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City of Inver Grove Heights

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Important Information for Residents

Free Introductory Course

Workshops Will Help You Create Clean-Water Landscaping

Create an addition to your home landscaping that is not only attractive, but will benefit our lakes, streams and wetlands!

Landscaping for Clean Water workshops will help you beautify your landscape and provide cleaner water.

During evening hours from February 17 through May 31, ten separate Landscaping for Clean Water workshops are being hosted in conjunction with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District at a variety of locations.

The workshops will provide an overview of water quality challenges in Dakota County and offer beautiful and practical ways of reducing runoff pollutants that are causing issues. The Landscaping for Clean Water program makes it easy to realize the positive effects that rain gardens, native gardens, and shoreline stabilizations can have on your aesthetic and environmental surroundings.



Attendance at the introductory course is free, but registration is required. After attending an introductory workshop, sign up to attend a \$25 rain-garden-design course where you will receive design assistance to create a functioning raingarden specific to your own yard.

Visit www.dakotaswcd.org and click on Landscaping for Clean Water under the Education Tab. At the bottom of the page, click on registration link to find all the dates and locations, or simply call 651-480-7777 for more details.



City Laws for Care, Planting of Trees

The City does not have a code requiring the removal of dead trees, unless those trees are diseased.

You are allowed to plant trees, bushes, shrubs, etc. up to the property line, however residents are encouraged to stay 5 to 10 feet away from the property line, to allow for growth and ensure that all portions of the tree, plant, etc remains on your side of the property

If your neighbors' trees, bushes, shrubs are growing into your property, you are allowed to trim the items back to the property line.

Property line disputes are civil matters.

Front-Yard Parking Is Allowed in Winter

Front-yard parking is regulated within our city.

Please be mindful that during the winter months from November 1 to March 30, there is an exception allowing automobiles to be parked on the grass/

snow in the front yard.

Boats, recreational vehicles, and trailers are allowed with restrictions. See City Code 10-15A-3 for specific regulations.

Know the Rules for Business and Home Alarm Services and False Alarms

The City of Inver Grove Heights has a false alarm program to regulate and reduce the growing number of false alarms.

Definitions

Calendar Year: is from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

False Alarm: is any deliberate or accidental activation of an alarm system that initiates a response by the police and/or fire departments where an emergency situation does not exist.

False alarms do not include activation of the alarm system because of power outages and climatic conditions such as storms.

Subscriber Permit

Each alarm user within the City is required to have a Subscriber

Alarm Permit on file with the Police Department. There is no fee for the permit.

The Subscriber Alarm Permit can be obtained by calling 651-450-2568 or can be downloaded, completed and returned to the address shown on the bottom of the Alarm Permit form: <http://www.invergroveheights.org/DocumentCenter/View/2947>

Fees

During the calendar year the first two alarms are responded to at no charge to the alarm user. Subsequent alarm fees:

The third false alarm response fee is \$100.

The fourth false alarm response fee is \$200.

For subsequent false alarms, the fee is \$300 per call.

Winter Parking Rules Are In Effect

Continuing through 6 a.m. April 1, 2016, vehicles are prohibited from parking on any street and/or highway, within the city limits of Inver Grove Heights, between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. (City Ordinance - Title 6, Chapter 3, Section 6).

Any vehicle found in violation of City Ordinance 6-3-6, may be cited and/or towed to the impound lot. If you have questions, contact the Inver Grove Heights Police Department from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at (651) 450-2525.

Recycle Your Old Electronic Devices

Did you get a great haul of new devices at Christmas? Affordable, new models of many of our favorite electronic devices are being released constantly — and it shows. According to the Consumer Electronics Association, Americans own approximately 24 electronic devices per household.

Broken and outdated electronics don't belong in the garbage. They don't belong in your home recycling cart either.

Electronic devices require special recycling because their components can contain heavy metals, chemicals and other materials that can leech out when not disposed of properly. This pollution can contaminate the environment.

Recycling is Easy

Recycling of unwanted or broken electronics is easier and cheaper than ever. Dakota County residents can bring electronics of all sizes and types to The Recycling Zone in Eagan for free recycling.

