



Cottage Grove Reports

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Show us your best shot!

When you are out and about enjoying the summer don't forget to capture images for the annual photo contest. From people to places, celebrations to locations, we want to see the best of Cottage Grove through your eyes. Entries are accepted until Dec. 19. The winner in each category will receive \$50 and be eligible to compete for the People's Choice award and receive another \$50. This year's categories:

- Celebrations and Events
- Historical
- Parks and Trails
- People at Play
- Progress
- Streetscapes

For the complete contest rules and categories visit our website or call 651-458-2883.

Two Police Sergeants Sworn In at Council Meeting



Family, friends and co-workers gathered to watch as police officers Andrea Lindeen and Mike McCormick were officially promoted to the position of sergeant at the June 4 City Council meeting. During the swearing in ceremony they read their oath and had family members pin on their new badge. Sgt. Lindeen joined the Cottage Grove police department in 2002. Sgt. McCormick joined the Cottage Grove police department in 2003.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Hundreds of people attended the inaugural Memorial Day ceremony at the Cottage Grove Veterans Memorial. The event was organized by the Cottage Grove Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (CGBYR) network. Speeches were made by retired Chief Master Sgt. Air Force, Steve Campos, and U.S. Senator Al Franken, D-Minn.

If you're interested in helping plan next year's event please contact Councilmember Peterson at 651-271-2287 or CouncilMemberJen@aol.com

View more photos from the ceremony on the City's Facebook page and watch SWCTC's video of the ceremony at <http://bit.ly/SkHAdr>.



Fourth of July Celebration

A community celebration will take place at Kingston Park on the Fourth of July. The family-friendly event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a picnic-style dinner. Hotdogs, brats, pop and candy will be available for sale on-site. Activities throughout the evening with the fireworks display beginning at dusk. The event is sponsored by the Cottage Grove Lions Club.

Play Ball!

From Aug. 1 to 4, baseball players from PHD Baseball Club will attempt to break the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the world's longest continuous baseball game while raising money for a great cause. The game takes place at Park High School's 9th grade baseball field. Spectators welcome. Details on our website.



Take the Gun Safety Pledge

On June 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., attend a free gun safety event hosted by the Cottage Grove police. Receive a free gun lock, gun safety materials, and view demos by officers on the safe securing and storing your firearms.



Show your commitment to gun safety and keeping our children safe by visiting www.us.glock.com/safetypledge

Watering Restrictions in Place

Property owners with addresses (house number, not street number) ending in even numbers (0,2,4,6,8) water only on even numbered dates. Property owners with addresses ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9) water only on odd numbered dates. If you need to water newly planted grass or gardens more often contact Public Works at 651-458-2808 to obtain a permit.

Farmers' Market is Open

Cottage Grove Farmers' Market is open Thursdays from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., June 12 to mid-October. Located at Cottage Grove United Church of Christ, 7008 Lamar Avenue S.

Call Before You Clear

Minnesota natural gas companies are asking customers, plumbers, and sewer cleaning contractors to call before attempting to clear a sewer line. The gas company will determine whether an in-sewer camera inspection is needed. If one is needed, a professionally trained sewer camera contractor will be sent to the location to complete an inspection at no charge. Visit www.callbeforeyouclear.com for more information.

Listen @ the Library

On June 19, 6:30–7:30 p.m., enjoy a free outdoor concert at Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S. Call 651-459-2040 with questions.

Around Town—Roads, Homes and Parks

Construction season has returned and Cottage Grove has a number of projects underway.

2014 Pavement Management

This year's pavement management project takes place south of 90th Street between Islay and Jewel Avenues with new pavement, spot curb replacement, and some minor utility work being done. The project is expected to be mostly completed by September.

East Point Douglas Road Repairs

Sections of East Point Douglas Road near White Pines Senior Living will be removed, repaved and seal coated. At the intersection of 80th Street and East Point Douglas Road, the harsh winter resulted in severe joint failure, creating a major maintenance issue. These joints will be cut out by the contractor and repaved. The intersection will then be seal coated to help protect the patching from moisture. East Point Douglas Road from County Road 19 to the Walmart entrance was repaved in early June.

New Home and Parks Construction

It has been a busy spring with several new home developments underway and additional city parks being added.

- New homes are being constructed in the **Mississippi Dunes** area.

- The **Everwood** development, located along Aspen Cove north of 80th Street and west of Hardwood Avenue, includes new trails and streetlights on Hardwood Avenue.
- **Oak Cove** development, located just north of the White Pines Senior Living facility, will be graded and street and utility construction completed by fall. Twelve single family homes will follow.
- At the same time homes in Oak Cove are built, a new city park on the bluff above Highway 61—Camel's Hump Park—will be constructed. The park will have paved and woodchip trails connecting several scenic trails overlooking the Mississippi River Valley.
- More than a dozen homes have been built in the **Eastridge Woods** development located between Military Road and 70th Street. Once complete there will be 134 new single family homes.
- The **Cayden Glen** development, located north of 70th Street near Jamaica Avenue, will bring 92 single family homes to the area.
- A new park, **Cedarhust Meadows Park**, is being built along with the

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Learn about MnDNR Groundwater Management on July 9

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will present an update on the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area Project on July 9, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway. Residents are invited to attend to learn more about the MnDNR strategic plan for groundwater management. The presentation will address the challenges that Minnesota's groundwater faces and what strategic measures are being proposed to help protect this valuable resource. The presentation is hosted by the city's Environmental Commission.

To learn more about the project go to www.dnr.state.mn.us/gwmp/area-ne.html.



Business News

Business Owners: Learn About Proposed Sign Ordinance Changes

Business owners are invited to attend a presentation on proposed changes to the city's sign ordinance on Tuesday, June 17, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway. This is a chance for local businesses to ask questions and provide feedback. It is not a public hearing and is open to the business community as well as the general public.

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Eastridge Woods development. The new park will include a play mineshaft, a climbing wall, edible and sensory gardens and a sand play area. The trail system will connect between Eastridge and Cayden Glen developments.

- **Sunnyhill Park** will be completed this year. This park is located in the Pinecliff development east of Hinton Avenue and north of 65th Street. This year a sport court will be installed and the trails will be completed.

Visit the City's website for information on any of these projects. On the home page, choose the "City Projects" Quick Link on the left.

Strawberry Fest

Strawberry Fest takes place June 19 to 22 at Kingston Park, located at Indian Blvd. and 75th Street. The Grande Day Parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday June 21 at CrossRoads Church on the corner of 80th Street and Jamaica Avenue. It runs down Jamaica Avenue to Indian Blvd., turns right and continues along Indian Blvd. ending at Cottage Grove Middle School. Visit www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com for a complete list of the event

Business owners!

Do you have announcements or new offerings to share?
Contact Danette Parr at 651-458-2824
or dparr@cottage-grove.org

Home Sweet Home

A recent study ranked Cottage Grove number 15 as one of the best cities for home ownership—out of more than 90 cities in Minnesota. The study looked at homeownership rates, monthly homeowner costs, monthly household income and population growth. The city has a homeownership rate of 88.9 percent, and median monthly homeowner costs are \$1,732. Read the full study by NerdWallet, a consumer advocacy website, at <http://bit.ly/1wzTFeX>.



Golf at River Oaks is off and running! The golf course is in great shape and we invite you to come out and enjoy *your* golf course.

- **Junior Golf Lessons** Juniors learn golf fundamentals, the grip, basic swing, clubs to use when and where, some rules and golf etiquette while having fun. Session is \$75. Call 651-438-2121 ext. #3 to register.
Date: June 16–22 Session 2
Time: 8:30–9:30 a.m. Ages 10–14
9:45–10:45 a.m. Ages 7–9
- **Kids Play Free** Every day after 6:45 p.m. youth ages 17 and younger play free, along with one adult (one adult per junior).
- **Twilight Golf** Every day after 3 p.m. Walk for \$19 or ride for \$28.50.
- **Golf Tournaments** Looking to host a golf tournament? Call 651-438-2121 ext. #3 for more information.
- **Hot Deals** Be sure to check out our website for great money savings. Click on specials to discover weekday and weekend deals.
- **New Grill Area** After your golf game be sure to visit our new grill area.
- **Free River Oaks Membership** Cottage Grove residents receive a free River Oaks membership and discounts on golf, food and merchandise. Learn more at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com.

Parks & Recreation News



Catch of the Day

FISHING AT HIDDEN VALLEY POND

This free one-day event is for anyone interested in fishing or wanting to learn more about fish. Bait provided. Bring a fishing pole (limited number of poles available). There will be live fish displays, craft projects and games. No registration required. Sponsored by the Cottage Grove Recreation department, MinnAqua and Minnesota DNR.

Ages: All ages

Date: June 17

Time: 1–3 p.m. and 5–7 p.m.

Place: Hidden Valley Pond, 70th Street and Hardwood Avenue

Strawberry Fest 5K Race and Walk

Don't miss the 8th Annual Strawberry Fest Race and Walk at Kingston Park. All participants receive a Strawberry Fest shirt, water and snacks upon completion. New this year the race will be chip timed. Medals awarded to first place male and female in the following age categories: 18 and younger, 19–25, 26–40, 41–55, 56 and older. Race times posted on-site immediately after the race and posted on our website (by age category) the following Monday. Those participating in the walk will not be timed. Route listed on website.

Date: June 21

Place: Kingston Park

Race: \$20 on or before June 18 | \$25 after June 18

Walk: \$15 on or before June 18 | \$20 after June 18

Time: 7 a.m. registration and check-in | 8 a.m. race begins
Walk begins immediately after race

Kid's 1K Run

All participants receive a 2014 Strawberry Fest shirt after completing the race.

Ages: 10 and younger

Date: June 21

Cost: \$15

Time: 9:15 a.m. registration and check-in | 9:30 a.m. race begins

Route: Kingston Park Soccer Fields

Celebrate the opening of your Bike Park!

Grab the family, the bikes, the helmets, and stop by the new bike park for a fun-filled evening, June 26, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ride the 4x course, watch demos by experts from Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists, listen to music and visit with the bike park volunteers. Purchase a fresh, hot, wood-fired pizza from Olive Pizza, a mobile food truck, for \$8; be one of the first 60 to arrive and you'll receive a 50-percent off coupon for your pizza purchase. The celebration marks the official opening of phase one of the bike park. West Draw Park is located at 7050 Meadow Grass Avenue.

In case of rain the celebration will be rescheduled. Please call the weather hotline at 651-458-6060 or visit the Cottage Grove Bike Park's Facebook page for updates.



COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Advertise at the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in Cottage Grove—the Ice Arena. Call 651-458-3415 for more information.

Ice Skating School Lessons

Mondays, June 16–Aug. 18. Register online or call 651-458-3400.

Public Skating Sessions (\$4)

Spend quality family time while practicing your skating skills. Skate rentals are \$2. Skating aids (buckets) available for beginners. Summer session times vary. Please check the monthly online event calendar or call 651-458-3400.

Figure Skater Practice (\$8–\$10)

For the dedicated figure skater, level Alpha and above. Practice figure skating skills, jumps and spins. Please 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.

Arena Dry Floor Event Rental

From now until August, you can rent dry floor space at the Ice Arena. The West Rink space can be rented for a variety of events such as home shows, dog shows, corporate events, private events or weddings. Learn more by calling Jordan Hirman at 651-458-3415.