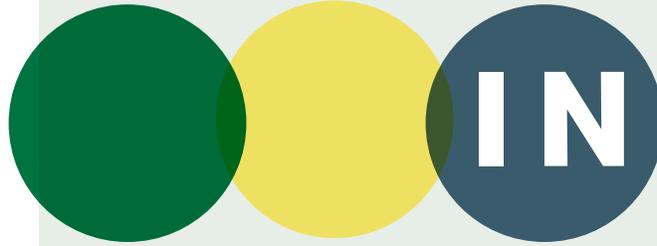




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CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS INSIGHTS

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



Highway 110 Changes Name in 2018

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has decided to change the name of Highway 110 to Highway 62 effective summer 2018. The reason for this change is to provide clarity to motorists by having one route and one number on this east/west road. MnDOT has received numerous complaints from motorists not knowing which road they are on in this area, specifically on Highway 55 between Highway 62 and Highway 110 near the Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) airport. This change will also allow all exits along this corridor to have a consistent numbering convention to ease driver confusion. For more information about this change, please visit: mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy110renamingtohwy62/.



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HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

Through the month of January, the City of Inver Grove Heights will be collecting holiday lights to recycle. So far, we have collected several bags! Continue to drop off your holiday lights and electric cords at the Veterans Memorial Community Center (8055 Barbara Ave.) to prevent them from entering the landfill. With help from ProAct Inc., every bulb of the light strand is dismantled by vocational center clients and then properly recycled in Minnesota keeping valuable materials out of our trash.

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

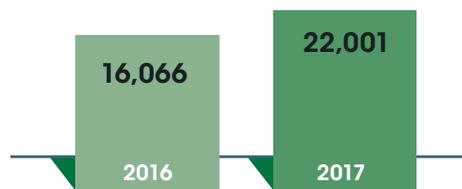




Police Department: Transition to 12-Hour Shifts

For any police department the patrol division can be an effective tool in reducing and/or deterring criminal activity in the community. For 2017, the Inver Grove Heights police department transitioned to 12-hour shifts for our patrol division. With the implementation of the 12-hour shift, each shift is working with more personnel by approximately 40% and adding 2-4 officers per shift depending on the current staffing numbers. This increase of officers has been matched by an increase in our calls for service. A review of our calls for service for the time period of January 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 compared to the same time frame for 2016 shows a significant increase.

Calls for Service



Calls for Service Increased 27%

Although the officers are busy handling calls, the additional personnel have helped with an increase in our proactive policing. A review of our proactive policing for the time period of January 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 compared to the same time frame for 2016 shows a significant increase in our traffic stops and DWI arrests.

Traffic Stops



Traffic Stops Increased by 53%

DWI Arrests

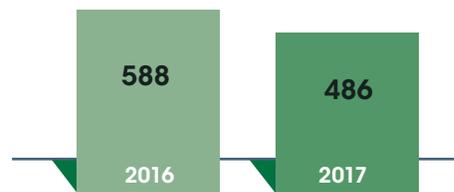


DWI Arrests Increased by 62%

As a benefit to quality of service we provide to our community, the 12-hour shift has increased our visibility in the community. The increased visibility assists in deterring crime, as those who want to commit crimes will do less when there are more officers present.

A review of our crime reporting for the time period of January 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 compared to the same time frame for 2016 shows a decrease in Part-1 crimes, such as sexual assaults, aggravated assaults, burglaries and thefts.

Part-1 Crimes



Part-1 Crimes Decreased by 21%

With the increased personnel, we also have been able to work on our partnerships with the community by attending community gatherings, providing community presentations to local businesses and retirement communities, as well as increasing our training with Independent School District 199.



Fire Department: New Service Model and Additional Fire Station



New Service Model

Last year, the Inver Grove Heights (IGH) Fire Department switched from a paged-out fire department service model to a 3-person Duty Crew service model. This new Duty Crew (DC) model still utilizes our volunteer paid-on-call (POC) firefighters; however, we now have a more consistent round-the-clock emergency response. There are three (3) POC firefighters staffing our Clayton Avenue fire station 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This provides the same coverage as a full-time firefighting force, but costs the IGH residents significantly less.

In the past, firefighters' pagers were going off over 1,000 times a year, which meant a lot of interruptions into their personal time. IGH Firefighters (FF) now sign up for short shifts that better accommodate their outside careers and family events.

Besides the obvious advantage of knowing there are trained firefighters in the station at all times, there are many other advantages to this new service model. With FF now in a station, call response times are significantly reduced. Nationally, recruitment and retention of volunteer and paid-on-call FF is at an all-time low because of the training and call time requirements. Our new DC model allows firefighters to do some required training on shift and also reduces the number of times their pagers go off. With the City growing, the fire department can now respond to an increasing number of calls without adding personnel.

This new Duty Crew (DC) model still utilizes our volunteer paid-on-call (POC) firefighters; however, we now have a more consistent round-the-clock emergency response.

So far, the DC model has been a success. Although it is not a long-term permanent solution to the ever dwindling number of volunteer and POC firefighters, it has helped improve our operation and saves the City money since they do not presently have to hire full-time staff to respond to emergencies.

