



Insights

SPRING 2025



Architect rendering for inclusive playground and splash pad at Heritage Village Park.

Heritage Village Park is Coming to Life!

More than 15 years of planning and investment are on the cusp of coming to life at Heritage Village Park. Located in the northeastern portion of the city, just off the Mississippi River, the existing off-leash dog park, regional trail and recently completed roundhouse shelter and restroom buildings are soon to be joined by Inver Grove Heights' first-ever inclusive playground and outdoor splash pad. With these new features, the park is expected to see a significant increase in daily use and become a landmark gathering space for the community.

The creation of Heritage Village Park began in 2007, with the acquisition and assembly of more than 40 parcels of old industrial land to create a larger, cohesive public space. Over the years, the land has undergone significant preparation work, including the importation of up to 14 feet of earth



A glimpse into the past: the roundhouse shelter echoes the park's history as a railroad yard.

in some areas to prepare the space for grass and landscaping. A much-loved off-leash dog park was one of the first amenities to open back in 2019, along with walking/biking trails and a portion of the planned parking area.

The summer of 2024 brought construction of a roundhouse shelter and bench coverings, reminiscent of the site's history as a railroad yard. An accessible restroom building was also completed during the summer of 2024.

Heritage Village Phase 5: Time to Play!

The current phase of park development includes the installation of an inclusive playground and splash pad designed for children of all abilities. These amenities are possible thanks to \$2 million in state funding awarded to the City during the 2023 legislative session, along with approximately \$650,000 from the City's Park Acquisition & Development Fund.

Heritage Village Park,
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New Playgrounds Coming to Veterans Memorial Community Center and Southern Lakes Parks

As part of long-term plans for continuous reinvestment in the City's parks, the City will be installing all new playgrounds at both the Veterans Memorial Community Center (VMCC) and Southern Lakes Park this year. The City has a total of \$450,000 budgeted for the two new playgrounds, which are designed to withstand Minnesota weather and will be used by countless children for years to come.

VMCC Playground: A New Look for a Well-Loved Structure



The current playground structure at the VMCC, which has served the community for over 20 years, needs replacement. As part of the City's 2025

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which guides long-term facilities investments and upkeep, this playground will be replaced with structures designed to serve children in the neighborhood and those participating in VMCC programs, such as the summer Kids R.O.C.K. day camp.

Parks and Recreation staff collected feedback on this playground from community members in October 2024. Residents, VMCC members and visitors expressed a desire to keep some familiar elements in the new playground design, such as the tall slides and bright colors. Like the existing

playground equipment, the amenities will cater to children ages 2-12 and include swings, climbing structures and multiple slides.

Southern Lakes Playground: Expanding and Enhancing Play

Southern Lakes Park is located at 10810 Alison Way, just east of Highway 3 and north of Cliff Road, not far from IGH's western border. The playground at this park, like the one at the VMCC, is more than 20 years old and scheduled for replacement as part of the 2025 CIP. The new playground's footprint will be larger than what is there currently, allowing for a more robust play structure. In response to feedback gathered from residents, plans for the new playground will include a picnic table with shade, a natural color scheme and play amenities for children ages 2-12.



Heritage Village Park, *continued from page 1*

Custom-themed playground equipment and splash pad features have been ordered from Landscape Structures, based in Delano, MN, and will speak to the history of Inver Grove Heights and its location along the river. An extended parking area and lots of seating and shade for parents and guardians are also included in this next phase, which is expected to be largely complete by the end of this year.

“Heritage Village Park amenities are conveniently located near the Mississippi River, adjacent to Dakota County's Mississippi River Regional Greenway, and close to the City's Rock Island Swing Bridge Park, further strengthening connections to the riverfront in IGH. We are thrilled to continue growing and improving our park system with high-quality, accessible amenities and look forward to seeing the community enjoy them.”

– ADAM LARES
PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Brightside Room Survey: How Best to Use Existing Space at the VMCC

The City is looking to transform the existing Brightside Room at the Veteran’s Memorial Community Center (VMCC) into a vibrant community space. The approximately 1,900 square-foot space is located off the hallway that connects the ice arena portion of the building to the fitness and aquatics areas. Two potential options being considered include the installation of an indoor playground or the creation of a multi-purpose recreational space. The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking feedback from residents to help select an option and shape the final design.



