



Cottage Grove Reports

Give Back and Get Paid! City Searching for Part-Time Firefighters

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Now Hiring Seasonal Staff

The Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments are now hiring for seasonal, full-time positions including:

- Parks and Rec Office Assistant
- Playground Leaders
- Parks Maintenance Workers
- Streets Maintenance Workers
- Utilities Maintenance Workers
- Golf Course Technician and River Oaks Intern

For more information, go to the "job opportunities" section of the City's website or stop by City Hall and pick up an application.

On average, either through retirement or life changes, Cottage Grove loses 6 to 8 firefighters a year. So if you, or a family member, have ever dreamed of becoming a Firefighter, the City of Cottage Grove has an incredible opportunity for you. Like many departments across the country, CGFD is looking for people who are willing to serve their community by joining an incredible team as Part-Time Firefighters. You need to be 18 years of age or older, have a valid driver's license and pass a criminal background check to be eligible for the job. So what's in it for you? CGFD offers full firefighter/EMT training requiring about six months of firefighting and hazmat schooling through Century College. Training occurs on nights and weekend days, and once a person passes, part-timers will serve the City by working 36 duty crew hours each month. Part-Time Firefighters serve those hours on weekdays or nights and



weekend shifts. You'll be surrounded by supportive and experienced mentors and the ongoing training environment is second to none. The City has recently invested in both the brand new Central Fire Station and the state-of-the-art HERO Center, which will feature two "mock" houses and indoor facilities for training. By joining the CGFD, you'll also qualify for both the City's firefighting pension and the State's EMT/EMS pension programs. Plus, becoming a Part-Time firefighter/EMT is a great way to gain valuable experience for full-time employment. Or perhaps you're interested in supplementing a full-time job with a fun, heroic and rewarding way to give back to your community? If so, this job is for you. For more information, go to the "job opportunities" section of the City's website or stop by City Hall and pick up an application.



HERO Center Construction in Full Swing; On Schedule for Fall Opening

Construction Update

- Mass site grading and utility extension is complete
- Foundation poured for exterior walls and out-buildings
- Exterior block and tip-up panel walls have been built
- Sealed-in exterior construction will be completed by May
- Full project will be completed in September

Training Facility Details

- Joint venture with the City of Woodbury located next to Cottage Grove City Hall
- Cities continue to talk with potential partners and first responder agencies that will rent the space
- State of the art facility features large outdoor training area, two-story training pod, 50 yard ranges and "response to resistance" and "virtual simulation" pods

Late Start to Snowplowing Season



The Public Works Department would like to thank residents and business owners as crews continue to plow our roadways, ensuring safe travel throughout the city. A couple of reminders:

- Please keep garbage and recycling containers out of the street; place them at the end of your driveway.
- The City is responsible for damaged mailboxes only if the plow makes direct, physical contact with the mailbox. Please call 651-458-2808 to report any damage.



Crews battle a storm that dumped seven inches of snow on Cottage Grove on January 28, 2019

CGFD and Regions Hospital Team Up to Offer Car Seat Clinic

Certified technicians will teach you how to install and use child car restraints correctly. This is a **FREE** service.



When: February 28 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Central Fire Station, 8641 80th St.

BizRecycling; Less Trash & More Savings

In the workplace we talk a lot about management, but how often do we talk about “trash management?” The Ramsey/Washington Recycling Energy Board can help. The organization offers assistance to businesses, non-profits, schools and institutions through site

visits, consultation, grant assistance and longer-term support. Nearly 90% of businesses in the East Metro do some recycling, but does your workplace do enough? If you work in Washington County call 651-266-1199 or log-on to bizrecycling.com to find out. It’s free!

Mark Your Calendars for the City’s 2019 Spring Cleaning Day



Last year, Public Works employees helped more than 1,500 residents recycle large trash items

Do you have any huge or hard-to-get-rid-of items you’ve been dying to unload? Hang tight and mark your calendars.

- **Cottage Grove Spring Cleanup Day**
- **Sat., May 4 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Cottage Grove Public Works Garage**

There are fees for some items, including heaters, stoves, sofas, mattresses, tires, and treated lumber. Crews will accept many hazardous materials and electronics free of charge. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. We’ll see you in May!

Crews Search the City for Signs of Emerald Ash Borer

While January weather may seem to take more than it gives, our Public Works team did take advantage of the cold as they looked at the tops of the City’s ash trees. Alongside experts from the MN Department of Agriculture, teams scoured the city on January 23. They did find a dozen potential Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestations and their visual confirmation was not limited to one single area of Cottage Grove; in fact evidence was spread throughout the city. Below you’ll see what crews were looking for, and what you can look for in



In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, City workers search the tops of ash trees for EAB on January 23, 2019



your own ash trees. Woodpecker holes are a strong signal that EAB is affecting your ash tree. If you see this type of damage, call Public Works at **651-458-2808** and we can have our forester come out and take a look. Also, mark **April 23** on you calendar; we’ll be hosting an EAB open house at City Hall. You may not be thinking about the health of trees right now, but our Public Works Department is!

