

Spring/ Summer 2025

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****Dates in Red indicate Compost Site is Open**

Scan the QR code to see more information of city events on our website, or search this link below:



cityofisanti.us

- City Hall Closed for Holiday
- Election
- City Meeting
- Street Dance
- Family Event Series
- Splish Splash Summer Bash
- Fireworks in Bluebird Park
- Jubilee Days/Isanti Rodeo
- Night to Unite
- Family Day at Legacy Park
- Clean Up Day



Council Corner

Recently approved Council changes:

- Cannabis and Hemp ordinances have been approved to allow for State licensed businesses in certain zoning districts.
- Join our project notification list for contractors! Receive email notifications of City of Isanti Projects estimated to be over \$10,000 seeking contractor work.
- There will be no increase to storm water fees through 2029.

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VOTE FOR ISANTI MAYOR
PRIMARY SPECIAL ELECTION DAY
APRIL 8, 2025
SPECIAL ELECTION DAY
AUGUST 12, 2025



Mayor's Memo

BY LUKE MERRILL



We continue to fight for Isanti resident's pocketbooks, while planning for the future!

A large goal for our current city council and staff, the last 2 years, has been to provide exceptional services our residents need, while pinching every penny possible. We, as a society, have become so unreasonably taxed and it's time to demand change. Every penny we pinch as a council, is a penny less taxed from our great residents here in Isanti.

Our city services have been running very efficiently, from public works, to the police department, city administration and finance. I would first like to highlight the public works department related items of importance. Isanti has grown substantially over the last handful of years, and our infrastructure has to keep up. The largest infrastructure change coming in 2025, is the roundabout on Heritage and East Dual Blvd. An additional water well is planned to be constructed in 2025. By limiting our water usage, especially with irrigation, we can save significant long-term taxpayer money and reduce impact on the environment.

Police hires have become very difficult in the state of Minnesota, and we recognize the concern with our city's growth and public safety. The citizen's police academy and the police explorers program are two things that we have added to help educate our community on police practices and hopefully forming our own recruitment channels to Back the Blue.

The municipal liquor store has been performing very well. 100% of liquor store profits go into reducing your taxes. That profit helps reduce resident's taxes roughly 15%! On average, that means a yearly tax savings of roughly \$300 per household! We continue to work to implement new marketing strategies, like door dash & a liquor store sign coming soon (hopefully). The more profitable the liquor store is, the lower your taxes will be. Cheers!

Community outreach is another huge focus for myself and council. Facebook live-streaming of meetings allows people to interact and view all of our meetings very easily. Surveys are something I hope we can do more of as well. We are working on a better website with more interactive ways for our community to get involved or inform us of issues. There is also a text notification number for important updates about city business, and I encourage you to sign up! If you wish to subscribe to SMS text messages, text Isanti to 38276. You can also subscribe on the City website.

We have welcomed many new businesses and continue to work with prospects in organic, but strategic ways. One area of focus we have discussed is utilizing railway spur connections to draw in large industrial companies to help lower tax base and create local jobs. Adding a restaurant in the future is another big goal item!

It's been a great journey and awesome to become so involved with the community during my time on council and during my time as interim mayor. If there are ever any questions, concerns, or input, we would love to hear from you. We work for you, & together!



Police Department

Per City Council direction the new PD address has been changed from 901 East Dual Blvd. to 911 East Dual Blvd.

Police Explorers Program

Are you interested in a career in law enforcement? The Isanti Police Department is looking for Police Explorers between the ages of 14 and 20 years of age, that would like to join our post and learn more about law enforcement as a potential career.

Visit our website for more information.

Bicycle Safety

Everyone riding a bicycle needs to wear a helmet no matter how far you intend to ride. 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.

- Tell an adult if anything is broken or wrong with your bike.
- 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.

Local Business Updates

New businesses welcomed to Isanti in 2024 include:

- Midcontinent Communications
- Pretty Little Signs
- Casey's Gas Station
- Amoco Gas Station
- Isanti Grappling Club
- Security Bank and Trust
- Isanti Tobacco
- Isanti Smoke Shop Plus
- Brigade Mortgage
- Northern Lights Toys



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Parks and Recreation

22
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Earth Day



We are looking for volunteers! Sign-up today!

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MAY

Kids Archery Day

11am-2pm
Located at the Archery Range



Family Summer Events Series

28
MAY

11 & 25
JUNE

5:00pm-7:00pm

Located at
Bluebird Park Amphitheater

6 & 20
AUG

10
JULY

Fireworks in the Park

10:00pm/Dusk
Located at Bluebird Park Amphitheater



11
JULY

Splash Splash Summer Bash

11am-3pm

Located at Bluebird Park Amphitheater



Downtown Street Dances

14
JUNE

26
JULY

9
AUG

7pm-11pm

Located at 1st Ave. & Main St.



28
SEP

Family Day

3pm-5pm
Located at Legacy Park



Bluebird Park Playground

During the spring/summer of 2025 Bluebird Park playground will receive some exciting improvements! Using park dedication dollars and a grant from Game Time, the City of Isanti will soon be home to new equipment and an Inclusive Playground National Demonstration Site. Existing playground amenities will be saved as replacement pieces at our other parks.

****Expect playground closures early this summer. Exact dates are to be announced.**

Follow the City Facebook Page and visit the City website for more information**



Spring/Summer 2025

Public Works

Spring and summer are right around the corner. Public Works will be doing yard repairs resulting from snow removal. Repairs consist of black dirt and seed where plows accidentally jumped the curb or sod was damaged during sidewalk clearing. Repairs will be completed as soon as spring allows.



- If your yard has damage from the plow please contact Public Works at 763-762-5757.
- Annual Water Restrictions are in effect May 1st through September 1st. House numbers ending with an even number, water on even days. Houses ending with an odd number, water on odd days. Watering should not take place between Noon and 6:00pm.

Efficient Lawn Watering Tips

- Deep soaking is better for root growth vs frequent shallow watering.
- Lawns cut to 3-4 inches is best when in drought times of the year.
- Water in the early morning when it is still cool.
- Healthy turf needs an inch of water per week.

CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 17th, 2025
8am-Noon

Public Works - 100 Isanti PKWY NW

For more information and pricing visit our website.

Isanti Fire District

Look for us at various events, including the Firefighters' 49th Annual Pro Rodeo in July and National Night Out in August.

Welcome, New Firefighters!



The fire department is proud to welcome this year's record number of applicants! Did you know that no prior firefighting training or experience is required to join our team?

Our new cadets will begin their journey with comprehensive, fully funded training that certifies them in firefighting and emergency medical care. We're excited to have you on board—welcome to our elite team!