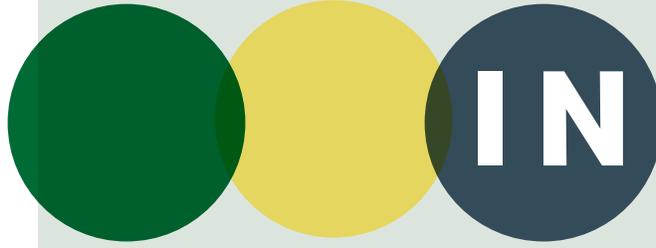




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A bi-monthly newsletter providing important information and upcoming events for the City of Inver Grove Heights' residents.



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GET INVOLVED! 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: Parks and Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission, Planning Commission, and Housing Commission. Commissions 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, starting at 5 p.m.
- The City Council selects and appoints commission members on May 20 at 7 p.m.



Learn more, or complete an application, by visiting

<http://www.invergroveheights.org/643/Commissioner-Application>

COMMUNITY SURVEY UPDATES

The 2019 Community Survey has been completed, as of April 30, 2019.

While the survey was live, staff have been busy responding directly to those who have asked for a follow-up contact, and that process will be complete by May 10, 2019. In the meantime, we are in the process of downloading the results of the survey, sorting the comments, and analyzing all the data received. This process will take approximately six weeks to complete, and the results will be published in the July/August Insights article, as well as revealed at the July 1, 2019 City Council Work Session.

As mentioned in previous articles, the timing of the annual survey has also been changed to meet the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's July 1 deadline. The report will be submitted to the State by July 1, 2019 as required.



Eagan-Inver Grove Heights WMO Library Bags

Have you ever wondered where your water comes from, how to build a rain garden, or ways to protect water resources? These are just some of the questions the Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (WMO) hopes to answer with their new water-themed bags available at the Inver Glen Library.

Beginning in April, the library will have four bags containing materials that cover two different themes: water in the community and water in the home. The materials in each durable canvas bag are intended to reach a large audience from children to seniors. Examples of the materials include fish flash cards and posters, lawn maintenance and garden pamphlets and books, children's books, Bill Nye and winter salting DVD's, instructions for building your own rain gauge, a toilet tank leak testing kit, a map of the watershed, and a key to macroinvertebrate life inhabiting bodies of freshwater. The wide variety of materials makes them ideal

The WMO hopes to educate its communities about water-related issues they face and to foster an interest in conservation and stewardship.

intergenerational learning tools. The bags have something for everyone — from children to grandparents, community organizations, social clubs, families, individuals, and teachers and their classes. The water-themed bags can be checked out by anyone with a Dakota County library card. A total of eight bags can be found at the Inver Glen and Wescott branches of the Dakota County Library System. They will also be available to library cardholders via interlibrary loan.

This library-bag project was undertaken by the board members of the WMO, which consists of five citizens of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights who are appointed by



The Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization's Board: (FRONT) Sharon Lencowski, Vice Chair (Inver Grove Heights); Sarah Saito (Inver Grove Heights). (BACK) Joe Reymann, Chair (Eagan); Monica Foss (Eagan); Jennifer Workman Jesness, Secretary / Treasurer (Eagan).

their respective city councils. The project represents the culmination of over a year of development and planning spearheaded by Jennifer Workman Jesness, the WMO's treasurer and appointee from Eagan, after learning of a similar project created by the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District for the library in Woodbury. By partnering with the Dakota County Libraries in this project, the WMO hopes to educate its communities about water-related issues they face and to foster an interest in conservation and stewardship. The WMO's board members will be hosting an informational table featuring the water bags at the Inver Glen Library on **Saturday, May 11th** from **10:30 a.m. to noon**.



For more information about the Eagan-IGH WMO, you can visit their website at:
www.dakotacountyswcd.org/watersheds/eagan-igh-wmo/index.htm

LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER WMO BOARD OF MANAGERS APPOINTMENT

Interested in improving the water quality of our lakes, rivers and ponds?

