

Cottage Grove Reports



CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE SUMMARY BUDGET

The purpose of this statement is to provide summary 2014 budget information for the City of Cottage Grove to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 471.6965. The complete City budget may be examined at Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S. between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The City Council adopted this budget on Dec. 4, 2013.

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Dig Your Hydrant

Seconds count during a fire! With winter snowfalls and snow plowing, fire hydrants can become hidden making them difficult for firefighters to find quickly. Please help by clearing fire hydrants nearest to your residence of snow at least three feet on all sides. This will save precious time for firefighters in the event of a fire.

Winter Parking

NOV 1—MARCH 30

No on-street parking 2–6 a.m.

At all other times parking is allowed on the street if the vehicle does not interfere with the removal of ice and snow from city streets. This allows snowplow drivers to work safely and efficiently to clear city streets.

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 via email at cstransky@cottage-grove.org or telephone at 651-458-2814.

	Governmental Funds	
	2014 Adopted Budget	2013 Adopted Budget
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 11,613,130	\$ 11,215,100
Other taxes/assessments	550,100	610,600
Licenses and permits	663,350	662,450
Intergovernmental:		
State	520,050	449,450
Federal & Local	277,450	75,150
Charges for services	4,175,910	2,536,110
Fines and forfeitures	249,000	256,000
Interest earnings	122,000	143,500
Miscellaneous	665,730	140,570
Transfers	259,905	181,370
Total revenues	<u>\$ 19,096,625</u>	<u>\$ 16,270,300</u>
Expenditures		
General government	2,284,580	2,228,410
Public safety	7,016,700	6,757,180
Streets and highways	3,666,105	3,598,415
Sanitation/Recycling	50,374	71,620
Parks and recreation	3,947,035	2,485,615
Economic development	342,300	265,445
Capital outlay	1,347,045	1,996,300
Transfers/capital lease	873,305	753,170
Subtotal Before Contingency	<u>\$ 19,527,444</u>	<u>\$ 18,156,155</u>
Contingency	40,000	-0-
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 19,567,444</u>	<u>\$ 18,156,155</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (470,819)</u>	<u>\$ (1,885,855)</u>
Property tax levy requirement to fund the budget	\$ 12,269,130	\$ 12,241,250

ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS 2014

	Water	Sewer	Street Lights	Cottage Grove EMS	Total 2014 Budget	Total 2013 Budget
Operating:						
Revenues	\$2,013,450	\$2,246,700	\$481,800	\$1,319,200	\$6,061,150	\$7,438,050
Expenses	1,704,980	2,320,660	699,655	1,249,540	5,974,835	7,088,660
Operating Income	308,470	(73,960)	(217,855)	69,660	86,315	349,390
Interest	70,000	75,000	30,000	6,000	181,000	177,300
Transfers/other	12,000	2,000	222,500	(3,000)	233,500	502,300
Depreciation	(791,600)	(438,300)	(129,100)	(67,600)	(1,426,600)	(1,564,800)
Debt Service	(29,550)	-	-	-	(29,550)	(67,950)
Net income (loss)	(\$430,680)	(\$435,260)	(\$94,455)	\$5,060	(\$955,335)	(\$603,760)



March Opening for Walmart

The new Walmart Supercenter is scheduled to open mid-March. Watch the city’s website for more information as the date draws nearer.

“Office Hours” Meeting

Senator Katie Sieben, Rep. Denny McNamara and Rep. Dan Schoen will host an office hour to provide the opportunity for in person one-on-one conversations, to learn more about what issues are important to Cottage Grove residents.

Monday, Feb. 24
10 a.m.–Noon
Cottage Grove City Hall

BEC Open House

Dozens of people toured the Business Enterprise Center, or BEC, during the recent open house. Much of the space has been remodeled, including the former City Council Chambers shown below. Five tenants are currently renting space. The BEC is located in the former City Hall at 7516 80th Street S.



River Oaks Golf Course

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



Cottage Grove Art Lovers—we want YOU

Recently, the City Council called for the formation of an Arts Commission in an effort to improve access to, and encourage the growth of, arts in the community. It is anticipated that this will be a nine-person Commission with regularly scheduled cablecast meetings held at City Hall.

As part of this volunteer commission, appointed members will be instrumental in identifying and recommending the direction of the Arts policy for the City and how best to embrace a culture of arts appreciation while facilitating awareness of, and growth in, the artistic desires of Cottage Grove residents. Like other City Commissions, the Arts Commission will act in an advisory role to the City Council which holds decision-making authority on policy, procedure, budget and direction.

Desired qualifications for applicants include leadership skills, ability to work in a team setting, sound decision-making skills, ability to effectively communicate

ideas in front of a small group and on television, an interest in developing and bettering the community, and a passion for art, either visual or performing.

In addition, the Commission has two youth seats that have equal voting representation on all issues. This is a fun way for youth to learn about investing into the community while enhancing their college applications and job resumes. The input from these youth will be valuable in assuring art opportunities in Cottage Grove serve our youth well.

Interested residents can apply by completing an application. Download one from the city’s website, click “Government” and “Boards and Commissions”, or pick one up at City Hall. Deadline to apply is Feb. 28.

Contact Zac Dockter, Parks and Recreation director, for more information via email at zdockter@cottage-grove.org or 651-458-2847.

Free Raingarden Workshops in Washington County

Learn how to install a beautiful raingarden in your yard at a free workshop sponsored by the East Metro Water Resource Education Program, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District, and the Washington Conservation District (WCD). Learn how to choose a variety of colorful plant palettes, get design assistance and hear about cost-share or grant funding opportunities available. Pre-registration is required.

