



Insights

FALL 2024

Plan to Vote: Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5

THE 2024 ELECTION BALLOT

FEDERAL: U.S. President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representatives

STATE: State Representative and Judicial Offices

DAKOTA COUNTY OFFICES: County Commissioner
District 4; Soil & Water District 2

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS: Mayor and two Councilmembers

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Renewal. More on this proposed amendment at mnvotes.gov.

ISD 199 REFERENDUM: More at isd199.org.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

The Minnesota Secretary of State's Office is the repository for the statewide voter registration system. Check your voter registration status at: mnvotes.gov.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. (for State General Election).

Minnesota Statute also allows individuals to register at the time they cast a ballot (via early voting or on Election Day at their precinct) with proof of residency.

HERE ARE **3** WAYS TO VOTE:

1 Vote Absentee, Beginning Friday, Sep. 20

You can vote absentee either in person at City Hall or by applying online to receive your ballot in the mail. To vote absentee in person, visit City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays from Sep. 20 through Oct. 17.

You can also apply online for your ballot at mnvotes.gov and click **Vote By Mail** under **Other Ways to Vote** and follow the prompts. Your ballot will be mailed to you. Once you have filled out your ballot, mail it back using the prepaid envelope provided OR drop it off at City Hall (8150 Barbara Ave. in IGH) during business hours.

Note: Your ballot must be received by elections staff by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Your ballot will not be counted if it arrives after Election Day. Please allow ample time for your ballot to arrive by mail before Election Day.

2 Vote Early by Direct Balloting, Beginning Friday, Oct. 18

You may receive a ballot at City Hall. After you have filled in your ballot, you will be able to **deposit your ballot directly into a tabulator** at City Hall. See dates and times below for direct balloting hours.

Direct Balloting Hours at City Hall:

Oct. 18–Nov. 1 | Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 29 | 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4 | 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

3 Vote at Your Polling Place on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5

The City of Inver Grove Heights is divided into 12 precincts/polling locations. Voting hours on Election Day are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Not sure where to vote on Election Day? Scan the QR code and follow the prompts.



To find your polling location, go to mnvotes.gov and click on **Find In-Person Locations** and follow the prompts.



Scan this QR Code to watch a video demonstrating the harm of "flushable" wipes in the sewer system.



snake, or in severe cases, through excavating and replacing the pipe. **Property owners are responsible for maintenance and repair of service lines and the costs of any repairs.** A simple service call for a plumber can cost hundreds of dollars and can be an inconvenient and unwelcome expense for any budget.

If a clog occurs in City wastewater system pumps, City staff must manually remove the pumps and clear the obstruction. Depending on the type of obstruction, there may be permanent damage to pumps, requiring expensive repairs or replacement. These efforts can cost thousands of dollars and often shorten the lifespan of sewer infrastructure. This leads directly to increases in wastewater service fees.

Solution: Stick to Toilet Paper

The simple solution to clogs caused by flushable wipes is to stick to toilet paper in toilets, and dispose of wipes in the trash. Your pipes and City utility maintenance staff thank you!

For More Information

Visit the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services website at <https://metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Planning/Wastewater/What-Not-To-Flush/Residents.aspx>.

DID YOU KNOW that flushable and disposable wipes are the primary cause of sewer clogs and backups in the City of Inver Grove Heights? Even though many products say "flushable" (and may indeed "flush" down a toilet), they do not break down and make their way into the sewer system the same way that toilet paper does. Flushing them is similar to flushing a handkerchief or a sock. Don't believe this? Scan the QR code above to watch a video demonstrating the difference between toilet paper and "flushable" wipes after being in water for eight days, or visit <https://youtu.be/ysTa4iNd5RM>.

Clogs are Gross (and Expensive to Repair)

When a clog occurs in a service pipe or the City's mainline, the clog must be removed via high-pressure jetting, a pipe



Scoop the Poop!