The City of Inver Grove Heights is seeking a representative to serve on the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO) Board of Managers – Alternate Position. The Board plays a crucial role in decision making for water and stormwater related issues in the watershed. A background in water resources is not necessary to participate.

The Board of Managers meets monthly (except for January and July) on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. The length of term is three years and is appointed by IGH City Council. Interested residents should contact Kathy Fischer at 651-450-2570. Position is open until filled. First review of applications is Monday, May 20, 2019.



Meet the New Tourism Director for the CVB

My name is Eric Satre, Tourism Director, with the Inver Grove Heights Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). I started at the CVB in January and am excited to serve in this capacity.



Eric Satre

The CVB mission is: **To market and promote Inver Grove Heights to visitors; to maintain and stimulate the community's economic vitality.**

Prior to joining Inver Grove Heights CVB, I spent the previous 11+ years at Visit Saint Paul CVB in downtown St. Paul. I accepted the position as

Tourism Director because I live in the south metro and I see a lot of potential for tourism growth. Our community has a lot to offer, we just have to share our story.

We have resources available to communicate our message. The **VisitIGH.com** website is a great resource for all things Inver Grove Heights. One of the most popular pages is the events listing, which serves as a one-stop-shop from special events at Veterans Memorial Community Center, to IGH Food Truck Days and Inver Grove Heights Days.

Have you liked our Facebook page yet? I'm building up our social media presence, focusing heavily on local

content. One example is showcasing Google 360 views of various points throughout the city.

Another great resource is the CVB visitor guide, which is available in both print and digital format. The visitor guide is a FREE brochure highlighting our hotels, attractions, golf courses, restaurants, and points of interest.

Here's the call to action. Engage in local events and take advantage of options in Inver Grove Heights — restaurants, shopping, attractions, parks and trails, educational events, sporting events, hotels and event facilities (for birthdays, reunions, wedding receptions, corporate meetings, etc.). Keep the CVB in mind for resources too and share your experiences with us on social media **@VisitIGH**.

Inver Grove Heights is a city neighboring the Mississippi River, boasting robust parks and trails, family-friendly activities and events, unique restaurants and quality hotel accommodations at an affordable price. Just minutes from downtown Saint Paul, Mall of America® and Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) International Airport, Inver Grove Heights is *closer than you think!* **www.visitigh.com**



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Inver Grove Heights CVB Website Wins National Award

The Inver Grove Heights Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) website has received a MERIT AWARD in the travel/transportation services category at the 16th Annual Service Industry Advertising Awards.

The Service Industry Advertising Awards (SIAA) recognizes creative and communication excellence in the service industry. In this year's event, over 1,800 entries from over 600 agencies were evaluated by a national panel of judges for execution, creativity, quality and overall breakthrough.

In 2018, Inver Grove Heights CVB selected Lime Valley Advertising to design the website. Tracy Shimek, former Director of the Inver Grove Heights CVB said, "When our organization identified the need for a new website and laid out the goals we hoped to achieve, Lime Valley brought our vision to life in a seamless process. They built a website that is engaging, user-friendly and easy to administer."

Cory Wendt, Lead Web Developer, at Lime Valley Advertising stated, "The website was a challenging but hugely enjoyable project for us. We often refer to it as one of our favorites here at Lime Valley, so we're incredibly excited the SIAA organization agrees!"

Eric Satre, current Inver Grove Heights CVB Director said, "We are honored to be recognized for our website and look forward to building on the momentum. The Visit IGH website is an essential resource for tourism in our city."





PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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

Off-Leash Dog Park Grand Opening Event!

Tuesday, June 11



This spring, Heritage Village Park will open and offer the first off-leash dog park in Inver Grove Heights! Celebrate with us at the Grand Opening, planned for Tue., June 11, 5-7 p.m.

