



Insights

SPRING 2024



City Considering Change to Length of Mayoral Term

The Inver Grove Heights City Council is seeking resident input on the idea of changing the term for the office of Mayor from two to four years.

Currently, Inver Grove Heights has a two-year term for the office of Mayor, but state law allows cities to have either a two- or a four-year term. If changed to a four-year term, the Mayor's term would match the length of a City Councilmember's term.

IGH would also be aligning with most other Minnesota cities its size if this change is made. To illustrate, of 106 cities with a population of 10,000 or more in Minnesota, 79 have a four-year mayoral term and 27 have a two-year mayoral term. According to data gathered by the League of Minnesota Cities, Inver Grove Heights is the largest Minnesota city to have a two-year mayoral term.

Proposed Ordinance Process

On February 26, 2024, the IGH City Council approved a first reading of an ordinance that would change the length of an IGH Mayor's term from two years to four years. The ordinance will need to be approved at a second and third reading in order to become effective. The third and final

reading of this proposed ordinance change is scheduled for the City Council meeting on **April 22, 2024 at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall, 8150 Barbara Avenue.**

Next Steps

If a change is made, it would not extend the term of the current Mayor. Instead, it would take effect with the next election cycle this November 2024. You can learn more by visiting the City's website at ighmn.gov/MayorTerm.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The City Council would like to gather feedback from IGH residents as the City considers a change to the mayoral term length in IGH. If you would like to share your thoughts on changing the term of an IGH Mayor from two years to four years, please email the City Clerk's office at CityClerk@ighmn.gov. Your feedback will be entered into the meeting record and shared with Councilmembers. Public comment will also be taken at the Monday, April 22 City Council meeting.

YOUR INPUT IS VALUABLE!

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TRAFFIC CORNER



The Upside to Uncontrolled Intersections

Intersections without signals, stop signs, or even yield signs are common across Minnesota and in Inver Grove Heights. Intersections that do not have signs or other means to control traffic are called *uncontrolled intersections*.

Through effective engineering and adherence to traffic laws, these intersections can provide a good balance between safety and public benefit. What are the traffic laws that apply to uncontrolled intersections? According to state statute, when two vehicles enter an uncontrolled intersection at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left yields to the vehicle on the right. If the uncontrolled intersection is T-shaped, the driver who is turning yields to cross traffic.

The use of uncontrolled intersections is limited to low-traffic, residential areas with adequate sight distance in both directions. At first glance, this type of intersection might seem dangerous to both people and vehicles. Actually, due to reduced signage and traffic controls, motorists tend to be more cautious at uncontrolled intersections than at other types of intersections and pedestrians more aware of the vehicles around them.

Uncontrolled intersections can also build a sense of community in urban neighborhoods. When the rules of the road are followed, these intersections encourage more mindful driving and contribute to a pedestrian-friendly environment. They can enhance the aesthetics of a neighborhood, with a more open appearance and less visual clutter created by traffic signs, which can make a neighborhood more attractive and desirable.

As with any traffic control—or lack thereof—at a City intersection, the use of uncontrolled intersections requires careful consideration of traffic patterns, safety measures, and community dynamics.

Questions? Email EngineeringInfo@ighmn.gov.

Water Service Pipe Survey Closing Soon

Building on a strong response from property owners so far, the City is still collecting survey data regarding water service pipes in IGH homes and buildings constructed prior to 1977. This is driven by a requirement of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine if lead service pipes exist anywhere within the City’s water system. To that end, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requests that all Minnesota communities complete a system-wide inventory of their water service pipes by October 2024.

Survey instructions were mailed to impacted homes and businesses in IGH in January 2024. Thank you to those who have already completed it! By completing the survey, you assist the City in securing state and federal funds for future lead pipe removal and help the City plan for future remediation efforts.

If your home or business was built prior to 1977, is connected to City water, and you have not yet taken this important survey, there is still time. Survey instructions are available at ighmn.gov/PipeInventory, or call 763-296-1473 for help completing it. The survey will remain open through April 30, 2024.



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.

