



Cottage Grove Reports

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With more than 12K votes, the **Cottage Grove Bike Park** beat three other cities in the central region of the United States for a \$33K grant from Bell Built. A big thank you to everyone who voted and reached out to friends, family, and media in an effort to raise awareness of the two-week online contest. It's because of the support of this community that the project won. The bike park will open late June and is located in West Draw Park, at 70th Street and Meadow Grass Avenue.

Photo Contest

Submissions for the 2014 photo contest are being accepted. For contest rules and categories visit our website or call 651-458-2883.

A New Way to Pay Your Utility Bill

You can now pay your utility bill online with your credit card.

Online utility billing is fast, easy and free. Citizen Access, the online billing service, is available to all Cottage Grove residents. With Citizen Access you can:

- View your bill, current balance and due date
- Access billing history, payments and charges
- Pay your utility bill with a Visa or Mastercard, credit or debit card

How to pay your bill online

- Visit the City's website, choose the "Utility Billing" Quick Link located on the left
- Set up a user profile with your email address and account number

Credit card payments are made through a

secure third party web portal. Credit card information is never retained by the City. For security reasons, you will need to log in each month to pay with your credit card.

Payment Options

You can still pay your utility bill with cash, a check or a money order.

An automatic payment program is also available which allows your utility bill to be paid from your checking or savings account each month on the due date. Sign up forms are available online.

You can also sign up for e-billing to receive your bill by email instead of by postal delivery.

Please call 651-458-2831 with any questions you have regarding the new online utility billing option.

Volunteer of the Year

Chance Glasford was named Cottage Grove's Volunteer of the Year at the annual volunteer recognition dinner held April 22.

"It is not often that we have an individual come to us with an offer to build us a park amenity, using only volunteer labor, with essentially no out of pocket expenditure from the City and no need to buy property," said Mayor Bailey before announcing Glasford as the volunteer of the year.

A **Special Recognition Award** was given to Howard and Delores Handeland for their long-term service to Cottage Grove. Since 1969 Delores has been a Pine Ridge Garden Club member and worked on many gardens around town including the old library garden and the new City Hall garden. The couple maintains the garden located on Point Douglas Road and an area at the labyrinth garden on Hillside Trail. They are also part of the Church of St. Rita's Community Meals program, host their neighborhood Night to Unite event, and more. Look for photos from the event on the City's Facebook page.



Chance Glasford and Mayor Bailey



Howard Handeland, Mayor Bailey and Delores Handeland



Garage Sale Signs

Garage sale and similar signs should be placed on wooden stakes or an "A" frame type of placard. Use caution when placing signs and make sure the sign will not block driver vision. Remember, it is unlawful to attach any type of sign to a regulatory sign or post (such as a Stop sign) or to a street light pole. Please remove signs as soon as possible once the sale is over.

Recreational Fires

Clearance: Recreational fires must be located at least 15 feet away from any combustible structure and at least 10 feet from any property line, unless a different location is approved by the fire chief.

Container: Fires must be contained in a fire pit or enclosure that is constructed from brick, masonry, metal, or other noncombustible material.

Size: Fire must be no more than 3 feet in diameter and flame height must not exceed 3 feet.

Prohibited burning materials: No trash, leaves, stumps, treated, painted, varnished, or otherwise coated lumber may be burned.

Attendance: An adult must be in attendance and a charged water hose or fire extinguisher readily available at all times.

Restrictions: Recreational fires are not permitted when area winds exceed 15 miles per hour or when the fire chief has issued a no fire order. Fires must be extinguished to the point of cold before being left unattended.

Extinguishment authority: The fire chief may order any recreational fire to be immediately extinguished if the fire poses a nuisance to surrounding residences. A nuisance is deemed to exist if the fire generates flying embers that pose a hazard to property or generates smoke or odors that unreasonably interfere with the use or enjoyment of neighboring properties.

City Code section 4-6-1:C(2)a,b

10 Tips for Making the Most of Your City Parks and Trails

With a park located within a quarter mile of almost every home in Cottage Grove, there is ample opportunity for all ages and abilities to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors. Your community park system includes 32 parks linked by a 50+ mile recreational trail system. You'll always find a park nearby to encourage physical activity, relaxation and enjoyment of our community, neighbors and nature!

The Parks and Recreation Department challenges you to frequent your parks and trails this summer by considering the following activities:

1. Grab a 2014 Park and Trail Map (located at public buildings and online)
2. Bring your children to a new playground each week
3. Walk a trail system you've never tried
4. Have a picnic in a park
5. Find some shade in a park to read, nap, listen to nature, or just relax
6. Randomly attend a local youth sporting event
7. Bicycle to lunch or dinner via the park trail system
8. Watch the sunset from a park
9. Create your own treasure hunt for nature-related items (use all senses)
10. Challenge yourself to make more time to get outside in 2014

Werner Electric Receives Award

Werner Electric was awarded the City's inaugural Sustainable City Award for working to reduce their carbon footprint and for practicing what they preach with the creation of an internal Clean and Green Team. Read more about Werner Electric's award and the program on the City's website. Nominations for the award are accepted year-round.



Property Maintenance Reminders

In Minnesota, the eagerly awaited arrival of warm weather often means preparing for outdoor activities. Here are a few things to keep in mind to keep your property in compliance with city codes.

