



Cottage Grove Reports

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2016-17 Budget

Planning for the 2016-17 budget is underway. The city budget funds the services and amenities that residents need and expect and adopting a city budget is one of the City Council's most important tasks. Everyone is invited to learn more at a town hall budget meeting on Aug. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall. The public is also welcome at any budget meeting held during July and August. Dates and times are published on the city website calendar.

Clean Up After Your Pets

Please be a courteous pet owner and clean up after your pets when taking them for a walk. Everyone has the right to enjoy the City's parks and public spaces without the need to watch where they step. Whenever a pet owner is off of their own property they are required to clean up after their pets.

Celebrate Night To Unite

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, join neighborhoods across the nation to celebrate Night to Unite. By hosting a neighborhood block party, you can enjoy a summer evening, get to know your neighbors and help keep the community crime-free.

Mayor Bailey, Council members, police officers, firefighters and McGruff the Crime Dog will be out visiting parties and strengthening relationships as part of this crime prevention celebration.

Register your party by July 28!

Some highlights for this year include:

- A free helium balloon bouquet (pre-sign up required).
- Water balloon toss sponsored by the Cottage Grove Public Safety Board. Sign up for your chance to be one of seven parties chosen.
- Win a Highlands Park building rental by entering the coloring contest. Download the coloring page from our website.
- Participate in the backpack campaign.
- Sign up to be one of 16 lucky parties (chosen at random) to win hot dogs from Bonngard's Family Meats.



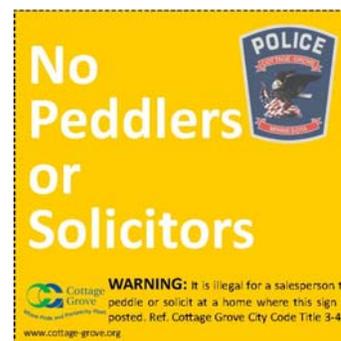
For more information or to register your block party, visit www.cottage-grove.org search "2015 Night to Unite", or contact Gail Griffith, Community Affairs Officer at 651-458-6040 or email ggriffith@cottage-grove.org.

Door-to-Door Sales Require Permit

In Cottage Grove, door-to-door peddlers or solicitors must carry a City-issued permit, which requires a background check. They are required to show it if asked.

Property owners can place a City-designed sign at the main entrance to their home or business indicating that they do not wish to be contacted by peddlers or solicitors. The size of the sign must be at least 3-3/4" wide by 3-3/4" high. A sign can be downloaded at www.cottage-grove.org, search "peddler", or picked up at City Hall during normal business hours.

If you encounter a solicitor or peddler that is not registered please call the Cottage Grove Police Department at 651-439-9381.





Thursdays Farmers' Market

2:30 to 6:30 pm, Thursdays through October. Parking lot of United Church of Christ, 7009 Lamar Ave. S.

Fridays Splash Pad Special Events

11 am to noon, Fridays, through Aug. 28, Highlands Park Splash Pad.

Aug 19 Town Hall Budget Meeting

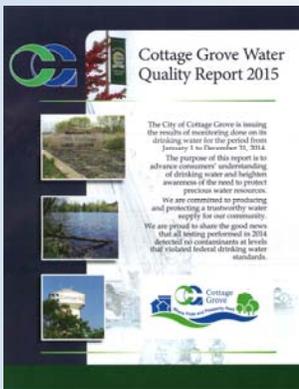
6 to 8 pm, City Hall

Oct 17 KFAN's Dan "The Common Man" Cole

8 to 10 pm, River Oaks Golf and Event Center.

New Date Set for Citizens Academy

The 2015 Citizens Academy, originally scheduled to start in July, will now take place Oct. 6 to Nov. 24, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Apply by Sept. 4. Learn more online at www.cottage-grove.org, search "citizens academy". For questions, contact Sgt. Gwen Martin at 651-458-6011 or gmartin@cottage-grove.org.



Cottage Grove's Water Quality Report

Every year the City of Cottage Grove makes available a report that tells residents where their water comes from and what is in their drinking water. The 2015 report is available on the City's website, search "water quality". Print copies are available at City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S. or Public Works, 8635 W. Point Douglas Road.

Films in 5 Submission Deadline is July 31

The deadline for the Arts Commission's first film festival is rapidly approaching. Anyone can submit a short film—even one taken using a smartphone—in this film festival.

Simply create a video that is less than five minutes long, copy it to a DVD and submit it with a \$5 submission fee. Prizes will be awarded to the top three films, including a \$100 gift card to a Cottage Grove business.

The film screening is scheduled for Sept. 12 in the lecture hall at Park High School.

Submission guidelines and entry forms can be found on the City's website, search "films in 5".



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Artist of the Month Program

The Cottage Grove Arts Commission has begun an Artist of the Month program. It is designed to recognize the inspirational, passionate and creativity of artists in Cottage Grove and share their talents with the community. To nominate an artist, download and complete the application available on the City's website, search "artist of the month".



Summer season is upon us and golf is in full bloom! Remember, this is *your* golf course—come out and enjoy a private club golf surface on a public golf course.

- **Two-light Golf** Every day after 3 p.m. Walk for \$20.50 or ride for \$30.50.
- **Weekend Foursome Special Tee-off** Friday, Saturday and Sunday after 12:30 p.m. 18 holes with cart for \$39 (each player). You must have a foursome and bring in the coupon (available online under "specials").
- **Weekday Player Special** 18 holes with cart, small range balls, hot dog and soda for \$42.95 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. You must bring in coupon (available online under "specials").
- **New! Seniors Weekend Golf Rate** After 10 a.m., play 18 holes with cart for \$35 or walk for \$23. Must be age 62 or older.
- **Golf Reservations** accepted seven days a week online at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com or call 651-438-2121 ext. 3.
- **Great Practice Facility!** Enjoy all grass surface with great targets along with practice sand trap and green.

