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Fill The Boot Fundraiser

Cottage Grove firefighters will once again fan out across the city with boots in hand for the annual Fill the Boot fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Fill the boot on:

- Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., outside of Dennis Brothers Liquor, 7155 Jorgensen Lane S.
- Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. outside of Cub Foods, 8690 E Point Douglas Road.

Their goal is to raise \$5,500 each day. Come out, make a donation, and take a picture with our fire fighters, who are volunteering their time for this fundraiser. Post your picture on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook using the hashtag #CGFillTheBoot and we'll share.

2016 Green Garden Award Winners

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Green Garden Awards.

- Michelle Roberts won in the residential category. Roberts' passion for gardening shows in her garden located at 9085 Jareau Avenue S.
- Joan Hoover won in the entryway category. Hoover's landscaping, at 6695 Wildflower Avenue S., makes for an attractive view from the road.
- Barbara Johnson won in the container category. Johnson has a variety of beautiful containers in a limited space outside of her townhome at 8220 East Point Douglas Road.
- Koch Pipeline Co. won in the commercial category. The company renovated the landscaping outside the entryway of their building at 6483 85th Street S.
- Each received a large stone engraved with the City's logo to add to their garden. Visit the City's Flickr page for more photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskCmyy6i>



My Future Cottage Grove: Community Engagement

The community engagement process—My Future Cottage Grove—will be starting soon, with the appointment of Steering Committee members at the Council's Sept. 7 meeting.

Why Community Engagement?

This community engagement process is for you and your neighbors to constructively share ideas and feedback about the community. In the past, the City has conducted phone surveys with limited response. My Future Cottage Grove is designed for broader-based engagement to learn what your vision is for the City over the next 15 to 20 years.

Tell Us Your Thoughts

One way you can provide your feedback is to answer the question "My one wish for our community is..." on large chalkboards.

Starting Sept. 20 and running through the end of October, these chalkboards will be at places such as City Hall, City Parks, the District Program Center, community events, and more. The schedule will be posted on the City's website and Facebook page. If you see a chalkboard, grab the chalk and let us know what your one wish is!

Save the Date

Another opportunity for you to help shape the future of Cottage Grove is to attend a town hall meeting. They will take place at City Hall on Oct. 11 and Dec. 1. Details will be in the next newsletter and on our website.

Questions? Please contact Becky Ahlvin at rahlvin@cottage-grove.org or 651-458-2814.

Coming Up

- September** **Fall Street Sweeping and Hydrant Flushing** Watch the City's website for exact dates.
- Oct. 1** **Films in 5 Festival**
1–3 p.m., Park High School Lecture Hall. \$5 admission.
- Oct. 8** **Oktobershred**
1–7 p.m., Cottage Grove Bike Park, 7050 Meadow Grass Ave. More information:
<http://bit.ly/2b7yQXn>
- Oct. 11** **Town Hall meeting: My Future Cottage Grove**, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 19** **Free Document Shredding**
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury
- Oct. 27** **Car Seat Clinic**, 4–7 p.m., Fire Station 2, 8641 80th Street, email: carseatinfo@healthpartners.com
- Oct. 29** **Monster Bash Parade**, 10 a.m. More info at: www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com
- Nov. 1** **Winter Parking Ban begins**
- Dec. 9** **Holiday Train**, time and details to be announced

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

Your Thoughts Please!

Your feedback in this survey will help guide future land use and development decisions in Cottage Grove and help us promote access to active transportation and healthy food.

The survey can be completed in less than five minutes. Here is the survey link: <https://www.getfeedback.com/r/HMOZZbPY>

The Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Program, Minnesota Department of Health sponsored this survey.

Grove 411: Sex Trafficking Rescheduled from Aug. 18

The Cottage Grove Public Safety Board is hosting a special Grove 411 on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at City Hall.

Think sex trafficking is limited only to the city and urban areas with high crime rates? Think again.

In this informational event, you'll learn how sex trafficking is becoming a problem everywhere, and how to protect your children. The FBI has ranked Minnesota 13th in the nation for incidences of sex trafficking.

Assistant Washington County Attorney Imran Ali will be presenting.

Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to this free presentation.

