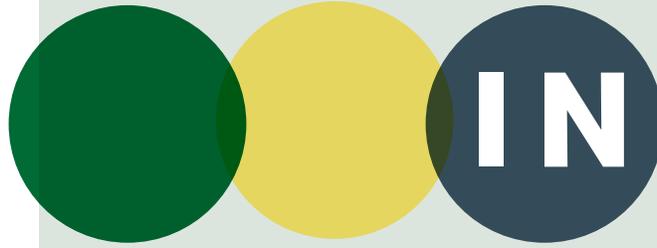




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CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS INSIGHTS

A bi-monthly newsletter providing important information and upcoming events for the City of Inver Grove Heights' residents.



- Stage One: Minnesota River to I-35E
- Stage Two: I-35E to Hwy 62
- Stage Three: Hwy 62 to 3rd St.
- State Four: I-35E bridge

Map of project area



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More Construction Coming to I-494

Construction work will continue on I-494 between Mendota Heights and South St. Paul and may impact your drive later this summer.

The work includes bridge deck resurfacing and joint replacement on the I-494 bridge decks over I-35E, repairing pavement between 3rd Ave. and the east side of the Minnesota River bridge, improving drainage, constructing ponds, as well as adding a turn lane and replacing signals at I-494 and Pilot Knob Rd.

You should expect to see single lane or directional closures of I-494 over approximately 12 weekends as crews complete the pavement resurfacing and drainage work.

The bridge work will occur in multiple stages over two years and will include lane closures.

Note: this work is in addition to the current project on I-494 at Concord St./Hwy 156. The project website has been updated to include all work planned for 2019 and 2020. For more information about the projects on I-494 in Dakota County or to sign up for email updates visit the project website at mndot.gov/metro/projects/i494invergroveheights

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

April 8-12, 2019

For more than 25 years, Minnesota has conducted Severe Weather Awareness Week in partnership with the National Weather Service and local governments.

Two statewide tornado drills will happen on Thursday, April 11, 2019. The first drill is at 1:45 p.m. and allows businesses and schools to practice their emergency plans. The second drill is at 6:45 p.m. and will allow families to practice their plans.



IGH BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The City of Inver Grove Heights is interested in learning more about local business and promoting them to our residents. In that effort, the City is launching an "IGH Business Spotlight" where one business will be selected for feature in each edition of the City's newsletter.



Meet Therapy OPS

What do you do/make/sell?

We offer occupational, physical and speech therapy for children and young adults with special needs. In addition, we offer social skills groups, alternative therapies, and support groups for adults/families with children with special needs.

How long have you been in Inver Grove Heights?

We will be celebrating five years this September.

How many employees do you have?

We have 13 employees.

What do you like best about Inver Grove Heights?

The community is very supportive and has embraced us from the first day we opened. In fact, they have been so supportive that we are in the process of doubling the size of our facility which should be open this coming summer. The families we serve are a special group and create a close-knit feeling that you don't find in all metro cities. We love the community involvement and support of small businesses in this area.



Learn more about Therapy OPS by visiting their website at <https://www.therapyops.com>

Therapy OPS | 2925 Buckley Way | 651-455-0561

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Community Survey Updates

The *Resident and Visitor Survey* has been renamed to *Community Survey* to more accurately reflect the aim, content, and participants.

The timing of the annual survey has also been altered, to better meet the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's July 1 deadline. From this year forward, the survey will be conducted during the month of April so that results may be assembled by staff prior to submitting the results to the State on July 1 of each year.

The next Community Survey will begin April 1 and run through April 30.

After completing the 2018 survey Council directed staff to add some questions to the 2019 survey in order to reflect an emphasis on resident demographics. And, additional questions have been added to gain more feedback from residents, based on the comments provided in the 2018 survey.

We will continue to keep all interested parties updated on the survey through several methods: Regular updates at quarterly City Council Work Sessions (the next one is April 1, 2019), brief articles in Insights, and updates on the website, where a page has been created specifically for this purpose. (Found under the Residents Tab.) You can also sign up on the website to receive email notices when the survey goes live and when updates are available.

In the meantime, fact sheets are being created related to the top five topics that were identified in the 2018 survey. Some fact sheets are expected to be available beginning this spring, and when those topics are complete, the next five will be addressed.





Street Maintenance

After a long winter the Street Maintenance Division will soon transition to spring maintenance duties and start preparations for summer work. Some of this work includes converting trucks and equipment from winter to spring/summer duty, cleaning and storing winter maintenance equipment, cleaning concrete medians, sweeping streets, pavement maintenance, shouldering rural section streets, gravel road maintenance, boulevard sod repair, mailbox repair, cleaning and repairing storm sewer systems, sign repair, and pavement striping.