Option A: Indoor Playground

An indoor playground would provide a safe and fun environment for children aged 10 and under to play year-round. The space would include seating for adults while children are using the playground. The playground will be open to VMCC members and visitors for a daily fee and will also be available for birthday parties and group use.



Indoor playground photo courtesy of The Backyard Indoor Playground in Golden Valley.

Option B: Multi-Purpose Room

Alternatively, a multi-purpose space would feature a half-court basketball area and flexible space for youth sports programs, fitness classes and private rentals. This option would allow the City to meet the diverse needs of the community, providing a flexible facility for a variety of activities.



Option A: Indoor Playground and Option B: Multi-Purpose Room pictures are examples only. Design of space is to be determined and will be made within the existing footprint of the room.

IGH community, we need your feedback!



Scan for Survey

A public survey to collect community feedback on these options is available on the City’s website at ighmn.gov/FutureParks, or by scanning the QR code. **The survey is open until April 25, 2025.** The City is also holding an **open house** on **Wednesday, April 23, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Brightside Room**, along with distributing flyers and emails to members of the VMCC to gather input.

Construction on the selected option is expected to begin in late 2025 and continue into 2026.

Rock Island Swing Bridge Lighting: A New Chapter for a Historic Landmark

The Rock Island Swing Bridge has long been an iconic feature of Inver Grove Heights. Thanks to funding that was awarded to Dakota County by the state of Minnesota, and then passed along to the City of Inver Grove Heights, new lighting is being installed along the bridge to make it even more of a must-see destination. The project includes color-changing LED lights along the entire length of the bridge, as well as exterior color-changing floodlighting on the historic section and lights on the archway at the entrance. The new lighting will be programmable, allowing for seasonal displays



and special light shows, visible to pedestrians on the bridge and boaters on the river below.

Community feedback was collected in the summer of 2024 and the City Council awarded a contract for the project in September 2024. Installation is currently underway and scheduled to be wrapped up by early summer.

Please join us as we illuminate the Rock Island Swing Bridge on June 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

Visit ighmn.gov/FutureParks for updates.

Note for visitors: The Rock Island Swing Bridge, picnic shelter and connecting trails are currently closed for construction. The bridge and shelter will reopen for public use in July.

Exciting Addition to South Valley Park: Archery Range Coming Soon

As part of Phase 2 of the South Valley Park Master Plan, the City is excited to announce the upcoming construction of a public archery range in the northeast corner of the park. Due to a mild winter in 2024, parks maintenance staff were able to clear the site ahead of schedule, which saved time and money. The new archery range will feature ground-level shooting lanes, elevated platforms and targets at various distances to accommodate all skill levels. The range will be separated from other areas of the park with fencing, and abundant signage will be installed around the edges of the range to keep all park visitors safe.

Construction will begin this spring, with substantial completion anticipated in August.

Communications staff will provide updates along the way and residents can also find information at ighmn.gov/FutureParks.



“ We’ve heard from many excited residents and are thrilled to add an archery range to South Valley Park. The range will be fully accessible, and will be used for IGH Recreation programming, as well as being open to the public, once it’s complete. ”

– BRIAN SWOBODA
PARKS SUPERINTENDENT



The Recycling Zone 3365 Dodd Road Eagan

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**.

Spring Cleaning is Easy with The Recycling Zone

Bring cleaners, auto products, electronics and other stuff that doesn't belong in your trash to The Recycling Zone in Eagan for safe disposal. Dropping off is easy—that's why residents dropped off over 2.9 million pounds of materials last year. You stay in your car while staff unload materials from the trunk or backseat. Put smaller items in a box that you can leave behind.

ACCEPTED ITEMS – free drop-off unless noted

- Auto products like motor oil, gas and antifreeze
- Bug killers/repellents
- Cleaners
- Electronics (fee for TVs and computer monitors)
- Light bulbs (all kinds)
- Needles and sharps (in a closed rigid container, keep in front seat)
- Paints and stains
- Personal care products like nail polish, hair dye
- Propane tanks and aerosol sprays
- Scrap metal
- Tires (fee)
- Small household electronics like toasters and vacuums
- String lights and cords
- Vaping devices
- Weed killer
- Most products that say caution, warning, danger or poison

THE RECYCLING ZONE DOES NOT ACCEPT:

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

If you have an unknown or unique household chemical, email recyclingzone@co.dakota.mn.us before dropping off to work with The Recycling Zone staff about safe handling.



Confidential Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, May 17
9 a.m.–Noon

City Hall Parking Lot

Instead of shredding at home, bring your confidential papers to the event's secure on-site shredding truck for **FREE**.

ACCEPTED: Confidential papers with private information. Remove three-ring binders, binder clips or metal tabs on file folders. Paper clips and staples can remain. Bring paper in a small box or paper bag. Place in your trunk to be emptied and returned.

NOT ACCEPTED: Paper without secure information, such as magazines, holiday cards and mailed ads. Place non-confidential papers in your home recycling cart. Business documents, digital media or hard drives are not accepted.

More information:

ighmn.gov/CollectionEvents



This event and The Recycling Zone are partially funded by Dakota County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

NOW OPEN! LIMITLESS CHIROPRACTIC

9086 Buchanan Trail, Inver Grove Heights • 651-300-4500 • LimitlessChiroMN.com



Ribbon-cutting ceremony, pictured left to right: Councilmembers Sue Gliva and Tony Scales, owners Kate Perrault and Dr. Matthew Perrault, Councilmember John Murphy and Mayor Brenda Dietrich.



Limitless Chiropractic, a husband-and-wife-owned practice led by Dr. Matthew and Kate Perrault, opened in January and serves Inver Grove Heights and surrounding areas. Specializing in families, expectant mothers, and pediatrics, Limitless Chiropractic uses a neurologically-based chiropractic technique aimed at restoring nervous system function.

Dr. Matthew's favorite part of his practice is offering hope to his patients. He's seen chiropractic treatment help with chronic migraines, persistent ear infections in children, recovery from car accidents, and difficult pregnancies. He shared, "The most common thing we hear is, 'I wish I'd known about this sooner.' That's why we're passionate about educating and empowering people to invest in their health. This is the service Limitless Chiropractic wants to provide to our patients!"

“Your nervous system controls every cell, tissue, and organ in your body. When it functions optimally, your body can heal without surgery or medication.”

– DR. MATTHEW

GIS CORNER

CURRENT ROAD WORK MAP ighmn.gov/Maps

Curious about upcoming roadwork planned for your neighborhood? The City Road Work map is a user-friendly, interactive map that highlights current, upcoming, and future projects in Inver Grove Heights. This map is organized into three easy-to-navigate tabs:

Current Construction Projects – Projects that are underway or recently completed.

Projects in Design – Plans approved by the City Council for feasibility studies or final designs.

5-Year Outlook – A long-term vision for proposed projects in the next five years.

This tool leverages the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) data, the City's Capital Improvement Plan, and publicly available information from Dakota County and MnDOT (as it becomes available), all in one place. Stay up to date on street projects that are shaping the IGH community and get a clear view of what's planned in your neighborhood at ighmn.gov/Maps and click on **Current Construction & Pavement Rehabilitation**.



Calendar is removable!

APRIL 2025

*LMRWMO = Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization

^E-IGHWMO = Eagan-IGH Watershed Management Organization

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NEW LOCATION! City Council Work Sessions move to the VMCC, beginning in April 2025!		1 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall Community Garden Plots Registration opens ighmn.gov/Register	2	3	4	5
	6 Severe Weather Awareness Week Begins	7 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. VMCC	8	9 LMRWMO* 3 p.m. City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	10 Minnesota Tornado Drills 1:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	11 Flashlight Egg Hunt 8:30 p.m. Oakwood Park ighmn.gov/Register
13	14 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m. City Hall City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	15 E-IGHWMO^ 5:30 p.m. City Hall Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	16 Healthy Living Fair 10 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC · Free	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	25 Brightside Room Survey Closes ighmn.gov/FutureParks	26 World Tai Chi Celebration 9:30 a.m. VMCC Kid's Garage Sale 10 a.m.-noon VMCC
27	28 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	29	30 Kids R.O.C.K. Parent Info. Session 5:30 p.m. VMCC		Spring Brings Hydrant Flushing! During flushing, minerals can discolor your tap water. It might look strange, but the water is safe to drink. To get rid of discoloration, run cold-water taps until the water is clear.	

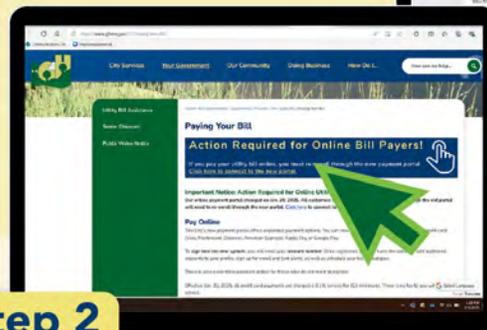
How to access the new UTILITY PAYMENT PORTAL

Step 1



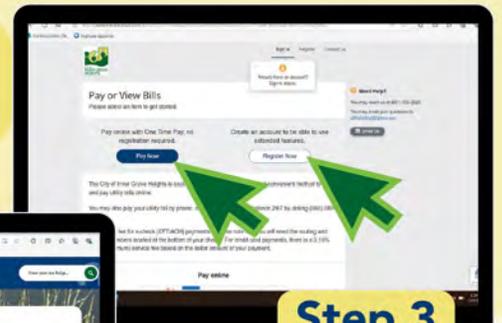
From the homepage at ighmn.gov, click on **Utility Billing**.

Step 2



From the Paying Your Bill webpage, click **Action Required for Online Bill Payers!**

Step 3



This will take you to **Pay or View Bills**. Click **Pay Now** or **Register Now** to connect to the new portal.



MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VMCC Membership Special May 1-June 13 (\$25 enrollment fee for new members) VMCC Aquatic Center CLOSED for Maintenance and Deep Cleaning TUESDAY, MAY 27-FRIDAY, JUNE 6				1 City Advisory Commission Applications Due (See back cover.)	2	3
4	5 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. VMCC	6 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	7	8	9	10
11 	12 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	13	14 LMRWMO 3 p.m. City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	15 	16	17 Shred Event 9 a.m.-Noon City Hall Pk. Lot Touch-a-Truck 9-11:30 a.m. VMCC
18 	19 Commissioner Appointments 6 p.m. City Hall	20 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	21 Piece Seekers Puzzle Challenge 6 p.m. VMCC ighmn.gov/Register	22 Environmental Advisory Commission & Water Pollution Prevention Mtg. 7 p.m. City Hall	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY City Offices and VMCC Closed	27 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	28	29	30	

Community News

WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 22
7 p.m.

at City Hall during the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) meeting

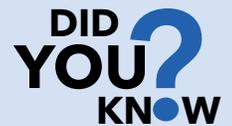
Stream at townsquare.tv or watch on Channel 15/859 HD



Learn how the City protects local water resources and ways to reduce the impact of yard waste, pet waste, road salt & more!

Read IGH Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan at: ighmn.gov/swppp

Water softener salts



don't break down in the environment, so over time they turn freshwater saltier, making water toxic for native fish, bugs and amphibians. To learn more about how to preserve water resources, visit lmrwmo.org and eaganinvergroveheightswmo.org.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. VMCC	3 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	4	5	6 National Trails Day June 6-8: Complete a Scavenger Hunt at Harmon Park Reserve ighmn.gov/Register	7 Fishing Derby 10:30 a.m. Simley Island Park ighmn.gov/Register
8 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	9 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m. City Hall City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	10	11 LMRWMO 3 p.m. City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	12	13	14
15 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	16	17 E-IGHWMO 5:30 p.m. Location TBD Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	18	19 JUNETEENTH City Offices Closed VMCC Open	20	21
22 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	23 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	24	25	26 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	27	28
29 St. Paul Farmers Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	30	June 17 · Rock Island Swing Bridge Grand Opening Join us as we light up the bridge! 7-8:30 p.m. 				

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



Nominate them for the Bridge Builder Award!



ighmn.gov/Award



PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

For project information:
ighmn.gov/Pavement



The City of IGH is Hiring!

Find seasonal and full-time positions at ighmn.gov/Jobs.



Short-Term Rentals

Beginning April 2025, new rules go into effect limiting short-term rental housing in IGH, such as rentals found on apps like Airbnb and Vrbo. To learn more about the City Ordinance restricting short-term rentals in IGH, visit ighmn.gov/RentalRules.

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION



Check out our Summer Fun for Everyone P&R brochure!

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

ighmn.gov/CurrentBrochure

Veterans Memorial Community Center

★ SUMMER MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL ★
May 1–June 13

New members pay a reduced enrollment fee of \$25!

Summer facilities include: aquatic center, fitness center, ice arena, indoor turf field and National Guard Gymnasium



- YOUTH:** Baseball · Basketball · Dance · Field Trips · Art Camps · Instafit · Kids R.O.C.K. Summer Camp · Pickleball · Soccer · Softball · Sports & STEM Camps · Archery · Kids Zumba® · Teen Fitness & more!
- ADULT:** Dancing · Cycling · Golf · Pickleball · Fitness · Tennis · Tai Chi · Run Club · Swimming & more!



Free!
Wednesday, April 16
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Free fitness classes, presentations, and vendor booths with information on health and wellness!

ighmn.gov/Events



Check out the IGH SENIOR CENTER
ighmn.gov/activeadults55

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

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

SATURDAY, MAY 17
9–11:30 a.m.

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

FREE!



\$15 2025 P&R T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!
Show your support and buy an IGH Parks & Recreation T-shirt with proceeds going towards our scholarship fund!



FREE! INVER GROVE MUSIC in the PARK

SOUTH VALLEY PARK · 10:30 A.M.

- July 1 • Will Hale & the Tadpole Parade
- July 8 • Kidpower Music & Animal Show
- July 15 • Will Sings Songs
- July 22 • Riffin'Griffin
- July 29 • Todd'n'Tina
- Aug. 5 • The Jolly Pops



WE'RE HIRING!
JOIN OUR TEAM

Have FUN this summer and build your career!

Check for available positions & apply at ighmn.gov/Jobs

ZUMBA PARTY
SAT. APRIL 12

Free for members
\$10 ages 12+ · \$7 ages 5–11
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. · VMCC

MOVIE IN THE PARK
DESPICABLE ME 4

FREE!

Friday, July 25
Oakwood Park
at dusk



To register: ighmn.gov/Register · For event details: ighmn.gov/Events

IGH FD: Advanced Training, Fast Response, Dedicated Care

The Inver Grove Heights Fire Department (IGH FD) responded to 2,988 calls for service in 2024, down just slightly from 3,059 calls in 2023. Most of those, 1,975 or 66%, were medical calls.

Ambulance service in Inver Grove Heights and several surrounding communities is provided by M Health Fairview, which stations their rigs at various locations throughout the service area, including at IGH Fire Station #3.

“The Inver Grove Heights Fire Department brings an added benefit to residents in that we often arrive on scene first and begin care during those critical first minutes,” says IGH Fire Chief Judy Thill. “On a daily basis, we partner with staff from M Health Fairview with the goal of stabilizing patients and preparing them for transport to a local hospital.”

To prepare for these frequent medical calls, IGH firefighters are trained in many advanced emergency medical procedures, such as inserting airways and starting IV lines, which can make a significant difference in patient outcomes.

The Department’s response times were also similar to the year before, with a median response time of 5 minutes, 37 seconds. 90% of all calls were responded to in 8 minutes, 56 seconds or less, including non-urgent calls and those at the far reaches of the City limits.

With the addition of full-time firefighters in recent years, the Fire Department can now respond to approximately 95% of the calls for service with staff who are on-duty at either Station 1 or 2. These duty crews include a combination of full-time staff working 24-hour shifts and paid-on-call firefighters who work shorter, assigned shifts throughout the day and night. When paid-on-call and off-duty, full-time staff are at home, they also play critical roles by responding back to the remaining 5% of calls to provide additional crews for larger incidents, or when the two on-duty crews are busy.

More information can be found at ighmn.gov/Fire.



CALLS responded to in **2024**



Medical 1,975



Structure or Vehicle Fires 88



Other fires (such as grass fires) 21



Rescue 121



Hazardous Condition 84



Service/Good Intent 394



False Alarms 305



2,988

“The IGH Fire Department is fortunate to have a highly skilled and dedicated team of full-time and paid-on-call staff to provide a seamless response to emergencies in our community. I encourage anyone interested in joining our Department to watch for informational sessions for prospective firefighters coming up later this spring. ”

– FIRE CHIEF JUDY THILL

Inver Grove Heights Police Department

Open House

During National Police Week

Wednesday, May 14 · 4-7 p.m.
(weather permitting)

PD parking lot on the west side of City Hall



The public is invited to the 2025 IGH PD Open House. The open house is educational, and it's also a chance to have some fun!

- Meet IGH PD staff and enjoy FREE activities.

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

Look for more information on the PD Facebook page.



Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 7-11, 2025

Did you know that Minnesota experiences an average of 29 tornadoes per year? Are you prepared?

Severe Weather Awareness Week is a reminder of seasonal weather threats and how to avoid them.

Each day of the week will focus on a different weather topic:

MONDAY: Alerts and Warnings

TUESDAY: Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail

WEDNESDAY: Floods

THURSDAY: Tornadoes

FRIDAY: Extreme Heat

CURFEW

As the weather gets warmer and days get longer, the IGH PD reminds the community of the 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 and help protect the health and welfare of young people.



PREMISES CHECK

Going to be out of town for an extended period?

Request a premises check.

Residents who will be out of town for an extended period can request that an

on-duty IGH PD officer check on a premises.

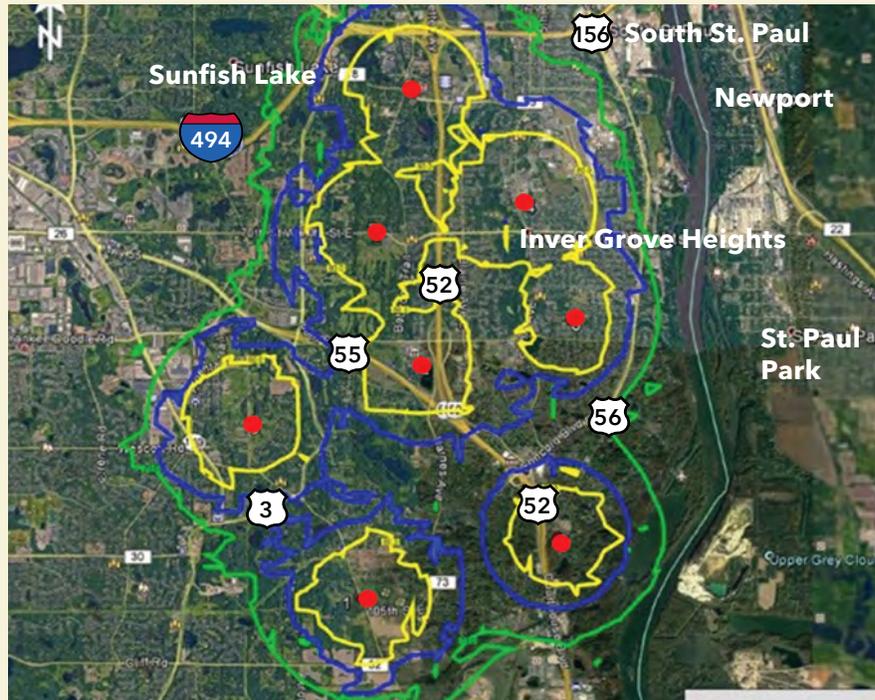
To request a premises check, call the IGH PD during regular business hours (Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) at 651-450-2525. Please allow 72 hours' notice to perform a check.

There are two scheduled statewide tornado drills on Thursday, April 10 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

In the event of an actual emergency, here is a guide to sirens:

- Sirens are intended for community members who are outside and sound for three minutes. If you are indoors, we recommend a weather app or radio to monitor events.
- Sirens are activated by Dakota 911 when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or severe thunderstorm warning and 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

What is the definition of a public place?

Anywhere to which the public or a substantial portion of the public has access, including highways, roadways, parks, schools, public recreation facilities, entertainment facilities, schools and common areas of apartment homes, office buildings and shops. Examples of public places: movie theaters, restaurants, bowling alleys and playgrounds.