The Public Safety Board is a non-profit board made up of volunteers from our community. They work to support public safety in a variety of ways through public education, purchases, support of programs, reward money for information on crimes and so much more.

Junction 70 Grill Groundbreaking



On Aug. 30, officials broke ground near the intersection of 70th Street and Hinton Avenue S. where Junction 70 Grill will be built. The family-style restaurant will have seating for 180 with an additional 40 seats on an outdoor patio. Construction is expected to begin soon but no date has been set as to when the restaurant will open. Watch the groundbreaking video at: <http://bit.ly/2ccSCgF>

Health Connections Chiropractic Center Ribbon Cutting



A ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Health Connections Chiropractic Center located at 7750 Harkness Avenue, Suite 105, was held Aug. 30. Dr. Laura Draxler and Dr. Dustin Oehler care about connecting their patients to personalized and natural health care. Contact them at 651-330-4686 or www.HCChiro.com. Watch the ribbon cutting video at: <http://bit.ly/2bHYZag>

Hope Glen Farm Treehouse Ribbon Cutting



Historic Hope Glen Farms held a ribbon cutting on Aug. 31 to celebrate the completion of Minnesota's first treehouse suite. The beautiful multi-level unit is available for rent. Call 651-459-4220 or visit www.hopeglenfarm.com for more information. Watch the ribbon cutting video, including footage inside the treehouse, at: <https://youtu.be/Y5eomTmQ90w>

Join Us! Sept. 18 is the Community Walk Fundraiser for the Inclusive Playground



This family friendly community one and a half mile walk will be followed by complimentary food and drink as well as carnival games and kids activities.

Thrivent Financial—East Metro Team is

hosting this fundraiser to help raise funds and awareness of the Inclusive Playground planned for Woodridge Park.

A goal has been set to raise \$25,000 to help fund this project through registrations and donations the day of the event.

If you are unable to walk with us that day, you can still come to the park and take part in the program and games following the walk itself.

Date: Sept. 18
Time: 2 to 4:30 p.m.
Check-in 1:30–2 p.m. | Walk 2:15–3 p.m.
3:30 p.m.—Remarks
Place: Woodridge Park, 9000 90th St. S.
Cost: \$25 Individual –or– \$50 Family

Pre-register and receive a t-shirt! Registration accepted the day of the event, but a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

Register online at www.cottage-grove.org.

The one and a half mile route is Woodridge Park to Hillside Trail to Jamaica Avenue to 90th Street to Woodridge Park.

Questions? EastMetroFinancialTeam@Thrivent.com.

Please join us and help make the dream a reality!

River Oaks Golf Course

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

Don't miss River Oaks' Ryder Cup Golf Special!

Book your tee time for Sept. 30 to Oct 2 and show up wearing red, white and blue—or some type of USA item—and you'll get \$3 off of your green fee!

While you're there, visit The Eagles Bar and Grill where you can enjoy Chef JW's mouth-watering STEAKHOUSE BURGER for only \$6. It's a 1/3 pound fresh burger glazed with PUB steak sauce, melted provolone cheese, and topped with a crispy onion ring.

Book today so you don't miss out! Call 651-438-2121 or online at www.cottage-grove.org

Can't make it the Ryder Cup Golf Special? We're open for golf until the snow flies. Come out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather. River Oaks Golf Course is a highly rated, beautifully maintained 18-hole golf course.

Follow River Oaks on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

Local Businesses Donate St. Michael Pendants to Police Department

To show their appreciation for the services of the men and women of the Cottage Grove Police Department, local businesses donated St. Michael pendants. Christine Selvig, of Selvig Jewelers, spearheaded the efforts to raise \$1,900 for pendants for each of the 41 sworn officers and one for the department's K9, Gunnar.



Representatives from some of the businesses attended the Aug. 10 meeting

The businesses that donated the pendants are Bieter Eye Clinic, Bonngard's Family Meats, Cottage Grove Lions, Cottage Grove Public Safety Board, Dennis Brothers Liquor, Edwards Plumbing, Historic John P. Furber Farm Wedding & Event Center, Historic Hope Glen Farm, Kok Funeral Home, Oasis Chiropractic, Rocco's Pizza, Old Tyme Fudge & Ice Cream, Optimal Health & Performance, Park Grove Animal Hospital, RSI Insurance, Subway on County Rd 19 and 70th Street, and The Healing Place.

Fire Station Open House Set for Oct. 15

The annual Cottage Grove Fire Department open house will take place on Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Fire Station 2, 8641 80th Street S.

Watch firefighters demonstrate an auto extrication and how to extinguish a kitchen fire. Visit with representatives from Regions Hospital and EMS personnel. Talk to Wold Architects and view plans of the new Central Fire Station. Kids can climb on fire trucks, and jump in the bouncy house. Hotdogs and chips will be available for sale.

Recreation News

For more information **651-458-3400**

Kids Glo Run: Light It Up

Prior to the start of the race, runners receive shirts that **GLO** along with neon sweat bands to **LIGHT IT UP**. Runners can wear their own glowing or neon attire for extra fun. Neon signs will guide runners on the one-mile route. Routes will be staffed and marked. Stick around after the race and enjoy a bonfire and cookies. Pre-register to secure your spot; on the day of the event, registrations will only be accepted if space is available.

Ages: 6–12

Date: Sept. 17

Time: 7 p.m. arrive; please arrive on time, direction will be given for start times

8:30 p.m. event ends

Place: Ojibway Park, Woodbury

Cost: \$25

Tot Spot

Each class in this drop-off program includes games, songs, crafts, story time, free play on the playground, nature walks, and more. Participants must bring their own lunch and beverages daily. Recreation department staff coordinate the program on-site. This program continues throughout the school year.

Ages: 3–5

Dates: Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 28,
Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 9, 16

Time: 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: Pine Tree Valley Park

Cost: \$135

Paintball

REGISTER BY SEPT. 27

Travel to Splat Tag Park for a morning of paintball with Recreation staff. Registration includes two hours on the course, protective gear, use of paintball gun, 200

paintballs and bus transportation. Additional 100 paintballs may be purchased on site for \$6.

Ages: 11 and older

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 9:30 a.m. depart. Bus returns approximately 1:30 p.m.

Place: Cottage Grove Ice Arena

Cost: \$55

MEA Break

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Play games, make crafts, watch movies, and have lots of fun with Recreation staff! Be sure to bring a lunch; a refrigerator and microwave are available. Participants have an opportunity to go outside, and should dress for the weather.

Ages: 5 and older

Dates: Oct. 20 and 21

Time: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: Peter Thompson Park

Cost: \$20 per day

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Looking to rent ice?

www.rinkfinder.com or 651-458-3400

Advertise at the Ice Arena

Ice Skating School Lessons

REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL

Our Learn-to-Skate program prepares participants for all ice sports. Students are individually evaluated to make certain they are in the appropriate level. Please come prepared with: sharpened, leather, single blade hockey or figure skates; warm and comfortable clothing including mittens; and a bike/hockey helmet if skater is age 5 or younger. Choose Monday evening or Saturday afternoon sessions.

Dates: **Fall Session**

Sept. 19 to Nov. 21; or Sept. 24 to Nov. 19

Winter Session

Nov. 28 to Jan. 30; or Dec. 4 to Feb. 5

Cost: \$72

Levels:

Skating Tots: Ages 3–5, new to skating. Games and songs will develop balance skills and moving across the ice.

Level 1: Ages 5–8, minimal skating skills. How to fall and get up, hopping, making A's and V's.

Level 2: Ages 5 and up, have passed Level 1. Forward swizzle, two-foot glide, backward wiggle, stops.

Level 3: Skaters who have passed Level 2. Backward swizzle, hockey turn, forward slalom, semi-spiral.

Level 4: Skaters who have passed Level 3. Backward slalom, one-foot glide, three-step crossover, backward glide, pump circle.

Open Skate Sessions (\$5)

Figure Skater Practice (\$5–\$10)

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

Stick & Puck (\$5)

These sessions are a chance to get exercise, practice skating, and have fun. Skating aids (buckets) for those just learning to skate. Rental skates are now available for \$4 per pair. Check the website for schedule or call.

Birthday Parties

Kids can celebrate their special day at the Ice Arena and have a blast skating and partying with their friends. The party room at the Ice Arena is available year-round. Parties are scheduled around public skating time and come with the party room for one hour. Private ice rental is available with regular ice fees being applied. Check website or call for details.

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.