Many retail stores that sell electronics — such as Target, Best Buy, Office Depot



and Staples — offer free recycling as well. Each one recycles different types of electronics, so check with the store about program details before bringing in your unwanted devices.

For more information on local reuse and recycling options, visit www.dakotacounty.us and search electronics recycling or call 952-891-7020.

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INVER GROVE HEIGHTS SOLAR POWER HOURS

Solar Power Your Home, Business, or Farm.
JANUARY 6TH & 20TH

SOLAR POWER HOURSM

THIS FREE ONE-HOUR SEMINAR WILL EDUCATE, HOMEOWNERS, SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, AND FARMERS ON THE BENEFITS OF SOLAR ENERGY. SOLAR POWER HAS NEVER BEEN MORE AFFORDABLE OR EASIER TO INSTALL. THIS SEMINAR WILL HELP YOU NAVIGATE THE PROCESS OF GOING SOLAR AND HELP YOU UNDERSTAND ALL OPTIONS.

HERE'S WHAT WE'LL COVER:

- Basics of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system
- Market trends
- Step-by-step process to determine if solar is right for you
- Economic benefits
- Meet with the highest quality local solar installers

January 6, 2016 & January 20, 2016
7:00 - 8:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM

FREE
&
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Inver Grove Heights City Hall | 8150 Barbara Ave E. | January 6 & 20, 2016

RSVP AT: WWW.INVERGROVEHEIGHTSSOLARPOWER.EVENTBRITE.COM

**Reservations appreciated but not required*

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Inver Wood Golf Course — 2016 Season Premium Golf Course, Everyday Low Rates

The Inver Wood Golf Course website, www.inverwood.org, provides a convenient way for you to find information and register for a variety of golf programs and leagues for the 2016 season. Sign up for a group lesson, participate in our free clinics, enroll your child in our junior programs, or purchase this year's player's card.

You'll also find complete information about the golf courses with a video tour of the facility, hole-by-hole descriptions of our course, and video golf lessons. Book your tee time on-line at www.inverwood.org or call our reservation line (651-457-3667).

ADA Policy

The City of Inver Grove Heights takes great care to follow the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, and will make all reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities regarding employment, effective communication, policies, and programs.

More information about our policies can be found on our website at www.invergroveheights.org.

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to Eric Carlson at ecarlson@invergroveheights.org, or by calling 651-450-2587.

Rates for: Monday through Thursday; Friday Morning; Saturday and Sunday afternoon

18 Holes	\$33.00 Walk	\$51.00 Ride
9 Holes	\$18.50 Walk	\$29.50 Ride
Senior 18 Holes	\$21.50 Walk	\$35.00 Ride
Senior 9 Holes	\$12.50 Walk	\$22.00 Ride
Executive	\$15.00 Walk	\$21.50 Ride
Senior Executive	\$10.50 Walk	\$16.50 Ride

Rates for: Friday Noon-5 p.m; Saturday and Sunday until noon

18 Holes	\$41.00 Walk	\$59.00 Ride
9 Holes	\$26.00 Walk	\$37.00 Ride
Senior 18 Holes	\$28.00 Walk	\$41.50 Ride
Senior 9 Holes	\$17.00 Walk	\$26.50 Ride
Executive	\$18.00 Walk	\$24.50 Ride
Senior Executive	\$10.50 Walk	\$16.50 Ride

Rates for evenings (after 5 p.m.)

Twilight	\$26.00 Walk	\$41.00 Ride
9 Holes	\$18.50 Walk	\$29.50 Ride
Senior Twilight	\$17.50 Walk	\$28.50 Ride
Senior 9 Holes	\$12.50 Walk	\$22.00 Ride
Executive	\$15.00 Walk	\$21.50 Ride
Senior Executive	\$10.50 Walk	\$16.50 Ride

Rates for FootGolf, noon to 5 p.m. daily

Adult	\$12.00 Walk
Youth	\$10.00 Walk
Ball Rental	\$3.00

Join Us for a Valentine's Day Gift-Making Party, Feb. 2

Join us for a Valentine's Day gift-making party! Nothing says "I Love You" like a homemade gift. Let your young artist show their favorite Valentine how much they love them with a jumbo-size Hershey® Kiss made out of clay. This is a great class for siblings to attend together. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Tuesday, February 2, 9:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Community Center; Ages 18 months-6 Years with an Adult; \$12 per child.