Purchase a Dog Park Pass from Parks & Recreation and bring your pup(s) to the park for the first strut on the new grounds! Follow us on social media and our website for more details about the event and new park!
www.invergroveheights.org/dogpark

Dog Park Amenities

- All Breed Area: 9 acres
- Small Breed Area: 1 acre
- Drinking Fountain
- Separate Gate entrances for each area
- Parking Lot

Update: Dog-related Ordinances

The City Council recently approved updates to ordinances related to dogs. The ordinance changes will take effect on Wed., May 1, 2019:

- Dogs can be off-leash on the owners property or in the owners vehicle, or at Heritage Village Park
- Dogs must be on a leash of 16' or less when they leave the owners property, are within a city park or on a public trail or sidewalk
- Dogs will no longer need to be licensed, but will need to have vaccinations kept up to date, anyone found to have a dog that isn't vaccinated or the vaccination has expired will be subject to a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000

More information can be found on the city's website.

St. Paul Farmers Market

Sundays, June 16-Oct. 13 | 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Shop for fresh and locally grown fruits, vegetables, seasoning, salsa, honey, flowers and more at the Saint Paul Farmers Market! Veterans Memorial Community Center, parking lot (8055 Barbara Ave. E.).



Huck Finn Fishing Derby (all ages)

Saturday, June 8 | 9:30-11 a.m.
Simley Island Park

Set the hook into some fishing fun with our Huck Finn Fishing Derby. We'll have fishing contests for the largest fish, smallest fish and most fish caught! Prizes are awarded for tournament winners and each

participant receives a fishing goodie bag. **Register early, space is limited!**

Register by Friday, May 31



Lawn of the Week! June through August

Get your mower and green thumb ready - this summer our "Lawn of the Week" program is back! City staff will be identifying outstanding yards of Inver Grove Heights residents whose lawn exemplify creativity, neatness and beauty. As staff finds a "winner", a sign will be placed in their front yard for one week to proclaim their lawn as the "Inver Grove Heights Lawn of the Week." Recipients will receive a certificate of achievement and a prize.

The City will consider "nominations" and make the final decision on the Lawn of the Week awards. If you have a lawn you would like to suggest, please send an email to Jen Graham at jgraham@invergroveheights.org.

Terrific Tuesdays

Come celebrate with us on these free, fun, family days with different featured activities! Call the weather line at **651-450-2595** to check status of event due to inclement weather.

June 18: Sticks & Tones @ 10:30 a.m. at South Valley Park

June 25, July 23 and Aug. 6: Storytime in the Park @ 10:30 a.m. at South Valley Park

July 9: Brian Richards Magic @ 1:30 p.m. at VMCC

July 16: Jolly Pops @ 10:30 a.m. at South Valley Park

July 30: Penny Carnival @ 4:30 p.m. at VMCC

Aug. 13: Alpha Bits @ 10:30 a.m. at South Valley Park

Aug. 20: Happy Tails Petting Zoo @ 5 p.m. at South Valley Park

Free! Hike It! National Trails Day

Saturday, June 1 | 10 a.m.

Spend the morning walking beautiful, single-track, unpaved trails at Salem Hills Park, 1642 Upper 55th St. E. Enjoy a free gift and snack! **Please note:** Strollers and dogs are not permitted. Hike is not recommended for ages 4 and younger.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required, by Wednesday, May 29.

Random Acts of Fitness

We're coming to a neighborhood near you! Watch out for our super-summer special agents as we "bust" families, friends and neighbors of all ages for their efforts to get outside and be active and healthy. We'll reward those showing a healthy lifestyle...playing catch, riding a bike, walking the dog, mowing the lawn...with a gift bag of swag and our G.O. (Get Outdoors) t-shirts. We'll be looking for our "cardio criminals" from June-September and will be posting your Random Acts of Fitness on our social media pages.

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

 <https://www.instagram.com/ighparksrec/>

 @IGHParks: <https://twitter.com/ighparks>



Summer Camp Central

Check out all our cool summer camps! Kids R.O.C.K. Summer Camp, sports camps including volleyball, lacrosse, baseball, football and basketball, horse camp, Mad Science camp, half-pint safety camp, musical theater camp, skateboarding camp, Fortnite camp, glitter and slime camp, and even Log Rolling Club!

Dates and fees online:

www.invergroveheights.org/summercamps

Have a child or teen age 10-14? Check out our Summer Teen CSI Fitness Program. **Free/members or summer membership; \$69/Non-member.**

Karate (ages 5-18)

Self-defense plus FUN — now that's a winning combination! Our program has classes for students from beginning through advanced levels ages 5-18. The style of karate taught is Shorin-Ryu. **Classes begin in June and last through August. \$44-\$52**

More info and other youth sports:

www.invergroveheights.org/youthsports

Adult Tennis Lessons (ages 18 and older)

Find yourself in the game! Have fun, stay in shape and meet new friends while playing the lifetime sport of tennis! All classes taught by USTA-trained instructors at Oakwood Park, 3534 78th Street E. Lessons available for beginners and advanced beginners. **Evening classes available in June and July. \$55-\$67**

Beginner: Classes are for those who have little or no tennis experience. Learn the basic strokes and begin to rally. All participants will be given a new HEAD tennis racquet.

Advanced Beginner: Classes are for those who know the basic strokes and are working further on ball tracking, movement and consistency. Players are ready for introductory social match play.

More info and other adult programs:

www.invergroveheights.org/recreation



INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE

The 2019 Golf Season

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, buy a gift card, or purchase this year's 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 today! (651-450-4320)**

Projects

- The entire Golf Car Fleet is new. The new Yamaha Quietech Golf Cars come equipped with windshields and USB charging ports. Whether its for charging your phone, or maybe your GPS distance device this should be a useful accessory.
- Along with the new golf cars came the ability to be on the New YamaTrack App. Download it to your smartphone and it has the ability to give you distances, flyover of the hole, and other helpful information.
- The Inver Wood Maintenance Team has added new rollers to their agronomic program. The rollers will provide for a more consistent and healthy putting surface.

Make sure you are following us on Facebook, and Twitter for the latest pictures and updates of happenings at Inver Wood Golf Course. If you haven't already make sure to add yourself to our email database. This will ensure you receive our monthly newsletters and specials.

Did You Know?

Inver Wood was the first course in the state to institute the Youth On Course Program. Any junior golfer under the age of 18 can register with www.youthoncourse.org and play our Executive course 7 days a week after 11 a.m. For more information, visit www.youthoncourse.org or please call the Golf Shop at 651-450-4320.

Smoking & Home Fire Safety

- TIP** If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- TIP** If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- TIP** Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

PUT IT OUT

- » Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- » Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- » Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

SMOKING AND MEDICAL OXYGEN

- » Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

- » Fires have occurred while e-cigarettes were being used, the battery was being charged, or the device was being transported. Battery failures have led to small explosions.
- » Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended. E-cigarettes should be used with caution.

Notice of Annual Meeting to Review Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

Did you know the City of Inver Grove Heights has over 1,000 storm water features, 141 miles of storm pipe and 5,100 catch basins? Did you or your neighbors experience storm water challenges during the recent historic spring thaw? We meet annually to discuss our City's storm water system and encourage residents to participate in the discussion and learn more. This year, we are excited to offer the option to attend in-person or watch the presentation Live online from our Facebook page.

The City will be holding the **Annual Storm Water Public Meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8**, in Community Room 1 at the Veterans Memorial Community Center (VMCC), 8055 Barbara Avenue East. The City will review the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and provide an opportunity for residents to learn about best management practices and provide input on storm water issues as they pertain to the City's SWPPP. The SWPPP is a document required by the State and Federal government that outlines how the City will work towards reducing pollution in storm water runoff.

Can't make it in-person? We will also offer the option to view the presentation Live on Facebook. Watch for details closer to the meeting date on our website at www.invergroveheights.org and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cityofinvergroveheights).