The most recent public notice regarding radium is available at the following link: ighmn.gov/WaterPublicNotice.

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



INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
ANNUAL

WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION MEETING

Join us!

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | 7 P.M.

DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING AT CITY HALL
OR
WATCH ON TOWN SQUARE TV
CHANNEL 15/859 HD

The Environmental Advisory Commission, a volunteer commission made up of nine IGH residents, invites you to learn about protecting natural water resources in IGH, including lakes, ponds, wetlands and the Mississippi River.

City staff will discuss how the City protects water resources, and how residents can make a difference at home by joining the new Adopt-a-Drain program, attending a raingarden workshop and reducing the environmental impacts of yard waste, pet waste, road salt and more!

Read about the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) at:

ighmn.gov/swppp

City Adopts Licensing Requirements that Limit Short-Term Rentals

A new ordinance will take effect a year from now—on **April 1, 2025**—that limits short-term rentals in Inver Grove Heights. Often advertised on websites such as Airbnb or VRBO, short-term or vacation rentals have become a concern in some residential neighborhoods, where reports of loud gatherings, excessive on-street parking and other issues have been received by City staff and elected officials.

Prior to taking action on the issue, the City Council discussed the topic at numerous meetings, considered multiple means of responding to the issue, and listened to significant public testimony from individuals both for and against the limitations.

The final ordinance amends the City's rental license code to require that properties be rented for a period of 30 days or more. However, owner-occupied homes are exempt from this requirement, meaning property owners can still offer short-term rentals of all or a portion of their home, such as a lower-level apartment or an above-garage Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), as long as the property owner is homesteaded.

The effective date of the ordinance was set at April 2025 in order to provide those who currently operate a short-term rental that is not a portion of their residence with adequate time to adjust their business model to long-term rentals or make other arrangements.



PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

SPRING OPEN HOUSES:

April 23: Construction Open House for 2024 Projects
4:30-7:30 p.m. @ IGH Fire Station #2
9200 Courthouse Blvd.

May 14: Feasibility Open House for 2025 Projects
4:30-7:30 p.m. @ Veterans Memorial Community Center
8055 Barbara Ave.

Get meeting details & sign up for project update emails

@ ighmn.gov/Pavement



**DID
YOU?
KNOW**

Ordinances under consideration by the City Council are posted online for public review. To read currently proposed and recently approved ordinances, go to ighmn.gov/Transparency and click the *Ordinances and City Council Actions* tab.



CURFEW

The IGH 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.)

When should youth be supervised?

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

Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 8-12, 2024

Did you know that Minnesota experiences an average of 29 tornadoes per year? And do you know what to do during a tornado or other severe weather event? Each year, Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), a Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, and the National Weather Service, sponsor Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. The week is a reminder for everyone about seasonal weather threats and how to avoid them.

During the week, each day will focus on a different weather topic:

MONDAY: Alerts and Warnings

TUESDAY: Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail

WEDNESDAY: Floods

THURSDAY: Tornadoes (Statewide Tornado Drill Day)

FRIDAY: Extreme Heat

There are two scheduled statewide tornado drills on **Thursday, April 11** 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 Dakota 911 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

April 2024

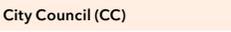
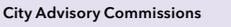
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS End on April 1	1 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m. City Hall CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	2 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	3	4	5	6 Parks & Rec Registration Kick-off Event Online at ighmn.gov/Register
SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS	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	16 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	17 Healthy Living Fair 9 a.m.-Noon VMCC	18	19	20
21	22 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	23 2024 PMI Construction Open House 4:30-7:30 p.m. Fire Station #2	24	25 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	26	27 World Tai Chi & Qigong Day Celebration 9:30-11 a.m. VMCC, Comm. Rm. 3
28 Kid's Garage Sale 10 a.m.-Noon VMCC	29	30	 WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PRESENTATION THURSDAY, APRIL 25 Part of EAC Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall <i>See page 3</i>			

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

MONDAY, APRIL 1
Community Garden Plot Rental
 Registration opens to all IGH residents.
ighmn.gov/CommunityGardens

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
Kids R.O.C.K. Open House
 5:30 p.m.
 VMCC

KEY

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

Remove this handy calendar page and post where convenient!

