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Cottage Grove Reports

Important Tips to Help Conserve and Protect Water Resources

WAG Farms Dog Park Turns 10; Join the Celebration!



WAG Farms Dog Park turns 10 years old this month, and the volunteers who run this busy facility are throwing a party to celebrate!

- Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 9475 Glendenning Road

The event features Von Hanson's Food Truck (half of sales donated to park), Mik Mart Pup Cups (10% of proceeds donated to park), an adoption event, a Washington County K9 demo, nail trimming (for dogs) and goodie bags. Join us and our furry friends to celebrate this community milestone!



Hopefully you've had the opportunity to get your lawns and gardens in great shape as we hit the midway point of the three summer months. Our Public Works teams wanted to offer a few reminders regarding water usage and grass clippings. Odd/even and time-of-day watering restrictions are in effect. Residents may water lawns and/or gardens every other day, based on the last digit of your house number. In addition, no watering is allowed any day between noon and 4 p.m. Watering is also prohibited on the 31st of the month. Homeowners could be cited and fined for watering during unauthorized time periods. If you have new seed or sod, you can secure a temporary permit allowing you to water outside the City's schedule. Contact Public Works at (651) 458-2808.



Also, we wanted to offer a quick reminder about grass clippings. Please keep them out of the street, as they can quickly (and easily) be washed into our storm sewers, ultimately arriving in ponds, lakes, rivers and streams throughout the City. The nutrients in clippings promote algae growth, which can turn water green and can be toxic. They also clog storm drains, increasing the risk of flooding. Thanks for your help!



Garage Sale Sign Reminder

It's garage sale season! Please remember to follow the City's sign policy when advertising your sale, keep signs out of the roundabouts and make sure you remove all of your signs before Monday morning.

Now Accepting City Green Garden Award Nominations

Mother nature is really challenging Cottage Grove's "green thumbs" this summer, but our gardeners always persevere! The City is accepting nominations this month for our residential, commercial and container categories. More information can be found at cottagegrovemn.gov/greengarden. Good luck and happy planting everyone.



CGFD: Beat the Heat and Stay Safe this Summer

Heat-related illness can be deadly and the heat is especially dangerous for children, older adults and those with chronic health conditions. Here are some easy steps you can take to stay safe and beat the heat:

Stay Cool

- Wear lightweight, loose fitting and light-colored clothing.
- Stay in air-conditioned places as much as possible.
- Plan activities to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- Avoid hard work outside, or at least take frequent breaks, and pace yourself.
- Do NOT leave children or pets in vehicles.
- Wear sunscreen.

Stay Hydrated

- Drink more fluids - do not wait until you're thirsty.
- Avoid alcohol and high-sugar drinks.
- Keep pets hydrated too!

Stay Informed

- Keep updated on heat advisories and warnings.
- Check-in and monitor those at most risk such as children, older adults or those with medical conditions.
- Be aware of signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and call your medical provider or 9-1-1 if you experience symptoms, or see someone exhibiting signs and symptoms.

Community Center Referendum Spotlight: Outdoor Pool/Aquatic Center

In this month's spotlight, we'd like to share more information about the 50-meter outdoor pool and aquatic center that is proposed in the Community Center Referendum question set for November 2. Perhaps the biggest question surrounding the project is why an outdoor pool, versus an indoor one, was chosen for the potential center? Extensive studies show an indoor pool would only be 25% of the size of the proposed outdoor pool with very limited amenities. It would also come at a considerably higher cost, both for the construction and subsequent operation costs. The proposal calls for a number of amenities within the center's design.



- 2.5-acre aquatic facility with 50-meter pool, for family, swim club and competition use
- The larger pool would also feature a deep-water diving well with diving boards, a drop slide, zipline, climbing wall and ADA pool ramp
- A shallow water recreation pool with a tots play area, basketball hoops, water walk and body slides
- A lazy river is also included in the plan with plenty of areas for chaise lounge seating

In the next CG Reports, you can learn more about the proposed indoor playground portion of the plan.

\$39.2 Million Community Center Referendum Question: Tax Impact

The proposed funding source for the project would come through general obligation bonds, if approved by the voters. The estimated, additional monthly amount to the city's portion of an individual's property taxes is:

- \$11/month on property valued at \$250,000
- \$14/month on property valued at \$300,000
- \$19/month on property valued at \$400,000

The City also assumes an annual operating subsidy will be needed to operate the facility. Currently, the City's Finance Department estimates an additional \$1 per month, per household to cover those operational costs.



River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center

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



New Executive Chef: There's a new cook in the kitchen! Please help us welcome Executive Chef Isaac Jones, who has decades of experience running kitchens throughout the metro. Expect our staples to remain great and stay tuned for some exciting new offerings as well. You can count on great food and service with every visit!

Holiday Parties: Planning your holiday gathering? Check out all the great things River Oaks has to offer for a great get together. Contact Jaime at 651-438-2121.



FREE beverage (bottle of soda or domestic beer) with the purchase of a Large "Toptracer Range" bucket of balls

*** Expires July 31, 2021 ***

Book Your Fall Golf Outings Today!

The team at River Oaks is currently booking golf events for the fall, when the course really takes a turn toward beautiful and brilliant. We're ready to host your fall golf outing, and we know your guest golfers will be impressed by top course conditions and the bright colors that Mother Nature offers around our fairways! Contact Jaime at jmann@cottagegrovemn.gov. We'll see you on the links this fall!

Cottage Grove Ice Arena

8020 80th Street South (651) 458-3400

The Ice Arena is offering a number of summer skate sessions. Pre-registration is not required and rental skates are available for \$4 per pair. All sessions cost \$5.

Stick & Puck: July 23 and 30 plus August 6, 13 and 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. Also August 20 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Cosmic Skate: July 27 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., August 3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and August 17 from 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Open Skate: July 18 from 10:45-11:45 a.m., July 25 from 1-2 p.m., August 1 and 8 from 1:15-2:15 p.m. and August 15 and 29 from 1 to 2 p.m.





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Rocket Scientists Program

Here's a program that includes all things that pop, fizz, explode, grow and glow! Our little scientists (ages 6-9) will perform these hands-on experiments and watch some cool demonstrations. Supplies are provided, but you must pre-register at cottagegrovemn.gov. Programs run **August 5, 12 and 19 from 9 to 10:15 a.m. at Woodridge Park**. The cost is \$30 per participant.



Tiny Track & Field

After stretching and warming up our bodies, we'll have fun long jumping, hurdling, throwing balls and high jumping before finishing with an Olympic-style event. All of the equipment will be provided; however, parents are required to stay and participate. The program, held at **Kingston Park**, is for children between the ages of 4 and 7, and runs from **3 to 4 p.m. on August 3, 10, 17 and 24**.

Join Us for Free "Fab Fridays"!

The best things in life are free! Join our Recreation team for two free events. No pre-registration is needed for these "Fab Fridays." Both events run from **10 to 11 a.m.** On **July 23**, join us at **Highlands Park** for Spin Art, and on **August 20** we'll be at **Woodridge Park** making key chains. We provide the supplies; all you have to do is look for us near the building.

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