Attendance from City residents is strongly encouraged, as the City seeks your input into the SWPPP. For those residents who are interested in these issues, but are unable to participate in the public meeting or watch the presentation online, please feel free to contact Thomas Kaldunski, City Engineer, at **651-450-2572** or via email at tkaldunski@invergroveheights.org by May 7, 2018.



When Your Stuff Doesn't Spark Joy!

Have you been inspired to purge your stuff by watching shows like Tidying Up with Marie Kondo? Instead of throwing away books and clothes that don't spark joy, get rid of them in a way that is good for the environment — donate, sell, borrow, repair and recycle.

DONATE. Drop-off unwanted clothes, jewelry and furniture at secondhand stores or have them picked up from home. Check out the Reuse in Dakota County Guide at www.dakotacounty.us, search donate.

SELL. Use Craigslist, NextDoor or Facebook Marketplace to sell your excess goods. For added safety, use the Safe Swap at the IGH Public Safety Building as a meeting spot. For details, visit www.invergroveheights.org and search safe swap.

BORROW. The next time you feel you need a new kitchen gadget, book or tool see if you can borrow it. Use an app like NextDoor to borrow from neighbors for free.

REPAIR. Get your broken items fixed so they will be useful again. Attend a Fix-It Clinics for free repair help. For details, visit www.dakotacounty.us and search fix-it clinics.

PLASTIC BAGS. Our 6-month plastic bag collection challenge ends May 15, 2019. Trex Inc. will award the City with a community bench for collecting over 900 lbs of bags! Plastic bags can be recycled but not in your home recycling cart. Instead, visit www.invergroveheights.org/collectionevents for year-round drop-off locations.

GET RID OF. To learn how to properly dispose of any unwanted item, search the *Green Guide* at www.invergroveheights.org/greenguide.

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS | May/June 2019

CITY COUNCIL

DAY AND DATE	MEETING	TIME	PLACE
Monday, May 6, 2019	Work Session	6:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, May 13, 2019	Economic Development Authority	5:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, May 13, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, May 20, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, June 3, 2019	Work Session	6:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, June 10, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall
Monday, June 24, 2019	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	City Hall

CITY COMMISSIONS

DAY AND DATE	MEETING	TIME	PLACE
Thursday, May 23, 2019	Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Thursday, June 27, 2019	Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, May 28, 2019	Housing Committee	5:00 PM	City Hall
Wednesday, May 8, 2019	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, May 7, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, May 21, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, June 4, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	City Hall

OTHER

DAY AND DATE	MEETING	TIME	PLACE
Thursday, May 23, 2019	Convention & Visitor's Bureau	9:30 AM	Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, June 27, 2019	Convention & Visitor's Bureau	9:30 AM	Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, May 8, 2019	Lower Mississippi River WMO	3:00 PM	Heartland Credit Union - IGH
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	Lower Mississippi River WMO	3:00 PM	Villa del Sol - St. Paul
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	Eagan-IGH WMO	5:30 PM	Eagan Maint. Facility



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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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Kara Perry	651-450-2506
Brenda Dietrich	651-450-2503

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Joe Lynch 651-450-2511

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

IGH FOOD TRUCK DAYS



STOP BY TO PURCHASE LUNCH,
DINNER OR SWEET TREATS
FROM A VARIETY OF FOOD
VENDORS!

2ND WEDNESDAY OF JUNE - AUGUST

**VMCC PARKING LOT
8055 BARBARA AVE.**

JUNE 12 | 11AM - 2PM
JULY 10 | 4:30PM - 7PM
AUGUST 14 | 4:30PM - 7PM

To find more information and vendor applications, please visit www.invergroveheights.org/foodtruckdays

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

IGH SPRING SHRED EVENT



A professional shredding company will shred your confidential documents in an onsite shredding truck. To find a list of what to shred and more information about the shredding process, please visit www.invergroveheights.org/collectionevents.

**SAT. MAY 18 | 9AM - NOON
CITY HALL PARKING LOT
8150 BARBARA AVE.**

STOP BY TO SHRED AND RECYCLE
CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL FOR
FREE!