The winter freeze and thaw process is tough on pavement. Potholes were patched throughout the winter with cold mix patching material. Patching with hot mix patching material begins in the spring and continues until winter. Please bear with us as half of our residential pavement has reached a stage of advanced pavement deterioration which puts a strain on our lean maintenance resources.

The City's street sweeping program removes dirt and debris from City streets to provide a healthy and attractive environment for residents and visitors. It takes at least six weeks to sweep the City's public streets once. Street cleaning protects water quality and minimizes the burden on the storm sewer system from surface debris. Removal of leaves and debris by adjacent property owners is appreciated. This helps to prevent stormwater drains from clogging, which could result in street flooding as well as more extensive storm water system cleaning and maintenance.

Yard waste disposal is the property owner's responsibility. Please do not rake or mow your yard debris into the street as this will impede sweeping operations and could cause storm water system problems. Spring street sweeping will take place, weather permitting, through April and into May.

If you have any questions, comments or requests related to street maintenance please call 651-450-4309.

Landscaping for Clean Water Workshops

Join us for a **FREE** Landscaping for Clean Water workshop to see dozens of inspirational and affordable garden designs that integrate native plants and clean our waters. These workshops are being hosted in conjunction with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District. They provide an overview of water quality challenges in Dakota County as well as beautiful and practical ways of reducing runoff pollutants that are causing issues. The Landscaping for Clean Water program makes it easy to realize the positive impacts rain gardens, native gardens, and shoreline stabilizations can have on your aesthetic and environmental surroundings.

After attending you can sign up to receive design and installation assistance. You may also qualify for a **\$250 grant** to install your new garden. Last year 432 Dakota County homeowners attended workshops. Register for a workshop and you can have plans for your spring project before the snow melts.

Choose one of 10 workshops. Each one runs from 6 to 7 p.m.

Farmington | Monday, March 11
Dakota County Extension and
Conservation Ctr.
4100 220th Street West

Burnsville | Tuesday, March 12
Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Pkwy

Apple Valley | Wednesday, March 13
Apple Valley Municipal Center
7100 West 147th Street

South St. Paul | Wednesday, March 20
City Council Chambers
125 3rd Avenue North

Lakeville | Monday, April 8
Lakeville City Hall
20195 Holyoke Ave.

Burnsville | Tuesday, April 9
Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Pkwy

Apple Valley | Tuesday, April 16
Apple Valley Municipal Center
7100 West 147th Street

Eagan | Monday, April 29
Eagan Civic Arena
3870 Pilot Knob Road

Minnesota Zoo | Tuesday, June 4
Main (South) Entrance
13000 Zoo Blvd, Apple Valley

Rosemount | Thursday, June 27
Steeple Center
14375 S. Robert Trail



To register contact **Dakota County SWCD** at **651-480-7777** or register online at www.dakotaswcd.org/CleanWater_Form.html



PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

To register for any of these programs
or for more information, visit
www.invergroveheights.org/register

ATTENTION!

**Lap Pool/Dive Well will be closed
February 27 (8:30 p.m.)-April 5
for maintenance.**

Spring Break at the Community Center March 25-29

During Spring Break we will be providing open swim in our indoor Water Park, Open Skate in our arenas, Open Gym in our Gymnasium and some special activities planned just for this week off!

Follow us on Facebook (@IGHParks) and visit our website for hours, fees and specifics on activities:

www.invergroveheights.org/communitycenter

Make it a break to remember!

SPECIAL EVENTS



Egg Hunts (All events are FREE — held rain or shine!)

You **MUST** pre-register for these events:

www.invergroveheights.org/register

Egg Hunt (ages 3-10; accompanied by an adult)

Sat., April 13 | 1 p.m.; 1:10 p.m.; 1:20 p.m.

Hop on over to **Rich Valley Athletic Complex** and join us for some egg-citing fun. Kids will enjoy scrambling all over to collect their eggs.

Aqua Egg Hunt

Sun., April 7 | 10-11 a.m.; 11 a.m.-Noon

Swim and dive for eggs and then trade them in at the end of your hunt for an awesome goody bag! We will have two waves of hunts. Limited to 50 swimmers per wave.

Location: VMCC

Flashlight Egg Hunt (ages 10-13; accompanied by an adult)

Sat., April 13 | 8:30 p.m.

Join us at **Rich Valley Athletic Complex** for an exciting twist to an old tradition! This adventure takes place at night and you only have your flashlight to guide you.

Kids R.O.C.K. Open House Wednesday, March 6 | 6 p.m.

