



# Insights

SPRING 2022



Above, left to right: Dan Bernardy, our current Fire Operations Supervisor, with his son, Firefighter Daniel Bernardy II; and Firefighters Debralyn Bryant, Jamie Kurowski, Tony LaForte, Scott Craig, and Greg Bieniek with their respective family members.

At left, left to right: Lieutenants Dane Rolloff, Neal St. Onge and Rick Wegner with their respective family members.

Congratulations to you all, and thank you for your service to our community.

## Inver Grove Heights Adds Nine Full-Time Firefighters

The City of Inver Grove Heights takes a step forward for emergency response this spring as the IGH Fire Department incorporates nine new full-time staff into its team. This brings the total full-time response staff to 12, including three existing Captain positions, plus three new Lieutenants and six new Firefighters. The Department also has six other full-time employees in leadership, inspections, training, and administrative roles.

The 12 full-time responders will supplement the City's 37 paid-on-call firefighters to staff two crews 24/7, 365 days a year. One crew will be responding out of Station #1 located at 70th St. and Clayton Ave, and the other out of Station #2 off of Courthouse Blvd. Having a crew ready at each station shortens the response time to emergency calls and ensures help arrives as quickly as possible.

The new positions are fully funded for the first three years, thanks to a \$3.4 million federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Fewer than 100

grants were awarded in 2021 and IGH was one of only two recipients in Minnesota. When accepting the grant, the IGH City Council also developed a plan for setting aside some funds now to help phase in the costs of these positions once the grant expires, and to avoid a large impact on the City's property tax levy down the road.

All nine new hires were selected from within the existing ranks of IGH paid-on-call firefighters, through a rigorous process that included interviews, physical and psychological evaluations, and background checks.

"We wanted the best," added Chief Judy Thill. "And what better way to get the best than to hire those who have already invested their training and time in this community."

**➔ If you are interested in serving as a paid-on-call Firefighter, now is the time to submit your application. Visit [www.ighmn.gov/jobs](http://www.ighmn.gov/jobs).**

—See the IGH Fire Department **By the Numbers** on page 2



## By the Numbers



**2,787**  
calls responded to in 2021

**69%**

of calls are medical and rescue calls



**3** fire stations

Station 1: 7015 Clayton Ave. E.  
Station 2: 9200 Courthouse Blvd.  
Station 3: 2059 Upper 55th St. E.

**11** fire trucks

3 engines, 2 ladder trucks,  
2 tenders, 2 brush trucks,  
1 rescue truck, 1 dry chemical truck



**37** paid-on-call firefighters

6 full-time firefighters,  
3 lieutenants, 3 captains



**\$4,911,300**  
IGH Fire Department  
budget for 2022



## Pavement Management Program & Repair Updates

Planning and design for the 2022 Pavement Management Program (PMP) and pavement repair initiatives are well underway, with the following projects approved by the City Council and currently in the bidding or pre-construction stages:

- Carleda Way — Reconstruction
- Alison Way Neighborhood — Mill & Overlay
- Tyne Lane Neighborhood — Mill & Overlay
- Albano Trail & Albright Court — Mill & Overlay
- Akron Ave. & 50th Street — Reclamation, Mill & Overlay

Over the winter, feasibility studies were undertaken for four additional project areas for possible construction in 2022. However, these projects presented some unanticipated challenges and were found to need more planning and problem solving, which will continue through the year. As a result, the following projects are being delayed until 2023 or later to allow more time to identify the most appropriate street rehabilitation method and how best to finance the projects:

- Bolland Trail & 62nd Street
- Carmen Ave. & Claude Way
- Upper 55th Street (Blaine Ave. to Carmen Ave.)
- Cheney Trail & Coffman Path

For more information regarding these projects, an updated project map, and to sign up for project updates, please visit the Pavement Management Initiative website at [www.ighmn.gov/pavement](http://www.ighmn.gov/pavement).

## Spring Cleaning Time!

# Learn More About City Maintenance Activities

This spring, Public Works staff from the Streets and Utilities Divisions will be busy transitioning equipment and vehicles from snow plowing and applying anti-icing agents to preparing for the regular maintenance and repair of the 145 miles of streets, 60 miles of trails and sidewalks, and 1,824 fire hydrants located throughout IGH. Here are a few key maintenance activities residents might see City workers doing in and around their neighborhoods:

### Street Sweeping

Did you know that it takes six weeks to sweep IGH public streets using two street sweepers? In the spring, the bulk of the material collected via street sweeping is sand and salt that has accumulated during the winter. Removal of this material helps protect water quality in ponds, reduce pollutants infiltrating into soils, and minimize the burden on the sewer system from street surface debris.