Business News

LeafLine Labs Ribbon Cutting

LeafLine Labs, the newest business in Cottage Grove's expanding Business Park, held a ribbon cutting on June 17. Cottage Grove Mayor Myron Bailey, Minnesota Department of Health's Office of Medical Cannabis Director Michelle Larson, and LeafLine's Co-founder and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Andrew Bachman spoke to local officials, company leaders and members of the media at the event.

"This is a great day for the City of Cottage Grove and the State of Minnesota," said Bailey. "If you would have looked at this site six months ago—it was just a bunch of dirt."

The 42,000-square-foot production facility was built on what was once a soybean field. The facility, only one of two approved by the State of Minnesota, produces medical marijuana, which became legal in Minnesota on July 1.

Dr. Bachman thanked everyone for their help in building the one-of-a-kind, pharmaceutical grade facility that will "serve Minnesota patients in need, launching a new era in Minnesota pharmaceuticals."

It takes approximately four months for the plants to go from seeds to medicine. On July 1 LeafLine Labs began selling medical marijuana in Minnesota to patients who have been certified to have certain conditions.

"I'm excited to get this up and running. For the City of Cottage Grove and the jobs it's creating but especially for those that will benefit from the use as this continues to move forward in the years to come," said Bailey.

Additional jobs are expected to be added as patient participation numbers grow.



Groundbreaking for Renewal by Andersen



Renewal by Andersen held a groundbreaking ceremony on June 16 to mark the beginning of an expansion that was announced earlier this year.

The 125,000-square-foot expansion is the first major expansion since the plant opened and comes at the same time the company is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Mayor Bailey said this expansion is an important project for not only Cottage Grove, but the County and the State.

"We appreciate everything that you are doing for our community," said Bailey.

The expansion supports the growth of the Renewal by Andersen window replacement business. It will add both manufacturing and office space as well as 200 new jobs. Construction is expected to be completed by April 2016.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development supported the expansion with grants through the Minnesota Investment Fund and the Job Creation Fund.

Renewal by Andersen is located in the Cottage Grove Business Park at 9900 Jamaica Avenue.

Watch the SWCTC video: <https://youtu.be/wl5qoBrBFBQ>

The Groves Grand Opening

Through a public-private partnership, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority revitalized the Groves Apartments, formerly Parkside, in Cottage Grove. To celebrate, a grand opening ceremony was held on June 11.

For more information about the project, visit <http://www.wchra.com/pages/the-groves>

Watch the SWCTC video: <https://youtu.be/zbL7btIVt1A>



Parks & Recreation News

For more info call 651-458-3400



NEW!

Lil' Adventure Camp

Three fun days packed with games, sports, crafts, nature exploration, new friends and team building challenges. Campers earn portions of a treasure map leading to the prize on the last day. Campers should wear running shoes and bring a small snack and water.

Age: 4-7
 Date: July 28-30
 Time: 9 a.m.-noon
 Place: Pine Tree Valley Park
 Cost: \$45

21st Annual Safety Camp

Cottage Grove Police, Fire and Recreation departments are teaming up to encourage youth safety. Kids will experience two days of fun while learning about important safety issues such as how to use 911, basic first aid, fire prevention and bike, water, kitchen, and electrical safety—all taught by industry professionals in an energetic team-style setting. Cost includes t-shirt, hat, lunches, snacks, water bottle and an all-sport helmet. Participants should bring their own lunch and snacks if there are dietary restrictions.

Family and friends are invited to attend the graduation ceremony at the close of camp on Wednesday, July 22 at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a lawn chair.

Age: 8-11
 Date: July 21-22
 Time: 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Place: Hamlet Park
 Cost: \$50

3rd Lair Summer Series Skateboard Competition

Hamlet Park is part of 3rd Lair's "Summer Series" Minnesota skateboard contest. This competition has four divisions—8 and under, 9-12 years, 13 and up, and expert—so anyone can enter. At each event, the top three riders in each division qualify for the finals held at the Minnesota State Fair. This event is a fun night for all skateboarders and the community complete with a DJ, music and prizes.

Date: July 31
 Time: 4 p.m. register | 5 p.m. event
 Place: Hamlet Park
 Cost: Free

Adventure Camp

Three teams of up to 35 campers each, will compete in large games, discover nature, learn about science, cook camp lunches, compete in relay games, make crafts and tie dye a camp shirt. Cost includes lunches; camper should bring their own lunch if there are dietary restrictions. Campers need to bring a white t-shirt on the first day of camp to tie-dye the team color.

Age: 5-12
 Date: Aug. 10-14
 Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | \$80
 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | \$100
 Place: Hamlet Park



Movie in the Dark

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

Bring a blanket, grab a spot in the Highlands Park ball field, and enjoy the free outdoor movie! Movie begins at dusk.

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Girls Hockey Clinic

Back by popular demand—the summer hockey clinic for girls! 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.

Date: Aug. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26
 Time: 2:30-4 p.m.
 Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena
 Cost: \$140
 Ages: 8-13

Ice Skating School Lessons

Summer sessions: June 15-Aug. 11
 Register online or call 651-458-3400.

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

Join others, ages 18+, for a pick-up game of hockey on Monday evenings. Bring your own hockey equipment. Helmets required. For times, check the monthly event calendar on our website or call ahead as some sessions may cancel due to special events.

Turf and Dry Floor Rentals

Rent space for a variety of events and sports! The Cottage Grove Ice Arena has indoor turf rental opportunities May through September. The space can be rented for a variety of events. Call 651-458-3415 for availability and prices.