- Despite popular belief, pet waste is NOT a good fertilizer. It is too acidic.
- Pet waste can find its way into our storm sewers, lakes, rivers and drinking water. It can introduce bacteria and parasites into the environment.
- Dog poop is high in nutrients and pathogens that can create excessive algae growth, smelly water, excessive weeds, cloudiness, and cause a decline in water quality. It is also harmful to plants and aquatic life.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Scoop the poop, bag it, and throw it in the trash!

FOR MORE INFORMATION on how to protect water sources from pet waste and other pollutants, visit: <https://lmrwmo.org> and <https://eaganinvergroveheightswmo.org>.

Winter is Coming...

Understand your Responsibility for Sidewalk Snow Removal

Last year, the Inver Grove Heights City Council approved updates to the City's Winter Maintenance Policy and changes to the City ordinance related to the removal of snow, ice, dirt and rubbish on sidewalks throughout the community. Before these changes, it was unclear that the primary responsibility for snow removal on sidewalks is assigned to the adjacent property owner, unless the sidewalk is part of the City's regular sidewalk and trail snow removal route. Winter maintenance of sidewalks was inconsistent, particularly in residential neighborhoods. The updated policy and ordinance changes provide more clarity and transparency in the City's snow removal practices.

Winter 2023-2024 came and went with very little plowable snow, so the changes in the policy and ordinance went mostly unnoticed. While many residents might hope for a similar winter every year, it's likely that more snow will be seen this winter than last winter. In preparation, the Public Works Department offers the following reminders regarding the responsibilities for snow and ice removal on sidewalks and trails:

- The City has over 80 miles of public sidewalks and trails throughout the community.

- The City maintains approximately 45 miles of sidewalks and trails by performing snow removal along primary roadways (county roads and arterial/collector streets), and around schools and public transit facilities.
- Property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and trails that are immediately adjacent to their property, including removal of snow and ice within 24 hours of it falling.
- Property owners that are part of a homeowner's association (HOA) should consult with their HOA bylaws as to who is responsible for removal of snow within common areas and adjacent to private properties within the HOA.

Have a sidewalk or trail adjacent to your property, and unsure of who is responsible for snow removal in the winter? Visit the City's Winter Maintenance website to view a map and obtain more information regarding snow removal responsibilities at ighmn.gov/WinterMaintenance.

WHERE TO FIND CITY OF IGH DRINKING WATER NEWS

The City continues 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 the City's drinking water, or to request a paper copy of public notices, email Water@ighmn.gov or call 651-450-4309.

REMINDER: CITY WEBSITE ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO REPORT A PROBLEM OR CONCERN

Visit ighmn.gov and click on "Report a Problem" near the top of the page to report a concern or issue that needs fixing, like a pothole, burned-out street light, graffiti, or broken playground equipment.

Visit ighmn.gov, or call 651-450-2500 during regular business hours for assistance.



Inver Grove Heights Winter Parking Restrictions

The Inver Grove Heights Police Department would like to remind residents to do their part in promoting safety on local streets by closely following a longstanding City ordinance **prohibiting parking on any street between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Nov. 1 through Apr. 1.**

The IGH PD will be taking the following steps:

Beginning Oct. 15, 2024, through Nov. 1, 2024:

Warning Notices will be issued to any vehicle found parked on the street between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Beginning Nov. 1, 2024, through Apr. 1, 2025:

Citations will be issued to any vehicle found in violation. If a vehicle found in violation has not moved and has received numerous citations for this violation, it may be towed and impounded.

Frequently asked winter parking questions:

Q: What if I have visitors from out of town and have no available parking on my property?

A: If you have visitors who need to temporarily park on the street, the Police Department can provide a waiver for up to 14 days. To make a waiver request, property owners should call the Police Department at **651-450-2525**. The waiver allows for overnight street parking only. All other parking requirements remain in effect. Those with waivers are also expected to move vehicles to alternate locations if a significant snow event occurs.

Q: I see cars parked overnight on my street. Why haven't they been cited or towed?

A: Officers focus on overnight parking enforcement based on availability. Since the department's priority is the response to calls for police service, winter parking regulation enforcement is completed only when officers have available time. Residents can call the department at **651-450-2525** to report a persistent or chronic violation, which will be given priority status when officers are not engaged in a call for service response.