Please remember that it is illegal to rake or mow yard debris or grass clippings into the street. This material can get into and clog storm drains, while the decomposition of material can degrade the water quality of local ponds and other water resources.

### Pothole Patching

The winter freeze and thaw process can be rough on pavement. Sometimes potholes are patched during the winter months utilizing a cold-mix asphalt that is intended to be a Band-Aid until a more permanent patch can be placed using a hot-mix asphalt during the spring and summer months. The City

performs both pothole patching (spot repairs) and broad area patching (larger areas that may be replaced or overlaid using an asphalt paver) annually starting in mid-April and continuing through the summer.

### Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing is necessary to clear the City's water system of mineral deposits that have accumulated over time, prevent clogging, and verify that fire hydrants are operating.

#### ***Why are there so many mineral deposits in the watermain?***

Prior to the completion of the City's Water Treatment Plant in 1998, water was pumped directly from groundwater wells into the water main system. Groundwater contains iron and manganese, which got deposited on the inside of water mains. Treated water includes a low level of chlorine, which breaks down these old mineral deposits. The regular flushing-out of this material causes some of it to be suspended in the water system and may cause water to take on a slight reddish-brown color.

#### ***What should I do if my water is suddenly discolored?***

The best thing residents can do is pay attention to the water coming out of the tap. If it has a brown, reddish-brown, or yellow hue, run the water in all taps in your home until the water is clear again, typically 10-20 minutes. Avoid doing laundry until the water runs clear for several minutes. Continue to use your home water softening system if you have one. While the water treatment plant removes most iron and manganese minerals, it does not soften the water.

## MEET NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BRIAN CONNOLLY

IGH welcomes new Public Works Director Brian Connolly, who comes to City Hall from consulting firm Alliant Engineering, Inc. in Minneapolis. Connolly has 18 years of experience working with area municipalities, including the City of Burnsville, on engineering design and asset management system development. His additional experience includes project manager roles at engineering consulting firms Bolton & Menk, Inc. and WSB, and he is also a current board member on the Gopher State One Call board of directors.

"During my years as a consultant, I worked with a number Dakota County representatives and engineering and public works leaders in communities bordering Inver Grove Heights," added Connolly. "I am looking forward to connecting with these peers and working to understand and find solutions to the infrastructure challenges that we and our neighboring communities face."

When Connolly is not overseeing municipal improvement projects, he turns his attention to home improvement projects at his home in Rosemount, Minnesota, where he lives with his wife and their two young children. He is an avid golfer, who enjoys attending his children's extracurricular events and spending time at his family's lake home in northern Wisconsin.





# CURFEW

**It's finally spring!** The Inver Grove Heights Police Department would like to remind the community of Dakota County Curfew Ordinance #122.4, which restricts children and teens from being in public places unsupervised during certain hours. These rules aid in crime prevention, protect the health and welfare of juveniles and protect the public's safety.



## What is the definition of a public place?

A public place is anywhere to which the public or a substantial portion of the public has access. This includes streets, highways, roadways, parks, schools, public recreation facilities, entertainment or civic facilities, schools and common areas of apartment houses, office buildings, shops, and places of amusement or refreshment. (Examples of public places: movie theaters, restaurants, bowling alleys, playgrounds, and the VMCC.)

## Where and when should youth be supervised?

AGES	DAYS	HOURS
11 and younger	Sunday – Thursday Friday and Saturday	9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
12 – 14	Sunday – Thursday Friday and Saturday	10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
15 – 17	Sunday – Thursday Friday and Saturday	11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

## There are some exceptions to this ordinance if a juvenile is:

- With a parent, guardian, or another responsible adult.
- At work or in the process of going to or coming from home or work.
- Involved in an emergency.
- Going to, attending, or coming home from a supervised school, church, or recreational activity.
- In front of their residence.

## What happens if the curfew ordinance is violated?

If a violation of the curfew ordinance occurs it may lead to a fine and/or court appearance.

## Learn to Stay Safer This Spring

### Severe Weather Awareness Week April 4 – 8, 2022

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety collaborates with the National Weather Service each year to sponsor Severe Weather Awareness Week. This helps teach Minnesotans about weather hazards and provides resources to minimize the risks associated with severe weather. Each day of the week focuses on a different topic:

**MONDAY:** Alerts and Warnings

**TUESDAY:** Severe Weather, Lightning, and Hail

**WEDNESDAY:** Floods

**THURSDAY:** Tornadoes (Tornado Drill Day is April 7)

**FRIDAY:** Extreme Heat

Most important during Severe Weather Awareness Week are two scheduled statewide tornado drills on April 7 in the early afternoon and again in the early evening. In the event of an actual emergency, here is a guide to sirens in IGH:

- Sirens are intended for community members who are outside. They sound for three minutes. If you are indoors, we recommend the use of a weather app or radio.
- Sirens are activated by the Dakota Communication Center when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or severe thunderstorm warning when winds exceed 70 miles per hour.

## INVER GROVE HEIGHTS OUTDOOR SIRENS



● = 8 OUTDOOR SIREN LOCATIONS  
 LMAX (MAXIMUM SOUND LEVEL)  
 ● = 80 decibels  
 ● = 75 decibels  
 ● = 70 decibels



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# Wellness, Sustainability & Stewardship

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH THE CITY OF IGH THIS APRIL!



Learn how to make a difference this Earth Day by joining our **FREE** in-person and virtual workshops throughout the month!

**DECLUTTER SUSTAINABLY:** Learn how to create a clutter-free home that helps clear your mind. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for a FREE 2-hour home organizing service provided by Hauter Home Organizing.

**Thursday, Apr. 14 | 6–7 p.m.**  
City Hall, Council Chambers or Virtual\*

**Wednesday, Apr. 20 | 10:45–11:15 a.m.**  
Healthy Living Fair, VMCC

**HOME ENERGY SAVINGS:** Learn how to save on your home energy bill. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for a FREE Home Energy Squad visit and are eligible for a \$30 visit discount. Visit [www.xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad](http://www.xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad) for more information on Home Energy Squad services.

**Wednesday, Apr. 20 | 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.**  
Healthy Living Fair, VMCC

**Wednesday, Apr. 27 | 6–7 p.m.**  
City Hall, Council Chambers or Virtual\*

\* To attend virtually, email [asutherland@ighmn.gov](mailto:asutherland@ighmn.gov) to register.

*This event is partially funded by Center for Energy and Environment, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Dakota County.*

## SPRING CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



**Saturday, May 14 | 9 a.m.–Noon**  
City Hall Parking Lot  
8150 Barbara Avenue

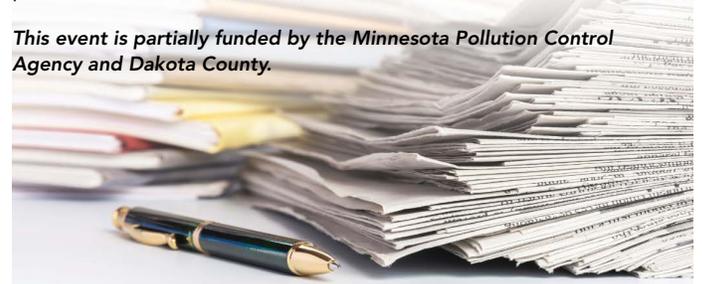
Residents can drop off confidential papers for **FREE** at our Spring Confidential Paper Shredding Event. Instead of shredding at home, bring your papers to our event's secure onsite shredding truck. This will ensure your personal information stays secure, and your paper gets recycled.

**PAPER TO SHRED:** Confidential papers with account numbers or other private information. Remove all three-ring binders, binder clips or metal tabs on file folders. Please bring your paper in a small box or paper bag. All boxes will be emptied and returned.

**PAPER NOT TO SHRED:** Paper without secure information such as magazines, holiday cards and mailed advertisements. Instead, place non-confidential papers in your home recycling cart. Business documents are not accepted at this event.

To find a list of what to shred and additional event details, please visit [www.ighmn.gov/collectionevents](http://www.ighmn.gov/collectionevents).

