



Cottage Grove Reports

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Coming Wednesday evenings in August to River Oaks.

Free, live entertainment outside on the patio. Burgers and beverages will be available for sale to enjoy while listening to the music. Watch the city's website and the Bulletin for dates and details.

A Piece of History Collapses on Grey Cloud Island



Photo credit: Emily Buss, South Washington County Bulletin

The near record rainfall during the month of June may have led to the collapse of the Grey Cloud Island lime kiln. The 35-foot lime kiln was built in 1846 and added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 1978. It collapsed mid-June. Because it is on private property, visitors are requested to view the kiln from the river or across the channel. In 2013, SWCTC produced a video on the history of the lime kiln, and included footage from inside. Watch the video here: <http://bit.ly/1jJOn7Y>



The water level on June 24 at the Grey Cloud Island bridge

Cottage Grove experienced a rare major summer-time flood of the Mississippi River because of the rain. The bridge on Grey Cloud Island Trail was closed on June 24 and reopened on June 30. While the bridge was closed, residents were detoured across the second fill (causeway) on Grey Cloud Island Drive. The river crested at 691.4 feet, the highest crest Cottage Grove experienced since the spring 2001 flood.

Filing Begins July 29 for City Council Candidates

Two City Council seats will appear on the November election ballot. Filing opens Tuesday, July 29 and will continue until 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12 for any Cottage Grove resident interested in seeking election to the City Council. The filing fee is \$5.

Those interested in running for office must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of Cottage Grove for at least 30 days prior to the Nov. 4 general election, and must not have filed for any other office in the upcoming elections.

Please contact the City Clerk at 651-458-2814 with questions.

Cottage Grove Bike Park is Open

June 26 marked the grand opening of the Cottage Grove Bike Park. More than 100 bike riders along with city officials, staff and members of the community joined together to celebrate the opening.

“This would not have happened if not for a dream of a citizen here in Cottage Grove,” said Mayor Myron Bailey.

Chance Glasford, lead volunteer on the project, thanked everyone for helping make the bike park a reality adding that he hopes people will come out, continue to ride and continue to help build the park.

The bike park is located at West Draw Park, off 70th Street and Meadow Grass Avenue.





Become an Election Judge

Election judges play an important role in the election process. Being an election judge is a great service to the community.

Election judges receive \$9.25 per hour for a two-hour mandatory training session and work performed on Election Day.

If you're interested in being an election judge for Cottage Grove download the election judge application from the city's website, search "election judge". Return the completed application to: Caron Stransky, City Clerk, Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016.

Primary Election is August 12

The Primary Election is Tuesday, Aug. 12. At the primary election voters decide which candidates will represent their political party in the November general election.

If you cannot be at your polling place for the statewide primary you can vote by absentee. Apply for an absentee ballot online through the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office at <http://bit.ly/1qmOufA> or call 651-430-6175 to have one mailed.

To find your polling place visit: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Sign Up For  Emergency Notifications

The CodeRED system will be used to send critical communication messages, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts.

When you see 866-419-5000 displayed on your caller ID you know it is from CodeRED. To hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

To make sure you receive notifications, please register on the City's website or at <http://bit.ly/1mKr1iu>

Night to Unite [€] August 5

Your neighborhood [€] Your event

Neighborhoods across the nation will celebrate, get to know one another and help keep their community crime-free on Night to Unite, Aug. 5. **Join the fun and plan your own neighborhood block party.**

The mayor, council members, police officers, firefighters and McGruff the Crime Dog will be out in force that night visiting with residents as part of this crime prevention event. Other highlights:

- Receive a free 10 helium balloon bouquet—pre-sign up required.
- Water balloon toss sponsored by the



2014 PDGA Amateur Disc Golf World Championship Coming to Oakwood Park

BRINGING MANY VISITORS TO COTTAGE GROVE

Disc golfers from all over the world will compete on the best seven Twin Cities disc golf courses—including our own **Oakwood Park**. More than 700 players will play in the tournament which takes place July 19–26. Spectators are welcome to watch and maybe pick up a tip or two about the sport in the process. To learn more about the event, including times the players will be at Oakwood Park, visit www.pdga.com/2014amworlds.

In June, Oakwood Park was also part of the 27th Annual Minnesota Majestic Disc Golf Tournament with hundreds of players.

Play Ball! PLAYERS WILL ATTEMPT TO BREAK A WORLD RECORD

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.



Cottage Grove Crime Prevention Board. Sign up for your chance to be one of seven parties chosen.

- Win a Highlands Park building rental by entering the coloring contest.
- Participate in the backpack campaign and the diaper drive.
- Sign up for a 10-minute fire prevention class taught by firefighters.
- Sixteen lucky parties will be chosen at random to win hot dogs from Bonngard's Family Meats.

Register your party by July 31. To register, visit www.cottage-grove.org, search "2014 Night to Unite". Contact Community Affairs Officer Gail Griffith at 651-458-6040 or ggriffith@cottage-grove.org with questions.

Send pictures from your block party to smadsen@cottage-grove.org and we will share them on the City's Facebook page.



In addition to disc golf, the park has a beautiful overlook of the city with several benches, picnic tables and grills. A picnic shelter is located right next to the parking lot. A small baseball field is located down the hill offering a great place for pick-up ball. Enjoy hiking through the extensive trails in the 36-acre park. Visit the park at 7851 Harkness Avenue S.