Q: What is the requirement in the event of a snowfall?

A: The ordinance is intended to standardize parking regulations by prohibiting overnight parking from Nov. 1 to Apr. 1. During snow events of two inches or more, vehicles should be parked off-street at all times to allow City plowing crews to clear snow from curb to curb effectively.

Q: Is Inver Grove Heights the only City with this type of date-specific winter parking restriction?

A: Cities have a variety of different ordinances governing winter parking. Some cities have a year-round overnight parking restriction. Inver Grove Heights winter parking requirements are date- and time-specific to minimize questions and confusion about parking during snow events.

QUESTIONS? Call IGH Police Department from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at 651-450-2525.



Meet Officer Eid: IGH PD School Resource Officer

School Resource Officer Ericka Eid

Officer (SRO), who is based out of Simley High School but works to serve all of the district's schools.

"School Resource Officers have become an important tool in community-based policing and present an opportunity for partnership between law enforcement agencies and school districts to help keep

For the past 14 years, the Inver Grove Heights Police Department (IGH PD) and Independent School District (ISD) 199 have partnered to provide a full-time School Resource

youth safe," according to IGH Police Chief Melissa Chiodo. "The IGH PD utilizes an SRO to work with students and school staff to help identify and prevent potential crises before they occur."

What does a School Resource Officer do? The City asked ISD 199 SRO Ericka Eid to explain. "As an SRO, my first responsibility is the safety of everyone at the school," said Eid. "Another really important part of my role is building trusting relationships with school staff and students."

Officer Eid gets to know students, teachers, staff and coaches by taking part in school activities, such as reading to students in classrooms,

servicing meals in the community, and being present both during the school day and at special events. "The hope is that students and staff feel comfortable sharing their concerns and reporting anything that makes them feel unsafe," she added.

Since the SRO program began, both Inver Grove Heights and the responsibilities of the SRO have grown. If voters approve the district's referendum this fall, ISD 199 plans to add a second SRO, which would be typical for a district its size.

To learn more about what the IGH PD does in the community, follow the department on Facebook or visit ighmn.gov/Police.

October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6-12 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE Sunday, Oct. 13 Noon-3 p.m. Fire Station No. 2		1	2	3	4	5
6 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	7 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m. City Hall CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	8	9 LMRWMO 3 p.m. VMCC Comm. Rm. 1	10	11	12
13 Fire Department Open House Noon-3 p.m. Fire Station No. 2 Saint Paul Farmers' Market	14 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	15 Eagan-IGH WMO 5:30 p.m. IGH City Hall Planning Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	16 Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	17	18 Early Voting-Direct Balloting Begins	19 Let's Pawty Halloween Dog Event 2-5 p.m. Heritage Village Park
20 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	21	22	23	24 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	25 Ghostly Gathering 5:30-7:30 p.m. VMCC	26 City Offices Open for Voting 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
27 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	28 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	29 City Offices Open Late for Voting 8 a.m.-7 p.m.	30	31 HALLOWEEN	 Voter Registration Deadline More information at mnvotes.gov .	

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Ghostly Gathering!
FRI., OCT. 25
5:30-7:30 PM
ighmn.gov/Events



KEY

- City Council (CC)
- City Advisory Commissions
- Parks & Recreation Events
- Watershed Management Organization (WMO)
- Other Events

Outdoor Winter Clothing Swap!

Saturday, November 23 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
VMCC, Community Room 1 (Door E)

Clear out winter wardrobes and refresh them for no cost at the Outdoor Winter Clothing Swap! Bring in gently used outdoor winter clothing and swap for something new-to-you. Swapping items at the event saves money and helps keep usable items out of the trash. The event is open to all ages and all items are **free to swap**. You do not need to donate in order to take items. Bring what you can, and take what you'd like!

ACCEPTED ITEMS

New or gently used outdoor winter clothing for adults and children, including coats, boots, snow pants, hats, mittens and scarves.
Items must be clean and in good condition.

CAN'T ATTEND?