Additional Fire Station

In 2010, a third party consultant was hired to review the fire department operations and re-examine the need for and determine the proper location for an additional fire station. The need for a station to cover southern IGH had been identified more than two decades ago. The 2010 report reinforced this need and also took into account the growth of the northwest part of the city, as well as the changing volunteer service model from paged out to a staffed model. The report identified the area along Courthouse Blvd Court between Barnes Avenue and Concord as the best location for the new fire station. After approaching several land owners in that area, the City found one landowner willing to sell and negotiated the purchase of that land. Because the land parcel is larger than what is needed for the fire station, it will be split and over half will eventually be sold off.

This specific parcel provides a somewhat central location in the city, allowing for improved emergency response times and insurance rates to businesses and residents in the southern part of the city, but will also provide additional resources for calls to the developing northwest area. The new station will also have training props built into the design for little or no cost and the site itself will allow for additional emergency training. Having training on site will allow IGH firefighters to stay in the city for that training versus traveling to other communities for those training opportunities. The Duty Crew will also be housed at this new station, allowing for 24 hour staffed response out of this more central location. Construction hopes to begin mid-April 2018, with a completion time of approximately 12 months.

PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES



Daddy/Daughter Date Night (Ages 4-12 with an/adult)

Special memories await dad and daughters at this unforgettable event. Join us for an evening of music, dinner, dancing, selfie booth, refreshments and special activities. Don't miss this great opportunity to connect with your daughter and make lasting memories.

**Friday, February 9
6-8 p.m.**

**Fee: \$42 per parent/child pair &
\$21 each additional child**

**Register by Wednesday, January 31
Veterans Memorial Community Center**



Arts and Crafts Fair Visits the VMCC

If you enjoy arts and crafts you must attend this free fair. Enjoy various displays from local vendors. You can get ideas or purchase gifts for friends and family. Admission is free and open to the public. If you are an interested vendor that would like to become involved with this fair, please call Jessica Anderson at **651-450-2469** or email **janderson@invergroveheights.org**.

**Saturday, February 24
9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Veterans Memorial Community Center

Youth Baseball & Softball Leagues — NEW Registration Deadline!

Sign up for spring/summer baseball and softball. T-ball and baseball leagues available for ages 4-11 and girl's softball for grades 5-12.

Register by Friday, February 23

Note: Watch for U6 & U8 Little Spartans softball deadlines in March.



Adult Dance Lessons (Ages 16 & Up)

Learn ballroom/Latin and wedding dances! Taught by Dance & Entertainment Owner, Tricia Wood. Classes take place at Veterans Memorial Community Center.

Fridays, March 2-30 (skip March 9)

Ballroom & Latin Dance: 6:30 p.m.

Wedding Dance: 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$60 per person

Register by Friday, February 23

Winter Youth Tennis Lessons (Ages 3 & Up)

Participants will learn basic tennis techniques through instruction, fun drills and games along with playing time. Enjoy this fun, easy class with your child or sign your child up to play with peers.

Saturdays, January 27 - February 17

Parent & Child (Ages 3-4): 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Fee: \$40

Parent & Child (ages 5-6): 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fee: \$42

Youth Only (Ages 7 & Up): 12-1 p.m.

Fee: \$45

Veterans Memorial Community Center



For any programs or events that require registration, please register online at www.invergroveheights.org/register

Youth Archery (Grades 2-8)

Fencing is one of the fastest growing sports in the USA! Olympic coach Ro Sabalvarro brings with him an immense knowledge of youth, national and international fencing. New students get introduced to the sport while returning students continue their study. Safety swords, protective masks, chest plates and jackets are included.

Saturdays, February 3 - March 17 (skip February 24)
1-2 p.m.

Fee: \$87

Register by Friday, January 26
Veterans Memorial Community Center,
National Guard Gymnasium

Lunch & Learn Series or Thursday Dates to Educate

Session 2: Learn about physical health and well-being including medication management, falls prevention, stroke prevention and exercise, hydration and eating.

Tuesdays, February 6-27: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
(includes lunch)

Thursdays, February 8 - March 1: 6:30-8 p.m.
(includes dinner)

Session 3: Learn about social and emotional wellness including care giver balance and responsibilities, dynamics of supporting adult children and grandchildren, loneliness and isolation and healthy relationships.

Tuesdays, March 6-27: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
(includes lunch)

Thursdays, March 8-29: 6:30-8 p.m.
(includes dinner)

Fee: \$39 per session

Register one week prior to start date
Veterans Memorial Community Center

Countdown to Kick-off

We are in the final countdown for the event that everyone has been talking about! As the big game draws near, the tourism and hospitality community is excited to welcome visitors from across the globe to experience all the fun Minnesota has to offer. Hosting the Super Bowl gives our state the opportunity to take center stage with thousands of media members covering all aspects of the event, and provides a huge economic impact to the region.



