



Insights

SUMMER 2025

New Central Maintenance Facility Project Taking Shape

The City is moving forward with plans to replace its Central Maintenance Facility at 8168 Barbara Avenue with a new building sized to meet the community's growing needs. The current facility, which was built in 1985, serves as home base for the City's Streets, Fleet, Parks, and Utilities divisions, including approximately 36 full-time staff who maintain and repair the City's critical infrastructure. With significantly more water and sewer lines, miles of roadway and acres of park to maintain today, these operations have more than outgrown the existing facility.

In 2021, the City purchased a four-acre parcel of land immediately south of the current Central

Maintenance Facility to provide room for expansion, while keeping the facility adjacent to the rest of the municipal campus, which includes City Hall, the Inver Grove Heights Police Station and Veterans Memorial Community Center.

After completing a professional needs analysis and site plan in 2024, the City Council recently hired Wold Architects to design a new Central Maintenance Facility that will provide a safer and more efficient workspace for City staff, particularly in the fleet maintenance area, as well as improved storage and security for City vehicles, attachments and tools. After blueprints are approved, the City anticipates that construction will begin in May 2026, with a tentative completion date of December 2027.

The proposed project is expected to be financed by the City selling municipal bonds, which would be paid back over time with property tax revenues. **In accordance with state law, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the related Bond Capital Improvement Plan as part of their meeting on Monday, July 28, which begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall.**

The existing cold storage and salt shed buildings on the Central Maintenance Facility site are proposed to be demolished as part of the project. However, the primary building on the current site is expected to remain and be repurposed as cold storage for the Public Works and Parks Departments, and possibly house space for certain police training functions.

More information on the Central Maintenance Facility project will be shared on the City's website at ighmn.gov as it becomes available.



Site of proposed new Central Maintenance Facility

New Central Maintenance Facility Project *continued from page 1*

New Central Maintenance Facility Working Timeline*

- ➔ **March 2024:** City Council awards contract to Wold Architects & Engineers for Central Maintenance Facility needs analysis and site plan development.
- ➔ **February 2025:** Draft report of needs analysis and site plan presented to City Council at City Council meeting.
- ➔ **April 2025:** City Council accepts Central Maintenance Facility space needs study and facility site plan.
- ➔ **June 2025:** City Council hires Wold Architects for architect services and Kraus-Anderson for construction management services for proposed new Central Maintenance Facility.
- ➔ **Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6 p.m.:** The City will hold a public hearing on the proposed new Central Maintenance Facility as part of a regular City Council meeting held in IGH Council Chambers.
- ➔ **August 2025:** Schematic design review and approval by City Council.
- ➔ **November 2025:** Final design review and approval by City Council.
- ➔ **February/March 2026:** Construction drawing and specification completion; project advertised for bid with help from Kraus-Anderson.
- ➔ **May 2026:** Proposed start of construction of new Central Maintenance Facility.
- ➔ **December 2027:** Proposed completion of construction and occupancy.

*Dates are subject to change

PHOTOS OF CURRENT MAINTENANCE FACILITY



Vehicle repair & maintenance



Work area



Outdoor parking



Building exterior



PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

For project information:
ighmn.gov/Pavement



Inver Hills Community Band Celebrates 25 Years of Music



THIS SUMMER MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the Inver Hills Community Band (IHCB), a group that began in 2000 as the Inver Grove Heights Community Band, founded by Allison (Allen) Russell. What started with just 12 musicians rehearsing wherever space was available grew into a full concert band. In 2002, the group merged with the Inver Hills Symphonic Band, becoming the Inver Hills Community Band and establishing its home in Inver Grove Heights.

Today, the band is comprised of approximately 45 brass, woodwind, and percussion players, ranging in age from their 20s to their 80s. Members come from all walks of life—teachers, nurses, doctors, retirees and more—brought together by a shared love of music. “Playing in a quality band like the IHCB is something I value so much,” said longtime member Sandy Marx. “Entertaining audiences with such a great variety of music is inspiring to me.”



IHCB at Oakwood Park

To celebrate this milestone anniversary, IHCB is performing free concerts this summer, each featuring a different vocalist and a unique program. “It has been an honor directing such talented and skilled musicians,” said Music Director Tom Morris. “So many great concerts over the past 25 years is a true compliment to the commitment and efforts of all the members.”

