



Cottage Grove Reports

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The Common Man, Dan Cole, Performs at River Oaks Oct 17

Grab your friends and head over to River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center for a night of laughs with KFAN's The Common Man! This comedy show sold out last year. Don't miss out—call and reserve your spot today!

- Show begins at 8 p.m.
- Tickets \$20 each. Reservations required. Call 651-438-2121 ext. 4 or email sue@riveroaksmunigolf.com.
- Appetizers and drinks available for sale.
- The comedy show is rated "R"

River Oaks Golf Course, 11099 Highway 61 South, Cottage Grove.

Cottage Grove Welcomes New City Administrator Charlene Stevens

The City of Cottage Grove welcomes City Administrator Charlene Stevens, who began work on Oct. 5.

Stevens comes to the City with nearly 20 years of leadership experience in local government, including rural, urban and suburban areas. She said she was attracted to the position because Cottage Grove is a great community.

"Of all the jobs that were out there in the metro, this is the one I wanted all along," said Stevens. Stevens added "The things the Mayor and City Council want to do to move the City forward—being innovative, being creative, looking for continuous improvement—those are things I enjoy doing and do very well."

Stevens, her husband and their three school-age children plan on moving to Cottage Grove; her children will be attending South Washington County schools and participating in local sports. She is looking forward to being engaged with the community and hearing ideas from residents on moving the city forward.

"They can call me, email me or stop by City Hall. I'm happy to meet with them," said Stevens.

The Cottage Grove City Council finalized a contract with Stevens at their Sept. 2 meeting. The City Administrator is appointed by the City Council and serves as the chief administrative officer of the City, and is



responsible for administration of all departments, functions and affairs.

"I like working in local government because I believe every day you can make the community a better place and that's very important to me," said Stevens. "This is my community too. This is where I'm choosing to raise my family and I want the best for them and the best for the community."

Stevens holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and an undergraduate degree in international relations. She most recently served as the city administrator for the City of Willmar.

"I'm excited to be here," said Stevens. "It's a thriving community and organization and who doesn't want to be a part of that."

Stevens can be reached at 651-458-2822 or cstevens@cottage-grove.org.

Redevelopment of Former Rodeo/Rush Site Under Way

Premier Storage LLC, a Chaska-based storage company, purchased the former Rodeo/Rush site and will redevelop it into a mixed-use self storage facility.

Premier will convert the current building at 7359 Point Douglas Road West to self storage. Four additional buildings will be built around the existing structure—two single-

story self-storage units, a 99,000 square-foot office and showroom, and a 21,000 square-foot office and retail area.

Construction for phase one is under way and includes a new roof and new heating and cooling systems. Construction is expected to be completed by spring 2016.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 22 80's Murder Mystery Dinner**
7 pm, River Oaks Golf Course & Event Center, fundraiser dinner hosted by Locally Grown Theatre, \$55 tickets (groups of 4 or more \$35 each) include dinner and entertainment. 1980s attire encouraged! More info: www.locallygrowntheatre.org/80s-murder-mystery.html
- Oct 31 Monster Bash Parade**
10 am, More info: http://cottagegrovestrawberrystart.com/monster_bash.html
- Nov 3 Election Day**
ISD 833 school board elections
- Dec 2 Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Visit**
6 pm, City Hall, 12000 Ravine Pkwy S
- Dec 10 Holiday Train**
Watch the website for details
- Dec 12 Photo Contest Deadline**
Details on the website
- Dec 13 Santa Breakfast**
8 am to noon, River Oaks.

River Oaks Golf Course

- 18 hole senior walking \$22, or ride for \$32, seven days a week
- 18 hole general public walking \$30, or ride for \$44, seven days a week
- Twi-light rate start times change daily call 651-438-2121 ext. 3 to get the latest time. \$20.50 walk or ride for \$30.50
- Make reservations online at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com
- The golf course is in great shape! It's the best of the season, so come out and join us!

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Cedarhurst Meadows Park Grand Opening

Hundreds showed up on Oct. 1, a beautiful fall evening, to celebrate the opening of Cottage Grove's newest park—Cedarhurst Meadows. The neighborhood park offers a lengthy trail system along a natural preserve, a picnic area and a unique play experience built into the landscape of the park. Features such as a zip line, mine shaft, rock walls, sand play, climbing hills and the City's largest slide add to the fun.

View more pictures from the grand opening on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/1LyDLM8>

Cedarhurst Meadows Park is located at 6550 Joliet Avenue S.



Photo by Caitlin O'Brien

Free Car Seat Clinic

Is your child in the right car seat? Regions Hospital is offering a free child and booster seat safety clinic on Oct. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Cottage Grove Fire Station #2, 8641 80th Street S.

Certified car seat technicians from Regions Hospital will teach you how to install and use child car restraints correctly.

Call 651-357-2798 for an appointment or email carseatinfo@healthpartners.com

Watch this 1-minute video from a past clinic to learn more: <http://bit.ly/1YRaPms>

Arts Commission's First Films In 5 Festival a Hit

On Sept. 12, the Arts Commission held their first Films in 5 Festival at Park High School. The six entries were judged on creativity, passion and ambition. The first-place winner, "Marriage Equality Waits in 33 States," was a stop-motion film starring Peeps. It also won fan favorite. The filmmakers, Jim Hesley and Peggy Walker, received trophies and a \$100 gift card to American Motorsports Bar and Grill.

Second place was "Flashlight" by Tori Novotny and Paige Witt. Third place was "The Note" by Rachel Bownik. Other entries included "Jason's Adventure" by Isaac Blous; "Freezing Point: Zero Degrees Celsius" by Jared Brim, Michah Eigenfeld and Josh Neuberger; "The Few That Remain" by Drew Manning.

Links to view the short films are available on the City's website.

Winter Parking Reminder! There is no on-street parking between 2 and 6 a.m. beginning Nov. 1 until March 31 whether or not it is snowing. In addition, on-street parking is not allowed anytime it is snowing until the street has been cleared.

Ashland Credit Union Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Ashland Credit Union (ACU) was held Sept. 9. Ashland Credit Union relocated from St. Paul Park into a larger space with the convenience of a drive thru and ATM access for their members.

They are located at 8711 E. Point Douglas Road, Suite 101 (across from Cub Foods). Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.



From left: Timothy Alexander, ACU Branch Manager; Larry Lucas, ACU President; Mayor Myron Bailey; Councilmember Steve Dennis; Greg Hodge, Chairman ACU Board of Directors; Councilmember Dave Thiede.

ALDI Coming to Cottage Grove



ALDI is coming to the Cottage Grove-area. ALDI plans to redevelop the 20,000-square-foot building located at 9010 Jamaica Avenue S.

According to Matt Lilla, ALDI Faribault division Vice president, the ALDI Cottage Grove location is expected to open in the first half of 2016.

“I’ve heard from many people that they would like an ALDI in Cottage Grove,” said Mayor Myron Bailey. “I couldn’t be more excited about this news as it gives residents another option for buying groceries. This will be a great addition to the community.”

ALDI is committed to bringing its customers the highest quality products at the lowest possible prices. The new store will offer Cottage Grove shoppers fresh meat, dairy and bakery items, as well as a wide selection of produce, including organic options. ALDI also offers its SimplyNature line of products which are free from more than 125 artificial ingredients, and recently introduced a line of gluten-free products under its exclusive brand liveGfree.

Once the renovations are complete, the new ALDI store will consist of five wide and easy to navigate aisles (compared to more than 30 at other grocers), approximately 10,000 square feet of retail space, and spacious checkouts. The new store will also feature environmentally friendly building materials, state-of-the-art

LED lighting as well as efficient heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration systems that reduce the demand for electricity.

“It’s always nice to welcome another new business to town! The addition of ALDI to our business community will expand our resident’s grocery shopping options, giving them another way to shop local.” said City Council and EDA member Steve Dennis. “I’m also pleased about the rapid redevelopment plans for the Office Max site.”

Thank you!

A big thank you to the more than 1,200 people who made our biennial Public Works Open House such a success! On Tuesday, Sept. 22 folks enjoyed the equipment displays, hay rides, balloon making, face painting, bounce house, bucket truck rides and visiting with the 15 vendors. A big thank you to the residents of Cottage Grove from the Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff for making this open house so successful. See you again in September 2017!

View more pictures on our Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/PWOpenHouse>



COTTAGE GROVE **Ice Arena****District 8 Girls Preview**

Saturday, Oct. 31 9:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

District 8 Squirt A Preview

Saturday, Nov. 7 9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Ice Skating School Lessons

Winter sessions: Nov. 30—Feb. 7, 2016
Register online or call the Ice Arena office.

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

Join others, ages 18+, 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.

Public Skating (\$5)

Get exercise, practice skating and have fun at open skate sessions. Skate aids (buckets) are available for those learning to skate. Session times vary. Check the schedule online for dates and times. Rental skates are \$2 per pair.

Figure Skater Practice (\$5-\$10)

Sessions are for the dedicated figure skater, level Alpha and above. Practice figure skating skills, jumps and spins. Check the website for schedule as times may vary.

Ice Arena Birthday Parties

Celebrate the special day at the Ice Arena! The party room is available year-round. Parties are scheduled around public skating time and include one-hour in the party room. Private South Rink rental is available. Visit website or call.

Advertise at the Ice Arena

The Cottage Grove Ice Arena is the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in Cottage Grove. Get the most marketing value for your dollar by displaying your message to the thousands of patrons at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena. For more information call Jordan at 651-458-3415 or download a brochure online.

Halloween Spooktacular

TRICKS AND TREATS AT THIS
SPOOKTACULAR SKATING PARTY!

Our Wednesday night public skating is about to get scary with fog, strobe lights and music. Play Halloween games, get your face painted, play bingo, or make a witch's hand made from popcorn. Rental skates are \$4. Pay at the door; no pre-registration required.

Date: Oct. 28
Time: 6–7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$8 per child; \$4 per adult

**Parks and Recreation**

For more info call 651-458-3400

Grand Slam**No-School-Day Activity (\$35)**

Spend the day at Grand Slam in Burnsville doing unlimited laser tag, bumper cars, miniature golf, and batting cages. Everyone also receives four game tokens, hotdog, and small pop. Additional concessions available for purchase or bring a cold lunch. We'll be at Grand Slam from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ages: 5 and up
Date: Dec. 4
Time: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Location: Peter Thompson Park,
327 Highland Hills Blvd.
Cost: \$35

Free Outdoor Fall Activities

Cottage Grove has plenty of outdoor activities to do as the weather cools! Get outside, be active, and enjoy the beautiful neighborhood parks and trails.

Our **Park Trails** are maintained even after the snow begins to fall. Trails will be cleared of snow once the roads are completed.

The **Archery Range** is open year-round and makes for great target practice in the fall and winter. Located at Pine Tree Pond Park, 8300 Isleton Court S.

Let your four-legged friend roam off-leash at **Wag Farms Dog Park**. This volunteer run park is located at 9475 Glendenning Road.

Enjoy the changing fall colors while playing a game of **Disc Golf** at Oakwood Park, 7851 Harkness Avenue S.

Find a list of all the local parks at <http://bit.ly/1L7BNQU>