



Cottage Grove Reports

New Developments in the Works, Providing Greater Housing Options and Opportunities for Everyone

Night to Unite is Back: Register your Party Today!



Gather your neighbors, it's time for our citywide get-together. Night to Unite is back on August 3; Cottage Grove's Public Safety Teams are registering block and neighborhood parties right now! Visit cottagegrovemn.gov/nighttounite to sign up your party and request a police or fire truck. You can also request an elected official or one of our crime fighting characters (Sparky or McGruff). There are no longer mask or capacity restrictions, but you'll find some COVID-related guidelines on the website listed above. Last year's event was cancelled twice, but this year we have the green light. These annual gatherings are geared toward strengthening neighborhood spirit and public safety/community partnerships.



Two new housing development projects are coming to Cottage Grove, offering unique, market-driven options for residents on opposite ends of the City. Settlers Bluff, developed by Capstone and located at 100th Street and Hadley Avenue, features the first ever detached townhome option within the City limits.



Grading will begin by July, with home construction scheduled for the fall. The plan calls for 155 one or two-story homes (pictured above) on 40-foot-wide lots. Homes start in the low \$300s and offer maintenance-free lawn and snow removal services. The other new development, which still needs Met Council approval, will be near 65th Street and Hinton Avenue.



Hinton Woods offers "Express Homes" built by DR Horton. 104 townhomes will be priced in the low \$300s while 61 single-family homes (on 55-foot wide lots) will be offered in the low \$400s. Both projects offer market-driven options for smaller, more cost-effective lots, which in turns helps the City meet strategic goals to diversify Cottage Grove's housing stock.



Second Apartment Complex Near Gateway North Approved



The City Council has approved a 171-unit apartment complex between Hardwood and Harkness Avenues. Oppidan is the developer. Access to the 8.45 acre site will come off Hardwood Avenue. This is the City's second, recent market rate apartment project; the Grove80 complex at the old City Hall site will be finished soon.

New Emergency Warning Siren at Pine Coulee Park



Crews installed a new Emergency Siren at Pine Coulee Park last month. The siren carries a tone for 1.5 miles, which notifies residents to rush indoors in the event of severe weather. The new equipment replaces the old siren, which was nearly 60 years old and located across Highway 61 from Pine Coulee Park. Just a warning, residents and business owners will notice a big volume difference, which was badly needed!

Curfew Reminder from the CGPD

School's out and summer is here, so the Cottage Grove Police Department wants to send out a quick reminder regarding the City's curfew hours:

Under the Age of 12

Sun-Thurs - 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Fri & Sat - 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Ages 12-14

All Week - 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Ages 15-16

Sun-Thurs - 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Fri & Sat - 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Ages 17 and Up

No Curfew

Community Center Referendum Spotlight: Sports Dome & Walking Track

On November 2nd, Cottage Grove residents will determine if they approve a Community Center referendum. Between now and November, the City is committed to sharing as much information as possible so voters can make an informed decision on behalf of their families and the community. This month, we're sharing more information about the Sports Dome and walking track aspect of the proposal. The sports dome, generally used by sports teams that play on grass, would be about 110,000 square feet. Staff members are also exploring the possibility of adding pickleball courts or other indoor sporting options to the facility's list.



EXAMPLE

Don't Dump Your Grass Clippings and Dog Waste in our City's Parks



Cottage Grove ordinances do not allow residents to dump grass clippings, leaves or other yard waste on City property. If it's not your yard, or your neighbor's, it's likely City property. These areas are often planted with tall, native grasses around ponds and infiltration basins.



EXAMPLE

A walking track is also part of the proposal, offering a place for people of all ages to exercise regardless of Minnesota's weather conditions. Presently, Cottage Grove residents are spending hundreds of dollars and hours to travel to other communities to find sports dome time, if it's even available. A City facility would provide Cottage Grove teams priority times and resident rates. Combine that with rentals for teams from other cities and domes typically recover 75 to 125% of their operational costs. In the coming weeks, in this newsletter, you'll find more information regarding potential Community Center amenities, costs and taxpayer impacts.