Band rehearsals are held on Monday evenings at IGH Middle School from 7-8:30 p.m. during the school year, and once per month during the summer. New, aspiring members are always welcome to audition.

To learn more about how to audition, get involved and support the group, visit inverhillscommunityband.org.



Upcoming Free Concerts

- **Sunday, July 20 at 7 p.m.**
Pops Concert at
Bethesda Lutheran Church,
Inver Grove Heights
- **Sunday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m.**
Concert and reception
at Simley High School
Auditorium, featuring a special
program of outstanding
musical selections.

Annual Clean-Up Day and Year-Round Disposal Options

Need to dispose of an item? Take advantage of local disposal opportunities!



Donate, Repair or Sell

Visit dakotacounty.us and search *Reduce & Reuse Map* to find local repair and donation options near you, or use online platforms such as Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist and Nextdoor to give away or sell items to your neighbors.

Online Recycling Guide

Use the online Recycling Guide at ighmn.gov/Recycle to find where to recycle and dispose of hundreds of items at local businesses and seasonal events.

The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone, located at 3365 Dodd Road, Eagan, offers free and reduced-cost disposal opportunities. Household cleaners, paint, electronics, scrap metal, cardboard and more are accepted for free. Tires, TVs and computer monitors are accepted for a small fee. Visit dakotacounty.us and search *The Recycling Zone* for more information.



Annual Clean-Up Day: Saturday, September 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the IGH Central Maintenance Facility (8168 Barbara Avenue)

Annual Clean-Up Day is a one-stop-disposal event for IGH residents. **Cash and check payment only; please bring small bills.** Proof of residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

Visit ighmn.gov/CollectionEvents for a full list of accepted items and prices.

✔ **Accepted Items:** Residents pay to dispose of mattresses, box springs, appliances, electronics, furniture and rimmed tires. Select items are free to recycle at Clean-Up Day such as bikes, light duty rimless tires and confidential paper for secure on-site shredding. Visit ighmn.gov/CollectionEvents to find the list of accepted items and prices, and to learn how our vendors will process your items.

✘ **NOT Accepted:** Household hazardous waste, including paint and chemicals, and construction and demolition debris, such as concrete, insulation, asphalt, lumber and shingles. Search the online Recycling Guide for local disposal options at ighmn.gov/Recycle.

Additional Disposal Questions?

Contact Stacy Bodsberg at sbodsberg@ighmn.gov or 651-604-8511.

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

Saturday, August 16
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.

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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FRIENDLY REMINDER

SCOOP the POOP!

Why This Matters

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 You Can Do

Scoop your dog's poop, bag it, and throw it in the trash!

For more information on how you can protect water resources from pet waste and other pollutants, visit: lmrwmo.org and EaganInverGroveHeightsWMO.org





Protecting Water Resources

WASH SMARTER

The way that cars are maintained has a big impact on how much vehicles pollute and how much of an impact they have on the environment.

How you can help:

Wash cars on the lawn to prevent soaps and other



pollutants from getting into storm drains, which leads to ground and surface water pollution.

Learn About Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

When something other than storm water enters a storm drain, pond or waterway, it's called an illicit discharge, and it contributes to pollution of the water supply. Illicit discharges are typically illegal, with certain exceptions for firefighting or for a facility that is permitted under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Why are Illicit Discharges Bad for the Environment?

Illicit discharges are a problem because, unlike wastewater that is processed at a treatment facility before it is sent back into the environment, illicit discharges into storm drains carry pollutants directly into waterways. Illicit discharges can cause health risks in air or water, harmful algae blooms, increased bacteria from contamination, harm to aquatic life and groundwater contamination.

Report an Illicit Discharge. Call **651-450-2570** during business hours if you see something entering a storm drain, pond, wetland or river that looks like it shouldn't be there.

Additional Resources. Visit the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination section on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website to better understand and participate in the elimination of illegal discharges into waterways: epa.gov/npdes

Examples of Illicit Discharges

- Residential car wash wastewater
- Carpet cleaning wastes
- Raw sewage/septic waste
- Oil or household toxics
- Paints, lawn care chemicals
- Grass clippings, yard or pet waste
- Pressure washing with chemicals
- Washing machine wastewater
- Sediment from construction sites

To learn more about preserving water resources: lmrwmo.org & eaganinvergroveheightswmo.org

Congratulations Newly Appointed Commissioners!

PARKS & RECREATION

Lukas Johnson
William Skar
Luisa Torres

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY

Sara Goodman
Nicolas Ruiz
Kevin Sethre

PLANNING

Connor Gosell
Jonathan Weber
Dennis Wippermann

To learn more, visit:
ighmn.gov/CityCommissions

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 MUSIC in the PARK Tuesdays, July 1-August 5 10:30 a.m. · South Valley Park		1 Inver Groove Music in the Park 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	2	3	4 Independence Day City Offices and VMCC Closed	5
6 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	7 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. VMCC	8 Inver Groove Music in the Park 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	9 LMRWMO* 3 p.m. Lilydale City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. Park Tour	10	11	12
13 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	14 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	15 Inver Groove Music in the Park 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	16	17 Summer Food Fest 4-8 p.m. Rich Valley Parking Lot	18	19
20 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	21 City Council Budget Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	22 Inver Groove Music in the Park 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	23	24 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	25 Movie in the Park Starts at dusk Oakwood Park	26
27 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot	28 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall	29 Inver Groove Music in the Park 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	30	31	 REMINDER! Register your Night to Unite event with the City by JULY 30! Go to ighmn.gov/NightToUnite to learn more.	

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UTILITY BILLING Choose Payment Options That Work for You

Invoice Delivery: Email or Postal Mail



Online via Invoice Cloud:

One-Time Payment,
 Auto Pay, E-Billing,
 Pay by Text Enrollment

invoicecloud.com/cityofinvergroveheightsmn

Payment Methods:

ACH Transfer, Credit/Debit Card,*
 Apple Pay and Google Pay

Pay by Phone: 1-866-688-0145

(Spanish available) Utility account number required.

*Credit/debit payments include a 3.1%, or \$3 minimum convenience fee.

In Person: City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Secure Drop Box:

Across from City Hall's main doors, open 24/7

By Mail:

City of Inver Grove Heights
 Lockbox 446091
 PO Box 64039
 St. Paul, MN 55164

Questions?

UtilityBilling@ighmn.gov



AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 <p>TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 For more information, visit ighmn.gov/NightToUnite or scan the QR code</p> 			1	2
<p>3 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot</p>	<p>4 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. VMCC</p>	<p>5 Inver Grove Music in the Park 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park NIGHT TO UNITE</p>	<p>6 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall</p>	7	8	9
<p>10 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot</p>	<p>11 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m. City Hall City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 LMRWMO* 3 p.m. Sunfish Lake, 1st Calvary Bap. Church Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Summer Food Fest 4-8 p.m. Rich Valley Parking Lot</p>	<p>16 Fix-It Clinic 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Inver Glen Library</p>
<p>17 Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Community Band Concert 6:30 p.m. Simley High School</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 E-IGHWMO^ 5:30 p.m. City of Eagan Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	<p>25 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>						

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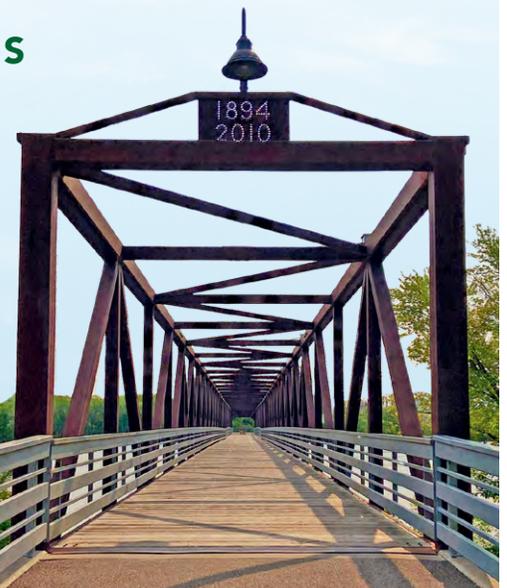
CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD

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

Nominate them for the Bridge Builder Award!