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.

What happens if the curfew ordinance is violated? It may lead to a fine and/or court appearance.

Curfew Times

AGES	DAYS	HOURS
11 and younger	Sun-Thurs Fri and Sat	9 p.m.-5 a.m. 10 p.m.-5 a.m.
12-14	Sun-Thurs Fri and Sat	10 p.m.-5 a.m. 11 p.m.-5 a.m.
15-17	Sun-Thurs Fri and Sat	11 p.m.-5 a.m. 12 a.m.-5 a.m.

Rehabilitation of IGH Water Treatment Plant Progressing

Work on rehabilitation of the City's Water Treatment Plant is well underway and remains on pace to be completed in 2025. Plans to upgrade the plant in 2025 were augmented in response to elevated radium levels detected in 2022 within City drinking water. Although temporary modifications to chemical treatment methods have helped keep City water compliant with Minnesota Department of Health guidelines for

radium levels, a long-term solution, based on improved chemical treatment and filtration mechanisms that are being integrated into the project, are intended to ensure reduced radium levels for many years to come.



Retaining wall repaired

The primary components of the project include:

- Replacement of existing sand filter material with two-part treated sand and anthracite materials. Anthracite is a dense coal substance that enhances the filtration system to better remove water impurities.



New wash troughs installed

- Replacement of several filter material mechanical components, including backwash valves and nozzles, underdrains and flow control valves.
- Upgrades to existing chemical treatment components, including new chemical mixing tanks, chemical feed piping and monitoring systems.

The improvements have a total cost of \$5.2 million. Approximately half of this amount will be paid for with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the City during the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining cost is being paid for with a low-interest loan from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, repaid over the next 20 years with revenue from utility bill payments.

Additional information regarding the project, along with current and past radium test results, is available at [ighmn.gov/WaterNotice](https://www.ighmn.gov/WaterNotice).

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](https://www.ighmn.gov/WaterNotice). ■ The most recent public notice regarding radium is available at the following link: [ighmn.gov/WaterPublicNotice](https://www.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**.



Volunteers Needed! IGH Stormwater Citizen Focus Group

Are you interested in how the City manages stormwater run-off? Would you like a better understanding of the costs associated with managing stormwater, and how these costs impact the City and its residents, businesses and property owners? Do you have a background in water resource management, finance or engineering, or are you curious about how the City's stormwater utility system functions? If so, we want to hear from you! **Consider applying to be a part of the City of IGH Stormwater Citizen Focus Group.**

On average, the City of IGH generates less revenue from stormwater utility fees than neighboring cities and regularly supplements improvements to stormwater utility infrastructure with non-utility funding. Beginning this spring, the City of IGH will analyze its stormwater utility needs for the next 15 years through a stormwater utility rate study. Along with the rate study, the City will gather input from a citizen focus group dedicated to reviewing the current utility rate structure and exploring options for the future. We are looking for feedback from the community on rate structure options that provide fair, equitable and sufficient funding for the City's growing stormwater infrastructure needs.

The City seeks eight to 12 individuals who are residential or commercial property owners in IGH to join the Stormwater Focus Group. The group will meet six times – Tuesday evenings from

May to September – and will help staff prepare and deliver a presentation on their findings and recommendations to the City Council this fall in conjunction with the City's stormwater utility rate study.

Would you like to be part of planning for future stormwater management needs in IGH? Apply to join the Stormwater Citizen Focus Group!

Apply by April 20.



Scan the QR code or visit ighmn.gov/StormFocusGroup and complete a short online application.

Questions or need help applying?

Email StormFocusGroup@ighmn.gov

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We would like to hear from you!

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Be a part of the planning and development of Inver Grove Heights!

Planning Commission

- Reviews zoning code and land use
- Makes recommendations on development applications
- Creates long-range land use plans

Environmental Advisory Commission

- Considers environmental items, including land alteration permits
- Reviews wetland replacement applications
- Promotes public awareness of sustainability initiatives

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

- Guides the acquisition and development of new City parks and reinvestment in existing parks
- Reviews recreational programs and activities
- Develops long-range objectives for the park system



APPLY BY MAY 1, 2025

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