



# Insights

WINTER 2024



Pictured left to right: Councilmember Mary T’Kach, Councilmember John Murphy, Mayor Brenda Dietrich, Councilmember Sue Gliva and Councilmember Tony Scales at the State of the City event.

## City Hosts Fun, Informative State of the City Event for Community Members

The City of IGH hosted its first live State of the City event on Thursday, Nov. 30. The work of the City’s seven departments, including Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and Finance, was highlighted by the City’s Mayor and Councilmembers during the two-hour event. Attendees chatted over cake and enjoyed live music.

City officials spoke about improvements and initiatives underway at City Hall in the past year, with an emphasis on responding to needs and priorities voiced by IGH residents and business owners. Here is a recap of some of the progress presented at the event:

Street maintenance is a priority for the City Council and many residents. So, **Public Works** responded by creating a

Pavement Management Initiative, and has more than doubled the number of pavement miles rehabbed in the City per year. Pavement project details can be found at [ighmn.gov/pavement](http://ighmn.gov/pavement).

The **Fire Department** welcomed new staff last year and trained six Simley High School students through a new Explorers program. This program teaches transferable skills and generates interest in firefighting as a career with IGH FD or any other fire department. More at [ighmn.gov/fire](http://ighmn.gov/fire).

The **Police Department** launched a new Strategic Response Group (SRG) to address areas of concern that impact quality of life in IGH. This team of three handles narcotics investigations, warrant sweeps and sex trafficking details with Minnesota’s Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

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SRG also works closely with an embedded social worker in the IGH PD, connecting community members with mental health and social services support when needed.

**Community Development** has overseen rapid residential development growth in recent years. In fact, the value of permits pulled in IGH last year was \$90 million. These permits include new single- and multifamily housing developments throughout the City, as well as retail and commercial developments, both of which demonstrate that IGH is an in-demand community.

In the **Parks and Recreation Department**, two new parks with playgrounds and other amenities were built and opened in 2023. Meanwhile, the construction of Heritage Village Park, including an inclusive playground and splashpad, and the reconstruction of South Valley Park, including a new community gathering space, are well underway. Additionally, the much-loved Veterans Memorial Community Center saw more than a half-million visits last year!

If you were unable to attend the State of the City event in person, you can find a link to the event presentation on the City homepage at [ighmn.gov](http://ighmn.gov). This video, produced by Town Square Television, is a time-efficient way of staying current on the people, plans and progress that moved the City forward in 2023.

Thank you to Drkula's staff, Town Square Television staff, the IGH Mayor and Councilmembers, and all community members who attended. We hope to see you next year!



## Salt Smart, IGH!

Combat ice AND protect our water resources this winter season! Excessive use of deicer and salt on roadways, sidewalks and driveways can pollute our soil and water resources. Even small quantities can negatively impact drinking water, plants, fish and wildlife. **Make a pledge to salt smart this season by following these four steps:**

**SHOVEL.** Clear walkways before snow turns to ice. Apply salt only if needed.

**SCATTER.** Use salt only where critical. Aim for three inches of space between salt granules.

**SWITCH.** Salt doesn't melt ice in temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Use sand for traction when it is too cold or use a different deicer.

**SWEEP.** Clean up leftover and excess salt, sand and deicer to save and reuse, as needed.



**Pick up a FREE salt cup at the front desk at City Hall, which will help remind you of how much salt to use this winter, while supplies last.**

## WHERE TO FIND CITY OF IGH DRINKING WATER NEWS

The City has continued to make progress on both interim and long-term improvements to the City's water treatment plant, which will help address elevated radium levels found in the City's drinking water in late 2022.

A City webpage devoted to this topic is updated regularly as new information becomes available: [ighmn.gov/WaterNotice](http://ighmn.gov/WaterNotice).

The most recent public notice regarding radium is available at the following link: [ighmn.gov/WaterPublicNotice](http://ighmn.gov/WaterPublicNotice).

If you have questions about City drinking water, or to request a paper copy of public notices, email [water@ighmn.gov](mailto:water@ighmn.gov) or call 651-450-4309.

