



# Cottage Grove Reports

## City of Cottage Grove Summary Budget

The purpose of this statement is to provide summary 2015 budget information for the City of Cottage Grove to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 471.6965. The complete City budget may be examined at Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S. between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The City Council adopted this budget on Dec. 3, 2014.

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### Firefighter of the Year

Congratulations to Cottage Grove Firefighter Mike McCoy who was recognized as Firefighter of the Year. Annually the Cottage Grove Fire Department selects one of its members to be recognized as Firefighter of the Year. The award is based on accomplishments and achievements performed by the individual during the previous year.



Firefighter Mike McCoy (left) and Fire Chief Rick Redenius.

	Governmental Funds	
	2015 Adopted Budget	2014 Adopted Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
Taxes	\$ 12,316,600	\$ 11,613,130
Other taxes/assessments	445,600	550,100
Licenses and permits	679,750	663,350
Intergovernmental:		
State	544,950	520,050
Federal & Local	75,150	277,450
Charges for services	3,919,750	4,175,910
Fines and forfeitures	204,000	249,000
Interest earnings	122,000	122,000
Miscellaneous	669,770	665,730
Transfers	803,110	259,905
Total revenues	<u>\$ 19,780,680</u>	<u>\$ 19,096,625</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
General government	2,298,400	2,284,580
Public safety	7,474,750	7,056,700
Streets and highways	3,663,395	3,666,105
Sanitation/Recycling	64,800	50,374
Parks and recreation	4,046,775	3,947,035
Economic development	391,325	342,300
Capital outlay	1,914,705	1,347,045
Transfers/capital lease	823,320	873,305
<b>Subtotal Before Contingency</b>	<u>\$ 20,677,470</u>	<u>\$ 19,567,444</u>
Contingency	0	0
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 20,677,470</u>	<u>\$ 19,567,444</u>
<b>Revenues over (under) Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ (896,790)</u>	<u>\$ (470,819)</u>
Property tax levy requirement to fund the budget	\$ 13,402,100	\$ 12,269,130

## Enterprise Fund Budgets 2015

	Water	Sewer	Street Lights	Cottage Grove EMS	Total 2015 Budget	Total 2014 Budget
<b>Operating:</b>						
Revenues	\$2,185,950	\$2,300,400	\$513,600	\$1,386,660	\$6,386,610	\$6,061,150
Expenses	1,731,635	2,359,940	715,445	1,369,930	6,176,950	5,974,835
Operating Income	454,315	(59,540)	(201,845)	16,730	209,660	86,315
Interest	70,000	75,000	30,000	6,000	181,000	181,000
Transfers/other	12,000	2,000	222,500	-	236,500	233,500
Depreciation	(791,600)	(438,300)	(140,000)	(67,600)	(1,437,500)	(1,426,600)
Debt Service	(27,170)	-	-	-	(27,170)	(29,550)
Net income (loss)	(\$282,455)	(\$420,840)	(\$89,345)	(\$44,870)	(\$837,510)	(\$955,335)



**Coming Up**

**Fridays Friday Night Fish Fry**  
 4–8 p.m., Feb. 6 to Apr. 3  
 \$15.95/adults, \$9.95/kids  
 ages 4-12, 3 and under free  
 River Oaks Golf Course,  
 11099 Highway 61 S.  
 651-438-3627 for more info

**Mar 1 Push Ups for a Purpose**  
 11 a.m. arrive; 11:30 a.m. event  
 Park High School  
 Everyone is invited to  
 participate in this Guinness  
 World Record attempt for the  
 most people doing push ups at  
 the same time for one minute.

For more city-wide events, check the calendar on the City’s website.



**A Royal Visit**

The Winter Carnival Royal Family stopped by City Hall on Jan. 27 and knighted the Mayor and City Administrator. King Boreas, Dan Stoltz, said they like to bring a smile to everyone’s day and to recognize special subjects in the realm with a knighting process.

“Each Royal family every year comes up with their own theme, and we picked chasing your dream. That’s why this is such a special visit to me, because I chased my father’s dream,” Stoltz said.

Stoltz’s father was in the process of building the Shoppes at Gateway North when he passed away. With the City’s help, Stoltz was able to complete the project for his father.

**2015 Utility Rates**

To meet continued, increasing demands on the City’s utility infrastructure, residents will notice a slight increase in their utility bills this year. Effective Jan. 1, utility rates for sanitary sewer, storm water and streetlights all increased. Water utility rates remained the same, however, the tiers of usage structure has been changed to address water conservation requirements.