THREE WAYS TO NOMINATE:

- Write a letter and mail it to City Hall, attn: City Administrator Kris Wilson
- Visit ighmn.gov/Award · Scan the QR code



SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>IGH Days September 3-7</p>	<p>1 Labor Day City Offices and VMCC Closed</p>	<p>2 City Council Work Session 6 p.m. VMCC</p>	<p>3 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall IGH Food Fest 4-7 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot</p>			<p>6 IGH DAYS Disc Golf Tourn. 2 p.m. North Valley Park Bike the Bridges 3 p.m. Swing Bridge</p>
<p>7 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot</p>	<p>8 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall</p>		<p>10 LMRWMO* 3 p.m. Sunfish Lake, 1st Calvary Bap. Church Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall</p>			
<p>14 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot</p>		<p>16 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall</p>				
<p>21 St. Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot</p>	<p>22 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. City Hall</p>			<p>25 Environmental Advisory Commission 7 p.m. City Hall</p>		<p>27 IGH CLEAN- UP DAY 8 a.m.-2 p.m. IGH Public Works Facility</p>
<p>28 Fall Fest at the St. Paul Farmers' Mrkt. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Park. Lot</p>		<p>30</p>	 <p>IGH DAYS FOOD FEST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 4-7 P.M. VMCC Parking Lot For details, visit ighmn.gov/IGHDays</p>			

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**2024 Drinking Water
Quality Report**



IS NOW ONLINE
[ighmn.gov/
WaterReport](http://ighmn.gov/WaterReport)



Water Notices & Improvements

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**.

Join Now
& Start Moving!



VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER
Fall Membership Special
Pay \$25 enrollment fee Sept. 11–Oct. 10
ighmn.gov/CommunityCenter

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION

★ ★
★ **We're Hiring!** ★
APPLY TODAY! ighmn.gov/Jobs

MOVIE IN THE PARK ★
DESPICABLE ME 4 ★
★ **FREE!** ★ Friday, July 25 ★
★ ★ ★ ★
Oakwood Park · Movie starts at dusk!



YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AGES 5-9
STARTS AUG. 19 & 21
★
VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!



ADULT VOLLEYBALL
Fall leagues start in September!

GRADES 6-8 · 9:30-11:30 P.M. ★

5TH QUARTER ★
Friday, September 19 at the VMCC
\$10 · Registration required: ighmn.gov/Register



PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING SPECIAL
SEPTEMBER 20-30
For details, visit:
ighmn.gov/PersonalTraining

Food Fest Events
FOOD TRUCKS · MUSIC · BEER
THURSDAY **17** JULY & FRIDAY **15** AUG
4-8 p.m. Both Events
Rich Valley Athletic Complex

IGH Days Food Fest · Wednesday, September 3
4-7 p.m. · VMCC Parking Lot

Inver Grove Heights Days
SEPTEMBER 3-7

IGH DAYS FOOD FEST



BIKE THE BRIDGES

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

ighmn.gov/IGHDays

FREE

Fall Fest

Sunday, Sept. 28
10 a.m.–noon

At the Veterans Memorial Community Center Farmers' Market

Make and take art, music, a magic show, Farmers' Market shopping and more!

FALL SPECIAL EVENTS!

- October 4: Let's Pawty Halloween Dog Event
- October 6-10: Active Aging Week
- October 24: Ghostly Gathering
- October 30: Halloween Zumba® Party



Join in the FUN! Register by phone 651-450-2480 or online at ighmn.gov/Register

City Continues Investment in Park Beautification

Exciting improvements are happening across Inver Grove Heights Parks this summer!

Construction is underway on the inclusive splash pad and playground at **Heritage Village Park**, bringing new opportunities for play.

In addition, upgrades to the ballfields at **Groveland Park** are in progress to support play in future seasons.



The new playground at **Southern Lakes Park** opened in May and has been a hit with the community.



The **VMCC playground**, which opened on June 16, is already being enjoyed by visitors and Kids R.O.C.K. participants alike.



To learn more about park projects and improvements, visit ighmn.gov/FutureParks or scan the QR code.



Goats hired to help control buckthorn, an invasive species, at **South Valley Park**.

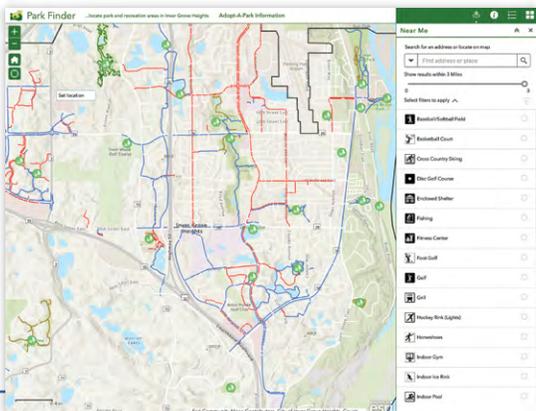


On June 17, the community gathered to celebrate the lighting of the **Rock Island Swing Bridge**, marking the debut of a vibrant new LED light display.

GIS CORNER

Finding Park Amenities is Easy!

Following any new park construction, City staff collects and maps all new park assets using an EOS GPS unit and the Field Maps app. This data is added to the **Park Finder map** on the **City website** to help residents explore local amenities.



To ensure maps stay current, GIS staff also utilizes aerial imagery captured twice each year—once in late summer when leaf cover is on the trees and once in spring when leaves are off. This imagery helps verify changes and support accurate mapping of public assets across the city.

Visit the Park Finder map to explore updated park features at ighmn.gov/Maps and click the **Park Finder** tile.

NOW OPEN! CUPPA MORE PAGES | Coffeehouse & Book Exchange

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Left photo, pictured left to right: Councilmembers Tony Scales and Mary T’Kach, owner Cassie Stiles, John Stiles, Mayor Brenda Dietrich, Councilmembers Sue Gliva and John Murphy.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony

CUPPA MORE PAGES COFFEEHOUSE & BOOK EXCHANGE

Cuppa More Pages is a locally owned coffee shop that opened in April in Inver Grove Heights. Founded with a focus on community, reading and

quality coffee, the shop aims to create a welcoming environment where residents can gather and connect.

“We wanted to invest this business into this community because it’s now home,” said owner Cassie Stiles, who moved to Inver Grove Heights with her family in 2021. “It’s where we’re raising our kids and where I’ve built real relationships.”

Cuppa More Pages serves air-roasted coffee, in-house baked goods and features a menu that highlights local makers. Stiles described the space as “a life-sized Little Free Library—come in, grab a drink and discover your next great read.”

“ I wanted to create something here that reflects the warmth and connection I’ve felt in this community. I will never pass up the opportunity to hear your story. ”

– CASSIE STILES
OWNER

Student Art Show and Reception

On May 27, the City Council held a reception to honor Simley High School art students whose works are currently on display at City Hall. Simley art teachers Pat Gilbertson and Jennifer Eversman were recognized, along with the talented students whose paintings, prints and mosaics have transformed the lobby into a gallery space. The public is invited to stop by City Hall to view the art during business hours. New works will be added as students enter and graduate from Simley’s art program.



The City wishes to thank the art teachers, students and their families who attended the reception, pictured here.



Celebrating 10 Years in IGH! A&W Inver Grove Heights

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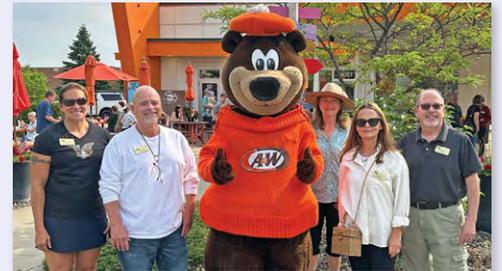
In June, the IGH Mayor and City Councilmembers gathered to recognize A&W restaurant’s 10th anniversary in the city. A&W Inver Grove Heights is a dine-in restaurant with a 52-seat outdoor patio and 56-seat dining room. Every Thursday during summer months, A&W hosts Summer Cruise Night, a lively gathering of classic car enthusiasts, from 4-8 p.m.

In 2015, former NBA player Les Jepsen purchased and reopened the A&W restaurant in the Arbor Pointe neighborhood of Inver Grove Heights, helping to revitalize the area. “After being offered a business opportunity in Inver Grove Heights, we investigated the community and found it to be an up-and-coming area,” said Gordy Jones, A&W Inver Grove Heights spokesperson and marketing manager. “Since opening ten years ago, we’ve watched the neighborhood grow around us. With Inver Grove Brewing Co, Perfect Ash, the Dollar Tree, and even the new City fire station, there seems to be a coordinated effort to help and support business and each other.”