Limited space is available for pre-event drop-off of outdoor winter clothing. Please email planning@ighmn.gov or **651-604-8511** to determine drop-off availability.



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

November 2024

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE



State of the City 2024

**THUR
NOV 21
5-7 PM**

**INVER WOOD
GOLF COURSE**

ighmn.gov

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 <p>The City of Inver Grove Heights honors and thanks Veterans for their service to this country!</p>					1	2 City Offices Open for Voting 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
3 City Offices Open for Voting 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	4 City Offices Open for Voting 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	5 ELECTION DAY Polls Open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.	6 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	7	8	9
10	11 VETERAN'S DAY IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Open	12 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	13 LMRWMO 3 p.m. VMCC Comm. Rm. 1 Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	14	15	16
17	18	19 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	20	21 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS 5-7 p.m. Inver Wood Golf Course	22	23 Outdoor Winter Clothing Swap 10 a.m.-12 p.m. VMCC Comm. Room 1
24	25 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING IGH City Offices and VMCC Closed	29 IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Open	30

Holidays in the Heights

ighmn.gov/HolidaysInTheHeights

Register soon, programs fill fast: ighmn.gov/Register



1 Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 6 · 6-7 p.m.
NE end of VMCC

Come kick off the holiday season with an official tree lighting ceremony!

3



Frosty's Open Swim

Friday, December 13 · 5-8 p.m.

Come enjoy open swim at the VMCC water park and send Frosty off to melt in the pool!

FREE for members; non-members:
\$8 ages 11 & younger; \$10 ages 12 & up

Skate with Santa

Friday, December 6
7-8:30 p.m.



Carve some ice with the man in red and enjoy some holiday goodies and hot beverages!

VMCC, West Rink · FREE for members;
\$6 non-member, \$8 at door (if space is available), \$3 skate rental



December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 EDA 5 p.m. City Hall 2025 Budget Public Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	3 Eagan-IGH WMO 5:30 p.m. City of Eagan Maint. Fac. Planning Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	4	5	6 Tree Lighting 6-7 p.m. VMCC Skate with Santa 7-8:30 p.m., VMCC, West Rink	7
8	9 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	10	11 LMRWMO 3 p.m. Saint Paul TBD Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	12	13 Frosty's Open Swim 5-8 p.m. VMCC, Aquatic Center	14 Holiday Cookies & Canvas VMCC 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Breakfast with Santa VMCC 10 a.m.-noon
15	16	17 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	18	19 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	20	21
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE IGH City Offices Close at Noon VMCC Open 7 a.m.-noon	25 CHRISTMAS DAY IGH City Offices and VMCC Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE VMCC Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Noon Year's Eve Party 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	 <p>LETTERS TO SANTA Nov. 25–Dec. 13 Drop letters off in the special mailbox in the VMCC lobby.</p>			

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



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

Nominate them for the IGH Bridge Builder Award!

ighmn.gov/Award

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4 Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14
10 a.m.–Noon ALL AGES

Santa is bringing the North Pole to the VMCC! Visit with Santa and enjoy a light breakfast catered by Hy-Vee.

\$8 per meal ticket, \$10 at the door
Ages 1 to 5: \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door
VMCC, National Guard Gymnasium



Letters to Santa!

November 25–December 13

First, write your letter to Santa!
Second, place your letter in an envelope and include a self-addressed stamped envelope (so Santa can send a letter back to you!). **Lastly**, drop off your letter at the Veterans Memorial Community Center at 8055 Barbara Avenue, and put it in our special mailbox. We'll take care of getting it to Santa's workshop at the North Pole!



5 Holiday Cookies and Canvas

Saturday, December 14 Ages 6 and up with an adult

Fun holiday art project with the family!

\$15 · VMCC, Community Room 1

Class times: 9 a.m. · 10:45 a.m. · 12:30 p.m. · 2:15 p.m.



COME PLAY AT THE VMCC!

**ICE SKATING
INDOOR WATER PARK
FITNESS CENTER & CLASSES
WALKING TRACK AND MORE!**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC · AFFORDABLE MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE!

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER
ighmn.gov/CommunityCenter



DAILY
ADMISSION
RATES

Single: \$10

Youth, Veterans,
and Seniors: \$7

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
PARKS & RECREATION

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WE'RE HIRING!

APPLY TODAY! ighmn.gov/Jobs

Check out the IGH
SENIOR CENTER

ighmn.gov/ActiveAdults55

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

NON-SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS

FALL FIELD TRIP · Thursday, Oct. 17

Elite Gymnastics Academy & the Works museum

- Play games at Harmon Park
 - Active recreational time at Elite Gymnastics gym and
 - Engineering fun at the Works Museum
- Ages 6–12 · 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. · Code: YP-F200 · \$57



PRESCHOOL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Learn to Swim
Lessons

T-ball, Soccer,
Amazing Athletes

LACROSSE

Ninja
Warrior
Fitness

TENNIS

Basketball

Volleyball

YOUTH
INSTAFIT

Zumba and Yoga Kids



**LIFEGUARD
TRAINING**

OCTOBER 25–27
Code: LG-OCT24



**WINTER FIELD TRIP
THE FUN LAB
MONDAY, DEC. 30**

We'll head to the Fun Lab for some extreme fun, including laser tag, bumper cars and mini bowling, and then head to the VMCC water park!

Ages 6–12 · 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. · Code: YP-W200 · \$50

ADAPTIVE REC — Join us for these NEW programs!

GHOSTLY GALA
Friday, Oct. 25
5:30–8 p.m.



BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT!
Wednesday, Dec. 4
5:30–7:30 p.m.



For details visit: ReachForResources.org

**Let's Pawty
Halloween Dog Event**

SATURDAY
OCTOBER

19

2–5 p.m.

Heritage Village
Dog Park



Free!

Dog
Activities Costume Contests
Local Pet Vendors

Join in the Fall FUN! Register by PHONE 651-450-2480 or ONLINE ighmn.gov/Register





Help the Fire Department Find Your Home in an Emergency

To help ensure that fire, ambulance, and police personnel can quickly find your address during an emergency, please take a moment to verify that your address can be easily seen at any time, including at night.

Here are some tips to ensure that your home address is visible:

- TIP:** Ensure the address identification is visible from the street in front of the property.
- TIP:** Letters and numbers must contrast with the background they are written on. For example, white, yellow or other light-colored address numbers should be on a black or other dark-colored background. Likewise, black or other dark-colored address numbers should be on a white or other light-colored background.
- TIP:** Each letter or number character must be four inches or more in height. Make sure they are Arabic numerals or alphabetical letters. Do not spell numbers out. For example, display your address as "123 Apple Lane" not "One Two Three Apple Lane."
- TIP:** Addresses should not be obstructed by shrubs, trees or yard decorations.
- TIP:** If a dwelling cannot be viewed from a public roadway, address numbers should be placed at another suitable location, such as on a gate post, fence or mailbox.



Questions about your home address being visible? Contact the Fire Department at **651-450-2492**.

GIS CORNER

NOT SURE WHERE TO VOTE? VIEW THE CITY'S POLLING PLACE WEB MAP

With elections coming in November, the GIS Team reminds IGH residents about the *Election Polling Places* map on the City website. The map shows 12 voting precincts in IGH and their corresponding polling locations. By entering your address in the search bar or clicking on the *Election Polling Places* map with your approximate location, you are able to view information about the precinct that you live in and the polling location where you can cast your vote. This year, Precinct 2 has a new polling location at St. Thomas Becket Catholic Church. It is on the lower level at 4455 S. Robert Trail in Eagan, on the border of IGH and Eagan. The map also provides links where you can register to vote and view a sample ballot, so that you can do some research before voting. There is also an option to view directions from your residence to your polling location.

To view the *Election Polling Places* map, visit ighmn.gov/Maps and click on the "Find Your Polling Place" tile.



Address search bar.



Stay Organized with The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone in Eagan is a destination for the stuff that doesn't belong in the home curbside cart. With the drive-thru setup, stay in your car while staff unload materials from the trunk or backseat. Put smaller items in a box that can be left behind.

