



# Insights

SUMMER 2021



## Police Department Hosts First Open House Event During National Police Week



### A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF CHIODO:

"Thank you to everyone who attended our first Police Open House event during 2021 National Police Week. It was wonderful to see Officers, Civilians, Cadets, Reserves, Explorers, and Community Members together, engaging with each other and having a good time. We handed out over 400 hotdogs, countless root beer floats, and lots of IGH PD swag. I appreciate the emails from those community members who attended the event, expressing their gratitude, and the local businesses that donated to the event and dropped off lunches/snacks at the Police Department during that week. It is an honor to serve and protect the Community of Inver Grove Heights. **THANK YOU!**"

You can stay up-to-date on events and information by following IGH PD on Facebook: [@IGHPDMMN](https://www.facebook.com/IGHPDMMN)

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## Close the Door to Crime

We at IGH PD have noticed an increase in the number of residents leaving garage doors open during nighttime hours. Leaving your garage door open leaves your valuables available to potential thieves. It only takes seconds to grab valuables out of a garage without ever being detected and requires very little effort on the part of criminals. When an Inver Grove Heights Patrol Officer notices your garage door is open and is unattended, we may knock on the door of your residence to notify you for security reasons. If we do not get an answer, we may leave a yellow "Crime Prevention" Post-it notice. Opportunistic criminal activity occurs often during late night or early morning hours. While we do not like to disturb people, we may, to prevent potential theft from happening.

### How can you help?

If you notice your neighbor's garage door open, please be a good neighbor and remind them of the importance of keeping their garage doors closed. Neighbors looking out for one another is the single most effective crime prevention. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call 911.



## DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

This community event, held on April 24, 2021, was a huge success. The Inver Grove Heights Police Department collected a total of 303 pounds, 46 ounces of prescription drugs during this event.



## ACCESSIBLE MEDICATION DROP-OFF

In partnership with Dakota County, the Inver Grove Heights Police Department offers the public a place to dispose of prescription drugs safely and anonymously.

The drop box is clearly marked and located just outside the Police Department office door inside City Hall at 8150 Barbara Avenue on the westside of the building. The drop box is accessible during Police Department business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The City of Inver Grove Heights was proud to partner with the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota National Guard to provide a central COVID-19 testing location for our community and area businesses at the Veterans Memorial Community Center. Incident Commander Jim Losinski—an Inver Grove Heights resident—gave clear direction, and by all accounts the service and care provided at the site was impeccable. Thank you, Jim, and thank you to the nurses, guardsmen, staff and volunteers who were on the front lines of curbing COVID-19. We were proud to assist in the pandemic response, and we are very excited to reopen the gymnasium and get back to being a gathering place for our residents and members!



## GIS CORNER

### GIS PARTNERS WITH COMMUNICATIONS TO PRODUCE NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEB CONTENT

With the launch of the new Economic Development pages on the city website ([www.ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment](http://www.ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment)) GIS has been creating numerous maps and informational graphics for citizens and visitors to learn what Inver Grove Heights has to offer and has planned for the future.

The maps featured in the new Economic Development section include:

- **CURRENT DEVELOPMENT MAP**—shows current and recently completed commercial, residential, and public projects throughout the city. Each project will be highlighted with a photo and description. Information about plans for future projects will also be included to help the community stay informed.
- **OPPORTUNITY SITES MAP**—showcases parcels that the city's Community Development department wants to develop in the near future, as well as links to other sites for sale through Minnesota Commercial Real Estate.
- **COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS STORY MAP**—introduces the newly established commercial districts in IGH and allows viewers to explore and learn about the area. Informational graphics on key statistics for service areas in each district will help prospective businesses and entrepreneurs research the IGH marketplace.
- **DRIVETIME ANALYSIS MAP**—shows how long of a drive it is from Inver Grove Heights to key destinations in the Twin Cities, showcasing our proximity to both downtown areas and popular attractions for locals and visitors.

Additionally, informational graphics will provide useful data on IGH quality-of-life metrics, our community, economy, consumer behavior, diversity and schools. We hope that citizens, visitors, developers and site planners will learn more about what our city has to offer and invest more in our local economy.