*This event is partially funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Dakota County.*



## FREE RECYCLING RESOURCES FOR APARTMENTS, CONDOS & TOWNHOMES

Most multifamily residential properties, such as apartment buildings, are required to provide recycling to their tenants. We can help! Through the Dakota County Multifamily Recycling Program, City staff can provide apartments, townhomes, condos and independent senior living facilities with free recycling resources. This includes free recycling containers and signs, as well as recycling education to residents and staff.

Does your multifamily property need assistance starting or improving recycling collection? If so, here's how you can help:

-  **CONTACT YOUR PROPERTY MANAGER:** Tell your property manager that they can request free recycling resources. More information is available at [www.ighmn.gov/recycle](http://www.ighmn.gov/recycle), under the "Multifamily, Business & Schools" tab.
-  **NOMINATE YOUR PROPERTY:** Contact the City at [asutherland@ighmn.gov](mailto:asutherland@ighmn.gov) and provide your property manager's contact information. The City will contact them directly to share what free recycling resources are available to the complex and its residents.



# April 2022

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS**  
End on April 1.

## NEW IGH UTILITY RATES FOR 2022

To understand the changes in rates and see an example of what to expect on your utility bill, visit [www.ighmn.gov/waterrates2022](http://www.ighmn.gov/waterrates2022)



## SUSTAINABLE, BEAUTIFUL LAWNS & GARDENS

The primary groundwater pollutants from households are typically the chemicals used on lawns. As you plan your garden, please consider these best practices offered by the Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization:

- Use natural herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers
  - Plant native groundcover or a fescue lawn
- Collect and reuse rainwater
- Dispose of toxins safely, not in the gutter

### KEY

City Council (CC)
City Advisory Commissions
Parks & Recreation Events (P&R)
Watershed Management Organization (WMO)
Police Department Events
Other Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>EARTH DAY VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS</b> APRIL 14, 20, 27 See page 5 for details.					1	2
3	4 CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	5 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	6	7	8 Flashlight Egg Hunt 8:30 p.m. Rich Valley Athletic Complex	9 Egg Hunt Ages 3-4: 1 p.m. Ages 5-7: 1:30 p.m. Ages 8-10: 2 p.m. Rich Valley
10 Aqua Egg Hunt Wave 1: 10 a.m. Wave 2: 11 a.m. VMCC Aquatic Center	11 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	12 IGH Parks & Rec Job Fair 3-7 p.m. VMCC Lobby	13 LMRWMO 3 p.m.* Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m.   City Hall	14	15 GOOD FRIDAY IGH City Offices Close at Noon	16
17 EASTER VMCC is closed	18	19 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	20 Healthy Living Fair 9 a.m.-12 p.m. VMCC	21	22 EARTH DAY	23
24	25 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	26	27	28 Annual Stormwater Mtg. 12 p.m.   City Hall Environ. Comm. 7 p.m.   City Hall	29	30 Kids Garage Sale 10 a.m.-12 p.m. VMCC Gymnasium

\* Check website for location: <https://lmrwmo.org/about-us/meeting-information/>

# May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MAY DAY	2 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m.   City Hall CC Work Session 6 p.m.   City Hall	3 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	4	5 CINCO de MAYO	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	10	11 LMRWMO 3 p.m.* Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m.   City Hall	12	13	14 Spring Shred Event 9 a.m.-12 p.m. City Hall Parking Lot
15	16 COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS 7 p.m. City Hall	17 Planning Comm. 7 p.m.   City Hall CC Candidate/Mayor Filing Opens	18 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE 5-8 p.m. PD Parking Lot	19	20	21 Touch-A-Truck 9:30-11:30 a.m. VMCC, North Parking Lot
22	23 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	24	25	26 Environmental Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY IGH City Offices and VMCC Closed	31 CC Candidate/Mayor Filing Closes at 5:00 p.m.	<b>APPLY TO BE ON A CITY ADVISORY COMMISSION</b> Applications due May 2, 2022 Learn more about City Commissions and how to apply at <a href="http://www.ighmn.gov/commissionerapp">www.ighmn.gov/commissionerapp</a> or email <a href="mailto:jwonick@ighmn.gov">jwonick@ighmn.gov</a> .			