- Make sure all vehicles, including boats, cars, RVs, and trailers, are parked on a paved, brick or concrete surface at all times. They cannot be parked on the lawn.
- Selling a car, truck or other vehicle? It must be parked on your driveway, or on another paved, brick or concrete surface, not on the lawn.
- All items such as machinery, household appliances, furniture or other unused material cannot be stored outdoors. Remove them from your property or store them in a garage or shed.
- Store your trash and recycling containers out of public view, either in your garage or behind a screen.
- If you still have fall leaves stored in your yard, be sure to discard the yard waste as it can attract pests.
- When advertising a garage or yard sale, remember to remove the signs at the end of the sale. Don't forget to ask permission to place signs on someone's private property.
- Water restrictions allow watering before noon or after 4 p.m. every other day. If your house number ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8), water on even numbered days. If your house number ends with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) water on odd-numbered days.

By following these reminders you are helping to maintain the beauty of your neighborhood and community.



Goodwill held a ribbon cutting the morning of April 26 to celebrate the grand opening the store. A large crowd attended the opening, eager to begin shopping for bargains and treasures.

During his remarks, Mayor Baily thanked Goodwill for investing in the community, noting that 2014 has been an exciting year for the city with new businesses opening.

The Goodwill Store and Donation Center is located at 8690 East Point Douglas Road (the corner of 80th Street and Hardwood Avenue).

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. The drive-thru donation will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.



Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication

A home dedication ceremony was held April 26 to welcome four families to their new homes. The four Mississippi Dunes townhomes are Habitat for Humanity's first project in Cottage Grove and were built by volunteers and the new owners.

Volunteers are needed for the additional townhomes being built in the development. Visit www.tchabitat.org for more information.

River Oaks Golf Course is Open

Book your tee time using the on-line reservations system and be sure to check out the specials on our new website.



Join a Golf League in 2014! Choose from Tuesday Night Couples League; Tuesday Morning Men's Senior; Wednesday Morning Men's Seniors; Wednesday Night Ladies; Thursday Morning Ladies; Thursday Night Men's League; or Weekend Men's Club.

Driving Range Membership is \$225 per person for all the golf balls you can hit, sunrise to sunset. Only \$125 for juniors.

Family Golf

Youth ages 17 and younger play free, along with one adult, daily after 6:45 p.m. (one adult per junior). Make it a family night. Enjoy burgers in the clubhouse and fun times on the course.



Cottage Grove residents receive Free membership and discounts on golf, food and merchandise. Visit our website for more details.



Old Tyme Fudge & Ice Cream

was welcomed to the community May 6 with a ribbon cutting. Inside you'll find homemade fudge, Bridgeman's ice cream—including the famous Lala Palooza—and a seating area to enjoy your treats. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. They are located at 8800 East Point Douglas Road South (next to Menards).

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

Parks & Recreation News

Movies in the Dark @ Highlands Park

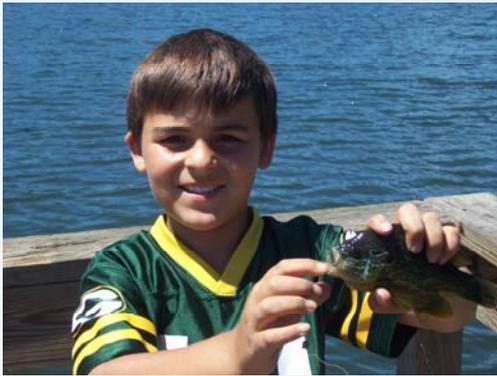
June 13 watch the movie "CARS". The free movie begins at dusk in the ball field at Highlands Park. Concessions will be available for purchase. Come early and enjoy the Splash Pad before the movie.

Fish Camp

Explore underwater habitats, learn about water stewardship, understand the need for regulations, and improve fishing techniques. Discover who's who in the underwater world and how to help take care of them. Participants need to bring their own lunch and beverages. (Refrigeration not available.)

Check in at the picnic shelter. A park pass is not needed to drop-off and pick-up campers for this event.

Ages: 8-11
 Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Dates: June 11 and 12 (Session I)
 Aug. 5 and 6 (Session II)
 Place: Washington County Ravine Regional Park, 9940 E Pt Douglas Rd S.
 Cost: \$45 per session



Intro to Storytelling Theatre

Join us for adventures in favorite fairy tales, superhero legends and stories. There will be heroes, villains, princesses, castles, swordfights, superpowers and more! Students will dramatize familiar tales while learning the basics of theatre. They will work with make-up, props and costumes to prepare for a joint performance on Friday afternoon. We look forward to many adventures together with you!

Ages: 6-11
 Time: 9 a.m.-noon
 Dates: June 9-13
 Place: Hamlet Park
 Cost: \$80



Rec Works Training

This training 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 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.

Ages: 12-16
 Date: June 6
 Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena
 8020 80th Street S.
 Cost: \$30

Strawberry Fest 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.

Tennis

Each session includes four days of instruction and a t-shirt. Racquets and balls available for use during class. Participants can learn the skills, practice the techniques, and have fun. Minimum of four and maximum of eight per class. Participants may purchase a youth Wilson US Open racquet directly from the instructor for \$10 on the first night of class.

Time: 6-6:45 p.m. Pee wee, ages 5-8
 7-7:45 p.m. Junior, ages 9-12
 Dates: June 16-19 Session 1
 July 14-17 Session 2
 July 28-31 Session 3
 Aug. 11-14 Session 4
 Place: Hamlet Park
 Cost: \$35

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Public Skating Sessions (\$4)

Spend some quality family time and have fun practicing your skating skills. Skate rental and skating aids (buckets) are available. During the summer session times vary. Please check the monthly online event calendar or call 651-458-3400 for more information.

Summer Skating School Lessons

Mondays, June 16-Aug. 18
 (no class Aug. 11)
 Tuesdays, June 17-Aug. 12



Langdon baseball team posing for a photo circa early 1900s.