chamber of Commerce. Registration is now open for teams and sponsors. Visit [www.north65chamber.com](http://www.north65chamber.com).

### ISANTI RODEO JUBILEE DAYS - JULY 8-11

**Parade & Fireworks - July 8**

**Kids' Day - July 10**

**Splish Splash Summer Bash - July 9**

**Rodeo - July 9 and 10**

Registration now open for parade, food vendors, craft fair, kid's day, Outhouse Races and more. Volunteers are needed to make this annual favorite a success! A variety of opportunities/time commitments are available. To register, volunteer and for more information, contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce 763-689-2505, or [info@north65chamber.com](mailto:info@north65chamber.com) or visit [www.north65chamber.com](http://www.north65chamber.com) and click on events to register.

Do you want to make a difference in the Isanti community? Do you have ideas that would enhance our local parks, programs & community engagement? Get paid to share your opinion!



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NORTH 65 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Chamber members are hiring!

*Work local. Shop local. Live local.*

**View job postings at [north65chamber.com](http://north65chamber.com)**

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NEW JOBS POSTED WEEKLY



### Join the Conversation

The City of Isanti is always looking to build spaces, programs and events that meet our community's needs. If you have an idea for an activity, park enhancement or program, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Culture team at [IsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us](mailto:IsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us).



### Business Owners:

The City of Isanti has a number of partnership opportunities for your business to get involved with community programs and events. Whether it's being recognized as a supporter of an event, selling your products or services onsite, sharing your knowledge in a group demonstration, or volunteering your time, the City can work with you to drive traffic and recognition to your platform.

Contact [IsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us](mailto:IsantiParks@CityofIsanti.us) to learn about upcoming and year-round opportunities and get involved with the Isanti community!



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