



FALL 2020

Wellness, Sustainability & Stewardship



HELP LOCAL FAMILIES

The IGH Wellness Committee is kicking off another Community Food Drive to help families in need this November. In 2019, we collected 950 pounds of food (about 550 meals!). Continue to help Neighbors, Inc. stock their local food shelf by donating this fall.

November 1-30, 2020
VMCC, Door A

WISH LIST: Any nonperishable food items such as soup, cans of green beans and baked beans, canned cranberries, cans of pie filling and canned meat.

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

OCTOBER SHRED EVENT



Saturday, October 24 | 9 a.m. – Noon

City Hall Parking Lot

8150 Barbara Avenue

Stop by our October Shred Event to have your confidential documents shredded for FREE by a secure onsite shredding truck!

PAPER TO SHRED: Confidential material such as papers with account numbers or other private information. Please remove all 3-ring binders, binder clips or metal tabs on file folders from the items you bring.

PAPER NOT TO SHRED: Paper without secure information such as magazines, holiday cards and catalogs. Instead, you can place these non-confidential papers in your home recycling cart or bring them to The Recycling Zone (3365 Dodd Road) for free. Business documents are not accepted at this event.

To maintain safe social distancing, please place all confidential materials in the trunk or very back of your vehicle. At the event, please wear a mask and stay in your vehicle at all times. An IGH staff member will unload your vehicle for you.

To find a list of what to shred and additional event details, please visit www.invergroveheights.org/collectionevents.

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



WHEN YOUR STUFF DOESN'T SPARK JOY

Instead of throwing away all the books and clothes that don't spark joy, get rid of them in a way that is good for the environment—donate, sell, borrow and repair.

DONATE: Drop-off your items at a secondhand store, non-profit organization, such as Bridging Inc. or Goodwill, or schedule a pick up from your home. Use the Reuse in Dakota County Guide to find outlets for your unwanted clothes, furniture and more.

Visit www.dakotacounty.us and search donate.

SELL: Use Craigslist, NextDoor or Facebook Marketplace to sell your excess goods or an app like Decluttr or Thredup. For added safety, use the Safe Swap at the IGH Public Safety building as a meeting spot. For details visit www.invergroveheights.org and search Safe Swap.

BORROW: The next time you feel you need a new kitchen gadget, book or tool, see if you can borrow it. Ask your neighbors for items through NextDoor or Facebook.

REPAIR: Get your broken items fixed, so they will be useful again. Attend a Fix-It Clinic to get free repair help or bring items to one of many local repair businesses. Check upcoming Fix-It Clinic dates at www.dakotacounty.us.

GET RID OF: If you aren't sure where to take cleaning products, furniture or confidential documents, visit www.invergroveheights.org/recyclingguide

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LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS

Only when our recycling is clean and without contamination does it help protect our forests, lakes and air. Minnesotans are throwing away more than 285,000 tons of paper and 12,000 tons of aluminum cans each year—all of which have been recyclable for decades.

Be a confident recycler by following these rules:

- Do not put recyclables in plastic bags. Instead use a paper bag or no bag.
- Recycle bottles, cans, and paper—keep them empty and dry
- Keep plastic bags, batteries, and things that can tangle out of your recycling cart
- When in doubt, throw it out—no more hoping that an item is recyclable. If you don't know, don't recycle it.

Learn how to dispose of any unwanted item by visiting the Recycling Guide page at www.invergroveheights.org/recyclingguide.

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Recycle items loose.
No bags in cart.



FREE!

COMPOST YOUR PUMPKIN

Instead of throwing your pumpkins in the trash, drop them off at the IGH Pumpkin Composting Event! The event is FREE.

Saturday, November 7 —

Sunday, November 8 | 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

VMCC Parking Lot

*Place in organics dumpster near VMCC, Door G
8055 Barbara Avenue*

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Carved or uncarved pumpkins.
No painted pumpkins or candles accepted.

All pumpkins collected will be brought to the Mulch Store compost facility in Rosemount where they will be turned into compost—a valuable soil additive. Compost improves soil quality, reduces erosion, reduces greenhouse gases, and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers.