Register by Tuesday, January 26. Register online at www.invergroveheights.org/onlineregistration.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

Special memories await dad and daughters at this unforgettable event. Join us for an evening of music, dinner, dancing, refreshments, and special activities. Don't miss this great opportunity to connect with your daughter and make lasting memories.

Friday, February 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Community Center; ages 4-12 with an adult; \$40 per parent/child pair and \$20 each additional child.

Register by Wednesday, January 27. Register online at www.invergroveheights.org/onlineregistration.

Arts and Crafts Fair Visits the VMCC

If you like arts and crafts you must attend this free fair. Enjoy various displays from local vendors. You can get ideas or purchase gifts for friends and family. Admission is free and open to the public. Saturday, February 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Community Center.

If you're a vendor who wants to be involved with this fair, call 651-450-2468 or email avandehoef@invergroveheights.org.

Bingo and Banana Splits

Shake off the winter blues with bananas, ice cream, chocolate syrup,

toppings and B-I-N-G-O! Join us for a great afternoon of family fun. We'll have lots of prizes to give away. Saturday, February 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30pm at Veterans Memorial Community Center; ages 4 and up with an adult; \$8 per person.

Register by Wednesday, February 17. Register online at www.invergroveheights.org/onlineregistration.

Mother/Son Sports Night

This special night is exclusively for mothers and their sons only. The theme is "All Sports" and everyone is encouraged to dress to show support for their favorite team, player, or sport. Enjoy an evening of dancing, pizza, refreshments, sport skill challenges, Minute-To-Win-It games, and fun. Friday, March 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Community Center; ages 4 and up with an adult; \$30 per parent/child pair; \$8 per additional child. Register by Friday, March 9.

Register online at www.invergroveheights.org/onlineregistration.

Free! Soccer Carnival

Test your skills at our carnival with games celebrating soccer at Veterans Memorial Community Center. The Parks and Recreation Department, along with Inver Grove Heights Heat Soccer, is hosting this fun-filled event. Ages 4 and up. Saturday, March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

No pre-registration is required.

Free! Youth Lacrosse Clinic

Clinic participants will be introduced to this great sport and learn stick handling, positioning, passing, agility, and speed skills. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes; some equipment will be provided but bring a lacrosse stick if you have one. Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 10a.m. at Veterans Memorial Community Center.

No pre-registration is required.

Recreation and More

Make a Difference. Volunteer!

The City is excited to offer a variety of volunteer opportunities that support our dynamic Inver Grove Heights community. We may have just the right fit for you! Please visit our website at www.invergroveheights.org to find out more!

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This newsletter is published bi-monthly 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.

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- Jim Mueller (651) 450-2506

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- Joe Lynch (651) 450-2511

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January/February 2016

City Council

- Monday, Jan. 4 Study session, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Monday, Jan. 11 Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Monday, Jan. 25 Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Monday, Feb. 1 Study session, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Monday, Feb. 8 Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Monday, Feb. 22 Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Commissions

- Tuesday, Jan. 5 Planning Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Tuesday, Jan. 19 Planning Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Tuesday, Feb. 2 Planning Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Tuesday, Feb. 16 Planning Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Tuesday, Jan. 12 Housing Committee, 5 p.m., City Hall
- Wednesday, Jan. 13 Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Thursday, Jan. 28 Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Thursday, Feb. 25 Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Wednesday, Feb. 3 Airport Relations Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall
- Monday, Feb. 8 Economic Development Authority, 5 p.m., City Hall

Other

- Wednesday, Jan. 6 Solar Power Hour, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Wednesday, Jan. 20 Solar Power Hour, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Thursday, Jan. 28 CVB, 9:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce