

Police Department

To improve traffic safety, the Isanti Police Department and Isanti County Law Enforcement have been awarded a Toward Zero Deaths grant. This initiative is based on the idea that even a single traffic-related death is unacceptable. Using grant funds, the Isanti Police Department will conduct enhanced patrols to enforce laws against impaired, distracted driving and failure to wear a seat belt. These efforts aim to reduce traffic accidents and injuries in the city.

As school is now in session, please drive with extra caution in school zones.

Remember these safety tips:

- Slow down and be prepared for increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- Do not double park or allow children to cross the street from the middle of the road.
- Watch for children on bikes and pedestrians, who may not always be visible.

It's the law to stop for school buses. State law requires all vehicles to stop when a school bus activates its flashing lights and extends its crossing arm. Violators face a \$500 fine.



Parks and Recreation

Coming Soon!

Woodland Park

Grand Opening
Fall of 2026

NATURE INSPIRED PARK FEATURES:

- Hollow Log
- Log Mazes
- Stepping Stumps
- Shallow Wooden Cave
- Wooden Boat
- Teepee
- Embankment Slide with Rock Scramble and Rope Pull Up
- Picnic Tables
- Slab Benches
- Swings and ADA Swing Set
- Net Climb to Tree Deck
- Notched Log Stepper



For more information go to www.cityofisanti.us

Community Development

Zoning Information Now at Your Fingertips!

Ever wonder what the zoning is for your property? Now you can easily access zoning information for any property in Isanti with our new Interactive Zoning Map.

This powerful tool lets you:

- Search for an address or property.
- Click on a parcel to view its zoning district and regulations.
- Explore zoning layers throughout the city.

The map is a great resource for residents, developers, and anyone interested in community planning, making city information more accessible to everyone.

Find the map on the City of Isanti website under the Community Development Department.

Business Anniversaries

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE BUSINESSES WHO CELEBRATED MILESTONES OF YEARS IN BUSINESS IN ISANTI IN 2025.

5

Edward Jones Financial
ErinDaleCurtis
The Healthy Hideaway
Horizon Psychiatry
Idle Hands Tattoo
My Jungle Gym
Pretty Little Signs
Wolf River Electric
Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota

10

BMC British Automobile
Family Dollar
Learning Designs
Luminate Bank
Revival Boutique
SnoBear USA
North 65 Chamber of Commerce

20

Little Sprouts Childcare
YCC Cabinets

30

Isanti Maytag Laundry
Jimmy's Pizza

40

Mark Printing/
D&K Scrap-n-Stamp

60

Strike Life Tributes

Public Works

As we get ready for winter, your help with a few key tasks will make a big difference for our community.

Fall Cleanup - Please help prevent street flooding by properly disposing of all leaves and yard waste. Our Public Works department will be clearing leaves from storm drains and curb lines.

Winter Street Safety - Public Works is preparing for snow and ice removal. When the snow falls, our priority is to clear major roads, emergency routes, and school zones. We need your cooperation to keep our streets safe and clear by following these guidelines:

- Follow winter parking rules from November 1st to April 1st.
- Clear snow from your sidewalks after Public Works has plowed.
- Do not push snow from your property back into the street.
- Clear a path to your mailbox and any nearby fire hydrants.
- Remove all structures from the road-right-of-way.



Welcome New Finance Director - Nick Solberg

I am excited to join the City of Isanti team. In my free time I like to be outdoors and spend time with my wife and son. I look forward to working with the community and keeping the City of Isanti on a path of success.



Isanti Fire District

Reminder: Fall Smoke Alarm Maintenance.

Don't forget to check your smoke alarms this fall as heating season approaches.

Follow these steps to ensure your safety:

- Test your alarms to make sure they are working.
- Replace batteries that are a year old or more.
- Check the manufactured date; most alarms should be replaced after 10 years.
- Gently clean detectors to remove dust that could cause a false alarm.

