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River Oaks Fall Fest LIVE MUSIC and COMEDY

SATURDAY, OCT. 18 | 7 TO 9:30 P.M.



Head over to River Oaks for an evening of fun. Live music begins at 7 p.m. and the laughs start at 8 p.m.

with three comedians including KFAN radio host "The Common Man" Dan Cole. Food and beverages will be available for sale. The entertainment takes place inside but folks can also go outdoors and enjoy the evening in front of a bonfire. Tickets are \$15 each. Reservations are suggested but not required. Call 651-438-2121 ext. 4 or email sue@riveroaksmunigolf.com. The comedy show is rated "R" for some adult language.

Crime Prevention Board Donates \$7K for Police Vests

The Cottage Grove Crime Prevention Board donated \$7,004 to the Cottage Grove City Council to purchase ballistic vests for the volunteer police reserves.

"Although this check is from the Crime Board, it is actually the citizens and businesses of Cottage Grove that supplied the money for this donation," said Rick Houle, Crime Prevention Board president.

Police reserves play an important role providing support to the Cottage Grove Police Department. In 2013, the police reserves volunteered 2,668 hours at parades, civic events and patrols.

The police department provides reserves with uniforms, leather gear and



The Cottage Grove Crime Prevention Board presents a \$7,004 check at the Sept. 17, 2014 City Council meeting.

boots. Some uniforms and equipment, such as ballistic vests, are recycled but not every reserve member has a vest or the ones they have are worn out or do not fit properly. A ballistic vest ranges from \$500 to \$1,200.

Most of the money was raised at a "Let's Get Them

Covered" spaghetti dinner held locally on Sept. 5. Other donations also were received from the Cottage Grove VFW, the John Sipe Memorial, the Cottage Grove Police Officers' Association and the Cottage Grove Police Federation.

Election 2014: General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 4



Cottage Grove Election

The City of Cottage Grove Election consists of two, four-year Council seats. The candidates who will appear on the ballot for the City Council race are: Steve Dennis, Matt Erickson, Sara Hyland, Derrick Lehrke, Tasha Steinmetz and Dave Thiede. Voters may vote for two candidates.

Where to vote

Voters can locate their polling place at www.mnvotes.org or call the Cottage Grove City Clerk at 651-458-2814. Sample ballots can be found online at www.mnvotes.org and at City Hall.

Register to vote

Anyone who has moved, changed their name or not voted in the last four years will need to register to vote. With proper identification voters may register to vote on Election Day. The last day to pre-register is Oct. 14, 2014.

Absentee voting

Absentee voting began in September and ends Monday, Nov. 3, 2014 at 5 p.m. Absentee Ballots can be obtained at the Washington County Cottage Grove Service Center, 1300 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove.

Call Washington County Elections at 651-430-6175 for more information.

For election results, visit <http://mnvotesinfo.sos.state.mn.us/>



Xcel Energy Surcharge Explanation

Cottage Grove customers are asking about the Xcel Energy surcharge which goes into effect in October 2014 for the next 15 months. Every Xcel customer in Cottage Grove, including commercial customers, will see this surcharge on their bill.

However, the City has reduced its franchise fee for the same 15-month period so that the net effect to the customer is neutral; that is, the surcharge and the franchise fee charge combined will total the amount of the previously charged franchise fee.

The surcharge and franchise fee change were approved by the City Council in July 2014 to pay for the undergrounding of power lines at 70th Street and County Road 19 and on East Point Douglas Road adjacent to Walmart. The City requested the power lines be buried and Xcel can recover their costs to do so with a surcharge under a Public Utilities Commission approved process.

The City Council chose to reduce the franchise fee to offset the surcharge so that residents would not be unduly burdened.

Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect November 1–March 31

The City of Cottage Grove’s winter parking ordinance is designed to help allow for efficient snow removal.

On-street parking is prohibited from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. daily from Nov. 1 to April 30 each year. On-street parking is also prohibited when it is snowing, until the street has been cleared.



Community cookbooks, compiled by the Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, are available at City Hall for \$15 each. The cookbooks would make a great holiday gift.

Deployment Ceremony Held Sept. 13 for 204th Area Support Medical Company



Four of the soldiers in the unit are from the South Washington County area. Clockwise from upper left: Pvt. Jim Domeier, Spc. Rachel Ortmeier, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Sigerson, and Staff Sgt. Melissa Ludwig.

On Sept. 13, a departure ceremony was held at Park High School for the 204th Area Support Medical Company. Family members, local and state officials and members of the Minnesota Patriot Guard packed the auditorium for the ceremony. The more than 40 Minnesota National Guard soldiers left early the next morning for a nine-month deployment to the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt in support of Multinational Force and Observers. Watch the SWCTC video of the ceremony by visiting: <http://bit.ly/1sLm16X>

Congratulations to the 2014 Citizen’s Academy Graduates



August 27 was the conclusion of the fourth annual Citizen’s Academy. For eight weeks participants were introduced to the reality of a police officer’s role in the community. They learned about a variety of law

enforcement topics through lectures, demonstrations, tours, ride-alongs and hands-on experiences. Watch for information on the next Citizen’s Academy late spring 2015.

Serve Your City on a Citizen Advisory Commission

Get involved in your city government by volunteering to serve on an advisory commission. The City is accepting applications from residents for various commission openings. Commission members provide valuable insight and input that helps impact the quality of life of the City’s residents. The City seeks applicants with diverse skills and experiences to serve on the commissions. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for all

commissions and are kept on file for one year. For more information about commissions and specific qualifications, visit www.cottage-grove.org/city-government/boards-and-commissions.

Cottage Grove residents interested in serving on a commission can email jfischbach@cottage-grove.org for an application or download one from the City’s website.

Business News

Curves/Jenny Craig Ribbon Cutting



Curves | Jenny Craig

<https://www.facebook.com/curvescottagegrovemn>

On Sept. 16 a ribbon cutting was held at the Cottage Grove Curves to celebrate the first Minnesota partnership between Curves and Jenny Craig. Owner Sandy Edwards said she is excited to now offer her clients assistance to meet both their fitness and nutritional wellness goals. Curves is located at 7584 80th Street. Call 651-789-0000 for more information.



Thank You Stantec Volunteers

A big thank you to a group of Stantec volunteers who spent a September morning at Wag Farms Dog Park. They spread wood chips to create new trails, trimmed branches and cleaned up the garden area.

River Oaks Golf Course

Special fall rates to keep you in the swing of things

Bring in a non-perishable food item for the Friends in Need Food Shelf to receive these special fall rates:

- Senior 18 holes. Walk \$20.50 or ride \$30
- Weekday 18 holes. General public \$31 or resident \$28
- Weekend 18 holes. General public \$33 or resident \$30
- Ride a cart for an additional \$14

Enjoy a great fall season of golf at River Oaks Golf Course located at 11099 South Highway 61. Call 651-438-2121 or visit www.riveroaksmunigolf.com for more information.

Upcoming Events

RESTORE RAVINE REGIONAL PARK—VOLUNTEER EVENT

SATURDAY, OCT. 18 | 9 AM TO NOON

Working closely with Friends of the Mississippi ecologist amidst the lovely autumn colors, volunteers will get a fall workout hauling cut brush, primarily the invasive species European buckthorn. No experience needed. Supplies, including snacks, provided. Call 651-222-2193 ext. 31 or email akilgore@fmr.org for more details or to register.

MONSTER BASH FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCT. 24 | 5 TO 11 P.M.

Enjoy dinner, a costume contest, dance and silent auction at the VFW Red Barn, 9260 East Point Douglas Road. Admission for ages 13 and older is \$10, ages 4-12 is \$5, ages 3 and under is no charge. For more information and a registration form visit www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com.

MONSTER BASH PARADE

SATURDAY, OCT. 25 | 10 A.M.

Get those creative juices flowing and put together a theme for this year's parade. Line-up begins at 8 a.m., judging at 9:15 a.m. and parade start at 10 a.m. Trophies for *Most Creative* first, second and third place, *Halloween Spirit* award and *Best Group non-motorized* award. The parade runs along East Point Douglas Road from the ISD #833 Service Center to the District Program Center.



CRIME PREVENTION BOARD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BBQ

SATURDAY, OCT. 25 | 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

After the Monster Bash parade, stop by Bonngard's Family Meats at 70th Street and Keats Ave., for this annual BBQ fundraiser. There will be prizes and Halloween bags for the kids. Burgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be available for sale. The Crime Prevention Board is a non-profit, volunteer organization.

PRINCESS FOR A DAY

SUNDAY, NOV. 16 | 12:30 TO 4:30 P.M.

Girls ages 4 to 11 are invited to attend the fourth annual Princess for a Day social which includes activities, refreshments, and a fashion show. Cost is \$25. Register by Nov. 10. For more information visit www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com.

CAR SEAT CLINIC

TUESDAY, NOV. 18 | 4 TO 7 P.M.

A certified car seat technician will teach you how to install and use child car restraints correctly. This free clinic will take place at Fire Station #2, 8641 80th Street S.

CANADIAN PACIFIC HOLIDAY TRAIN

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10 | 5:45 P.M.

Mark your calendars for this year's Holiday Train stop. It will be back in its former location near the Youth Service Bureau building on West Point Douglas Road. Watch the website for more details.

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

For more info call 651-458-3400



Halloween Spooktacular

TRICKS AND TREATS AT THIS SPOOKTACULAR SKATING PARTY!

Wednesday night public skating is about to get scary with fog, strobe lights and music. Enter the special black light room for face-painting, a game of BINGO and to make witches out of popcorn. A wristband is required to participate in the special Halloween activities. Rental skates are available for an additional \$2. Pay at the door; no pre-registration required.

Date: Oct. 29
 Time: 6–7:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$8 per wristband or \$4 for public skating only

Looking to rent ice?
www.rinkfinder.com
 or call 651-458-3400

Winter Ice Skating Lessons

Winter sessions run Dec. 1 to Feb. 12. Register online or call 651-458-3400.

Public Skating Sessions (\$4)

Practice skating, get exercise and have fun. Skate rentals are \$2 and skating aids (buckets) are available for beginners.

Sunday: Noon–1 p.m.
 Monday to Friday: 10:30 a.m.–noon
 Wednesday: 6–7:30 p.m.

Figure Skater Practice (\$8–\$10)

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

Tuesday, Thursday: 2:30–5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Friday: 6–7 p.m.
 Saturday: 6:15–7:45 a.m.
 Sunday: 8–9:45 p.m.

Co-Ed Open Broomball (\$5)

For ages 17+ on Sundays, 8–9:30 p.m. Join other players on the studio rink for a pick-up game of broomball. Sticks available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No experience necessary. Helmets required.

Adult Hockey League

All games are played Sunday nights at 8:15 or 9:30 p.m. from Nov. 9 to Feb. 22 (teams do not play every Sunday). Each team plays seven games and top four teams play the final night of playoffs. No checking or slap shots. All games officiated. Players must be ages 18 and older. Rosters/waivers due by the second game. League champions will receive American Motorsports Bar & Grill gift card. Full payment due at time of registration. Register by Oct. 31.

Cost: \$945.00 per team
 Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena
 8020 80th Street S.

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

For ages 18+ on Mondays. Bring your own equipment; helmet required. Check the website or call for times.

Birthday Parties

The “coolest” birthday party venue in town is the Ice Arena. A variety of packages are available. Parties are scheduled around public skate times and include private party room for one hour. Visit the website or call for more details.



NO-SCHOOL FALL BREAK

OCT. 16 AND OCT. 17

Youth Open Hockey (\$5)
 9–10:15 a.m.
 Public Skating (\$4)
 10:30 a.m.–noon
 High School Open Hockey (\$5)
 12:15–1:30 p.m.

NO-SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

DEC. 26, 29, 30 AND JAN. 2

Youth Open Hockey (\$5)
 9–10:15 a.m.
 Public Skating (\$4)
 10:30 a.m.–noon
 High School Open Hockey (\$5)
 12:15–1:30 p.m.

SKATE WITH THE WOLFPACK

DEC. 28 | 2–3:30 P.M.

If your child’s dream is to play Wolfpack hockey, get ready for a fun afternoon of skating with their favorite Wolfpack players from Park High School.. No cost to attend this event.

