



Cottage Grove Reports

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AED Donated to VFW Red Barn Post 8752

Over the years, both the Cottage Grove Lions and Cottage Grove Public Safety Board have hosted numerous benefits and events at the Cottage Grove VFW Red Barn. All have similar missions—giving back to the community—and the three groups have formed great partnerships.

Last year, there was a medical incident at the VFW which led to a discussion by members of the Cottage Grove Lions and Public Safety Board about purchasing an automated external defibrillator (better known as an AED) for the VFW.

An AED is a portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart, which can help the heart resume its normal rhythm after sudden cardiac arrest. The AED automatically detects whether or not a shock should be given.

Many places in Cottage Grove already have AEDs, including City buildings, River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center, the Ice Arena, schools, numerous churches, and many local businesses.



Members and staff of the VFW Red Barn, Cottage Grove Public Safety Board, Cottage Grove Lions, and members of the Cottage Grove police department.

The Cottage Grove EMS has great response times, but every minute counts when a person is in cardiac arrest. An AED can be used by non-medical personnel and having one on-site allows for quicker intervention. Cottage Grove EMS will train the VFW staff on the use of the AED.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The second annual Memorial Day ceremony was held May 25 at the Cottage Grove Veterans Memorial. The event is organized by the Cottage Grove Beyond the Yellow Ribbon network. View pictures on the City's Facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/1Fu594D> and watch SWCTC's coverage of the ceremony at <http://bit.ly/1BKyFTh>.



Park High School Robotics Team Receives Donation

The American Legion Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 recently donated \$2,000 to the Park High School Robotics Team. John Gallos, who is a member of the Legion and a Cottage Grove resident, said they wanted to recognize the students for their outstanding work.

Fourth of July Celebration

A community celebration will take place at Kingston Park on the Fourth of July. The family-friendly event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a picnic-style dinner. Hotdogs, brats, pop and candy will be available for sale. Activities throughout the evening with the fireworks display beginning at dusk. The event is sponsored by the Cottage Grove Lions Club.

City Receives Northern Lights Award of Excellence for Social Media Campaign

The City received the award from the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators for the Bike Park Contest social media campaign that took place in 2014. The annual Northern Lights Awards Contest recognizes outstanding work in government, educational, and non-profit communications.



- Jun 11 Farmers' Market Opens**
2:30 to 6:30 pm, Thursdays through October. Parking lot of United Church of Christ, 7009 Lamar Ave. S.
- Jun 12 Splash Pad Special Events**
Fridays, June 12 to Aug. 28, from 11 am to noon, Highlands Park Splash Pad. Details on back page.
- Jul 10 Free Document Shredding**
9 am to 2 pm, Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury. Bring up to six boxes for shredding, weighing no more than 30 pounds each.
- Jul 10 Seussical Jr. 6:30 pm**
- Jul 11 Seussical Jr. 1 pm**
Locally Grown Theatre youth camp participants will perform at the Ice Arena in the west rink. Bring chair or blanket to sit on the indoor turf. Free.
- Jul 16 CPR Class**
6 to 10 pm, Fire Station 2, 8641 80th Street S, \$50, 651-458-2870, or kzittel@cottage-grove.org to register.
- Jul 31 Films in 5 Submission Deadline**
Anyone can submit a short film—even one taken using your cell phone—in this film festival. Cash prizes. Details on our website, keyword "Films in 5".
- 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.

Annual Photo Contest

ENTER TO WIN CASH PRIZES

2013 Winning Entry | Nathan Klok

Capture Cottage Grove's vibrant community and beautiful environment.

Submit your favorite photographs in the following categories for a chance to win a \$50 prize:

- Celebrations or Events
- Historical
- Parks and Trails
- People at Play
- Progress—construction, housing, parks
- Streetscapes—buildings, places, things

Winning photographs will be featured in the Cottage Grove Reports, on the City's website and other City publications.

A submission form must accompany all photographs and is available on our website or at City Hall.

All submitted photographs become the property of the City. Entries are accepted through Dec. 4, 2015

Grilling Safety

Summer has arrived and many of us are eager to begin grilling. The Cottage Grove Fire Department reminds you to practice fire safety to prevent grilling related fires.

Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it

Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire

- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. *If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.*

Source: www.nfpa.org/education



www.facebook.com/CottageGroveMN (City government and community news)
www.facebook.com/CGMNPD (Police news)
www.facebook.com/CGPS.Fire (Fire and EMS news)
www.facebook.com/Cottage-Grove-Recreation-Ice-Arena (Recreation news)

Business News

Up North Plastics to Expand

Up North Plastics, located in the business park, plans to add 86,640 square feet which will include warehouse space and three additional loading docks.

The original building was built by Whirlpool in 1965 and was used for the manufacturing and assembly of home appliances. Whirlpool vacated the property in the early 1980's. Up North Plastics

bought the property in 1985 and began as a small manufacturing facility supplying high quality plastics. The company has continued to grow, expanding to its current size of nearly 400,000 square feet. Up North Plastics is a leading manufacturer of high quality polyethylene materials.

This expansion is the fourth one in the business park this year.

Business owners!

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



Strawberry Fest

JUNE 18 TO JUNE 21

KINGSTON PARK

Kick-off summer at the annual Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest! This fun-filled, family-focused event offers something for everyone.

Some highlights include:

Thursday, June 18

Carnival, 4–10 pm
Food Vendors, 4–10 pm
Talent Show and MN Sings
competition, 7 pm

Friday, June 19

Carnival, 2 pm–midnight
Food Vendors, 2 pm–midnight
Chalk Walk, 5:45–7 pm
Chad Pfeifer & The Sweet Corn
Pickers band, 8 pm–midnight

Saturday, June 20

5K Race & Walk, 8 am start
Kids 1K, 9:30 am start
Carnival, 10 am–midnight
Food Vendors, 10 am–midnight
Grande Day Parade, 10:30 am
Rock Godz band, 8 pm–midnight
Fireworks, 10:30 pm

Sunday, June 21

Carnival, 11 am–4 pm

Find the full schedule of events at
www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com

Purchase a Strawberry Fest button (\$3) at
Cub, Edina Realty, South Washington
County Bulletin, City Hall or from any
Strawberry Fest Ambassador candidate.



River Oaks Golf Course

It's summertime at River Oaks and golf is in full swing!

- **Two-light Golf** Every day after 3 p.m. Walk for \$20.50 or ride for \$30.50.
- **Weekend Foursome Special** Friday, Saturday and Sunday after 12:30 p.m. 18 holes with cart for \$39 (each player). You must bring in the coupon (available online under "specials") and have a foursome.
- **Weekday Player Special** 18 holes with cart, small range balls, hot dog and soda for \$42.95. You must bring in coupon (available online under "specials").
- **Best Deal in the Twin Cities** Youth (ages 17 and younger) play every day after 6:45 p.m. for \$1 and adults play after 6:45 p.m. for \$1 when accompanied by a junior (limit one junior per adult).
- **Junior Golf Camp** runs June 15–19 from 8:30–9:30 a.m. (ages 10–14) and 9:45–10:45 a.m. (ages 7–9). Cost is \$75. Register online or call.
- **Golf Reservations** accepted seven days a week online www.riveroaksmunigolf.com or call 651-438-2121 ext. 3.
- **Improve Your Golf Game** call us to get hooked up with a golf instructor.
- **Free River Oaks Membership** Cottage Grove residents receive a free River Oaks membership and discounts on golf, food and merchandise. Learn more at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com.

Parks & Recreation News

For more info call 651-458-3400

Strawberry Fest 9th Annual 5K Race and Walk

Race is chip timed with times posted on-site immediately after the race. Times are posted on the City's website (by age category) the following Monday. Medals awarded to first place male and female in the following age categories: 18 and younger, 19–25, 26–40, 41–55, 56 and older. Walkers will not be timed. Participants receive a Strawberry Fest shirt, water and snacks upon completion. Route: Kingston Park—Trailway Corridor—Pine Tree Valley Trail—80th St.—Jenner Ave.—Kingston Park Trail.

Date: June 20
Place: Kingston Park
Race: \$20 on or before June 17
\$25 after June 17
Walk: \$15 on or before June 17
\$20 after June 17
Time: 7 a.m. registration and check-in
8 a.m. race begins
Walk begins immediately after race



Splash Pad Special Events FREE FRIDAY FUN

Besides cooling off in the Splash Pad have even more fun and join Recreation staff for activities. No registration necessary. Activities take place near the Highlands Park building at 11 a.m.

- June 12 Sail Boats
- June 19 BINGO
- June 26 American Flag Pins
- July 10 Luau
- July 17 Coloring Contest
- July 24 Beaded Bracelets
- July 31 Bike Wash (bring your wheels)
- Aug. 7 Theater Show
- Aug. 21 Tie Dye
- Aug. 28 Spin Art

Catch of the Day

FISHING AT HIDDEN VALLEY POND

Everyone is welcome to attend this free one-day event for those interested in fishing or wanting to learn more about fish. Bait provided. Bring a fishing pole (limited number of poles available). There will be live fish displays and games. No license needed for those age 16 and under. No registration necessary. Sponsored by the Cottage Grove Recreation department, MinnAqua and Minnesota DNR.

Ages: All ages
Date: June 30
Time: 1–3 p.m. and 5–7 p.m.
Place: Hidden Valley Pond
70th Street and Hardwood Ave.



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: \$130
Ages: 8–13

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.

Ice Skating School Lessons

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

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 including birthday parties, baseball, softball, soccer, Lacrosse, home shows, circuses, weddings, private events, dog shows, corporate events, and more. To find out availability and prices, please contact Jordan Hirman at 651-458-3415.

Advertise at the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in town—the Ice Arena. Call 651-458-3415 for more information

Fish Camp

Explore underwater habitats, learn about water stewardship, understand the need for regulations, and improve your fishing techniques. Discover who's who in the underwater world and how you can help take care of them. Participants need to bring their own lunch and beverages. Refrigeration will not be available. The registration fee includes use of equipment, supplies, and handouts.

All participants should check in at the picnic shelter. You will not need a park pass to drop-off and pick-up campers in the park.

Ages: 8–13
Date: June 25 (Session I)
July 16 (Session II)
Time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Place: Washington County Ravine,
9940 Point Douglas Road