Dumping yard waste in or around ponds and basins negatively impacts stormwater quality.

Proper ways to dispose of yard waste:

- Don't bag grass clippings. Leave them on your lawn as mulch.
- Backyard composting (not on city property).
- Take it to Rumpca's compost site. Call 651-459-1556 for details. The site is located at 9600 Glendenning Road, right next to WAG Farms Dog Park.

Summer Skate Sessions
No Pre-registration Required - Pay at the Door



Cottage Grove Ice Arena
8020 80th Street South (651) 458-3400

Stick & Puck - \$5

Every Friday (except July 2) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Skaters 18 years of age and younger must wear a helmet. This is a great chance for young hockey players to work on skating, stick handling and shooting!

Cosmic Skate - \$5

A fun, family-friendly party on ice!

- June 15 from 6 to 7 pm
- June 22 from 6:15 to 7:15 pm
- June 29 from 6 to 7 pm
- July 6 from 6 to 7 pm
- July 27 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Open Skate - \$5

Rental skates available for \$4 per pair

- June 20 from 5:45 to 6:45 pm
- June 27 from 6 to 7 pm
- July 11 from 10:15 to 11:15 am
- July 18 from 10:45 to 11:45 am
- July 25 from 1 to 2 pm

Summer Learn to Skate Program is Back Again!

This program is designed to prepare participants for recreational skating, figure skating or hockey. Students are evaluated at the start of each session.

Monday evenings beginning June 14

June 14, 21 and 28, July 12 and 19 and August 2, 9 and 16

Tots: 6 - 6:25 pm, Levels 1 & 2 : 6:30 - 7 pm

Levels 3 & 4: 7 to 7:30 pm and Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta 7:30 - 8:30 pm



Happy Birthday to us! On June 13th, River Oaks turned 30 years old! It's been an honor to serve our residents, who have reserved tee times by the thousands, spent countless hours in the bar and grill and continue to call and book banquets and other events. We've added many amenities over the years, but one thing has remained the same: our commitment to serving you while having fun!

River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center

11099 South Highway 61 (651) 438-2121 riveroaksmunigolf.com

Build it and they will come! The old adage certainly holds true at the River Oaks Driving Range. Study your ball flight, compete against other golfers and change your game... all you need is a smart phone to tap into this awesome Toptracer technology. The cameras follow your ball, so all you need to do is step up and swing away. Come see what all the hype is about! Range rates are \$6 for a small bucket (40 balls), \$10 for a medium bucket (75 balls) and \$14 for a large bucket (110 balls).



Started thinking about your Holiday party? We're already booking space, so give us a call today and schedule your event before we're all filled up. In the short term, this summer you can reserve our bocce courts. We have seating and spots for you to enjoy some food and beverages while firing up a friendly game. Email jmann@cottagegrovemn.gov for more info!



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Pop Up Splash Pads

June 23, 6 pm at the HERO Center

July 14, 6 pm at River Oaks Golf Course

August 25, 2 pm at Woodridge Park

Cool off at one of our Pop Up Splash Pads this summer. Enjoy the water balloon toss, then 15 minutes of water spray from the CGFD before ending with a frozen treat.

Rocket Scientists

August 5, 12 and 19 from 9 to 10:15 am

Woodridge Park

Ages 6 - 9

Cost is \$30



The program includes all things that pop, fizz, explode, grow and glow! Scientists will conduct and watch experiments. All supplies will be provided.



Free, Fab Fridays!

All events from 10 - 11 am
June 25 at Highlands: Tie Dye (Bring a shirt)

July 9 at Woodridge: Chalk the Walk

July 23 at Highlands: Spin Art

Join our fabulous recreation staff on Fridays at various parks around town for FREE special events. No registration is necessary; you'll find staff members near the buildings.

Safety Camp

July 27
Lamar Fields (Old Cottage Grove)

9 am to 3:30 pm

Ages 6 - 8

Cost: \$25



Cottage Grove's Police and Fire Departments team up to encourage youth safety while taking kids through fun, safe and live demonstrations (10 in one day!).

For more information on Cottage Grove Recreation Programming, and to register for events, please visit cottagegrovemn.gov