A&W supports local youth activities and employs local staff. “Most of our terrific staff live in the area, and they offer the community made-to-order food and treats in a nostalgic dining venue with a fun environment,” added Jones.

“ We have become a key player in supporting and sponsoring youth sports and tournaments in Inver Grove Heights. ”

– GORDY JONES
MARKETING MANAGER



Celebrating A&W 10th anniversary with the A&W family, friends, mascot, Mayor Brenda Dietrich and IGH City Councilmembers.

Lifeguards Honored for Important Role at Veterans Memorial Community Center

At the City Council meeting on May 27, Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak presented to the City Council on the essential role that lifeguards play in keeping community members safe at the VMCC. She recounted an incident that occurred on Saturday, Feb.15, in which a guest required life-saving efforts while in the water. “Lifeguards conduct life-saving efforts, on average, about twice a week during an open-swim shift,” said Dorshak. Councilmembers honored lifeguard Noah Bushard for his brave and quick response during the incident and recognized the Aquatics Center staff for the service they provide every day.



VMCC Aquatics Center lifeguards at May 27 City Council meeting.



Lifeguard Noah Bushard receiving an award from Mayor Brenda Dietrich for his life-saving response.



IGH Officers Recognized for DWI Enforcement Efforts

Two Inver Grove Heights police officers were recently honored for their outstanding efforts in combating impaired driving.

On May 1, Officers Arndt and Weldon (pictured above, left to right) received recognition from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their exceptional work in DWI enforcement in 2024. Officer Weldon was awarded the prestigious Enforcement Gold Pin, while Officer Arndt received the Enforcement Bronze Pin. These awards are presented to law enforcement officers who have made a significant impact through high numbers of DWI arrests and a demonstrated commitment to keeping roads safe.

Both officers were among the top DWI enforcers in the state, a distinction that underscores the Inver Grove Heights Police Department’s dedication to public safety and proactive policing. Their work not only helps to remove dangerous drivers from the roads but also raises awareness about the serious consequences of impaired driving.

The City of Inver Grove Heights congratulates Officers Arndt and Weldon on their well-deserved recognition and thanks them for their continued service.

Lt. Dan Bernardy Retiring After Nearly Four Decades of Service

Dan Bernardy, Fire Operations Supervisor/ Lieutenant with the Inver Grove Heights Fire Department (IGH FD), has decided to hang up his fire helmet after almost 39 years of service!



Lt. Bernardy started out as a paid-on-call fire-fighter with the IGH FD, while also holding full-time positions as Deputy State Fire Marshal with the MN State Fire Marshal’s Office, career Firefighter/Public Education Officer with the West St. Paul (now South Metro) FD, and an Aircraft Mechanic with Northwest Airlines. In 2019, he was hired full-time into his present position with the IGH FD. His last day will be in late summer. More information will be shared by IGH FD on how to thank him and celebrate his long commitment to this fire department and community!

Night To UNITE
 Tuesday, August 5

Register your party by July 30!
ighmn.gov/NightToUnite



City Staff Recognized for Financial Excellence Award



Left to right: Linda Hudak, accounting technician, utility billing; Cathy Mohr, utility billing and accounts receivable supervisor; Angela Freier, wage & benefits coordinator, accountant; Mayor Brenda Dietrich; Amy Hove, finance director; Roberta Ellison, assistant finance director; Shannon Battles, senior accountant; Sam Cervantez, office support; Ryan Albright, accounting technician, accounts payable

Not pictured: Barb Bibeau, accounting technician; Teri O'Connor, accounting technician, Parks & Recreation

AT A RECENT CITY COUNCIL MEETING, the City's Finance Department, led by Finance Director Amy Hove and Assistant Finance Director Roberta Ellison, was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This level of excellence in reporting has been awarded to the City each year since 1986. "The Finance Department is pleased to accept this award and continue the long-standing tradition of excellence in financial reporting for the City of Inver Grove Heights," said Hove.

“ The work our Finance Department staff does throughout the year is essential to keeping the City running, and they don't often receive a lot of public recognition, so this award is a great opportunity to take note of their skill and dedication. ”

– KRIS WILSON
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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