Mar. 4 6–7:30 pm, WCD Office in Oakdale. Pre-register by Feb. 28

March 11, 6–7:30 pm, Woodbury City Hall. Pre-register by March 7

RSVP via phone at 651-792-7965 or email to shelly.melser@rwmwd.org.



2014 Friday Night Fish Fry

Feb. 7 to April 18, 4–8 p.m.

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



Front from left: Mayor Myron Bailey; Pat Buffham, owner; Mike Spitzack, general manager; and Tim Buffham, owner.

Famous Dave's Restaurant Ribbon Cutting

Cottage Grove got “famous” on Jan. 13 when Famous Dave’s celebrated their opening with a ribbon cutting. Almost all of the 40 employees at the new restaurant are from Cottage Grove. This location is owned by Pat and Tim Buffham, who also own the Mall of America Famous Dave’s.

The restaurant is open 11 am–9 pm, Sunday to Thursday, and 11 am–10 pm, Friday and Saturday. Counter service until 4 pm and full service till close. Located at 8479 East Point Douglas Road, 651-769-2800.

Watch SWCTC’s video coverage of the opening:
<http://youtu.be/VSrkkXx7Za0>



From left: Councilmember Justin Olsen; Tony Oshodi, owner; Rep. Dan Schoen and Ryan Schroeder, city administrator.

Liberty Tax Service Ribbon Cutting

Liberty Tax Service was welcomed to town with a ribbon cutting on Jan. 18. The locally owned business offers fast and accurate tax preparation services. The owner, Tony Oshodi, has been a CPA for 25 years and is a 12-year resident of Cottage Grove.

Hours are 9 am–9 pm, Monday to Friday, 9 am–5 pm, Saturday, by appointment on Sunday. Located at 8599 West Point Douglas Road (next to the Bulletin License Center), 651-493-3945.

Watch SWCTC’s video coverage of the opening in the Jan. 24 Weekly Wire: <http://vimeo.com/84969054>



Front from left: Mayor Myron Bailey; Madison, Patrick, Kelvin and Maily Xaphakdy.

Bella Nails & Spa Ribbon Cutting

Bella Nails & Spa celebrated their opening with a ribbon cutting on Jan. 28. The nail salon is owned by Cottage Grove couple, Patrick and Maily Xaphakdy. Maily has been doing nails for nine years and has worked in other local nail salons. After talking about it for five years the couple found the perfect space and opened their own salon in December 2013.

Hours are 9:30 am–7:30 pm Monday to Friday, 9:30 am–5 pm Saturday and 11 am–5 pm Sunday. Located at 8459 East Point Douglas Road (near Famous Dave’s), 651-340-4583.

Watch SWCTC’s video coverage of the opening:
<http://youtu.be/uO7T6gU1BZ0>

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

Meet people in the community while promoting your business during the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Spring Business Showcase. Reserve your booth now! Register by March 26 and pay only \$100 (Chamber members) or \$150 (non-members). Booth prices will increase after that date.

Call 651-458-8334 or email office@cottagegrovechamber.org for more information. Download a registration flyer at www.cottagegrovechamber.org.

Watch for more details on the event in the next newsletter.



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.

Ice Skating School Spring Lessons

Spring sessions from Feb. 15 to April 19. Register online or by calling 651-458-3400.

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.

Wolfpack Mite Jamboree

Date: Mar. 1 at 7:45 am
Mar. 2 at 10:15 am

District Playoff Schedule

Bantam B1	Feb. 16-23
PeeWee B1	Feb. 16-23
PeeWee C	Mar. 9-16

Regional Tournaments

Bantam A	Mar. 1-2
Bantam AA	Mar. 1-2

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.

Ice Arena Birthday Parties

Make your child'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



2014 Boys Lacrosse Leagues Spring and Summer

Lacrosse leagues will be offered in the spring and summer for boys ages U9-U15. These traveling teams will compete against other teams in the east metro area. Transportation is the participant's responsibility.

Required equipment: attack stick, lacrosse helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, lacrosse gloves, and mouth guard. Cleats are recommended but not required.

All players need a current US Lacrosse member ID at time of registration (\$25/year) – www.uslacrosse.org.

Spring-MBSLA

MINNESOTA BOY'S SCHOLASTIC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Season: April to May
Traveling: Yes
Tournaments: No

U9 (5 games): \$45
U11 (8 games): \$75
U13 (10 games): \$100
U15 (10 games): \$100

Ninth graders are eligible
Registration deadline is March 1

Summer-YLM

YOUTH LACROSSE MINNESOTA

Season: June to July
Traveling: Yes
Tournaments: Yes. Woodbury Black and Blue on July 19 and 20 (included in registration fee)

U9 (6 games): \$75
U11 (10 games): \$105
U13 (12 games): \$145
U15 (12 games): \$145

Call regarding eligibility for ninth graders
Registration deadline is May 1

Uniforms

All players must purchase a uniform which includes a jersey and shorts. This uniform must be worn for games played during both leagues. Only one needs to be purchased. The cost is \$40.

Practices

Both leagues include indoor practices from 6:30-8 pm at Hillside Elementary, 8177 Hillside Trail on the following dates: March 18, 20, 25, 27 and April 1, 4, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24.

Outdoor practice schedules determined by coaches at the end of April.

2014 Ages

U9: Sept. 1, 2004 to Aug. 31, 2006
U11: Sept. 1, 2002 to Aug. 31, 2004
U13: Sept. 1, 2000 to Aug. 31, 2002
U15: Sept. 1, 1998 to Aug. 31, 2000

Registration

If registering for both leagues; payment plans are available. Register on-line (additional registration fee), by phone (651-458-3400) or in-person at the Ice Arena, 8020 80th Street S.