Sanitary sewer charges are determined by actual water volume (gallons used per month) for January through March. From April through December the amount billed for sanitary sewer is based on the average monthly water usage for that January through March period.

Services	2014	2015
<b>Water</b>		
Base charge per month	\$1.50	\$1.50
Usage up to 10,000 gals/mo.	N/A	\$1.30/1,000 gals
Usage up to 15,000 gals/mo	\$1.30/1,000 gals	N/A
10,001-20,000 gals/mo.	N/A	\$1.90/1,000 gals
15,001-30,000 gals/mo.	\$1.90/1,000 gals	N/A
Over 20,001 gals/mo.	N/A	\$2.15/1,000 gals
Over 30,000 gals/mo.	\$2.15/1,000 gals	N/A
<b>Sanitary Sewer</b>		
Base charge per month	\$1.65	\$1.75
Usage up to 30,000 gals/mo.	\$3.00/1,000 gals	\$3.15/1,000 gals
Usage over 30,001 gals/mo.	\$3.60/1,000 gals	\$3.70/1,000 gals
<b>Storm Water Utility (per month)</b>		
Single family home	\$4.20/residential unit	\$4.40/residential unit
Townhomes	\$2.00/residential unit	\$2.20/residential unit
<b>Streetlights (per month)</b>		
Single family home	\$3.30	\$3.46

**Volunteer To Serve as a Commission Member**

You can make a difference in local government by volunteering to be part of a citizen advisory commission. Serving on a commission is a great way to learn more about how the City operates. The City is currently seeking applications from residents interested in appointments on the following commissions:

- **Environmental Commission.** Research and provide advice to the City Council about physical environment issues, such as air, water or soil quality, that affect the general well-being and physical health of Cottage Grove residents. The commission meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **Human Services/Human Rights Commission.** Help raise awareness of human rights and human services through community education, community partnering and community outreach. The commission meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- **Planning Commission.** Make recommendations on land use-related issues to the City Council including the preparation and implementation of a master plan for community development and municipal planning activities. The commission meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m.

Download an application from the website or call 651-458-2883.

If you are a business owner with announcements or new offerings to share, please contact Danette Parr at 651-458-2824 or [dparr@cottage-grove.org](mailto:dparr@cottage-grove.org)

## BEC Welcomes New Tenant

American Nursing and Technical Institute is the newest tenant at the Business Enterprise Center (BEC). The business is owned by Cottage Grove resident, Khadija Zeig. When American Nursing and Technical Institute opens this spring, it will offer certificate programs in nursing aid and emergency medical technician. To learn more visit <http://www.american-nursingandtechnicalinstitute.org/>

The BEC is housed in the former City Hall building at 7516 80th Street S. It is designed to help entrepreneurs to succeed

by providing affordable work space and supportive services. Specific industries are targeted as potential tenants of the BEC, including those eligible for the Minnesota Angel Tax Credit Program (biotechnology, clean technology, and IT), production services (such as computerized machining) and those with high-quality job growth potential.

The BEC opened in 2013 and currently has five tenants. Space is still available for businesses that fit the targeted criteria. Call 651-458-2824 for more information.



**Promote Your Business** and meet people in the community. Reserve a booth at the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual Business Showcase being held Saturday April 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena. Visit [www.cottagegrovechamber.org](http://www.cottagegrovechamber.org) or call 651-458-8334 for more information.

**Free and Open to the Public.** Save the date! Support local businesses and organizations. Learn what they have to offer and why it pays to shop in your community.



## Wedding Gala at River Oaks

Brides, their families and friends are invited to create the wedding of their dreams by attending the annual Hastings Wedding Gala at River Oaks Golf Course and Banquet Center on March 8, from noon to 3 p.m. It's a vendor showcase for reception venues, florists, photographers, tuxedo rental, bridal shops, DJ's and many other bridal services.

Admission is \$6 per person. Brides can register for door prizes as well as one of three grand prizes of \$300 Bridal Bucks which can be used with any vendor at the show. Print the registration form and bring the completed form to the Gala. There is no pre-registration and only brides are eligible to register for the door prizes. Learn more at [www.hastingsweddinggala.com](http://www.hastingsweddinggala.com)

## Plan Your 2015 River Oaks Golf Season

**Take golf lessons.** River Oaks Golf Course offers the popular "Ladies Only Clinics", junior programs, group lessons and private lessons.

**Sign up for a league.** River Oaks Golf Course leagues to join:

- Tuesday Morning Men's Senior
- Tuesday Night Couple
- Wednesday Morning Men's Senior
- Wednesday Night Ladies
- Thursday Morning Ladies
- Thursday Night Men's
- Weekend Men's Club

**Purchase a season pass.** 2015 golf rates are listed on our website. Season passes are available for both golf and the driving range.

For more information call 651-438-2121 ext. 3 or visit [www.riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://www.riveroaksmunigolf.com)

See you *real* soon at *your* golf course.



River Oaks  
11099 Highway 61 South

## Express Bus Service to Downtown St. Paul from Newport Transit Station

Express bus service between the Newport Transit Station and downtown St. Paul began in December 2014. The transit station is located on Maxwell Ave., in the southwest corner of Interstate 494 and Highway 61 and features an indoor waiting area and large parking lot for commuters.

Route 364 provide three express trips to downtown St. Paul each weekday morning and afternoon. For route and schedule information visit [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org) or call 612-373-3333.

# COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Looking to rent ice?

[www.rinkfinder.com](http://www.rinkfinder.com) or 651-458-3400

Advertise at the Ice Arena

Call 651-458-3415

## Wolfpack Mite Jamboree

Feb. 27 to March 1

No cost to the public

## Ice Skating School Lessons

Spring sessions run Feb. 14 to April 19.

Register online or call.

## 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. Check the website for times or call.

## Public Skating Sessions (\$4)

Skate rentals \$2. Skating aids (buckets) available for beginners. Check the monthly event calendar online for times.

## Figure Skater Practice (\$8-\$10)

For the dedicated figure skater, level Alpha and above. Practice figure skating skills, jumps and spins. Check online or call as times may vary.

Tuesday, Thursday: 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday: 6–7:30 a.m.

Saturday: 6:15–7:45 a.m.

Sunday: 8–9:45 p.m.

## Birthday Parties

The “coolest” birthday party place around is the Ice Arena. Celebrate the special day and have a blast skating with friends. A variety of packages are available. Check website or call for details.

## Turf Rental

Beginning March 1 indoor turf rental at the Ice Arena will be available. The indoor turf is located on the West Rink and can be rented for a variety of events. Host your next event at the Ice Arena. Call for details.

# Recreation News

For more information 651-458-3400



## Hockey Skills Competition

Spend the day competing in the 9th Annual Youth Hockey Skills Competition. Youth hockey players are welcome to compete with their friends while showcasing their skills in events such as fastest skater, long range shooting, shooting accuracy, breakaway contest, and the superman slide. After the skills portion the puck will be dropped for a game of 3 on 3. Prizes and lunch (included in the fee) will take place at the end of the day. Register in the office on the day of the event.

Date: Feb. 16

Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Place: Ice Arena

Ages: 9–14

Cost: \$10/Skater and \$5/Goalies



## Lacrosse Leagues

Spring and summer lacrosse leagues will be offered for U7 and U9 (boys and girls), and U11, U13 and U15 (boys). Teams travel to compete against other east metro teams. Transportation is the responsibility of the player. Visit the website for details.

## Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Submit your best snowman photo for a chance to win a winter prize pack! Email a picture with you and your snowman to [mpietruszewski@cottage-grove.org](mailto:mpietruszewski@cottage-grove.org) by Feb. 19. Submitted photos may be used on the City's social media sites, websites and other publications.

## Spring Break

A week of fun activities are planned. Attend one, two, or all. Participants should bring their own beverages, snacks, and lunch every day except Friday. An extra set of dry clothes and outdoor play gear for each day is recommended.

**Monday:** Woodbury Movie Theater (\$32) After lunch, everyone boards a bus to the theater. Bring money for snacks.

**Tuesday:** Ping Pong Competition (\$20) The day's events include a singles and doubles competition and skill games.

**Wednesday:** Wooddale Fun Zone (\$32) Included in the admission is roller skate rental, fun zone, and 12 arcade tokens.

**Thursday:** Thrifty Thursday (\$20) Wear pajamas and enjoy an afternoon of popcorn and a movie.

**Friday:** Pizza and pop for lunch. (\$23)

Date: March 9–13

Time: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: Peter Thompson Park

Ages: 5–13

Cost: Cost per day listed above OR pay \$110 for the entire week