QUESTIONS? Contact Ally Sutherland at asutherland@invergroveheights.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JOIN US FOR FAB-BOO-LOUS HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES Visit invergroveheights.org/specialevents for details.				1	2	3
4	5 CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	6 NIGHT TO UNITE CAC Planning 7 p.m. City Hall	7	8	9	10 P&R Healthy Living Fair 9 a.m.–Noon VMCC FREE
11	12 CC 7 p.m. City Hall	13	14 CAC Park & Rec. 7 p.m. City Hall LMRWMO 3 p.m.*	15	16	17
18	19	20 CAC Planning 7 p.m. City Hall Eagan-IGH WMO 5:30 p.m.** in IGH	21	22 CAC Environmental 7 p.m. City Hall	23 P&R Ghostly Gathering 4:30 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. Rich Valley Park	24 P&R Scary Skate 6:30–8 p.m. VMCC, West Rink
25	26 TOWN HALL MEETING 6 p.m. City Hall CC 7 p.m. City Hall	27	28	29	30	31

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

NEW CITY WEBSITE LAUNCHES IN OCTOBER.

Due to the ongoing impact on COVID-19, all meeting locations are subject to change, and we will offer remote meeting connections. Visit invergroveheights.org for up-to-date meeting information. Remote meeting instructions can be found at the top of the meeting agendas posted on our website at invergroveheights.org/agendacenter

November 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 2 a.m.	2 CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	3 ELECTION DAY	4 CAC Planning 7 p.m. City Hall	5	6	7
8	9 CAC Econ. Develop.Auth. 5 p.m. City Hall CC 7 p.m. City Hall	10	11 VETERANS DAY IGH City Offices Closed	12 LMRWMO 3 p.m.*	13	14
15	16	17 CAC Planning 7 p.m. City Hall	18 CAC Park & Rec. 7 p.m. City Hall	19	20	21
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29	30					

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WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS
In effect November 1 – April 1. No parking on street from 3 a.m.–6 a.m.

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WMO	Watershed Management Org.
P&R	Parks & Recreation Events
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* For more information on the Lower Mississippi River WMO meetings, visit <http://www.dakotaswcd.org/watersheds/lowermisswmo/meetings.html>

** For more information on the Eagan-IGH WMO meetings, visit <http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/watersheds/eagan-igh-wmo/>

December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LIGHT UP THE HEIGHTS Holiday Lights Contest Register your residence by Dec. 7. invergroveheights.org/holidaysintheheights		1 CAC Planning 7 p.m. City Hall	2	3	4 P&R Tree Lighting 5:30–8:30 p.m. VMCC (NE end)	5
6	7 CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	8 Eagan-IGH WMO 5:30 p.m.** in Eagan	9 CAC Park & Rec. 7 p.m. City Hall LMR WMO 3 p.m.*	10	11	12
13	14 CC 7 p.m. City Hall	15 CAC Planning 7 p.m. City Hall	16	17	18	19
20	21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE IGH City Offices Close at Noon	25 CHRISTMAS DAY IGH City Offices Closed	26
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WATCH FOR PARKS & RECREATION WINTER/SPRING BROCHURE THIS MONTH

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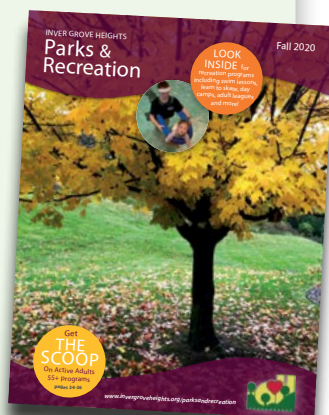
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Parks & Recreation Fall Brochure Now Available Online!

invergroveheights.org/current-brochure

We have some great programs ready for you to explore for the 2020 fall season, including:

- Swim Lessons
- Fab-Boo-Lous Events for Halloween
- Preschool and Youth Programs
- Adult Programs and Leagues



Spots are limited—register NOW!

<https://invergroveheights.org/register>



Holidays in the Heights

Celebrate the holidays with us!

EVENTS INCLUDE

- Outdoor TREE LIGHTING
- SWIM with Santa
- SKATE with Santa
- A North Pole Morning with Santa
- Holiday Lights Contest
- Holiday COOKIES & CANVAS class
- CANDY CANE Hunt and more!

Visit invergroveheights.org/holidaysintheheights

Learn about sponsoring Holidays in the Heights at invergroveheights.org/holidaysintheheights/sponsors