Accepted items—free drop-off unless noted

- Auto products like motor oil, antifreeze and gas
- Bug killers/repellants
- Cardboard (*no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches*)
- Cleaners
- Electronics (*fee for TVs and computer monitors*)
- Lightbulbs—all types
- Needles and sharps (*in a closed rigid container, keep in front seat*)
- Paints and stains
- Personal care products like nail polish and hair dye
- Propane tanks and aerosol sprays
- Scrap metal
- Small household electronics like toasters and vacuums
- String lights and cords
- Tires (*fee*)
- Vaping devices
- Weed killer
- Most products that say caution, warning, danger or poison



Unknown or unique household chemical? Email recyclingzone@co.dakota.mn.us prior to dropping off to work with The Recycling Zone staff about safe handling.

The Recycling Zone does NOT accept

- Appliances
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Humidifiers and dehumidifiers
- Lumber
- Mattresses
- Medical waste and medications
- Yard waste

The Recycling Zone, located at 3365 Dodd Road in Eagan, is open all year, four days a week. For a complete list of accepted items and drop-off hours, visit dakotacounty.us and search *recycling zone*.

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

FREE!

PUMPKIN COMPOST



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

Keep Jack-o-Lanterns out of the trash! Bring them to the IGH pumpkin collection to have them composted instead.

Saturday, November 2–

Sunday, November 3

8 a.m.–6 p.m. | VMCC Parking Lot

Place in the organics dumpster outside of VMCC, Door 1.

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Carved or uncarved pumpkins. **NO** painted pumpkins, candles or bags are accepted.

After collection, pumpkins will be brought to a local commercial compost facility and turned into compost—a valuable landscaping product. Compost improves soil quality, reduces erosion, reduces greenhouse gases, and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers. Find additional event information at ighmn.gov/CollectionEvents.



Fall Food Drive – Help Local Families

November 1-30 | VMCC, Door A

The City of IGH is kicking off another Community Food Drive to help families in need this November. Last year, over 1,217 pounds of food were collected.

Continue to help Neighbors, Inc. stock their local food shelf by donating this fall! Donated items will be collected in a bin inside Door A at the Veterans Memorial Community Center. Accepted items include any nonperishable foods, such as:

- Cereal, rice, instant potatoes, pasta and pasta sauce
- Cans of soup, baked beans, potatoes, fruit, pie filling and meat
- Peanut butter, cooking oil, flour, pancake mix and syrup

Neighbors, Inc. provides many valuable services to northern Dakota County residents, including a food shelf, food delivery, a second-hand clothing store, vouchers to their thrift store, financial empowerment services, emergency financial assistance and more. If you are interested in utilizing any of these services or providing additional donations, please visit neighborsmn.org or call **651-455-5000**.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



OPENING THIS FALL!

YoYo Donuts

9092 Buchanan Trail

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

952-960-1800 (Minnetonka headquarters)

<https://www.yoyodonuts.com>

YoYo Donuts & Coffee Bar

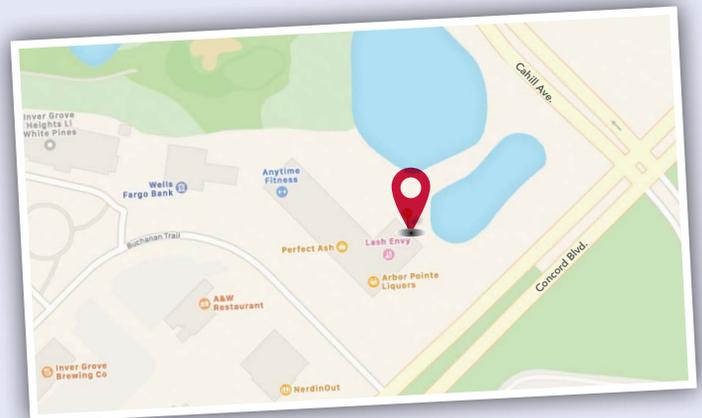
@yoyodonuts



YoYo Donuts, a family-owned donut, ice cream and coffee shop, is opening this fall in the Arbor Pointe area of Inver Grove Heights. YoYo is one of a few completely nut-free bakeries in the Midwest.