Every year, along with warmer weather comes increased outdoor grill usage and, unfortunately, an increase in grill-caused fires. According to a National Fire Protection Association report, nearly 10,600 home fires a year involve grills. Of the home fires involving grills, gas-fueled grills accounted for four out of five fires. The following tips will help you to have safe grilling experiences.

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. Never use a grill in a garage, vehicle, tent or other enclosed space, even if ventilated, due to risk of harmful carbon monoxide buildup.
- A grill should be placed well away from your home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area. Children under five are especially vulnerable to burns from contact with a hot grill surface.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill surface and the trays below the grill.
- Clothing can easily catch fire, so be sure your shirt tails, sleeves or apron strings don't dangle over the grill.
- Never turn on the gas when the lid is closed. The gas may build up inside, and when ignited, the lid could blow off and cause injuries or burns.
- After cooking, make sure you completely close the valve on your gas grill.
- Always store gas grills—and propane tanks—outside and away from your house.

#### CHARCOAL GRILLS

If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Grill fires annually cause \$149M in damage to homes.

#### IMPORTANT

Visit [www.ighmn.gov/771](http://www.ighmn.gov/771) for grill rules for multi-family homes.





# July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Open Swim VMCC Water Park 9 a.m.–12 p.m. <i>Sensory Friendly</i>
	<b>IGH FOOD TRUCK DAYS</b> Thursday, July 22   4:30–7 p.m. Rich Valley Athletic Complex 					
4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> VMCC Closed	5 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED</b> IGH City Offices Closed	6 CAC Planning 7 p.m. City Hall	7	8	9	10 Open Swim VMCC Water Park 9 a.m.–12 p.m. <i>Sensory Friendly</i>
11 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	12 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	13 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park	14 CAC Parks & Rec. 7 p.m. City Hall	15	16	17 Open Swim VMCC Water Park 9 a.m.–12 p.m. <i>Sensory Friendly</i>
18 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	19	20 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park  CAC Planning 7 p.m.   City Hall	21	22 CAC Environmental 7 p.m.   City Hall  IGH Food Truck Days (see above)	23	24 Open Swim VMCC Water Park 9 a.m.–12 p.m. <i>Sensory Friendly</i>
25 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	26 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	27 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park	28	29	30	31 Open Swim VMCC Water Park 9 a.m.–12 p.m. <i>Sensory Friendly</i>

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**TERRIFIC TUESDAYS**  
10:30 a.m.  
South Valley Park

**JULY 13**  
Kidpower with Rachael Music and Animal Show

**JULY 20**  
The Bazillions

**JULY 27**  
The Jolly Pops

**OPEN SWIM**  
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
July – September 5  
VMCC Water Park  
12–5 p.m. | All Pools  
For full schedule, go to [www.ighmn.gov/pools](http://www.ighmn.gov/pools)

### KEY

CC	City Council
CAC	City Advisory Commissions
P&R	Parks & Recreation Events
	Other Events

Remove this handy calendar page and post where convenient!

## UTILITY BILLING IS ROLLING OUT A NEW LOOK AND BILLING ADDRESS

Watch your mailbox for your July bill!

New layout

# New Look.

Instructions on how to reuse

Turns into return envelope!

## New Mailing Address.

New Return Address:  
 Lockbox 446091  
 P.O. Box 64039  
 St. Paul, MN 55164-0039



## August 2021

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3**  
For more information,  
visit [ighmn.gov/363/Night-to-Unite](http://ighmn.gov/363/Night-to-Unite)

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8 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	9 CAC Economic Development 5 p.m.   City Hall  CC 6 p.m.   City Hall	10	11	12	13 Twins Free Baseball Clinic Boys and girls, ages 6–12 <a href="http://www.playballmn.com">www.playballmn.com</a>	14 Open Swim VMCC Water Park 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Sensory Friendly
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## September 2021

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 <p><b>IGH DAYS</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 9–12</b> For details, visit <a href="http://invergroveheightsdays.org">invergroveheightsdays.org</a></p>				2	3	4 Open Swim VMCC Water Park 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Sensory Friendly
5 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Closed	7 CC Work Session 6 p.m.   City Hall  CAC Planning 7 p.m.   City Hall	8 IGH Food Truck Days 4:30–7 p.m. Rich Valley Athletic Complex	9	10	11
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# Summer Fun Passport

For Youth and Adults!