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

City fire hydrants are flushed each spring to ensure they are in good working order and to remove any mineral deposits that may have accumulated in the water mains. During hydrant flushing, minerals in the water might discolor your tap water when you turn on your faucet. Although it might look strange, the water is still safe to drink. To resolve the discoloration, residents can let their cold-water taps run until the water is clear.



Shown from left: IGH Mayor Brenda Dietrich and Finance Director Amy Hove.

FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD PRESENTED TO CITY STAFF

At a recent City Council meeting, the City's Finance Department, led by Finance Director Amy Hove, was awarded the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* for the City's 2022 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This level of excellence in reporting has been a consistent win for the City since 1986!

This award was presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA) and is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. It represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

"Congratulations to our Finance Department for once again earning this award," said City Administrator Kris Wilson. "The fact that the City has received it consecutively for the last 38 years demonstrates staff's hard work and commitment."

To view current and past City of IGH financial reports, visit:
ighmn.gov/FinancialReports.

May 2024

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Do you know someone who has made a significant difference in the IGH community?

Nominate them for the NEW IGH Bridge Builder Award!

ighmn.gov/Award

KEY

City Council (CC)

City Advisory Commissions

Parks & Recreation Events (P&R)

Police Department Events

Other Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REMINDER! MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD TUES., MAY 21 through TUES., JUNE 4 at 5 p.m. Email CityClerk@ighmn.gov			1	2	3	4
5	6 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	7 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	8 Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	9	10	11 Touch-a-Truck 9:30-11:30 a.m. VMCC, North Parking Lot (sensory friendly 9-9:30 a.m.)
12 NATIONAL POLICE WEEK BEGINS	13 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	14 2025 PMI Feasibility Open House 4:30-7:30 p.m. VMCC West Arena Turf	15 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE 4-7 p.m. PD Parking Lot	16 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	17	18 Paper Shredding Event 9 a.m.-Noon City Hall Parking Lot
19 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK BEGINS	20 City Council Meeting with Commission Appointments 6 p.m. City Hall	21 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	22	23	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Closed	28 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	29	30	31	

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Wednesday, May 15

4-7 p.m. (weather permitting)

IGH PD parking lot on the westside of City Hall



The public is invited to the 2024 Inver Grove Heights Police Department Open House as part of 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! Look for more information on the IGH PD Facebook page.



As May 15 gets closer, look for more information on the Inver Grove Heights Police Department Facebook page.

June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
INVER GROOVE MUSIC IN THE PARK TUESDAYS, JUNE 25, JULY 9, JULY 16, JULY 23, JULY 30, AUGUST 6 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park			NEW NAME & LOCATION!			1 Scavenger Hunt at Harmon Park Reserve <i>ighmn.gov/ Register</i>
2	3 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m. City Hall CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	4 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	5	6	7	8 Huck Finn Fishing Derby 9:30-11:30 a.m. <i>ighmn.gov/ Register</i>
9 St. Paul Farmers Market Opens 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	10 Kids R.O.C.K. starts at the VMCC City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	11	12 Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	13	14	15 Fix-It Clinic 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Inver Glen Library <i>(Last items accepted at 12:30 p.m.)</i>
16 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	17	18 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	19 JUNETEENTH IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Open	20	21	22
23 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	24 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	25 Inver Groove Music in the Park 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park	26	27 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	28	29
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS



ST. PAUL FARMERS MARKET IN IGH
 Every Sunday
 June 9 through October 27
 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
 VMCC Parking Lot

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
Northwest Area Parks Grand Opening
 6-7:30 p.m.
 Overlook Ridge Park

KEY

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

Remove this handy calendar page and post where convenient!

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE!

This year, IGH Utility Billing staff have received numerous calls from customers concerned about mail delays that resulted in late payments and late fees. The City is aware of this problem and wants to help residents avoid any additional costs and inconvenience they may incur when mailing payments. Here are alternative FREE payment methods you can use to pay your utility bill on time, without the need for a stamp!