Summer Program for Kids ages 5-12: June 10-Aug. 23

Presentation to learn more about this program. Held at the Veterans Memorial Community Center

- Get your questions answered
- See the facility
- Drop off enrollment forms

Saturday Savings! Summer Program Registration Kickoff

Sat., March 9 | All day

We're kicking off summer in a big way! Register online for summer youth programs and you'll be entered in a drawing to win one of two \$50 gift cards to be used with Parks & Rec programs.

www.invergroveheights.org/register

YOUTH SPORTS & LEAGUES



There may still be snow on the ground, but we are gearing up for summer and that means sports and leagues! Although most sports and leagues don't begin until late Spring, registration deadlines are fast approaching in March and April. Don't miss out on these fun leagues which teach the fundamentals in different sports and provide a positive team environment. We have leagues for all ages from preschool to 12th grade.

And these sports and leagues aren't possible without Volunteer Coaches. Call **651-450-2585** to learn more about how to get involved!

Visit our website for details on dates, fees and to register: www.invergroveheights.org/recreation. You can also learn more about Youth Sports Training we offer through our Fitness Center.

- Boy's Baseball Leagues
- Girl's Softball Leagues
- Track Leagues
- Lacrosse Leagues
- PeeWee Soccer
- Lil Sluggers
- Soccer Shots
- Karate
- Tennis
- Archery
- Learn to Skate

 <https://www.facebook.com/IGHParks/>

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HEALTHY LIVING FAIR

Formerly the Active Aging Fair

Wednesday, April 24 • 9 a.m.-Noon
Veterans Memorial Community Center

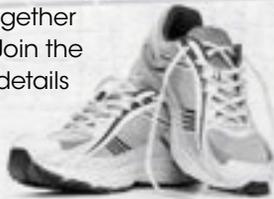
Guest speakers and vendor booths with information on adult health, wellness, housing, transition, financial planning, and more!



New Summer Walking Group: Walkie Talkies Organizational Meeting

Tue., April 16 | 10 a.m. | VMCC Comm. Rm. 2

IGH Parks & Rec would like to start a walking group this summer where fellow walkers join together and visit local parks while walking! Join the discussion to help us figure out the details and get those walking shoes ready for warm weather!



Specialty Fitness Classes: Spring Session

Begin May 1

Spice up your workout routine with one of our specialty classes, designed to challenge and invigorate! Choose from introductory classes like Mind Body Makeover, Back to Balance and QiGong for Beginners to high impact like Boxing Camp, Core Performance and TRX Bell. A list of all classes, descriptions, fees and schedules can be found at www.invergroveheights.org/fitness-specialtyclasses.

Park Shelter 2019 Rentals Now Available!

Our many parks offer a great place for a perfect picnic, family get together and other outdoor celebrations.

Visit our website for more info. on facilities, amenities and how to reserve your picnic perfect park shelter today!

www.invergroveheights.org/park-shelter-rentals



INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
THE 2019 GOLF SEASON

Premium Golf Course, Everyday Low Rates

Monday thru Thursday

Friday Morning

Saturday and Sunday After Noon

	WALK	RIDE
18 Holes	\$35	\$55
9 Holes	\$19.50	\$32.50
Sr. 18 Holes	\$25	\$40
Sr. 9 Holes	\$14	\$25
Executive	\$15.50	\$23
Sr./Jr. Executive	\$11	\$18

Friday Noon-5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Until Noon

	WALK	RIDE
18 Holes	\$43	\$63
9 Holes	\$29	\$42
Sr. 18 Holes	\$32.50	\$47.50
Sr. 9 Holes	\$20	\$31
Executive	\$18.50	\$26
Sr. Executive	\$11.50	\$18.50

Evenings – After 5 p.m.

	WALK	RIDE
Twilight	\$27	\$42.50
9 Holes	\$19.50	\$32.50
Sr. Twilight	\$18	\$30
Sr. 9 Holes	\$14	\$25
Executive	\$15.50	\$23
Sr. Executive	\$11	\$18

FootGolf – Noon-5 p.m. Daily

Adult	\$12 Walk
Youth	\$10 Walk
Ball Rental	\$3

Our website, www.inverwood.org, provides a convenient way for you to find information and register for a variety of golf programs and leagues for the 2019 season. Sign-up for a group lesson, participate in our free clinics, enroll your child in our junior programs, or purchase this year's Season Pass or Player's Card. You'll also find complete information about the golf courses with a video tour of the facility, hole-by-hole descriptions of our course, and video golf lessons.

Book your tee time on-line at www.inverwood.org, or call our Reservation Line at our new number – 651-450-4320.

Escape Planning

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- TIP** Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- TIP** Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- TIP** Have an outside meeting place (like a neighbor's house, tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- TIP** Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- TIP** Practice using different ways out.
- TIP** Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- TIP** Close doors behind you as you leave. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS

- »» If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- »» If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out.
- »» Call the fire department from outside your home.

Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

Inver Grove Heights Community Recycling Collections

Last November, on America Recycles Day we kicked off two community collection events. With your help, our community has exceeded both collection goals! We collected over 800 pounds of holiday lights and 500 pounds of plastic bags.

Plastic Bags and Plastic Film

Plastic bags can be recycled but not in your home recycling cart. Instead, drop off your plastic bags inside the Community Center (8055 Barbara Ave.) or City Hall (8150 Barbara Ave.) until May 15. Trex will use your bags to make their composite wood, made from a blend of 95 percent recycled wood and plastic film. Our community will be rewarded with a composite wood bench from Trex for collecting more than 500 pounds of plastic bags and plastic film so far!



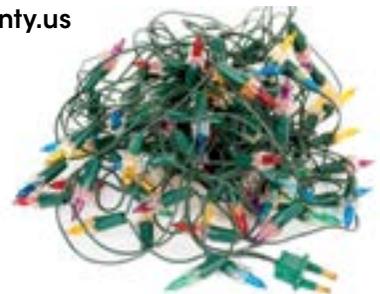
ACCEPTED ITEMS: All items must be clean, dry, and completely free of food residue.

- **Plastic Bags:** Grocery bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, Ziploc™ and other resealable bags, produce bags, salt bags and cereal bags
- **Plastic Film:** Bubble wrap and case overwrap (ex: stretchy plastic around case of paper towels)

Holiday Lights

Our holiday lights collection has ended but you can continue to recycle holiday lights for free at the Recycling Zone (3365 Dodd Road, Eagan). For information on accepted items and hours of operation, please visit www.dakotacounty.us and search Recycling Zone.

Partially funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Dakota County.



Volunteer to Serve on a City Commission

If you are looking to become more active in your city becoming a commissioner is a great way to get involved. As a commissioner you will apply your knowledge of the community and expertise in specific areas to help advise the City Council and City staff on projects, programs, budgets, city code and more.

The City has several commissions and committees: Environmental, Housing, Parks and Recreation, and Planning. Commissions and committees meet at a variety of different times once per month or twice a month for the Planning Commission.

- Applications are now being accepted. Deadline to apply is May 10 at 4:30 p.m.
- The City Council interviews candidates on May 20, at 5 p.m.
- The City Council selects and appoints commission members at 7 p.m.

 Learn more, or complete an application, by visiting <http://www.invergroveheights.org/643/Commissioner-Application>

SAVE THE DATE! Commission Appreciation Dinner

The annual Commission Appreciation Dinner will be held on **Thursday, April 18, at 6 p.m.** at the Veterans Memorial Community Center in Community Room #3. Invitations will be mailed to current commission members in early March. For more information, please contact Carrie Isaacson at **651-450-2510** or cisaacson@invergroveheights.org.



MONTHLY MEETINGS | March/April 2019

CITY COUNCIL

DAY AND DATE	MEETING	TIME	PLACE
Monday, Mar. 4, 2019	Work Session	6:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, Mar. 11, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, Mar. 25, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, Apr. 1, 2019	Work Session	6:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, Apr. 8, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, Apr 22, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall

CITY COMMISSIONS

DAY AND DATE	MEETING	TIME	PLACE
Thursday, Mar. 28, 2019	Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Thursday, Apr. 25, 2019	Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 26, 2019	Housing Committee	5:00 PM	City Hall
Wednesday, Mar. 13, 2019	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Wednesday, Apr. 10, 2019	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 5, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 19, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, Apr. 2, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, Apr. 16, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall

OTHER

DAY AND DATE	MEETING	TIME	PLACE
Thursday, Mar. 28, 2019	Convention & Visitor's Bureau	9:30 AM	Chamber of Commerce



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WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any comments, give us a call at 651-450-2500.

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Inver Grove Heights Food Truck Day!

We are excited to announce the City of Inver Grove Heights will be hosting three 2019 Food Truck Day events. IGH Food Truck Days will be held the second Wednesday of the month from June through August in the Community Center Parking Lot (8055 Barbara Ave).

Are you a food vendor looking to participate in an IGH Food Truck Day event? For vendor information and event updates, please visit www.invergroveheights.org/foodtruckdays.

CITY JOINS RESIDENTS ON NEXTDOOR

The City of Inver Grove Heights has joined the popular neighborhood social network, Nextdoor, providing residents another way to be informed about the community and engage with the City. With Nextdoor, the City can post updates or news bulletins for Inver Grove Heights neighborhoods.



Nextdoor is a free and private social network that allows residents in neighborhoods to communicate with one another. Inver Grove Heights already has more than 3,000 residents in 50 neighborhoods using the Nextdoor network, which requires people to verify their address before joining a specific network. The City has access to those neighborhoods, but only to post relevant messages or alerts. The City cannot see any of the neighborhood's content.

Nextdoor is another addition to the digital communication tools the City is using, including the City website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Residents can visit www.nextdoor.com to register and set up an account.