



Cottage Grove Reports

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Spring Cleanup Day

Cottage Grove residents can drop off household goods and unwanted items for a small fee at the annual cleanup day. Hazardous waste and electronics will be accepted free-of-charge from *households only* (no businesses).

Document shredding will also be offered. In order to serve as many people as possible, *no more than four boxes* per customer will be accepted.

Please note that shredding capacity may be reached before the end of the event.

Cash or check only. Download a flyer at www.cottage-grove.org, search "cleanup", or call 651-458-2808.

Date: May 3
Time: 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
Place: Public Works Garage
8635 W. Pt. Douglas Rd. S.

Watch for details on additional options for paying your utility bill in the May Cottage Grove Reports newsletter.

Help the Cottage Grove Bike Park Win a Grant—Vote!

We're the **ONLY MINNESOTA APPLICANT** in the finals

VOTE FOR US!

BELL HELMETS IS GIVING AWAY \$100,000 IN A TRAILBUILDING CONTEST, AND WE'RE A FINALIST! VOTE FOR US TO MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY.

Project
COTTAGE GROVE BIKE PARK

Vote Window
APRIL 21–MAY 4

WE NEED YOUR HELP! GO TO BELLHELMETS.COM/BELLBUILT TO VOTE.

WWW.BELLHELMETS.COM/BELLBUILT

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We need your help. The Cottage Grove Bike Park is a finalist for a portion of a \$100,000 grant from the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

The winner will be determined by popular vote. The competition is steep with Chicago, Indiana and Colorado also in the running. **Your vote is needed to win!** Remember, when you vote you're voting for all of Minnesota.

The grant funds would cover the design and construction costs of a world-class dirt jump plaza.

The park is being built by volunteers and is a joint effort between the Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists (MORC) and the City. It's located at 7050 Meadow Grass Ave. and is expected to open this summer.

From **April 21 to May 4** go to www.bellhelmets.com/bellbuilt and vote for the **Cottage Grove Bike Park!**

City Helps Educate Elementary Kids on Recycling

Students at Crestview, Hillside and Pine Hill Elementary Schools in District 833 recently learned about the importance of recycling in a fun way. The City arranged for the students to watch a performance by CLIMB Theater at their schools. Students learned about protecting the environment through reusing, reducing and recycling everyday materials. The message was reinforced when each child received a recycling-themed item at the end of the program.

A partnership has developed between the City and District 833 to educate students about recycling and keeping waste out of landfills. The City has been making an effort to get the message into district schools so students will share what they've learned with their families.

A grant from Washington County was used to pay for the CLIMB Theater performance and the purchase of giveaways for the students.



Crestview K to 2 grade students watching performance



Crestview 3 to 5 grade students watching performance



Arbor Day Event—April 26, 9–11 am

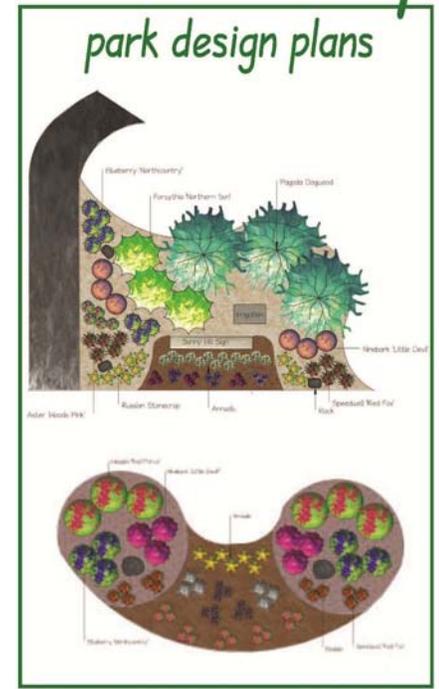
Grab your friends and family and join your neighbors at Sunnyhill Park to celebrate Arbor Day. Plant trees, shrubs and flowers at one of Cottage Grove’s newest parks. Bring a shovel and gloves and meet at the park for instructions (some tools will be available if you need them).

There will be activities for kids, including a coloring contest, and everyone can have a look at the Sunnyhill Master Plan.

No registration is required. Sunnyhill Park is located in the Pine Cliff neighborhood at 6201 Ideal Ave.

Buckthorn Removal

Cottage Grove residents can remove buckthorn from their property and have it picked up curbside at no charge on Monday, April 28. Call 651-458-2808 by April 24 to schedule a pickup.



Are You in the Annual Report?

Highlights from the past year are now available for reading in the City’s 2013 Annual Report, including photographs from community events. Pick up a copy of the 32–page report at City Hall or read it online at www.cottage-grove.org, search “annual report”. You never know whose picture you may discover.

Severe Weather Awareness Week Begins April 21

The week of April 21, 2014 is Severe Weather Awareness Week. Outdoor warning sirens will be activated for a statewide tornado drill on Thursday, April 24 at 1:45 p.m. and again at 6:45 p.m.