In addition to donuts, coffee and ice cream, YoYo offers specialty cakes, cupcakes, cookies, bars, breads, muffins, cannolis and tartlets. All items can be ordered ahead of time at yoyodonuts.com, and can be picked up in the store, the drive-through or delivered.

"We are excited to be part of the community," said YoYo Donuts owner Luke McGregor.



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

Brenda Dietrich, Mayor	651-450-2503
Sue Gliva	651-450-2506
John Murphy	651-450-2507
Tony Scales	651-450-2504
Mary T'Kach	651-450-2505

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Kris Wilson	651-450-2511
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ON THE WEB

ighmn.gov

EMAIL

CityHall@ighmn.gov



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Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

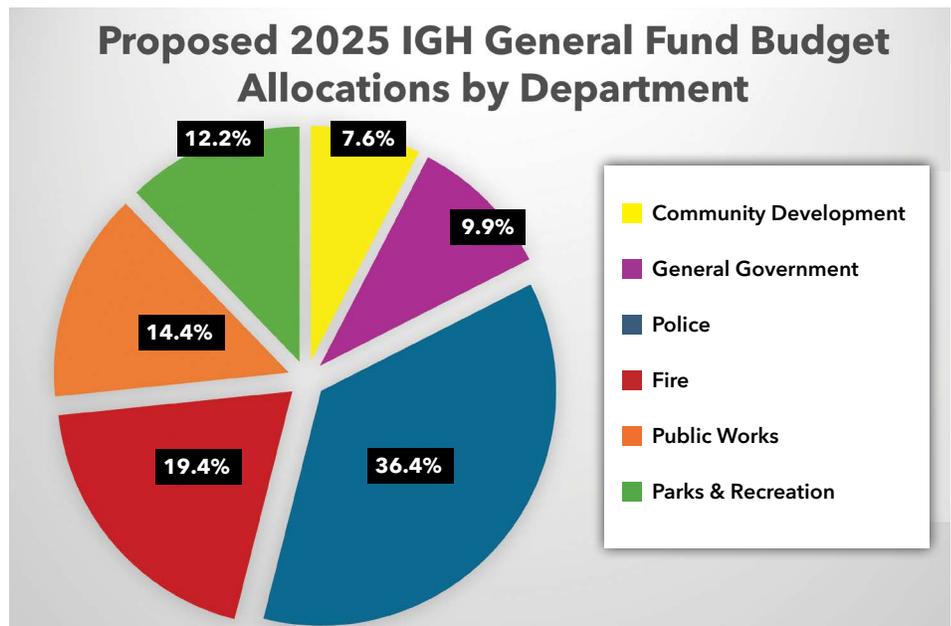
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City to Accept Public Comment on Preliminary 2025 Tax Levy and Budget

The City Council has adopted a preliminary 2025 budget and tax levy that includes a 4.5% increase in the City's property tax levy compared to 2024. In mid-November, property owners will receive an estimated tax statement from Dakota County that shows how this preliminary levy, combined with the preliminary levies of other taxing jurisdictions, such as the county and school district, would impact their specific tax bill for 2025. Then, before finalizing the 2025 budget and tax levy, the Council will hold a public meeting on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall to provide more information, answer questions and accept feedback.

The City devotes property tax revenues to three primary functions: (1) "General Fund" operations, such as police, fire, parks and community development, (2) the Pavement Management Program, which includes street maintenance and repair, and (3) payments on the City's debt. Other City functions, such as the water and sanitary sewer utility, golf course and Veterans Memorial Community Center,



are paid for with user fees and other non-tax revenues.

The proposed budget for 2025 would add three additional police officers and one additional full-time firefighter to the City workforce. The cost of the new police officers would be phased in over several years, with the difference paid for out of one-time public safety aid received from the state in late 2023.

Public Meeting on Proposed
2025 Budget and Tax Levy

Monday, Dec. 2, 2024
6 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers