



Cottage Grove Reports

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Volunteer of the Year Nominations

The City is seeking nominations for Volunteer of the Year, an honor recognizing exceptional service to the community over the past year. Get a nomination form at www.cottage-grove.org, search *nomination* or pick one up at City Hall. Nominations are due by April 11.

Election Judges Wanted

The City of Cottage Grove is looking for individuals interested in becoming an Election Judge for the upcoming General Election. Visit the website for more information or contact the City Clerk at cstransky@cottage-grove.org or 651-458-2814.

City Council Meetings

City Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall with open forum at 7:15 p.m. Meetings can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/1htRovK>.

Photo Contest Winners



People category: BILL POHLMANN



Historical category: NATHAN KLOK



Parks and Trails category: SUE HOFACKER



Streetscapes category: STEVE CUDDIHY



Black and White category: JARED BIRD



Celebrations/Events category: BILL POHLMANN

Congratulations to the winners of the City's 12th annual photo contest! We asked you to send us your best shots—and you did, with more than 40 photographs submitted in hopes of winning in one of the six categories. The winners were announced at the Feb. 19 City Council meeting. Each winning photograph was awarded \$50. Watch the City's website and future newsletter for information on the 13th annual photo contest.



Call for Entries: Community Art Show at Park Grove Library

Local artists, age 14 and older, can share their work with the community at Park Grove Library's first-ever "Community Art Show" scheduled for April 1 to May 31. Approximately 40 to 50 art pieces in a variety of media will be exhibited. Each artist may submit up to two items, any media, no larger than 3' by 4' and no heavier than 30 pounds. The library is located at 7900 Hemingway Avenue S. The deadline to apply is March 24. Interested artists should contact RaeAnn Palmer at 651-459-2040 or RaeAnn.Palmer@co.washington.mn.us.

Wanted: Barn Stories and Pictures

The City's Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation is putting together a barn-themed display case at City Hall. If you have a picture, poem, anecdote, story, or memory that shares the importance of barns in our past and present landscape, please share them for consideration to include in the display. Both modern and historic barns will be considered. Please contact John Burbank at 651-458-2825 or jburbank@cottage-grove.org with questions or submissions. The deadline to submit is March 28.

Coming Soon!

Watch for details on additional options for paying your utility bill in the April CG Reports newsletter.



Start planning for golf season. Sign up for a league. Secure 2014 tournament dates now with some great deals and specials. The 2014 golf rates are on our website.

River Oaks Golf Course
11099 South Highway 61
651-438-2121
www.riveroaksmunigolf.com

Make a Difference: Be Part of a Citizen Advisory Commission

The City of Cottage Grove is currently seeking applications from residents interested in appointments to various commissions. Commissions include the Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation; the Arts Commission; the Economic Development Authority (EDA); the Environmental Commission; the Human Rights/Human Services Commission; the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Commission; the

Planning Commission; the Public Safety, Health and Welfare Commission; and the Public Works Commission.

If you're interested, download an application from our website or contact Joe Fischbach at 651-458-2883 or jfischbach@cottage-grove.org. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and are kept on file for one year.

3M Donates Safety Glasses to Fire Department

The Cottage Grove Fire Department received a donation of 100 Smart Lens™ safety glasses from 3M Company for use in a recent active shooter training exercise. The glasses change quickly in response to indoor and outdoor lighting so the firefighters do not need to change their eyewear when the light conditions change.



From left: Al Beasley, District Fire Chief; Craig Mara, 3M; Rick Redenius, Fire Chief

Arbor Day Event—April 26, 9–11 am

Come out and help beautify your neighborhood park by planting trees, shrubs and flowers alongside city employees at Sunnyhill Park, one of Cottage Grove's newest parks located in the Pine Cliff neighborhood at 6201 Ideal Avenue S.



Bring shovels and work gloves and meet at the park for instructions (and tools if needed), kid's activities, a beverage and a chance to view the Sunnyhill Park master plan. An Arbor Day coloring contest sheet and details can be found on our website.

No preregistration required and all ages are welcome.

Residents are encouraged to remove buckthorn from their property. Call 651-458-2808 before April 24 to schedule a curbside buckthorn pickup.

2014 Friday Night Fish Fry

Now through April 18, 4–8 pm

Dinner includes fried or baked cod (all you care to eat), choice of potato, soup or salad, and dessert.

\$14.95 per adult and \$8.95 per child (ages 4–12)
River Oaks Golf Course, 11099 South Highway 61

River Oaks Golf Course and Banquet Facility is a beautiful place to host your next event or special occasion.

Call 651-438-3627 for more information.
www.riveroaksweddings.com Thanks

Business News

If you are a business owner with announcements or new offerings to share, please contact Danette Parr at 651-458-2824 or dparr@cottage-grove.org

Annual Spring Business Showcase SATURDAY, APRIL 26 | 10 AM-3 PM | COTTAGE GROVE ICE ARENA

The 11th annual Spring Business Showcase is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 10 am to 3 pm, at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena, 8020 80th Street S. This free event is your chance to learn more about businesses, services and organizations in the Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park and Newport area while picking up a few promotional giveaways and sampling free food.

Hosted by the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, the event will feature a wide variety of products and services. Bring the entire family to enjoy the 3M Visiting Wizards, Bruce the Bug Guy and a balloon artist.

Be sure to visit the premier sponsors to be entered into a drawing for special prizes. The first 500 in the door will also receive a free tote bag.

Interested in being a vendor? There is still time to reserve a booth at the Showcase and promote your business to local residents. Booth includes a table with covering and chairs. Call 651-458-8334 or email office@cottagegrovechamber.org, for more information. Download a registration flyer at www.cottagegrovechamber.org.

Coming in 2014

A few of the new businesses that will soon be calling Cottage Grove home.

- Noodles and Company
- Goodwill
- A new G-Will Liquors location

Stay tuned as more will be announced throughout the year.

Walmart Opening

Walmart opens for business on Wednesday, March 12.

The new supercenter is located at 9300 East Point Douglas Road next to the VFW Red Barn.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES EXPO

YOUR ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR SPRING AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

Youth providers come together under one roof giving you and your family a chance to learn more about the many opportunities for youth in the Cottage Grove area. Afterward, grab a bite to eat at the River Oaks Club House.

Visit with the following organizations:

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| 4H—Country Cousins | Community Education | Lost Creek Ranch Camp |
| A# Music Studio | Cottage Grove Police | Confidence |
| Bike Park/MN Off-Road Cyclists | Cottage Grove Recreation | National Karate |
| Boy Scouts of America | Cottage Grove Skating School | River Oaks Golf Course |
| Boys Lacrosse Leagues | ERAA Softball | Seeds of Faith Preschool |
| CGAA Baseball | ERAA Volleyball | Sonshine Preschool |
| CGAA Football | Girl Scouts | Strawberry Festival |
| CGAA Soccer | Great Northern Gymnastics | Washington County Library |
| CGAA Softball | Kiddie Kampus Preschool | Youth Service Bureau |
| CGAA Volleyball | Kinder Care | |
| | Locally Grown Theater | |

Co-sponsored by the Cottage Grove Recreation Department and Community Education.

Thursday, March 20
5-7 p.m.
River Oaks Golf Course
11099 S. Highway 61
FREE ADMISSION





COTTAGE GROVE

Ice Arena

Looking to rent ice?

Call 651-458-3400

Advertise at the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in Cottage Grove—the Ice Arena. Display your message to the thousands of folks who visit the arena. Call 651-458-3415 or visit our website for more information.

Girls Summer Hockey Clinic

Back by popular demand! Coach Dick Tinucci will instruct participants on edgework, tryout drills, shooting, and puck handling. This is a serious clinic designed to encourage participants to skate outside their comfort zone. Participants must come prepared to do a lot of skating. Register early as space is limited to 30 skaters.

Ages: 8–13
 Date: Aug. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28
 Time: 2:30–4 pm
 Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena
 Cost: \$125

Ice Skating School Summer Lessons

Summer sessions from June 16 to Aug. 21. Register online or by calling 651-458-3400.

Public Skating Sessions (\$4)

Enjoy great exercise, practice skating skills, and have fun at the ice rink! No skate rental, but skating aids (buckets) are available for those learning to skate. Check the website or call 651-458-3400 for times.

Figure Skaters Practice (\$4–\$10)

For the dedicated figure skater, level Alpha and above. Practice figure skating skills, jumps and spins. Check the website or call 651-458-3400 for times.

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

For ages 18+ on Mondays. Bring your own equipment; helmet required. Check the website or call 651-458-3400 for times.

Ice Arena Birthday Parties

Make your kid’s next birthday party the “coolest” in town! Parties are scheduled around public skate times and include the private party room for one hour. Private rental of the south rink is available for an additional \$90/hour. Check the website or call 651-458-3400 for more information.



Parks and Recreation News

For more info call 651-458-3400

Adult Softball Leagues

Registrations for all adult softball leagues are now being accepted. All games played at Lamar Park with a 6 p.m. start on weeknights and a 1 p.m. or 5 p.m. start on Sundays. The league fee covers umpires, softballs, post-season tournament berths, league champion plaques, t-shirts, and field maintenance. Fees and games may be adjusted if less than anticipated teams register. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to register is April 18.

Day	League/Team	Fee	Start Date
Tue.	Men’s Bronze	\$625	April 29
Wed.	Men’s Silver	\$625	April 30
Thu.	Men’s Gold	\$625	April 31
Fri.	Men’s Wood Bat	\$475	May 2
Sun.	Co-Rec Upper	\$475	May 4
Sun.	Co-Rec Lower	\$475	May 4

Men’s Bronze: Recreation league for newly formed teams who are playing more for fun.

Men’s Silver: More competitive teams with some experience.

Men’s Gold: Most competitive league, teams are playing at higher classifications and participate in post-season tournaments.

Rec. Works Youth Volunteer Training

This program is a must for anyone interested in volunteering during Summer Playground programs. Learn how to work with children, program events and prepare for projects. Become knowledgeable about the summer programs, participate in cooperative games with Summer Playground leaders and take part in sexual harassment prevention training. Cost includes supplies, 2014 recreation shirt and lunch. More details on our website.



2013 Rec. Works youth at the volunteer training

Ages: 12–16
 Date: June 6
 Time: 10 am–2 pm
 Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena, 8020 80th Street S.
 Cost: \$30

