



Cottage Grove Reports

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Photo courtesy of Bike Park Facebook page

Volunteer at the Cottage Grove Bike Park

Join other volunteers every Thursday night from 6–8 p.m. (weather permitting) for a community build night at the Cottage Grove Bike Park. No need to sign up; just show up ready to dig in and help.

The Bike Park is maintained and supported by volunteers. It’s a three-acre all-inclusive urban style bike park located at 7050 Meadow Grass Blvd. Visit their Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/cottagegrovebp/>

Three Road Closures In Cottage Grove This Summer

70th Street and Jamaica Avenue Intersection Will Close July 18

A full closure is planned for the 70th Street and Jamaica Avenue roundabout project beginning on July 18 at 7 a.m. and ending on July 29, weather dependent.

The detour route is Hinton Avenue (County 17) to Military Road (County 22) to Keats Avenue (County 19).

During this road closure the bypass lane on 70th Street will be removed and the paving operations and utility work near the existing sections of 70th Street will be completed.

Additionally, the contractor will be allowed extended working hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The closure is needed for a few reasons.

- It will provide the safest possible working environment for the contractor and motorists.
- It will reduce hazards for motorists and eliminate the need for them to be flagged through a construction zone.
- It will reduce overall traffic impacts for the remainder of the project.

Road Closure On 80th Street Begins August 1

Beginning in July, 80th Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction from Jamaica Avenue to Ideal Avenue. This will last for approximately three weeks while spot curb replacement and utility work is done.

On Aug. 1 that same section of 80th Street is scheduled to be closed through Aug. 11, weather dependent. It’s being closed so the pavement can be removed and replaced.

Access to properties on 80th Street and the Ivystone Court cul-de-sac will be maintained during the closure.

The detour route will be Jamaica Avenue to 70th Street to Hinton Avenue. Detour signs will be placed on the roadway prior to the closure.

The closure will not start until the 70th Street and Jamaica Avenue roundabout is open to traffic traveling on 70th Street and south on Jamaica Avenue.

The contractor will be allowed extended working hours during the closure of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The extended work hours are needed to maximize efficiency during the closure, minimize the overall length of the closure, and allow critical tasks such as paving operations to be completed on a given day.

Improvements to this section of 80th Street are part of the City’s 2016 Pavement Management Project.

Hadley Avenue Now Closed from 97th Street to 90th Street

Hadley Avenue, from 97th Street to 90th Street, is currently closed for reconstruction through the end of the summer.

Motorists should follow the detour routes as there is no access to Hadley Avenue between 90th Street and 97th Street.

Detours:

Hamlet Park and Pine Hill Elementary School: North access only; 80th Street to Hadley Avenue.

Pine Glen Park: From Highway 61/10, go south on Jamaica Avenue, right on 100th Street, right on Hadley Avenue, right on 97th Street to Pine Glen Park.

Use Caution In Construction Zones

We understand these closures may be an inconvenience and we appreciate your patience. Please remember that construction schedules may change based on weather conditions.

Visit the City’s website for updates on construction projects. Click on the “construction” quick link on the home page.

Coming Up

- Thursdays Farmers Market**
2:30–6:30 p.m., Cottage Grove United Church of Christ parking lot, 7008 Lamar Ave.. Volunteer run.

- Aug 7 Fashion Show Fundraiser for Stone Soup Thrift Shop**
1 to 5 p.m., John P. Furber Farms , 7310 Lamar Avenue S., Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 4–12. Children under age 3 are free. More information:
www.stonesoupthriftshop.org

Find more events on the City’s website in the Calendar of Events.

Submit Your Green Garden Nomination by July 22

Nominate anyone you know with a green thumb—including yourself—that deserves a little extra attention for their efforts. Nominate a business if you think their landscaping presentation is speculator. Nominations are due by July 22.

There are four categories (entryway and container design for residential only): entryway, container design, residential, and commercial.

All nominated properties must be within Cottage Grove. Contestants may not win in consecutive years.

Nomination forms are on the City’s website or call 651-458-2847.

Movies in the Park | Aug. 5
GNOMEO & JULIET

Grab a blanket and some snacks and come to Highlands Park to watch *Gnomeo & Juliet* under the stars. Movie begins at dusk.

Arrive early to enjoy the splash pad. In case of inclement weather a decision will be made by 5 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Ice Arena on the turf in the West Rink. For location status call our weather hotline at 651-458-6060.

Run for Office: Cottage Grove City Council

Two Council Member seats and one Mayor seat will appear on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot. Members of the City Council are elected for four year terms. The Council Member salary is \$565 per month and \$768 per month for Mayor.

Persons interested in running for office must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Maintain residency in Cottage Grove for at least 30 days prior to the General Election date

- Have not filed for any other office for that year's elections
- Filings for office will be accepted by the City Clerk’s office from Tuesday, Aug. 2 through Tuesday, Aug. 16 during regular City Hall hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. City Hall will be open for filing until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16. The filing fee is \$5.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Fischbach at 651-458-2883.

Detective Malcom Recognized for 30 Years of Service



Public Safety Director Craig Woolery with Detective Greg Malcom.

Congratulations to Detective Greg Malcom who recently celebrated 30 years with the City of Cottage Grove. Detective Malcom volunteered as an EMT before becoming a part-time police officer in 1980. In 1986, he was hired full time as a Community Service Officer/Paramedic, was promoted to Police Officer/Paramedic in 1991, and was assigned to the Detective Division in 2006.

We thank him for his 30 years of service to the community.

Celebrate Night To Unite on August 2

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, 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.

For more information or to register your block party, visit www.cottage-grove.org search “Night to Unite”, or contact Gail Griffith, at 651-458-6040 or ggriffith@cottage-grove.org.

Be sure to register your party by July 26.

The Police Department, the Fire Department, elected officials and city staff visit many neighborhood gatherings as part of this crime prevention event.

Enter the Second Annual Films in 5 Festival

The Cottage Grove Arts Commission is accepting submissions for the second annual Films in 5 Festival, which will be held Oct. 1 in the lecture hall at Park High School. Anyone can submit a film or video that is five minutes or less in length.

Films must be made in 2016. There is an entry fee of \$5 and the deadline to submit is Aug. 31. Prizes are awarded for the top three. More details and an entry form are available on the City’s website: <http://bit.ly/1t1NXVB>

Garden World Groundbreaking Renewal by Andersen Business Expansion Ribbon Cutting



Garden World broke ground on their new facility on June 24. They will be located within the Business Park at 97th Street and Hemingway Avenue. Garden World is a distributor and wholesaler of perennials and other plants materials. Watch the ribbon cutting video by SWCTC at: <http://bit.ly/29sNkxF>



On June 30, elected officials joined the Renewal by Andersen leadership team at a ribbon cutting celebrating the grand opening of its newly expanded facility. The company invested nearly \$13 million into the community with their expansion, which added 113,000 square feet to the manufacturing floor and 11,000 to the office space. The growth allowed Renewal by Andersen to create an additional 200



jobs, many of which have already been filled. Renewal by Andersen is located at 9900 Jamaica Avenue S. Their phone number is 651-769-2210. Watch a video of the expansion and story behind it: <http://bit.ly/29rojR9> and the ribbon cutting video: <http://bit.ly/29ro8VK>

Economic Development Video Updates

Get quick updates on economic development happening in the City by watching a new monthly video produced by SWCTC: *In A Snap*. Subscribe to the City's YouTube channel—<http://bit.ly/29uOREJ>—for updates on this video and more.



Cottage Grove Public Safety Board members Rick Houle, Pat Forsythe and Julie Rice at the June 15 Council meeting.

K9 Gunnar Joins Police Department

The Cottage Grove Police Department has a new K9. Gunnar and his handler Officer Nils Torning were introduced at the June 15 City Council meeting. Members of the Cottage Grove Public Safety Board were also in attendance and were recognized for their generous donation and on-going support of the K9 program.

Gunnar is a Belgian Malinois, specially bred and trained for police work. He was born in Poland and arrived in Cottage Grove in January.



River Oaks Golf Course



Stop by River Oaks and golf on an 18-hole scenic golf course. There will be golf and food specials in conjunction with the following events:

- July 14-17, British Open Golf Special.
- July 28-31, PGA Championship Golf Special.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Ryder Cup Golf Special.

Visit www.riveroaksmunigolf.com to learn more about the special events, golf rates, golf lessons, golf leagues or to book a tee time. River Oaks Golf Course is a highly rated, beautifully maintained course. See you on the links soon!

River Oaks | 11099 Highway 61 South | Cottage Grove | 651-438-2121

Recreation News

For more information 651-458-3400

Safety Camp

Cottage Grove Police, Fire and Recreation departments are teaming up to encourage youth safety. Participants 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 July 20 at 4:30 p.m. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Ages: 8–11

Date: July 19–20

Time: 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: Hamlet Park

Cost: \$55

Kids Duathlon: Bike it. Run it. Du it!

Racers test their endurance while biking two miles and running one mile along the trails of Ojibway Park. Participants must

bring their own bike, a properly-fitted bicycle helmet, and wear athletic shoes.

Ages: 6–12

Date: July 23

Time: 9 a.m., ages 6–9 arrive
10 a.m., ages 10–12 arrive

Place: Ojibway Park, Woodbury

Cost: \$25

Lil' Adventure Camp

Three fun days packed with games, sports, crafts, nature exploration, new friends and team building challenges. This program is a spin-off of our popular Adventure Camp, but designed for younger ages with less competition. As campers complete activities they 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 26–28

Time: 9 a.m.–noon

Place: Woodridge Park

Cost: \$45

3rd Lair Summer Series Skateboard Competition

Hamlet Park is part of 3rd Lair's "Summer Series" Minnesota skateboard contest series. 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 is a great event for all level of skateboarders and the community complete with a DJ, music and prizes.

Date: July 29

Time: 4 p.m. register | 5 p.m. event

Place: Hamlet Park

Cost: Free

Adventure Camp

AVENGERS STRIKE BACK

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; campers 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 their team color.

Age: 5–12

Date: Aug. 8–12

Time: 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. | \$80
7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | \$100

Place: Woodridge Park

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Ice Skating School Lessons

Sessions run June 13 to Aug. 18. Register online or call.

Public Skating Sessions (\$5)

Bring the entire family! Skate rentals \$4. Skating aids (buckets) for beginners. Check the monthly event calendar online as session times vary.

Figure Skater Practice (\$5–\$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.

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

For ages 18+ on Monday evenings. Bring your own hockey equipment. Helmets required. Check the website for times or call.

Indoor Turf Rental

Indoor turf rental at the Ice Arena is available now through September. The indoor turf is located on the West Rink and can be rented for a variety of events, such as baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, home shows, corporate events and more. Host your next event at the Ice Arena. Call for more information.

Looking to rent ice?

www.rinkfinder.com or 651-458-3400

Advertise at the Ice Arena

Ice Arena Advertising

Get the most marketing value for your dollar now by displaying your message to the thousands of people that come to the Cottage Grove Ice Arena, the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in town. For more information, call 651-458-3415 or download a brochure from the website.

Birthday Parties

The Ice Arena is the "coolest" place in town to have a birthday party! Celebrate the special day and have a blast skating with friends. The party room is available year-round. A variety of packages are available. Check website or call for details.