City Seeks Input as Community Center Feasibility Study Begins

If you've been around the City of Cottage Grove for a while, you've probably heard chatter about the possibility of the City building a Community Center. This discussion has continued for years. But in 2019 you're invited to participate in what promises to be a robust discussion as city leaders, staff members and most importantly, residents, explore the idea together. What amenities do residents already have access to? What's missing? For several months a dedicated team of 23 people has been gathering to answer these very questions. Last year, the Community Center Task Force visited other community centers and studied local public survey responses to determine the community's wants and needs. Right now, the Leo A Daly architectural firm is conducting Market Analysis as City leaders meet with several potential, community-based partners and stakeholders. The public outreach phase will begin very soon. Please stay tuned to the City's Facebook Page and to this newsletter in the coming weeks as we roll out a series of initiatives to hear directly from you. Communication



Members of the Community Center Task Force met on January 23, 2019

will take many forms. We'll provide several outlets for you to express your opinions, provide your input and offer your feedback. The City will offer comment opportunities by phone and mail, through social media and email, in person and during open and public meetings. Our intent is to provide you with comprehensive information that will ensure you're confident and informed if the issue lands on the November ballot.

RIVER OAKS 11099 South Highway 61
 Phone: 651-438-2121
 Golf Course and Event Center www.riveroaksmunigolf.com

Started planning your upcoming golf season? We'll open River Oaks as soon as we can. In the meantime, check out the course website to start planning your league play nights. The club will once again offer weekend men's club, Tuesday and Wednesday Senior Men's Leagues, and

Thursday Ladies League. New this year, River Oaks is starting a Friday afternoon 9 hole Men's Club. Interested in group lessons, clinics, camps or season memberships? Log on to riveroaksmunigolf.com for more information. We can't wait to see you on the links this spring.

Our new carts featuring the Shark Experience have arrived!

More information on these state-of-the-art rides in the March Edition of CG Reports

GRILL COUPON
FREE APPETIZER
 WITH THE PURCHASE OF AN
ENTREE

Valid through March 31st. Not valid with any other coupons or offers. 1 coupon per table. Coupon is only valid Saturdays from 3-9 p.m.

EAGLES BAR & GRILL

Upcoming Events

- Spirits Dinner Featuring Tattersall Distilling on Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Must pre-register online and be 21 years old or older to attend
- Cider Dinner Featuring Sociable Cider Werks on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Must pre-register online and be 21 years old or older to attend.



Celebrate with us!

A Family Friendly St. Patrick's Day

Saturday March 16th

From 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Join us for Corned Beef & Cabbage and fun and games for all!

PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400

Looking for Fun Spring Break Activities for the Kids?

Join us for the whole week or pick and choose from the days below. Call 651-458-3400 to register!

Programs run from **March 11 through March 15**. The days begin at Peter Thompson Park at 7:30 a.m. and activities wrap up each day at 4:30 p.m. There are different prices for each day of fun. If you pay for the entire week, the price is \$115 per child.

- Monday, March 11: Woodbury Movie Theater (\$34)
- Tuesday, March 12: Ping Pong Competition (\$22)
- Wednesday, March 13: Wooddale Fun Zone (\$34)
- Thursday, March 14: PJs, Popcorn & Movie (\$22)
- Friday, March 15: Pizza & Pop Lunch (\$25)

Cottage Grove Ice Skating School Lessons

Spring Sessions—February 18 thru March 22 (please call for details). *New this year \$2 skate rentals. Limited quantities available.* Register online through the city's website or call the Ice Arena Office at 651-458-3400.

2019 Summer Softball

Men's and Co-ed leagues feature doubleheader games played between 6 and 10 p.m. at the Lamar Softball Complex. Registration will be accepted "first come, first served" with the final registration application date set for April 15. Call 651-458-3400 or go to cottagetrovemn.gov to register.

- Wednesday Night Men's League: \$500/team
- Thursday Night Co-Ed League: \$470/team

Summer Supervised Playgrounds

Supervised playgrounds offer a fun and safe place for your child to be cared for during the summer months. Each day consists of arts & crafts, water activities, large and small group games, free play, special events, sports and more!

Kids from 4-8 years of age will base out of Pinetree Valley Park and youth between the ages of 5 and 13 can sign up for the program at either Hamlet or Peter Thompson Parks.

Please call 651-458-3400 to register. You can also find a PDF version of the full brochure and a registration form on the City's website.

Crafts & Snacks

Come spend the afternoon crafting and snacking with friends. We'll be making an owl canvas painting, a first initial decoration and a friendship bracelet.

Ages: 7-15

Date: Sunday, March 17 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Hamlet Park

Cost: \$25 (supplies and snack included)

15th Annual Strawberry Fest Tournament

16 teams will compete and the top two teams will be awarded cash prizes. Registration is due by June 7, but registration will once again be "first come, first served" so get your team in early! Our one-day round-robin tournament guarantees you two games; all players must be 18 years of age or older.

- Games played on June 15 starting at 8 a.m.
- Cost is \$160/team