# Are You a City Water Customer? Do You Own a Home or Building Built Prior to 1977?

Watch your mail for a survey, as the City undertakes a water service pipe inventory.

The City is kicking off a survey to identify water service pipe material that is installed in City water connections at homes and businesses in IGH. This effort is driven by a requirement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether or not old lead service pipes exist within the City. To count the number and identify the location of potential lead service pipes, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is requesting that all Minnesota communities complete a system-wide inventory of their water service pipes by October 2024. After the inventory is complete, a plan can be developed to remedy or replace these water service pipes.

The responsibility for water service pipes is shared between the City and private property owners, depending on the location and type of water service line that is installed. The image (right) shows where a typical water service line is located, and which portions of pipe are the responsibility of the City versus the private property owner.

Although the City is confident that all City-owned water service pipes are made of copper or plastic, the material used in private service lines might not be known. This is particularly true for homes constructed before the mid-1970s, when the City's building code first required that all private water service lines be made of copper or non-lead material.

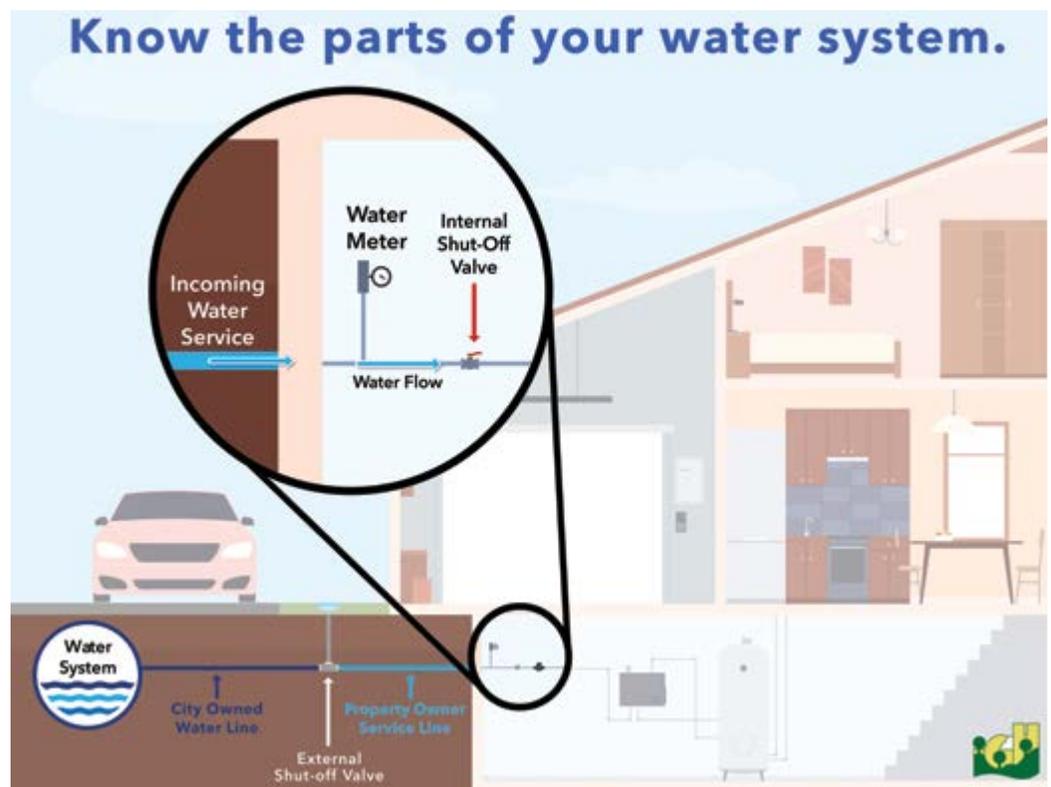
In mid-January 2024, **property owners with homes or buildings constructed prior to 1977** will receive a postcard notice from the City. This postcard will include a link to complete a water service line survey.