Want to become a paid on-call firefighter?
Scan the QR code for more information on how to join our team.



Fall/Winter 2025-2026

 City Meeting  City Hall Closed for Holiday ****Dates in Yellow Indicate Compost Site is Open**

October

November

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January

February

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

ELECTIONS - 2026

OPEN SEATS - 4 YEAR TERMS:

MAYOR

CITY COUNCILMEMBER (TWO SEATS)

★ MAY 19, 2026 - JUNE 2, 2026
CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

★ AUGUST 11, 2026
PRIMARY ELECTION

★ NOVEMBER 3, 2026
GENERAL ELECTION

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



Council Corner

- Construction of the roundabout at East Dual Blvd and Heritage Ave. is underway. The project is expected to be completed around Thanksgiving, weather permitting.
- The Economic Development Authority (EDA) created the Restaurant Recruitment Program to encourage new restaurants to open in Isanti. You can find more information on the City of Isanti website.
- The Main Street Program awarded a total of \$96,000 to three downtown businesses for improvements. Congratulations to the Rockstad Building, HearSwell Building, and Creamery Building. The funding came from the Initiative Foundation through MN DEED.
- The number of chickens allowed in the city has increased. Properties less than 3 acres can now have up to 10 chickens, while properties larger than 3 acres can have up to 20.
- The City's ordinance now includes language that allows for cannabis-related businesses. The zoning ordinance was also updated to permit specific uses in certain commercial districts.
- The Isanti Community Center will be getting a facelift this fall with new exterior windows, doors, siding soffits and facia.

Mayor's Memo

BY LUKE MERRILL



Providing the exceptional services that our residents need, while pinching every penny possible, has been our goal as a city leadership group. Residents often ask: "How do you decrease taxes without making cuts to services?" This is a very logical question. It's not necessarily cutting things, it's being more efficient with every process of spending to begin with.

One of the most substantial savings realized, has been in construction and infrastructure projects. These are huge yearly expenses for a city. We have made the bidding process more competitive, stacked projects together, requested different bid options with potential for negotiation, timeline flexibility, etc. We have also worked hard to interact with more contractors to get bids, including our new contractor email notification list (sign up on the city website!). More contractors, means more competition and better bids. Our bids in 2025 alone, due to these few seemingly small efficiency changes, have resulted in nearly \$1,000,000 in savings on our engineered estimates. Nickel & dime savings, add up to less long-term taxation for you.

Isanti has grown considerably over the last handful of years, and our infrastructure has to keep up. A new water well is coming online in 2026. It will be roughly \$500,000 under budget, again, because of creative, efficient planning. We are currently skirting the DNR's allocated maximum water usage as a city; especially on the irrigation (lawn watering) side. If you use irrigation and would like to reduce water usage & save money, please reach out to the city for guidance!

We recognize the concern with our city's growth and public safety. We recently authorized take-home squad cars. This incentive finally provided us the opportunity to fill a full-time police officer position, which had been vacant for quite some time. When an officer drives the same vehicle every day, they're more likely to catch maintenance issues before they become larger cost repairs. Additionally, in a major emergency, officers can be called-in and hit the road almost instantly from their homes without transferring vehicles. This saves time (and money) in their daily transfer routine also. I hope that it's peace of mind knowing officers live in your neighborhoods, too!

Community outreach is another focus for myself & Council. Including: Live-streaming of all city meetings and directing staff to make additional posts on social media, so people of the community are more informed about all the great events, activities & work that Isanti is doing. Additionally, we are building a much-improved website with interactive features for our community to get involved or inform us of issues.

The City has welcomed many new businesses and we continue to work with prospects in organic, but strategic ways. Cutting & loosening red tape the last couple of years has created a substantially more friendly business environment. This business growth means a reduction in residential taxes and more options for consumers.

It has been a great journey and awesome to become so involved with the community during my time on council and now as your Mayor. If there are ever any questions, concerns, or input, we would love to hear from you!