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Fall Hydrant Flushing Begins in September

Fall flushing is scheduled to begin the week of Sept. 14, weather permitting. Hydrant flushing is done to ensure proper operation and to get rid of accumulated mineral deposits. Water discoloration may occur when the water main is being flushed. Run your home faucets for 10 minutes to clear the water. Check the map on the City's website for the schedule. Call 651-458-2808 with questions.



2015 Green Garden Award Winners



Lou Bourasa with City Council



Lou Bourasa's garden



Members of St. Luke's Church with City Council



St. Luke's Lutheran Church garden

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Green Garden Awards. Lou Bourasa's garden at 6601 90th Street S. won the residential category. St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 7000 Hinton Avenue S. won the commercial category. Each received a large stone engraved with the City's logo to add to their garden.

Roll on Over to the Public Works Open House



On Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 3 to 7 p.m., come and learn more about the services and equipment that keeps our City running at the Public Works Open House. Meet some of the Public Works staff—the people that help make Cottage Grove a great place to live. Enjoy free demos and fun activities for the entire family.

Drive a front end loader, go on a hay ride, have your face painted, see the views from high in an aerial bucket truck and get an up close and personal look at many of the big rigs including snowplows and dump trucks.

Visit with more than 15 local organizations that partner with the City including 49ers (Public Works Union), Cottage Grove Bike Park, DNR, Environmental Commission, Friends of the Mississippi River, Pineridge Garden Club, Police Department, Public Safety Board, Rumpca Compost, Tennis Sanitation, Inclusive Playground Task Force and Wag Dog Park.

Hotdogs, chips and pop will be available for purchase. Public Works is located at 8635 West Point Douglas Road.

Annual Fire Department Open House Scheduled for October 10

The Fire Department's open house will take place at Fire Station 2, 8641 80th Street S, on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many family-friendly activities are planned and fire trucks, ambulances and other equipment will be on display. Walking tacos and beverages will be available for sale.

The open house is held annually in conjunction with National Fire Prevention week, which is Oct. 4 to 10 this year. The 2015 theme "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep" focuses on the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom. Learn more: <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>



2016 Property Tax Levy and Budget

Cottage Grove City Council works hard to manage costs that fund services and amenities for residents. After months of budget workshops and open houses, council approved a preliminary 2016 budget and property tax levy at their Sept. 2 meeting. The proposed 2016 tax levy is \$14,070,800 which is a 4.99% increase from last year.

Cottage Grove residents will likely see a small increase in the city’s portion of their property taxes in 2016. For example, a single-family home with a value of \$222,000 would see an increase of \$40 for the year in the city tax portion of their property taxes, based on the increase in the tax rate combined with any change in valuation.

The City is required to adopt a preliminary tax levy annually by Sept. 30. This preliminary tax levy is used by Washington County to prepare the “Truth in Taxation” property tax notices that are mailed to property owners in November.

The levy cannot be increased, but it can be lowered, before council considers the final 2016 tax levy and budget at their Dec. 2 meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 7 Walk to School Day

Before and after school, city-wide

Oct 9 Free Paper Shredding Event

9 am-2 pm, Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury.
www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter

Oct 22 Murder Mystery Dinner

7 pm, River Oaks Golf Course & Event Center, fundraiser dinner hosted by Locally Grown Theatre, \$55 tickets include dinner and entertainment. More info:
www.locallygrowntheatre.org/80s-murder-mystery.html

Plastic Film Recycling—More Than Just Bags

Many area retailers provide recycling containers in the front of the store to return plastic grocery bags for recycling. Did you know that many additional materials or plastic “films” can also be placed in those bins for recycling?

Plastic grocery bags and plastic wrap are categorized as “plastic film,” which includes everything from grocery and bread bags to shrink wrap and paper towel film. It is traditionally made from polyethylene resin, which is readily recyclable if the material is clean and dry. Once recycled, the film is made into a variety of different products, including composite lumber for outdoor decks and fencing, home building products, lawn and garden products, crates, pipe, and film for new plastic packaging.

Examples of recyclable plastic film:

- Grocery and retail bags
- Newspaper bags
- Bread bags (without crumbs)
- Plastic film around toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and diapers
- Case wrap (from a case of water bottles and other bottled drinks)
- Produce bags
- Food storage bags (Ziploc and sandwich bags)
- Bags with sealed air for **packaging** (e.g., air pillows)

Items that are NOT accepted include frozen food bags, prewashed salad bags, candy wrappers, florist wrapping, chip bags, pet food bags or material that has been painted or glued, because other substances can contaminate the recycled material.

Where to recycle plastic film

In Cottage Grove, retailers that have a recycling bin available for plastic film recycling include Cub, Target and Walmart. If your waste and recycling hauler is Tennis Sanitation, they also accept plastic film through their curbside recycling program, but it **MUST** be consolidated into one plastic bag so it can be easily separated from other recyclables at the recycling facility. At this time, Waste Management does not accept plastic film for recycling.

The thumb test

To test plastic film for recyclability, press your thumb into the film. If the plastic film easily stretches, then it is recyclable. If your thumb can’t stretch the film, or it tears or breaks through, then the film is not recyclable.

For additional information on what can be recycled through the plastic film recycling program, visit: www.plasticfilmrecycling.org



Cottage Grove Childcare Providers Recognized

On Aug. 11, a celebration was held to recognize Washington County childcare providers who achieved Parent Aware Star Status in Washington County. Mayor Bailey, along with other local elected officials, were on hand to help celebrate and recognize all of the individuals.

To achieve this special status, each provider went through additional training to help them prepare children in their care for Kindergarten.

Congratulations to these Cottage Grove providers!

Mary Bentiz, Cindy Carter, Heidi Hegstrom, Lisa Johnson, Annette Koren, Esther Lenartz, Brenda Mathson, Jessica Quast, Denice Rahn, Rachel Rose, Peggy Ruiz, Jody Urbano, and Marti Zander.

Learn more about Parent Aware at www.parentaware.org.

Keller Williams Ribbon Cutting

Keller Williams Premier Realty was welcomed to Cottage Grove with a ribbon cutting on Aug. 11. Owner Edward Huebsch said they have been searching for more than three years for the perfect location to expand into Cottage Grove and

they are looking forward to having a great relationship with the City. Keller Williams is located at 8700 E. Point Douglas Road, Suite 100. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 651-359-4659 to speak with an agent.



Business Park Expansions: Werner Electric Supply

Anyone driving along 95th Street in the past few months has likely noticed a lot of construction taking place in the city's business park with four expansion projects underway.

Werner Electric Supply is one of those expanding. They moved to the business park in 2008. Their double-digit growth year after year led to a decision to expand their Cottage Grove facility. They are adding 50,000 square feet for their distribution center and 15,000 square feet for office space. Work began in May and is expected to be completed in December. They added an additional driveway so delivery vehicles would not impact their neighbors. Knowing they are an industrial

neighbor, it was also important to Werner to invest in a having a building with a pleasing aesthetic.

Werner believes doing business in Cottage Grove fits a number of their core values. Werner wants to be more than just a place that provides electrical products. They want to be a place that gives back to the community where they live and work.

The expansion is expected to add another 35 team members to their current staff of 265. More jobs will be added as business continues to grow. The company has begun hiring for the additional jobs.



Werner Electric Supply is located at 7450 95th Street S. Learn more about the company at www.wernerelectric.com

View a short video from SWCTC including views of the construction at <https://youtu.be/Vjx0DF6vOeI>



Werner Electric Supply's 65,000-square-foot expansion underway at business park

SAVE THE DATE

Join us Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. and help us celebrate the official opening of Cedarhurst Meadows Park located at 6550 Joliet Avenue.

Watch the website for details.

Enjoy the fall season at River Oaks Golf Course

Play golf at River Oaks and enjoy the cooler temps and beautiful fall colors. The greens were punched in August and everything is in excellent shape just begging for birdies and eagles to fly your way!

Fall rates begin on October 1:

- 18 hole senior (age 62 and up) \$21 walk or \$32 ride
- 18 hole general public \$31 walk or \$45 ride

Twilight Golf times change with the loss of light. Call for updates. \$20.50 or ride for \$30.50.

Book a starting time online. Click on *book tee time*.

Check out money savings online. Click on *specials*.

See you this fall at River Oaks Golf Course
11099 South Highway 61 • 651-438-2121
www.riveroaksmunigolf.com



River Oaks Welcomes The Common Man, Dan Cole on October 17

Back by popular demand!

The Common Man, Dan Cole, returns to River Oaks for a night of comedy on Saturday, Oct. 17.

- 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" for some adult language.



Parks & Recreation News

FOR MORE INFO CALL 651-458-3400

Pick up the Fall and Winter activities brochure at City Hall or the Ice Arena or download from the City website



Fall Tot Spot

This is a drop-off for kids age 3 to 5 years old. Each class includes games, songs, crafts, story time, nature walks, playground free play, and more. Recreation department staff are on-site coordinating the program, which continues throughout the school year.

Ages: 3–5
Dates: Oct 2, 9, 23, 30; Nov 6, 13, 20; Dec 11 and 18
Time: 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Place: Pine Tree Valley Park
Cost: \$135

MEA Break (\$20 PER DAY)

NO SCHOOL DAY ACTIVITIES
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 Play games, make crafts, watch movies and have lots of fun during MEA break! Participants should bring a lunch; microwave and refrigerator available. There will be opportunities for outside play so dress for the weather.

Ages: 5 and up
Dates: Oct. 15 and 16
Time: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Place: Peter Thompson Park
Cost: \$20 per day

Kids Race Series: Trail Run

Test your running skills along the off-road trail at Carver Lake Park. This evening trail run will have youth running approximately a one-mile loop along the paths, grass, and well maintained Off Road Cycling Trail. Each youth will receive a long sleeve t-shirt for participating. The routes will be well staffed the entire way with volunteers to help youth. This is the last race in a three-part series with Woodbury.

Age: 6–12
Date: Sept. 19
Time: 7–7:30 p.m. ages 6–9
 7:30–8 p.m., ages 10–12
Place: Carver Lake, Woodbury
Cost: \$25

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

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena 651-458-3400

Adult Fall Hockey League

A seven game season, with the top four teams advancing to playoffs.
Date: Wednesday evenings Oct. 7 to Dec. 2. No game Nov. 25.
Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena
Cost: \$950 per team
Deadline: Registration deadline is Sept. 30. No refunds after Oct. 2

Contact the Ice Arena for more information.

Ice Skating School Lessons

Fall sessions: Sept. 21—Nov. 22
 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.

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 hundreds of 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 Halloween skating party! Wednesday night public skating gets scary with fog, strobe lights and music. Kids can enjoy Halloween games, bingo, face painting, and a craft. Rental skates are an additional \$3. No pre-registration required.

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