## Let's Explore Inver Grove Heights!

Travel around our beautiful city and complete the activities listed. When you complete an activity, cross off that box. Once you have completed 10 or more activities, you get a prize! Completed passports will also be entered into a raffle for an additional special prize.

Remove this page and post where convenient!

Attend a complimentary fitness assessment (Call 651-450-3420)	Play pickleball at North Valley 	 Swim at VMCC Aquatic Center	 Attend a Terrific Tuesdays Event	 Attend an IGH Food Truck Day	Hike or bike the Harmon Park Mountain Biking Trail
Play tennis at Oakwood Park or Skyview Park	Visit the Heritage Village Dog Park 	 Go fishing at Lions Park or Simley Island Park	Cycle indoors at VMCC or outdoors for 45 minutes	Play sand volleyball at Ernster Park or Sleepy Hollow Park	Attend a fitness class (Fee required for non-member)
Play disc golf at North Valley Park	Have a picnic at any city park 	Visit IGH P&R Pop-up Station for one extra raffle ticket	Visit the Swing Bridge Park and check out the scenic overlook 	Bird watch and name all the birds you see	Play golf or hit the driving range at Inver Wood Golf Course 
Attend the Farmers Market at VMCC on Sundays, 8 am-1 pm 	Walk a mile on VMCC track or outside	Play basketball on the new court at Salem Hills 	Order a Kidcreate® at-home art kit	Try an aquatic class or swim laps (Fee required for non-member)	Create art on your sidewalk 
 Attend VMCC Open Skate	Share a photo with us of you in action!*	Play at any IGH city park	Try a VMCC specialty fitness class (Call 651-450-342)	 Sign up for a Hearts Performing Arts class	 Register for any IGH P&R program!

\*We want to see you in action! Send your photos to us at [dclose@ighmn.gov](mailto:dclose@ighmn.gov) and we will share them on our social media, or tag us on your page!

Turn in your passport at the VMCC or the IGH Food Truck Days by August 26, 2021 to be eligible for a prize and entrance to our raffle.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information visit [www.ighmn.gov/specialevents](http://www.ighmn.gov/specialevents) Questions? Email [dclose@ighmn.gov](mailto:dclose@ighmn.gov)



# Hello Summer! Hello Fun!

## Summer Fun = Heat and Bugs But not at the VMCC!

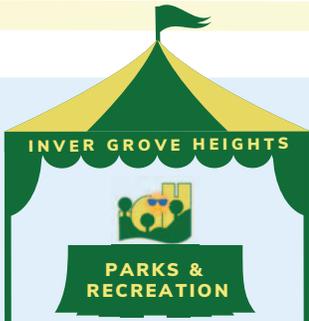
Come cool down and have fun at the Veterans Memorial Community Center!

Join our air-conditioned indoor fitness classes, splash with your kids in Open Swim and really cool down in Open Skate!

(NO BUGS ALLOWED!)



The SENIOR CENTER is OPEN! Join us for a variety of cards and games Monday–Thursday!



## Pop-In Station

Watch for IGH Parks and Recreation Staff to be POPPING IN at a variety of events this summer!

Share your comments with us on our programs and events and win prizes, plus enter a drawing for a \$50 gift card!

FUN ALL-AGES ACTIVITY



For details visit [www.ighmn.gov/recsurvey](http://www.ighmn.gov/recsurvey)

Don't forget to check out the wide variety of IGH Park & Rec programs — there is something for everyone!

[ighmn.gov/parksandrecreation](http://ighmn.gov/parksandrecreation)

FREE EVENTS!

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

South Valley Park • 10:30 a.m.  
2810 70th Street East, Inver Grove Heights

- July 13 • Kidpower with Rachael Music and Animal Show
- July 20 • The Bazillions
- July 27 • The Jolly Pops



Don't forget to check out the ST. PAUL FARMERS MARKET!



Sundays • June 13–October 10  
8 a.m.–1 p.m. • VMCC Parking Lot



IGH FOOD TRUCK DAYS  
Rich Valley Athletic Complex  
Thursdays • 4:30–7 p.m.  
July 22 and August 26

651-450-2480





## Calling all Pavement Lovers Join the Citizen Taskforce on Pavement Management!

Inver Grove Heights has about 150 miles of streets, and keeping them in top condition is a major challenge. Over the last 10 years, many miles of roads have been rebuilt, but even more are showing their age. Getting our roads into the condition in which we all want them is proving to be an expensive and challenging goal. At the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting, our Council took action to undertake a new initiative to examine the city’s pavement management program from top to bottom.



As part of this process, Council established a new Citizen Taskforce on Pavement Management. This Taskforce will look at the current state of our roads, recommend target goals for pavement condition, explore all possible funding approaches, compare our assessment policies to those of other cities, recommend funding levels and strategies, and also investigate effective strategies for repairing streets. With the assistance of city staff, the Taskforce will prepare and present a report to Council with recommendations.

### We need you to get involved!

If you are interested in helping the city in this important effort, we encourage you to apply to be a member of the Pavement Management Taskforce. It will meet approximately 10 times over the fall and winter, and complete its study in spring 2022. The city will be accepting applications for the Taskforce until July 30. Visit [www.ighmn.gov/pavementtaskforce](http://www.ighmn.gov/pavementtaskforce) to apply.

## Landlocked Basin Study in IGH

The adage that water runs downhill is true, but only if there is a hill to run down. Inver Grove Heights has some unique topography that creates dozens of ponds and lakes that don’t have a way for the water to get out. These “landlocked basins” were created by glaciers 10,000 years ago and now pose a challenge for residents that live near them. Beginning in 2016 we have experienced the wettest five-year period on record. The extra precipitation has not only filled up these basins that have no outlet; groundwater levels have also risen.

Our City Council recognized the threat the rising water levels pose to property owners and ordered a landlocked basin study. The study is looking at how and when the city should respond to high water or flooding. The goal is to develop policies for managing basins, regulating new development occurring near landlocked basins, and responding to high water conditions. Policy recommendations will be presented to the City Council for discussion at the July 12, 2021 meeting. Residents interested in learning more can attend or watch this session. Based on the feedback received from the study, it is expected that a final report will be presented to Council this fall.

## SO WHY NOT A STOP SIGN?

One of the most common requests from residents is for installation of a stop sign—usually as an answer to speeding or cut through traffic. The decision to install a stop sign is not as simple as it might seem. Adding stop signs where they aren’t warranted can lead to unintended consequences like increased rear-end collisions, increased acceleration and noise, and disrespect for the stop requirement.

Effective and safe traffic control depends on the uniform application of traffic control devices and reasonable law enforcement. Using stop signs only where strict criteria are met will yield a safer and more efficient system. Citizens are both residents and drivers, and meeting driver expectations is one of the most important aspects of system-wide safety. Using traffic control signs only where warranted avoids driver confusion and frustration, which leads to greater safety.

We can all improve our neighborhoods by slowing down...it only adds a few moments of travel time, is safer and helps make all of our neighborhoods quieter and calmer.



## TRAFFIC CORNER





## Annual Clean-Up Day & Year-Round Disposal Opportunities

Need to dispose of an unwanted item? Check out the following disposal opportunities:

**Take advantage of The Recycling Zone!** Only a short drive from IGH, The Recycling Zone (3365 Dodd Road, Egan) is a collection facility open year-round to all Dakota County residents. Household hazardous waste, most electronics, scrap metal, cardboard and more is accepted for **FREE**. Tires, TVs and computer monitors have a small fee. Visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) and search “The Recycling Zone” for a full list of accepted items list, prices and hours of operation.

**Online Recycling Guide:** Learn how to properly dispose of hundreds of unwanted items year-round by searching the Recycling Guide at [www.ighmn.gov/recyclingguide](http://www.ighmn.gov/recyclingguide). If your unwanted item is in reusable condition, try to donate or sell before recycling or throwing away the item. Give away or sell a reusable item to your neighbors on platforms such as Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, Nextdoor or other donation opportunities listed on the Recycling Guide.

### Annual Clean-Up Day—Saturday, September 25, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Prefer to dispose of your items at a one-stop shop? Stop by our Annual Clean-Up Day at the Public Works Facility (8168 Barbara Avenue) to dispose of unwanted items listed below. Only cash and checks are accepted. Please bring small bills. Proof of residency, such as a driver’s license, is required.

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Household hazard waste (including paint and chemicals) and construction and demolition debris (concrete, insulation, asphalt, lumber, shingles, etc.) are **NOT ACCEPTED** at our 2021 Clean-Up Day event. Search the Online Recycling Guide for disposal options: [www.ighmn.gov/recyclingguide](http://www.ighmn.gov/recyclingguide).

**QUESTIONS?** Visit [www.ighmn.gov/collectionevents](http://www.ighmn.gov/collectionevents) or contact Ally Sutherland at [asutherland@ighmn.gov](mailto:asutherland@ighmn.gov) or 651-604-8511.

### ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY—ACCEPTED ITEMS & PRICES

ACCEPTED ITEMS	PRICES (Cash and Checks Only)
<b>Appliances</b>	\$5 per small appliance (power tool, blender, toaster, coffee maker, iron, etc.) \$10 per large appliance (microwave, washer/dryer, dehumidifier, refrigerator, air conditioner, etc.) \$15 per vacuum
<b>Batteries</b>	\$1 per pound of alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, etc.) or lithium-ion. \$2 per any other battery (car, power tool, laptop, etc.)
<b>Bicycles</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Carpet and Carpet Padding</b>	\$10 per roll or \$5 per bag of scraps
<b>Clothing, Shoes, Accessories &amp; Textiles</b>	<b>FREE:</b> Place items in plastic bags. Gently used items only (clothing, shoes, hat, purses, belts, towels, drapes, sheets, blankets, etc.)
<b>Confidential Document Shredding</b>	<b>FREE:</b> On-site confidential paper shredding. Place items in paper bags. Please remove all 3-ring binders, binder clips or metal tabs on file folders from the items you bring.
<b>Electronics</b>	\$10 per TV (less than 20 lbs) \$20 per TV (more than 20 lbs) \$10 per computer or laptop \$10 per computer monitor (less than 20 lbs) \$20 per computer monitor (more than 20 lbs) \$5 per small electronics (iPad/tablet, DVD player, printer, radio, speaker, wall phone, etc.) \$1 handheld electronics (cellphone, mice, cord/cable, keyboard, ink/toner cartridge, headphones, etc.)

ACCEPTED ITEMS	PRICES (Cash and Checks Only)
<b>Exercise Equipment</b>	\$10 per equipment with no electronics (bench press, leg press, etc.) \$25 per equipment with electronics (treadmill, elliptical, exercise bike, etc.)
<b>Furniture</b>	\$5 per small items (desk chair, kitchen chair, barstool, outdoor chair, and end tables only) \$15 per large items (recliner, dresser, dining table, vanity, desk, ottoman, etc.) \$20 per couch or loveseat
<b>Light Bulbs</b>	\$1 per item
<b>Mattresses and Box Springs</b>	\$15 per mattress \$15 per box-spring
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>	\$5 per item (garden hose, kennel, mirror, large plastic item, etc.)
<b>Propane Tanks</b>	\$5 per tank (tank must be empty)
<b>Scrap Metal</b>	Must drain all gas and oil. \$10 per grill \$15 per snow blower \$15 per push lawn mower \$25 per riding lawn mower \$10 per yard equipment (chainsaw, weed wacker, etc.) \$5 per power tool (separate battery) \$1 per single metal item (pipe, tire rim, door, etc.)
<b>Tires</b>	<b>FREE:</b> Tire <b>without rim</b> (for bike, car, light duty truck only) \$2 per bike tire <b>with rim</b> \$10 per car or light duty truck tire <b>with rim</b> \$12 per heavy duty truck tire <b>with or without rim</b>