Survey content:

- Includes simple questions that property owners can answer to identify the material used in the private water service pipes entering their home or business. (For example: copper, plastic, steel, lead.)
- Should be completed using a smartphone or tablet device.
- Requires that a photo of the water meter connection be uploaded to help verify water service piping material.
- Will provide a phone number that property owners can call for assistance in taking the survey.

In the summer of 2024, after this survey is completed by IGH property owners, the City will provide resulting data to MDH. MDH will review any survey results that indicate unknown pipe material, or any service material that may potentially contain lead. Completing the survey will assist MDH in distributing state and federal funds for future lead pipe removal and will assist the City in planning for future remediation efforts.

The City thanks property owners in advance for their participation in this important survey! Find more information regarding the City's water service pipe inventory effort at [ighmn.gov/pipeinventory](http://ighmn.gov/pipeinventory).





## False Alarm Program

The IGH Police Department has a False Alarm Program to help regulate and reduce repeat false alarm calls for service. This program operates from January 1 through December 31 of each year. City Ordinance Title 5, Chapter 3 (Alarm Systems) requires all property owners with an alarm system to complete a Subscriber Alarm Permit annually. There is no fee for this annual permit.

**TO ENROLL** in the False Alarm Program, scan the QR code below with your smartphone, or go to [ighmn.gov/police](http://ighmn.gov/police).



### FOR REGISTERED ALARM USERS:

If there was no change to your permit between 2023 and 2024, simply complete the name and address sections on your application and select "no changes" when you apply.

The Subscriber Alarm Permit process can be completed in the following ways:

- 1 Scan the QR code (left) with a smartphone or device. This allows you to complete and submit the permit application from your smartphone or device.
- 2 Access the permit application from our City webpage: [ighmn.gov/police](http://ighmn.gov/police).
- 3 Stop by the IGH PD front counter at City Hall and complete the permit application.

During a calendar year, the first two alarms are responded to at

no charge to the alarm user. The third and subsequent false alarm fees are as follows:

- The **third false alarm** response fee is \$100.
- The **fourth false alarm** response fee is \$200.
- For the **fifth and all subsequent false alarm** responses, the fee is \$300 per call.

If the alarm is deemed not to be a false alarm, there is no charge.

## Join the Citizen Police Academy

Wednesdays, April 3 to May 15, 2024  
6 to 9 p.m.

The IGH PD is excited to announce openings for its 2024 Citizen Academy class. The program is taught by IGH PD Officers and is designed to offer citizens an inside look into department operations, including:

- A tour and history of the IGH PD.
- The functions of the patrol, investigations, SWAT, negotiators, physical evidence, bike patrol, traffic and K-9 units.
- A review of typical calls for service.
- DWI demonstrations.
- Routine and felony traffic stops.
- Appropriate use of force.
- The laws of arrest.
- Searching and handcuffing a suspect.

After the successful completion of this program, citizens will be given an opportunity to ride along with an IGH Officer during their shift.

We ask that you make a commitment to attend each of the six weekly sessions.

If you are interested in participating, please register early, as the number of participants will be limited to 15.

Applications can be found on the City website at [ighmn.gov/citizenacademy](http://ighmn.gov/citizenacademy).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

**Lieutenant John Daniels**  
**Citizen Academy Coordinator**  
EMAIL: [jdaniels@ighmn.gov](mailto:jdaniels@ighmn.gov)  
PHONE: 651-450-2466



## DID YOU KNOW?

Community crime maps and monthly crime reports can be found in the IGH PD section of the City website at:

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



# January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>   IGH City Offices Closed  VMCC Open 9 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	9	10 Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	11	12	13
14	15 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b>   IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Open	16 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	17	18	19	20
21	22 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	23	24	25 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	26	27
28	29 City Council Special Meeting Time and Location TBD	30	31			

Remove this handy calendar page and post where convenient!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**SLEDDING HILL WILL BE CLOSED AT SOUTH VALLEY PARK FOR THE WINTER**  
To see a list of other sledding locations, visit [ighmn.gov/parks](http://ighmn.gov/parks).

**OPEN SKATE AT VMCC**  
See winter schedules for open skate and other activities at [ighmn.gov/communitycenter](http://ighmn.gov/communitycenter).

**LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB OR SUMMER INTERNSHIP?**  
Check out the City's open positions at [ighmn.gov/jobs](http://ighmn.gov/jobs).

## KEY

- City Council (CC)
- City Advisory Commissions
- Parks & Recreation Events

## Home Stretch Homebuyer Education

Thinking about buying a home? Here is a chance to prepare! Take the first step by attending a Home Stretch homebuyer education class. You'll learn about the entire homebuying process from a certified Home Stretch educator, mortgage lender, realtor and home inspector. You'll receive a class certificate required for loan programs, including Minnesota Housing and First Generation Homebuyer Community Down Payment Assistance.

For information about upcoming classes, costs, location and to register, visit: [dakotacda.org/homebuyer-education](http://dakotacda.org/homebuyer-education)



651-675-4470 | [mhorsch@dakotacda.org](mailto:mhorsch@dakotacda.org)



## ROAD MAP TO HOMEOWNERSHIP



# February 2024

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### A TIP FROM LOCAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

To help protect the environment, consider limiting the salt you use in your water softener. When it's time to replace your old water softener, consider one that is an efficient or a salt-free water treatment system.

Find more information at [eaganinvergroveheights.wmo.org](http://eaganinvergroveheights.wmo.org) or [lmrwm.org](http://lmrwm.org).

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Watershed Management Organization (WMO)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Princess Dance 6-8 p.m. VMCC <i>Must register.</i>	3
4	5 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m.   City Hall CC Work Session 6 p.m.   City Hall	6 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	7	8	9 NO-SCHOOL DAY Dogsled Ride 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. <i>Must register.</i>	10 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (with SPARC) 10 a.m. VMCC <i>Must register.</i>
11	12 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	13	14 Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission. 7 p.m. City Hall	15	16	17
18	19 PRESIDENTS DAY IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Open	20 Eagan-IGH WMO 5:30 p.m.   City of Eagan Plann. Comm. 7 p.m.   City Hall	21	22 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	23	24 EcoElsa Youth Survival Class 1–4 p.m. <i>Must register.</i>
25	26 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	27	28	29		

## The City of Inver Grove Heights Announces the IGH Bridge Builder Award

Do you know of an IGH resident who has made an exceptional difference in or contribution to the community? You can nominate them for the new IGH Bridge Builder Award!

### The Details...

A special recognition coin will be awarded by the Mayor and City Council twice per year. The City is looking to recognize those who have demonstrated:

- Acts of bravery, quick thinking or selflessness in the aid of others.
- Long-term service to the community through a formal position or role, or through an informal or “under-the-radar” contribution.
- A remarkable accomplishment or representation of IGH on the local, state, national or international stage.
- Leading by example or being a positive role model for young people within the community.

Can you think of an individual who exemplifies these criteria? If so, send a letter of nomination to: IGH City Hall, 8150 Barbara Avenue, IGH, 55077, Attn: City Administrator Kris Wilson. Include your name and the nominee’s name, a brief description of the nominee’s accomplishment, and the best way to contact you.

**Please send your nominations by February 29, 2024.**



# March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Craft Fair 9 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC
3	4 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	5 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY	6 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	7 Kids ROCK Open House 5:30–7 p.m. VMCC	8 EcoElsa Winter Night Hike 7–8:30 p.m. Salem Hills Park <i>Must register.</i>	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins  Reminder to replace batteries in smoke alarms.	11 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	12	13 Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission. 7 p.m. City Hall	14	15	16
17 Aqua Egg Hunt 9:30–11:15 a.m. VMCC <i>Must register.</i>	18 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	19 First Day of Spring  Planning Commission 7 p.m.   City Hall	20	21	22 Flashlight Egg Hunt 8:30 p.m. Oakwood Park <i>Must register.</i>	23 Egg Hunt 1–2:15 p.m. Oakwood Park <i>Must register.</i>
24	25	26	27	28 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	29	30 EcoElsa Maple Syruping 10 a.m.–Noon Salem Hills Park <i>Must register.</i>
EASTER 31 VMCC Closed						

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Looking for information on the latest developments in IGH? Visit [ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment](http://ighmn.gov/economicdevelopment).

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## GET YOUR KIDS OFF THE COUCH

come splash in our pools

- Indoor Water Park with Slides • Lap Pool • Dive Well

## FLEXIBLE FITNESS

for your new year's resolution

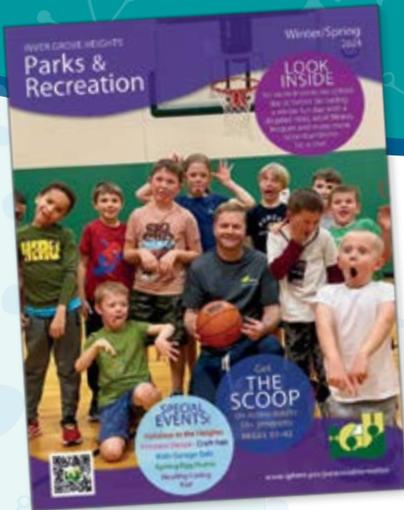
- 40+ Fitness Classes
- Fitness Center • Pool
- Ice Arena • Child Care
- Walking Track

VETERANS MEMORIAL  
COMMUNITY CENTER

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



# INVER GROVE HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION



**NEW**

## FITNESS YOUR WAY AT THE VMCC

This new program lets you mix and match a variety of specialty fitness classes on different days and times so with your busy schedule — you can still meet your workout goals!

**March 4–April 26** (Register by February 26)  
Learn more and register online at [ighmn.gov/fitness](http://ighmn.gov/fitness)

## CHALLENGE

Choose one or more monthly challenges and with each one you accomplish, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a \$75 VMCC gift card! Complete three of the four challenges and receive a T-shirt! First challenge **begins in January**; be sure to register soon! Fee per challenge: \$10 member, \$20 non-member

**DESTINATION:**  
*Winter fun!*  
View our current brochure online.

- YOUTH BASKETBALL**
- SEWING CLASS**
- SWIM LESSONS**
- PICKLEBALL**
- FITNESS**
- DANCE**
- PRESCHOOL SPORTS**

## Princess Dance

**Friday, February 2**  
6–8 p.m.

An enchanted evening awaits all young royalty ages 4 to 12!

VMCC • \$46 (1 adult and 1 child);  
Each additional child: \$23  
FA-W320 • Register by: Fri., Jan. 26

## 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**SAT • FEB 10** **STARTS 10 A.M.**

Get your friends together to play in a basketball tournament!  
**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 6-8**

Codes: YS-W237B and YS-W237G  
\$25 per team (register as a team)  
VMCC National Guard Gymnasium  
Register by February 2

in partnership with **SPARC**

## Craft Fair

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**  
9 a.m.–1 p.m.

NATIONAL GUARD GYMNASIUM  
ENTRANCE I

Creative vendor booths of all kinds!

**CRAFT VENDORS WANTED!**  
Contact [cswenhaugen@ighmn.gov](mailto:cswenhaugen@ighmn.gov) if you would like to apply to be a vendor.  
Table/booth space is \$45

Register TODAY for winter and spring programs!

## Outdoor Winter Family Activities

- EcoElsa Winter Night Hike**  
Friday, March 8  
7–8:30 p.m. • \$22 per person  
\$53 per family (up to six)
- EcoElsa Maple Syruping**  
Saturday, March 30  
10 a.m.–Noon • \$20 per person  
\$53 per family (up to six)



## DANCE CLASSES

**CONTEMPORARY LINE DANCING**  
Tuesdays, January 16–February 20  
1–3 p.m. • VMCC, Fitness Studio  
\$40 • Code: AP-W0116  
Register by: Tuesday, January 9

**SOCIAL DANCE**  
New classes are starting in January for a variety of dance lessons. See [ighmn.gov/register](http://ighmn.gov/register) and in the search bar type in "Social Dance" for details!

## WINTER FUN DAY with a dogsled ride!

**FEBRUARY 9**

Ages 6–12 • \$80  
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Register by: January 31  
Code: YP-W223



## CHECK OUT THE IGH Senior Center

[ighmn.gov/activeadults55](http://ighmn.gov/activeadults55)

There is something for everyone!  
Cards • Fitness Classes  
Book Clubs • Day Trips  
**AND MORE!**



Learn more and register online at [ighmn.gov/register](http://ighmn.gov/register) or by phone 651-450-2480



## Recycle Right

Recycling saves energy and protects natural resources. Recycling also supports important businesses across the country, and some that operate right here in Minnesota.

Help support the recycling industry by recycling right. Put these recyclables loose in your home recycling cart or use a paper bag. Do not use plastic bags. Make sure bottles, jars and containers are empty and dry before recycling. They don't have to be perfect—just free of most residue like food and liquids. Leave caps on containers and flatten boxes.

### Paper

Newspaper and inserts  
Magazines and catalogs  
Mail and office papers

### Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard  
Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)

### Cartons

Milk and juice cartons  
Soup, broth and wine cartons  
Juice boxes

### Metal cans

Aluminum, tin and steel cans

### Glass bottles and jars



### Plastic bottles, containers and jugs

Containers numbered 1, 2 or 5  
Soda, juice and water bottles  
Milk and juice jugs  
Margarine, cottage cheese, and other tubs and lids  
Laundry detergent bottles and jugs  
Clear berry and produce containers

Leave out plastic bags, batteries, black plastic, food and things that can tangle around moving machines. If you're wondering about a specific item, use the online Recycling Guide at [dakotacounty.us](http://dakotacounty.us), and search recycling guide.

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## Free Recycling Resources for Apartments, Condos and Townhomes

Most multifamily residential properties in Dakota County are required to provide recycling to their tenants. We can help!

Through the Multifamily Recycling Program, City staff can provide Inver Grove Heights 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 they can request free recycling resources. Program information is available at [ighmn.gov/recycle](http://ighmn.gov/recycle), under the "Multifamily, Business & Schools" tab.
- **Nominate your property.** Contact Ally Sutherland at [asutherland@ighmn.gov](mailto:asutherland@ighmn.gov) and provide your property manager's contact information. The City will share which free recycling resources are available to the complex and its residents.

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## Are Your Home Energy Bills Difficult to Manage?

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) provides income-qualified homeowners and renters bill payment assistance to help maintain affordable home energy year-round. The EAP will also verify your eligibility for an income-qualified Weatherization Assistance Program that provides insulation and energy-efficiency equipment upgrades. Apply online at [capagency.org/energy](http://capagency.org/energy), or contact Community Action Partnership at 651-322-3500. Applications will be processed within 90 days.

If you need immediate payment assistance for home energy bills, contact your energy utility provider to inquire about income-qualified assistance options, or visit the "Homeowners & Renters" tab at [ighmn.gov/energy](http://ighmn.gov/energy) to learn more and sign up online. **Please note:** state law protects residents from having electric or natural gas service shut off between October 1 and April 30 during cold weather.



## Lithium-ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices, including smartphones, laptops, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys and even cars. Take care when using them. In rare cases, they can cause a fire or explosion.

### The Problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; using lithium-ion batteries for anything other than their intended purpose can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire or explode.

### Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device. Put batteries in the device in the correct orientation.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device. Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep batteries at room temperature. Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

### Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice any of these problems:

- Odor
- Change in color
- Too much heat
- Change in shape
- Leaking
- Odd noises

If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. In cases of emergency, call 911.

### Battery Disposal

- **Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash or put discarded batteries in piles.** Recycling batteries is always the best option. Inver Grove Heights residents are encouraged to take their household hazardous waste to the Dakota County Recycling Zone, located in Eagan. Please note that the Recycling Zone has special hours in which household hazardous waste, such as lithium-ion batteries, is accepted. You can learn more at [ighmn.gov/recycle](http://ighmn.gov/recycle) or call the Recycling Center at **651-905-4520**.

## GIS CORNER

### QUICK CAPTURE SUPPORTS IMPORTANT CITY WORK

As GIS technology continues to grow both in capabilities and use, it has proven to be an efficient and necessary tool for the City. An example of this is an app called Quick Capture, which allows City staff to identify and save fieldwork assignments with the simple click of a button. Workers are often able to identify necessary maintenance while they are out in the community performing other tasks. Instead of waiting until they are back in the office, they can quickly pull over their vehicle, open the app and click one of several preconfigured buttons. This creates a task that is automatically added to an online map, which can then be seen on a phone or a desktop computer, prioritized and eventually marked as complete.

IGH GIS has configured six Quick Capture projects for City departments, which identify work to be done and monitor status. City staff have been using the Streets, Utilities, Tree Inspections and Vegetative Management Quick Capture projects for four years, and there is a new project being developed for Park Maintenance. In case of an emergency, there is a project to collect Storm Damage Information, including photos, location and a standardized damage level scale rating.

To date, more than 4,800 data points and lines have been collected using Quick Capture to identify City maintenance tasks and locations. Quick Capture is a simple GIS tool that generates two important outcomes: a more productive City staff and a better-maintained IGH.



Elections 2024

# Presidential Nominating Primary is March 5

City, county and state election workers will administer three election cycles in 2024—the Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP) on Tuesday, Mar. 5; the State Primary on Tuesday, Aug. 13; and the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Early voting for the PNP begins January 19.

To make sure you are prepared for this busy year of voting, check your voter registration status and polling place location at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). Advanced registration for the PNP is open through February 13, after which time individuals would have to utilize Minnesota’s same-day registration process, which allows you to register to vote at your polling location on Election Day with proper proof of residency.

New this year is an extended period of direct balloting. Early voting, where completed ballots are stored in sealed envelopes prior to being run through a ballot tabulator, still begins 46 days prior to each Election Day. However, a new state law shifts the process to direct balloting, where voters deposit their completed ballot directly into the ballot tabulator, starting 18 days ahead of Election Day. Previously, direct balloting did not begin until seven days ahead of Election Day. As a result, early voting for the PNP begins January 19 and direct balloting begins February 16.

For more information on voting locations, hours and processes, as well as instructions for requesting a ballot by mail, visit the City’s website at [ighmn.gov/elections](http://ighmn.gov/elections) or [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).



[mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) is your source for voter registration and polling place information.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



### OPEN NOW

#### E&S SweetTreats

3056 65th St. E.

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

651-450-2393

EMAIL: [eandssweettreats@gmail.com](mailto:eandssweettreats@gmail.com)

WEB: [eandssweettreats.com](http://eandssweettreats.com)

Ely Rosales and Saroeum Path, cofounders and owners of new IGH business E&S SweetTreats, offer a wide-ranging sweets menu—from fruit bowls to hot drinks and boba tea to ice cream desserts—that feature a fusion of Asian and Latino treats. Guests are invited to stop in and try unique flavors they won’t find elsewhere.

“My family moved to Inver Grove Heights in 2021,” says Rosales. “We didn’t realize our community didn’t have enough dessert places where families can come together with their kids, or a place where students can enjoy some desserts while they study. That’s what drove us to open E&S SweetTreats.”

Visit [eandssweettreats.com](http://eandssweettreats.com) to learn about events and discounts.

# 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

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## TAKE THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY AND HELP CREATE A SAFER IGH

The Police Department's Annual Community Safety Survey will be open until Jan. 31, 2024. Everyone who lives, works or regularly visits IGH is asked to complete it.

- It takes five to seven minutes to complete.
- Data from the survey helps IGH PD identify and address community safety concerns and develop the 2024 Policing Plan.
- Survey results are shared on IGH PD webpages.

Find a link to the survey at [ighmn.gov/police](http://ighmn.gov/police) or scan the QR code with a smartphone to launch the survey.



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