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# June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>TERRIFIC TUESDAYS BEGIN</b> JUNE 21, 28, JULY 12, 19, 26 10:30 a.m.   South Valley Park See page 8 for more details.			1	2	3	4 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
5	6 CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	7 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	8 LMRWMO 3 p.m.* Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m.   City Hall	9 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	10	11 Huck Finn Fishing Derby 9:30-11 a.m. Simley Island Park
12 St. Paul Farmers Market Opens 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	13 CC 6 p.m.   City Hall Kids R.O.C.K. starts at VMCC	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17 Movie in the Park: Moana Begins at dusk Oakwood Park See page 8 for details.	18
19 FATHER'S DAY JUNETEENTH St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	20	21 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park Planning Comm. 7 p.m.   City Hall	22	23 Environmental Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	24	25
26 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	27 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	28 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park	29	30	<b>SAVE TIME AND TREES!</b> Sign up for paperless utilities billing at <a href="http://www.ighmn.gov/">www.ighmn.gov/</a> <b>billpay</b> or call us at <b>651-450-2519</b> to get started.	

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**ST. PAUL FARMERS MARKET**  
 Every Sunday  
 June 12 through October 9  
 8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 VMCC Parking Lot

**MOVIE IN THE PARK**  
 June 17  
 See page 8 for details.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Wednesday, May 18  
 IGH PD parking lot on the westside of City Hall  
 5 – 8 p.m. (weather permitting)



As May 18 gets closer, look for more information on the Inver Grove Heights Police Department Facebook page.

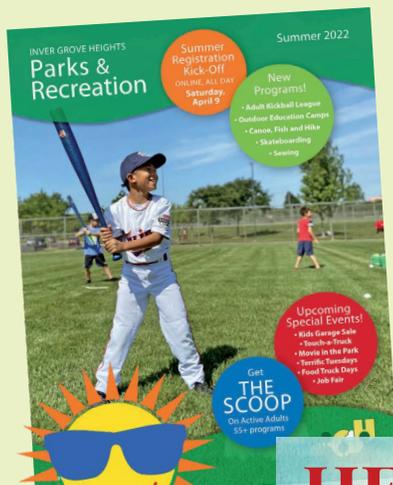
The public is invited to the 2022 Inver Grove Heights Police Department Open House during National Police Week. The open house is not only educational and informational; it's also a chance to have some fun!

The open house allows the public to interact with our staff and enjoy some FREE activities:

-  Up-close, hands-on looks at police vehicles and equipment
-  Participate in simulated activities while wearing impairment goggles
-  Enjoy some food
-  IGH PD giveaways
-  Raffle

There will also be an opportunity to donate food or personal care items to a local food shelf!

# INVER GROVE HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION



Look for our IGH Parks & Rec Summer brochure in your mailbox and online for fun new activities! Sports · Art & Music · Camps · Fitness · Theater · Canoeing · Special Events · Trips and lots more!

**We are Hiring!**

**IN-PERSON HIRING EVENT at the VMCC**  
**April 12 3-7 p.m.**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**  
[www.ighmn.gov/jobs](http://www.ighmn.gov/jobs)

Check online for available positions.

**HEALTHY LIVING FAIR** 

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022 · 9 a.m.–Noon** SPONSORED BY  
**Veterans Memorial Community Center** **Humana**

**Healthy You ♥ Healthy Earth** Visit vendor booths on adult health and wellness!

**FREE!**

**MOVIE IN THE PARK**  
**MOANA**  
**Friday, June 17**  
**Oakwood Park**  
**3534 78th St. E.**

Movie will begin at dusk. Bring a blanket, chair, snack, and drink. Ice cream available for purchase!



**TERRIFIC TUESDAYS** **FREE!**

**SOUTH VALLEY PARK · 10:30 A.M.**

June 21: Kidpower with Rachael Music & Animal Show  
 June 28: The Bazillions  
 July 12: Rosewood Puppets  
 July 19: Will Hale & the Tadpole Parade  
 July 26: Talewise: Pirates Lost at Sea



**FOOD TRUCK DAYS**  
**AT RICH VALLEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX**  
**Thursdays, July 21 & August 18 · 4:30-7 p.m.**



**TEEN LIFTOFF!**

Improve your confidence and fitness level while having fun and making new friends. Workout in the fitness center, splash in the pool, glide on the ice and challenge yourself at Boot Camp.

**June 13-Aug. 12 · VMCC · Ages 12-14**  
**Free for Members, \$69 Non-members**



**Summer Membership Special**  
**Veterans Memorial Community Center**

Join between May 1 and June 15 and pay NO enrollment fee!



## Get Ready for 2022 Elections

### 2022 Primary and General Election

This year's primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 9, and the general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8. The City of Inver Grove Heights will have the Mayor's seat and two Councilmember seats on the ballot.

#### Redistricting

As a result of redistricting, there are numerous changes to IGH voting precincts and locations in 2022. The City will be communicating these changes through the website ([www.ighmn.gov/elections](http://www.ighmn.gov/elections)), in the July issue of the *Insights* newsletter, and on our social media pages. Voters whose polling place has changed will receive a postcard from the State of Minnesota approximately 25 days prior to the election. Registered voters who find themselves in a new precinct or with a new polling place do not need to re-register to vote if their home address remains unchanged from the last time they voted.

#### Mayor and City Councilmember Candidate Filings

Those interested in running for City Council or Mayor must file for office with the City Clerk. **The filing period is open from May 17 through May 31, 2022.** (City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.) Candidates are encouraged to make an appointment with the City Clerk to review the affidavit of candidacy and the candidate packet, which includes rules and procedures on the City's sign ordinance. Please contact City Clerk Rebecca Kiernan at [rkiernan@ighmn.gov](mailto:rkiernan@ighmn.gov) or call 651-450-2513 to schedule an appointment.

#### Election Job Opportunities

To make the 2022 elections run smoothly, the City of Inver Grove Heights will be in need of additional election judges and student judges to work at polling places on Election Day. Judges need to be comfortable using electronic devices such as iPads and Kindles. If you are interested in this opportunity, please apply online at [www.ighmn.gov/electionjudges](http://www.ighmn.gov/electionjudges).

#### Voting Details

For additional information regarding polling locations, absentee voting, voter registration and more you can visit the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State website at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

## GIS CORNER

The City's GIS Division has been making strides over the past two years to develop more public-facing map resources for the community. While much of the data and many of the maps created by GIS staff are intended for use by other City staff, the City's website now contains 10 public-facing maps, two story maps, and six infographics. These can be accessed by selecting the Maps tile on the home page of the City website. GIS staff are working to continue to provide new and useful content for the citizens of Inver Grove Heights to view and learn from. Here is a list of what is currently available:

#### MAPS

- Current Development
- Park Finder
- Northwest Area
- Current Construction
- Zoning & Land Use
- Crime Map — Lexis Nexis
- Election Polling Places
- Night to Unite — Seasonal
- Spring Load Limit Weight Restrictions
- Drive Times

#### STORY MAPS

- IGH Tour
- Commercial Districts

#### COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS —

- Updated yearly*
- Quality of Life
  - Our Community
  - Our Economy
  - Diversity + Equity
  - Consumer Behavior
  - Education

## INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WINS FINANCE AWARD!

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to IGH in the first quarter of 2022 by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA) for the City's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The City has won this award every consecutive year since 1986. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and it represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Congratulations to our Finance Director Amy Hove and her team for their excellent work!





## Community Development Department Releases 2021 Annual Report **An Impressive Level of Real Estate Growth Citywide**

Despite dramatic jumps in the cost of land, construction labor and materials in the past two years, a very impressive level of real estate development growth was realized throughout the City of Inver Grove Heights in 2021. The effects of this growth translate into steady increases in the number of new residents, temporary construction jobs, longer-term retail and industrial jobs, new businesses and services options for our residents and visitors, and modest growth in the City's property tax base. Here is an overview of development in IGH in 2021:

### New Housing

11 new housing plats were added, which will add up to 276 new single-family housing lots, 54 townhouse lots and one new apartment building in the City. \$28 million was invested in multifamily development, including a 49-unit work force housing project named Babcock Crossing.