Super Bowl LII activities kick off in late January with many traditional Twin Cities winter events coordinating their schedules to coincide with the festivities leading up to the big game. While tickets to the game itself will be difficult to come by, there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone, visitors and residents alike, to experience some of the action. Here is a sample of events to check out:

- **Saint Paul Winter Carnival:** Most events are free, open to the public and will take place in downtown Saint Paul, near Rice Park as well as at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.
January 25 - February 10 | www.wintercarnival.com
- **U.S. Pond Hockey Championship:** Admission is free for spectators and all rinks are located on Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis.
January 25-28 | www.uspondhockey.com
- **City of Lakes Loppet Ski Festival:** The event is free for spectators with viewing areas in multiple Minneapolis locations.
January 27 - February 4 | www.loppet.org
- **Super Bowl Live:** A 10-day fan festival, free and open to the public on Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis. There will be concerts, national broadcast activities, food and fun.
January 26 - February 4 | www.mnsuperbowl.com
- **Super Bowl Experience:** There will be the opportunity to experience NFL in virtual reality, photos with the Vince Lombardi Trophy, NFL player autograph sessions, youth football clinics and more! Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com |
January 27 - February 3
- **The Night Before show:** Dave Matthews will perform at Xcel Energy Center in a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience on the eve of the big game.
February 3 | www.xcelenergycenter.com

For more detailed event information, visit:
www.mnsuperbowl.com



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HEATING SAFETY

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), “half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.” Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.



BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.

- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

HEATING EQUIPMENT SMARTS

- Install wood-burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.
- Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

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 nearly 300 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 ten workshops (*see next page*). **Each one runs from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



MONTHLY MEETINGS

January/February 2018

CITY COUNCIL

Day and Date	Meeting	Time	Place
Tuesday, January 2, 2018	Study Session	6:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, January 8, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Discussion with Planning Advisory Committee	6:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, January 8, 2018	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, January 22, 2018	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, February 5, 2018	Study Session	6:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, February 12, 2018	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, February 26, 2018	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall

CITY COMMISSIONS

Day and Date	Meeting	Time	Place
Monday, February 12, 2018	Economic Development Authority	5:00 PM	City Hall
Thursday, January 25, 2018	Environmental Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	City Hall
Thursday, February 22, 2018	Environmental Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	Housing Committee	5:00 PM	City Hall
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Wednesday, February 14, 2018	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, January 2, 2018	Planning Advisory Commission - Tentative**	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, January 16, 2018	Planning Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	Planning Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, February 20, 2018	Planning Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall

OTHER

Day and Date	Meeting	Time	Place
Thursday, January 25, 2018	Convention & Visitor's Bureau	9:30 AM	Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, February 22, 2018	Convention & Visitor's Bureau	9:30 AM	Chamber of Commerce

**Regularly scheduled meeting that may be cancelled due to the holiday.

Apple Valley | Wednesday, February 28

Apple Valley Municipal Center
7100 West 147th Street

Burnsville | Monday, March 5

Diamondhead Ed. Center, Savage Rm.
200 W. Burnsville Pkwy

Farmington | Tuesday, March 27

Dakota County Extension and Conservation Ctr.
4100 220th Street West

Inver Grove Heights | Wednesday, April 4

Veterans Memorial Community Center
8055 Barbara Ave.

Lakeville | Monday, April 9

Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Ave.

Burnsville | Tuesday, April 10

Diamondhead Ed. Center, Savage Rm.
200 W. Burnsville Pkwy

Apple Valley | Wednesday, April 11

Apple Valley Municipal Center
7100 West 147th Street

Eagan | Thursday, April 26

Eagan City Hall, Eagan Room
3830 Pilot Knob Rd.

Rosemount | Monday, April 30

Robert Trail Library
14395 South Robert Trail

Farmington | Tuesday, June 5

Farmington Library, 508 3rd Street



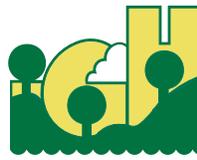
To register contact
Dakota County
SWCD at
651-480-7777 or
register online at
www.dakotaswcd.org.



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INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE - A PREMIER GOLF FACILITY
The 2018 Golf Season

Monday thru Thursday

Friday Morning

Saturday and Sunday After Noon

Table with 3 columns: Category, Walk Price, Ride Price. Rows include 18 Holes, 9 Holes, Senior 18 Holes, Senior 9 Holes, Executive, Senior Executive.

Friday Noon-5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Until Noon

Table with 3 columns: Category, Walk Price, Ride Price. Rows include 18 Holes, 9 Holes, Senior 18 Holes, Senior 9 Holes, Executive, Senior Executive.

Evenings - After 5:00 p.m.

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FootGolf - 12:00-5:00 p.m. Daily

Table with 2 columns: Category, Price. Rows include Adult, Youth, Ball Rental.

Our website provides a convenient way for you to find information and register for a variety of golf programs and leagues for the 2018 season. Purchase gift cards, sign-up for a group lesson, enroll your child in our junior programs, or purchase this year's player's card. You'll also find complete information about our free clinics for women and juniors.

Book your tee time on-line at www.inverwood.org, or call our Reservation Line: (651) 457-3667.

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