## Online Shopping to Save your Wallet and Trash Can

The average Dakota County resident creates 2,180 pounds of waste each year. Reduce the amount we toss by buying used. Donating and shopping at secondhand stores saves you money, supports local businesses and helps you create a unique style. Buying used has an added benefit: it keeps our air and water cleaner and saves natural resources used to make new products.

You can go beyond brick-and-mortar stores to find what you need and get rid of what you don't. Use online outlets to save the planet and your wallet.

- > **Nextdoor.com** | Look in the "For Sale" section
- > **Facebook.com** | For neighborhood buy/sell groups and Marketplace
- > **Craigslist.com**
- > **ebay.com** | Choose "used" as a filter option
- > **Amazon.com** | Choose "used" as a filter option
- > **thredUP.com** | For women's and kids' clothing and accessories

Use a safe site to exchange in person, like a swap spot at the Police or Sheriff Department. Get tips for selling and buying used in the *Dakota County Reuse Guide* at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), then search "reuse guide."

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

## RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SAVINGS GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE!

Visit [www.ighmn.gov/energy](http://www.ighmn.gov/energy) to find our new energy webpage dedicated to household energy resources, including our new *Residential Energy Savings Guide*. Learn how to start investing in your home's efficiency today to save money while reducing your carbon footprint.



## INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Everything to Offer

This month, we are launching a new section of the city's website devoted to encouraging steady, sustainable economic development in IGH. The new web pages feature information that will assist site selectors, entrepreneurs and businesses in researching our community and identifying potential commercial locations within IGH. We highlight current and planned developments, local businesses, commercial districts and opportunity sites, and provide in-depth data on population, traffic, consumer behavior, our city's prime location, and much more.

To learn about all that IGH has to offer, check out [ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment](http://ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment).

### NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

#### Mallards

5681 Blaine Ave.  
(near the crossroads of  
Hwy. 52 and Upper 55th St. E.)  
651-330-1893



IGH welcomes Mallards restaurant to our community. Since 2013, Mallards' four locations have been serving quality interpretations of classic dishes from around the country, with a tradition of southern hospitality. Mallards specializes in seafood, Cajun American fare, tacos, burgers, sandwiches, salads and more, with specials and fun events all year long. The owners of Mallards are proud of their ties to IGH. Their kids grew up near here, their son is raising a family here, and they are excited to be a part of this community and to share their favorite dishes with guests. You can find out more at [www.mallardsmn.com](http://www.mallardsmn.com).

**PATIO NOW OPEN!**

# Insights

This newsletter is published quarterly and is mailed, one copy per residence, to all residential and postal customers in the City of Inver Grove Heights.

## WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

## CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Tom Bartholomew, <i>Mayor</i>	651-450-2505
Brenda Dietrich	651-450-2503
Sue Gliva	651-450-2506
Rosemary Piekarski Krech	651-450-2504
John Murphy	651-450-2507

## INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Heather Rand	651-450-2511
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## ON THE WEB

[www.ighmn.gov](http://www.ighmn.gov)

## EMAIL

[cityhall@ighmn.gov](mailto:cityhall@ighmn.gov)



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Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

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**PAID**  
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Permit No. 4331

ECRWSSDDM  
POSTAL CUSTOMER



## 2021 CITY COMMISSION APPOINTEES

Congratulations and thank you to our 2021 appointees! We appreciate your time, effort and commitment to Inver Grove Heights and look forward to working with you.

### HOUSING

Albert Eiden  
Jason Krogerson

### PARKS & RECREATION

Nicole Barker  
Steve Cook  
Curt Ellingboe

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Brian Barner  
Todd Kruse  
Ted Trenzeluk

### PLANNING

Robert Heidenreich  
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