Sirens are sounded during severe weather when a tornado warning is issued, sustained winds of 76 mph or higher are reported, or a fire fighter or police officer requests an activation.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety website provides safety information regarding various types of severe weather. For more information visit www.dps.mn.gov, search “severe weather”.

Picture Perfect Weddings at River Oaks—reserve your date now



Emily and Larry | photo © lauren b. photography



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River Oaks is the perfect location for your wedding. Hold your ceremony and reception outside amid serene views or indoors in the beautiful banquet room. Our caring and experienced staff are ready to help make your wedding and reception

a memorable one. A few prime dates remain for 2015. Reserve your date today! Call 651-458-2121 ext. 4.

Rated 5–star by The Knot.
The best in weddings as voted by local brides.



Night to Unite Informational Picnic—May 15

Find out what’s new this year. Stop by Kingston Park on Thursday, May 15, 6–8 p.m. for Public Safety’s Night to Unite informational picnic. Learn about hosting your own neighborhood party while

enjoying pizza, beverages and cookies (while supplies last). You can also register your block party early. Contact Gail Griffith at 651-458-6040 or ggriffith@cottage-grove.org with questions. This year’s Night to Unite is Aug. 5.



Walmart opened for businesses on March 12 after an early morning ribbon cutting ceremony.

“Walmart will be an important commercial partner for the city,” Mayor Bailey said at the opening. “With the addition of this new store, we now have 4.4 million square feet of commercial and industrial business in Cottage Grove.”

Reid Charpentier, Walmart store manager, presented Public Safety with a \$2,500



donation. The Friends in Need Foodshelf received a donation in the same amount.

The new store employs 300 full- and part-time associates. Many of them live in the community.

Walmart Supercenter is located at 9300 E. Point Douglas Road and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Watch SWCTC’s video coverage of the opening at <http://youtu.be/7YNAC1C-TK4>

Cub Foods celebrated the end of their \$1 million remodel with a ribbon cutting on March 27. Elaine Manovich, store director, presented a \$500 check to Public Safety and a pallet of food to the Friends in Need Foodshelf.

Watch SWCTC’s video coverage of the event at <http://youtu.be/erH3s6LbkvY>



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

Annual Spring Business Showcase “CONNECTING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY”

Visit with more than 90 area businesses, services and organizations, pick up promotional giveaways, and sample free food at the 11th annual business showcase. First 500 attendees receive a free tote bag.

Time: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Date: Saturday, April 26
Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena
8020 80th Street S.
Cost: Free

River Oaks Golf Course Opens Soon

It’s almost here! The 2014 Golf Season. 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.

Upcoming Events

- April 18 Free document shredding event, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury
- April 21 Voting for Bike Park grant opens
- April 26 Goodwill Ribbon Cutting 9–9:15 a.m., 7375 Hardwood Ct.
- April 26 Habitat for Humanity Dedication 10-10:30 a.m., 6750 99th Street S.
- May 17 Stone Soup-er Bowl 9 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Park Grove Bowl, 1020 Hastings Ave, St. Paul Park

Check the City’s online calendar of events for happenings in the community.



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 p.m.
 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

Supervised Playground

Looking for a safe place for your children to play outside this summer? Try the supervised playground program at your local Cottage Grove park. Each week consists of an assortment of arts and crafts, water activities, large and small group games, free play, special events and new friendships!

Ages: 5–12
 Time: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
 Days: Monday–Friday
 Parks: Hearthside, Peter Thompson or Woodridge Park
 Cost: \$18/day or \$70/week

What to wear

Dress your child appropriately for the day's weather conditions as well as planned activities which could include running, jumping, arts and crafts, water fun, and playground play.

Electronic games and cell phones

We want your child to have a terrific summer and have fun activities planned to keep them busy. Cell phones and handheld games can be a distraction. Cell phones

must be kept in the office or in your child's bag during the day. Handheld games are allowed on Thursdays only. Please send games with an entertainment software rating of Everyone 10+ or lower.

Weather

A modified version of the day's planned activities will take place in the building if weather conditions prevent us from being outside. The building and restrooms will serve as shelter in the event of severe weather.

Lunch and snacks

Each child should bring their own lunch, snacks, beverages and utensils. If your child arrives without a lunch, we will attempt to contact you to bring one, otherwise we will provide one for a \$5 fee (billed to your account). Please notify us of any dietary restrictions or health-related concerns.

Registration and payment

A registration form must be completed for each child. Payment is due at the time of registration or registrar must agree to weekly auto-pay for the fees due.

Registrations accepted on a first-come first-serve basis; limit of 25 children per site, per day.

Registration and payment can not be accepted at the park. All payments and changes must be made through the office.

This program may qualify as a dependent care expense if it is used as daycare.

For more information

Pick up a brochure at our offices located in the Ice Arena, 8020 80th Street S., download one from our website or call 651-458-3400.

Program Dates:

- Session 1: June 10–14
- Session 2: June 17–21
- Session 3: June 24–28
- Session 4: July 1–3
- Session 5: July 8–12
- Session 6: July 15–19
- Session 7: July 22–26
- Session 8: July 29–Aug 2
- Session 9: Aug 5–9
- Session 10: Aug 12–16