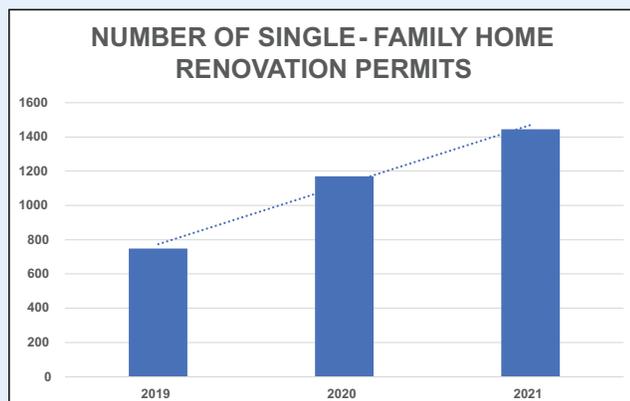
Other current housing developments include:

- The Crossings
- Ruby Meadows
- Eagles Landing
- South Grove Townhomes
- Pine Bend Estates
- Peltier Reserve

To find out more about these developments, visit [www.ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment](http://www.ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment)

### Home Renovations

The number of single-family home renovation permits in IGH doubled in the last three years:



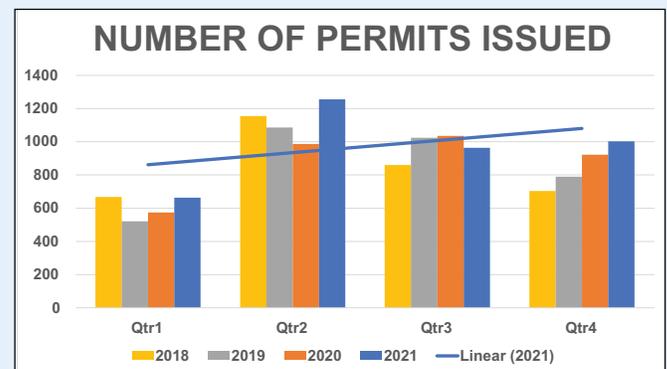
### Commercial Development

Commercial development last year included both new building construction and improvements to existing structures. New commercial construction in IGH in 2021 topped \$9 million.

One large investment in new commercial real estate last year was a 108,000 square-foot office and warehouse building constructed for Skyline Displays at 8300 Courthouse Boulevard in the InverPoint Business Park off Highway 55.

### In Summary

IGH is growing! Building permit values totaled \$144 million in new value, up from \$84 million in 2020 and \$114 million in 2019. Consequently, permit fee revenues generated just under \$6 million in 2021. Overall, the total number of building permits issued in IGH grew by 10% between 2020 and 2021, which reflects three years of steady growth in private sector investment within the City.



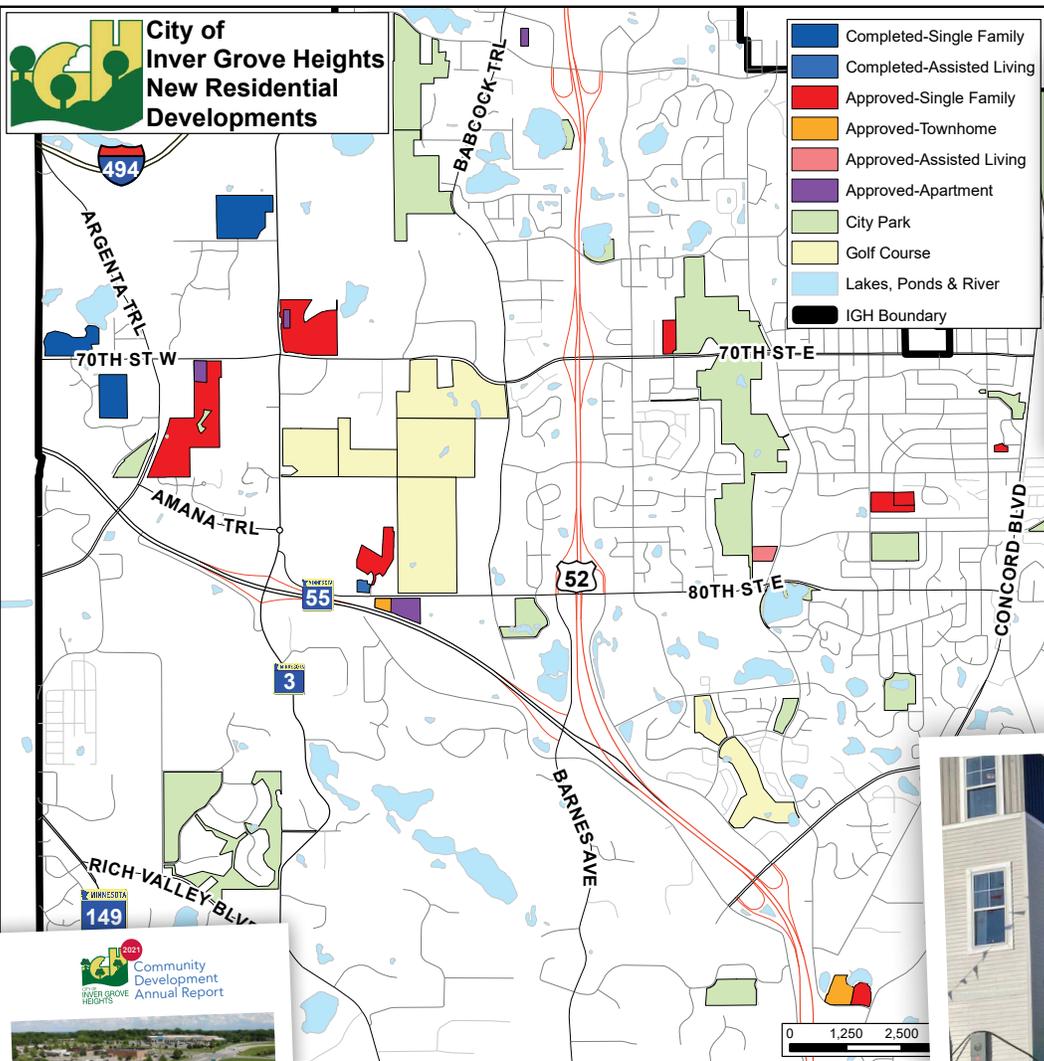
New commercial construction in IGH in 2021 topped \$9 million.