Business News

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

Ribbon Cuttings



My Dog Spot, a dog groomer and daycare, opened June 9 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Owner and Cottage Grove resident, Sharon Daily, has many years of experience grooming dogs. The daycare is for dogs up to 25 pounds. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. Shoppes at Almar Village, 7155 Jorgensen Lane S., 651-458-4190.



G-Will Liquors relocated and celebrated with a ribbon cutting on July 1. The store is now located at 6999 80th Street S. by Norris Square. At the new store they carry an additional 100 products and added a high-end tasting bar at the entrance where vendors provide samples. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Community Cook Book Available for Sale

A cookbook filled with the community's best recipes is now available for sale at City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S. It costs \$15. The book was compiled by the city's Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation and includes historical tidbits and pictures.

Love is in the Air

River Oaks Banquet Facility is the perfect venue for your wedding ceremony, reception and/or rehearsal dinner.



A picture is worth a thousand words and the outdoor gazebo, with its updated landscaping and river views, make it a picture-perfect backdrop for the big day.

River Oaks' caring and experienced staff are committed to making sure your wedding day is memorable for you and your fiancée.

Select 2015 dates are still available. Call 651-438-2121 ext. 4 to reserve your date today.

River Oaks Golf Course

The golf course is in great playing condition and ready for birdies and eagles to fly your way.

Money saving offerings are available at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com. Click on "specials" and be sure to bring in the coupons. Specials include:

Players Special Tee-off between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and receive 18 holes including cart, range balls, hot dog and soda for only \$41.95.

Weekend Foursome Special Tee-off Friday, Saturday or Sunday after 12:30 p.m. for 18 holes with cart for \$37 per person.

Twilight Golf Daily after 3 p.m. Walk for \$19 or ride for \$28.50.

Call 651-438-2121 for more information.

Welcome Summer

Hundreds came out for the annual Strawberry Fest June 19–22. Pictures were posted on the City's Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/Vd77a0>. If you have a favorite pic or two from the event, send them to us to share on Facebook.



Parks & Recreation News

For more info call 651-458-3400



3rd Lair Summer Series Skateboard Competition

Hamlet Park is one of many skate parks throughout Minnesota that are part of 3rd Lair's skateboard contest. This competition is open to all levels of skateboarders with four divisions—8 and under, 9-12 years, 13 and up, and expert.

At each event, the top three riders in each division qualify for the finals which are held at the Minnesota State Fair.

This event is a fun night for the community complete with a DJ, music and prizes.

Date: July 25
Time: 4 p.m. register | 5 p.m. event
Place: Hamlet Park
Cost: Free

Adventure Camp

Each camper is placed on one of four different colored teams where they will experience a variety of exciting outdoor adventures. The adventures change daily and include such things as arts and crafts, nature skills, game challenges or cooking lunch for the camp. Bring a white t-shirt to the first day of camp which will be tie-dyed the team color. Program cost includes lunch. Parents are encouraged to send a lunch if child has food restrictions.

Age: 5-12
Date: Aug. 18-22
Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Place: Woodridge Park
Cost: \$80

Optional Extended Hours

Time: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$100

ADVERTISE AT THE ICE ARENA

Get the most marketing value for your dollar by advertising at the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in Cottage Grove—the Ice Arena. Call 651-458-3415 for more information

Movie in the Dark at Highlands Park *The Nut Job* on Aug. 1

Bring a blanket, grab a spot in the ball field and settle in to enjoy the free, family-friendly flick which begins at dusk. Concessions will be available for purchase. Plan on coming early to enjoy the Splash Pad before the movie begins. Highlands Park is located at 6975 Idsen Ave.

Cascade Bay Waterpark Trip

Join Recreation staff for a trip to Cascade Bay Waterpark in Eagan. Spend the day floating down the lazy river, building a sand castle at Sandpiper Beach, wading in the zero depth pool, playing with the sprayer in Ship Wreck Cove, or sliding down one of the water slides. Participants must be comfortable in water, wear a swimsuit and bring a towel, sunscreen and money for lunch.

Age: 6-16
Date: July 29
Place: Cascade Bay Waterpark, 1360 Civic Center Drive, Eagan
Cost: \$30

Location and time for pick up and return:

Woodridge Park	10:30 a.m. pickup	3:45 p.m. return
Hearthside Park	10:40 a.m. pickup	3:35 p.m. return
Peter Thompson Park	10:45 a.m. pickup	3:30 p.m. return

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Stride Ahead

BECOME A BETTER HOCKEY PLAYER

Stride Ahead skating clinic is designed to improve skaters in areas including power, edges, balance, body control and more. This semi-private instructional program is limited to seven each session. The fast-paced sessions appeal to highly motivated and disciplined individuals. To register call 651-458-3400.

Dates: Aug. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28

Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena

Mite 1: 6 years old | \$90
10-10:30 a.m.

Mite 2: 7 years old | \$90
10:30-11 a.m.

Mite 3: 8 years old | \$90
11-1:30 a.m.

Squirt \$105 | 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pee Wee \$105 | 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Public Skating Sessions (\$4)

Spend quality family time while practicing your skating skills. Skate rentals are \$2. Skating aids (buckets) available for beginners. Check the website or call 651-458-3400 for times.

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

Rent dry floor space at the Ice Arena now through August. The west rink space can be rented for a variety of events. Call 651-458-3415 to learn more.