- 1 Make a debit payment on the City's website.
- 2 Set up automatic, recurring bill payments from your bank account.
- 3 Drop off your payment inside City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or use the convenient and secure drop box outside of City Hall, across from the main entrance.

To learn more about paying your bill without mailing, visit ighmn.gov/BillPay, scan the QR code, or call IGH Utility Billing for assistance at 651-450-2520.



Available for Check-Out... WATER-THEMED BAGS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

The Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (E-IGH WMO) is offering water-themed bags available for check-out from Inver Glen Library. The bags contain information for residents of all ages on water conservation and stewardship, including: fish flash cards and posters, lawn maintenance and garden pamphlets, children's books, Bill Nye DVDs, a toilet tank leak testing kit, a map of the local watershed, and a key to the life forms that inhabit freshwater. Learn more at EaganInverGroveHeightsWMO.org.



INVER GROVE HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION



Check out our IGH Summer Celebration P&R brochure!

Register now!
Favorite programs fill fast and many start soon!

ighmn.gov/register

Veterans Memorial Community Center

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

May 1–June 15

Pay a reduced enrollment fee of \$24 when you become a VMCC member!



SUMMER FACILITIES INCLUDE: aquatic center, fitness center, ice arena, indoor turf field and National Guard Gymnasium

YOUTH: Baseball · Basketball · Dance · Field Trips
Horse Camp · Instafit · Kids R.O.C.K. Summer Camp
Pickleball · Soccer · Softball · Sports and STEM Camps
Tennis · Kids Zumba · Yoga Kids · #Teen Fit & more!

ADULT: Dancing · Plan Your Fitness · Cycling · Golf
Sewing Class · Pickleball · Tennis · Tai Chi & more!

NEW!

Walk with Ease

Encouragement · Endurance
Confidence · Companionship

Join us! We'll help you set outdoor walking goals and encourage you to reach them!

Monday and Wednesday
April 22–June 24 · 1 p.m.

\$75 VMCC member
\$115 non-member

ighmn.gov/register



Check out the IGH SENIOR CENTER
ighmn.gov/activeadults55

Fitness · Dance Classes
Cards · Book Clubs
Day Trips AND More!

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

FREE!



SATURDAY, MAY 11

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Sensory Friendly: 9–9:30 a.m.
VMCC Parking Lot



\$15

Show your support and buy our annual IGH Parks and Recreation T-shirt with proceeds going towards our scholarship fund to make more FUN for ALL!

FREE!
INVER GROVE
MUSIC in the PARK

SOUTH VALLEY PARK · 10:30 A.M.

- June 25 • Will Hale & the Tadpole Parade
- July 9 • Tricia & the Toonies
- July 16 • The Bazillions
- July 23 • Todd'n'Tina
- July 30 • Will Sings Songs
- Aug. 6 • Riffin' Griffin



Have FUN this summer and build your career!

Check for available positions and apply at ighmn.gov/jobs



DIVE-IN MOVIE
FINDING 'OHANA

Friday, July 19 · \$10
5–7:30 p.m. · VMCC Pool

MOVIE IN THE PARK
ELEMENTAL

Friday, August 16
Oakwood Park
ighmn.gov/events

FREE!



To register: ighmn.gov/register · For event details: ighmn.gov/events



Electrical Safety Reminders

While the use of electricity is second nature, it has the potential to be harmful. Below are some tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to keep you and your family safe.

SAFETY TIPS

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (coffee maker, toaster or space heater) into an outlet at a time.
- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected, too.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don’t have to use extension cords.

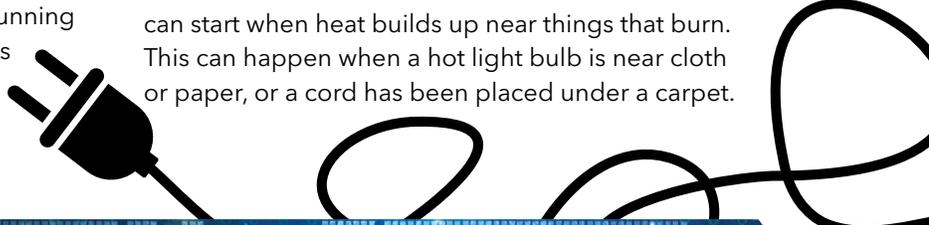
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves) should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Use a light bulb with the right number of watts. There is usually a sticker inside the socket that indicates this.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance.
- Discolored or warm wall outlets.
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.
- Flickering or dimming lights.
- Sparks from an outlet.

Remember: You do not need a flame to start a fire. Fires can start when heat builds up near things that burn. This can happen when a hot light bulb is near cloth or paper, or a cord has been placed under a carpet.



GIS CORNER

HOW TO CONDUCT A CITYWIDE WATER SERVICE PIPE INVENTORY? ASK GIS!

Beginning last year, the City has been inventorying all service pipes within the City’s water system. This effort is being driven by a mandate from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether any lead exists in water systems throughout the U.S. This applies especially to structures built prior to 1977, when many cities stopped using lead in their water service pipes. Residents might be wondering how the City inspects and tracks the many assets within the IGH water system. Here’s how:

Through maps and data created by IGH GIS, City staff can view information and perform inspections of pipes and other infrastructure in the field using a Field Maps app on their phones. Water mains, water service pipes, curb stops and parcel information are all color-coded on the app, so that staff can view which assets were built before and after 1977, when the City required that only copper or plastic piping be used in all water service piping. When City staff review existing utility record drawing information, or complete a water meter replacement within a home or business, staff review the water service pipe material for the presence of lead, noting *Inspected By*, and *Inspected Date* in the app. When staff make edits to the data while they are conducting inspections, the GIS data field changes color, so staff know what assets have already been inspected and when.

The water service pipe data collected by City staff is being added to data that residents are being asked to collect—if they own property built prior to 1977—through an in-home survey. More information on the water service pipe survey can be found on page two of this issue of *Insights*, or at ighmn.gov/PipeInventory.



Help Keep IGH Beautiful!

Spring cleaning isn't just for inside your home. Help tend to the outdoors, too. Here are a few ways to keep IGH beautiful, protect our natural resources, and make sure you're complying with City Code this spring!

LAWN AND GARDEN. Turfgrass should be no higher than eight inches. As of 2023, managed natural landscapes such as planned, intentional, and maintained plantings of wildflowers, shrubs and trees that conform with the City Code are permitted on all properties and are excluded from height restrictions. These managed landscapes can support pollinators and other wildlife by providing critical habitat and resources. Learn how to plant a managed natural landscape on your property at ighmn.gov/YardAndGarden.

CLEAR THE JUNK. Not only is it unsightly, but it's also a code violation. Junk includes inoperable vehicles, broken appliances or other refuse placed in a yard or driveway. Accumulation of debris can attract rodents.

MAINTAIN FENCES. Fences must be kept in good condition and remain under 48 inches in the front yard, and under seven feet on the side and in the back yard. A permit is required before installing a fence (ighmn.gov/Permit).

PET WASTE. Despite popular belief, pet waste is not a good fertilizer. It is too acidic. If not picked up, pet waste can impact our water resources by introducing bacteria, parasites and excess nutrients, causing a decline in water quality. Pet owners must "scoop the poop," bag it and throw it in the trash.



Spring Confidential Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, May 18
9 a.m.–Noon | City Hall Parking Lot
8150 Barbara Avenue

Instead of shredding at home, bring your confidential papers to the event's secure on-site shredding truck for **FREE**. This will ensure your personal information stays secure and your papers get recycled.

ACCEPTED: Confidential papers with account numbers or other private information. Remove all three-ring binders, binder clips or metal tabs on file folders. Paper clips and staples can be left on the paper. Please bring your paper in a small box or paper bag, and place in your trunk. All boxes will be emptied and returned.

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

Find a list of what to shred and additional event details at ighmn.gov/CollectionEvents.

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



SUSTAINABLE IGH AWARDS – APPLY TO BE RECOGNIZED!

Be recognized for the difference you've made in the community by applying for the new Sustainable IGH award! If you're an IGH resident or business owner who has carried out sustainable actions that promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, native landscaping, waste reduction, water conservation, community, and more, we want to hear from you!

There are three Sustainable IGH Recognition award levels based on your number of completed actions: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Awardees will be given printed and digital program awards, a program certificate, and recognition by the City Council and Environmental Advisory Commission. Applicants may apply annually to advance to a higher award level in future years.

Please take a few minutes to tell us about your efforts by filling out the form at ighmn.gov/SustainableIGH. Have photos and project details you'd like to share readily available when you begin your application.

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TUESDAY, APRIL 30

ighmn.gov/SustainableIGH





BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



OPENING THIS SPRING!

Pizza Pub

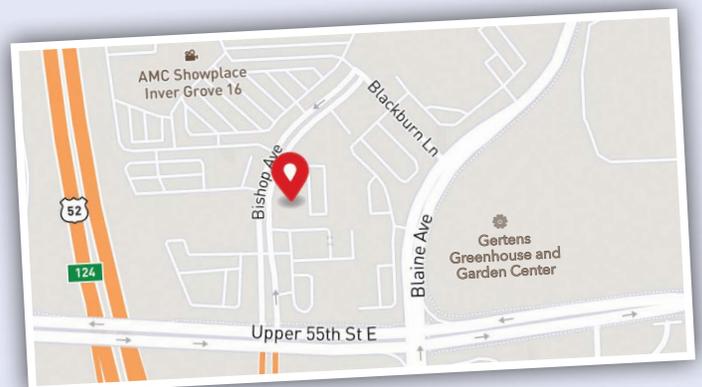
5660 Bishop Avenue

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

651-455-1551

mypizzapub.com/inver-grove-heights

Pizza Pub is a family-owned business that started in Pine City, Minnesota. It has locations in North Branch, Cambridge, Braham and Big Lake, and—beginning this spring—Inver Grove Heights. In business for 35 years, Pizza Pub offers pizza, as well as other menu items, and has earned the “Best House Special” award in Minnesota.



Bring Your Broken Items to a Fix-It Clinic for Free Repair Help

Saturday, June 15

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Inver Glen Library

8098 Blaine Avenue East

Last items accepted at 12:30 p.m.

Dakota County residents can get help repairing household items, clothes, electronics and more at a Fix-It Clinic. These monthly events help keep items out of landfills and empower people to repair things on their own.

Visit the upcoming Fix-It Clinic on SATURDAY, JUNE 15 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Inver Glen Library in Inver Grove Heights. (Last items are accepted at 12:30 p.m.) The event is FREE and you do not need to register to participate.

Helpful volunteers will guide you through each step, from troubleshooting to a completed repair. Bring up to three items that need fixing or mending such as lamps, vacuum cleaners and clothes. You must be able to carry items into the clinic, so no overly large items. Bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job, but you are not required to bring tools.

For future dates and more information, visit dakotacounty.us and search *fix-it clinic*.

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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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Help Shape the Future of IGH!

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1, 2024

Would you like to be part of the planning and development of Inver Grove Heights? Then consider applying to serve on a City Advisory Commission.

Advisory Commissioners help shape the future of IGH. The City is currently seeking applicants for:

- **PLANNING COMMISSION**—reviews zoning code and land use issues, makes recommendations on development applications and creates long-range land use plans.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**—reviews environmental items, including land alteration permits, wetland replacement applications, and landfill matters, and promotes public awareness of sustainability initiatives.
- **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**—guides the acquisition and development of new City parks, as well as reinvestment in existing parks, reviews recreational programs and activities, and develops long-range objectives for the City's park system.

Applicants must be IGH residents and available to regularly attend evening Commission meetings.

Interviews by the City Council are scheduled for the afternoon and evening of May 20, 2024. Learn more about the City's Advisory Commissions and how to apply at ighmn.gov/CommissionerApp or email: CityClerk@ighmn.gov.

Help Shape the Future of Inver Grove Heights

READY TO APPLY?

Scan the QR code below.



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