**SKYLINE DISPLAYS BUILDING #3**  
InverPoint Business Park  
8300 Courthouse Boulevard



**RUBY MEADOWS**  
Southwest corner of Degrio Way

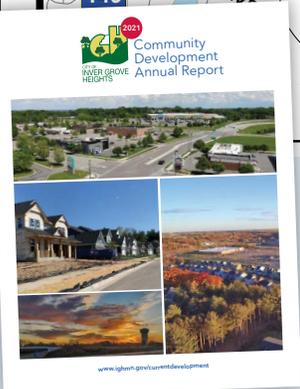


**PELTIER RESERVE**  
Near the intersection of Argenta Trail and Amana Trail

\$28 million was invested in multifamily development



**SOUTH GROVE TOWNHOMES**  
Clayton Avenue and Cloman Way



To review the 2021 Community Development Annual Report and learn more about development in IGH, visit [www.ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment](http://www.ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment).

# Insights

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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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## DO YOU VALUE CLEAN WATER AND PROTECTING OUR WETLANDS?

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The City of Inver Grove Heights is accepting applications from Inver Grove Heights residents to serve a three-year term on the board of managers for our two watershed organizations: the Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (E-IGHWMO) and the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO). These independent government organizations provide water resource management guidance and public education for stormwater policy and watershed projects in our area.

Applicants for these positions should have an appreciation for water quality and could be involved with work on special committees, grant opportunities, budgetary matters, public education, technical oversight, stormwater management, and environment and drainage issues within the watersheds. The E-IGHWMO Board of Managers meets every two months at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The LMRWMO Board of Managers meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to apply, please contact Kathy Fischer at **651-450-2570** or by email at **[kfischer@ighmn.gov](mailto:kfischer@ighmn.gov)**. The first review of applications will be Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS**  
**ANNUAL**  
**LOCAL STORMWATER**  
**IMPACTS MEETING**

Join us  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 28 | NOON**  
YOU CAN ATTEND IN-PERSON AT CITY HALL  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OR VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

Learn how the city will keep your water clean  
and safe as IGH develops,  
and how you can make a difference.

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



## APPLY TO BE ON A CITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

### HELP SHAPE OUR CITY

### APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 2, 2022

Would you like to be part of the planning and development of Inver Grove Heights? Consider applying to serve on a city advisory committee. As a commissioner or committee member, you help shape the future of Inver Grove Heights by advising the City Council.

Learn more about city commissions and how to apply at [www.ighmn.gov/commissionerapp](http://www.ighmn.gov/commissionerapp) or email [jwonick@ighmn.gov](mailto:jwonick@ighmn.gov).

