



Cottage Grove Reports

City of Cottage Grove Summary Budget

The purpose of this statement is to provide summary 2017 budget information for the City of Cottage Grove to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 471.6965. The complete City budget may be examined at Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S. between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The City Council adopted this budget on Dec. 7, 2016.

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City is Seeking Residents to Serve on City Commissions

Make a difference in your community by volunteering to serve on a City Commission. There are multiple openings in a number of commissions. Residents are encouraged to apply and can rank their interest in serving on different commissions. Apply by Feb. 3. Contact the City Clerk at jfischbach@cottage-grove.org or visit the City's website at <http://bit.ly/2iZhyv5> for more information.

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	Governmental Funds	
	2017 Adopted Budget	2016 Adopted Budget
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 13,337,900	\$ 12,970,800
Other taxes/assessments	590,500	626,300
Licenses and permits	1,007,850	623,575
Intergovernmental:		
State	455,450	547,450
Federal & Local	213,290	99,490
Charges for services	4,238,230	3,893,900
Fines and forfeitures	190,000	204,000
Interest earnings	82,500	109,500
Miscellaneous	290,185	744,585
Transfers	871,500	1,228,085
Total revenues	\$ 21,277,405	\$ 21,047,685
Expenditures		
General government	3,495,015	2,483,490
Public safety	7,524,590	7,801,300
Streets and highways	3,960,485	4,018,330
Sanitation/Recycling	84,480	85,680
Parks and recreation	4,465,395	4,109,865
Economic development	309,135	378,075
Capital outlay	1,053,800	2,085,890
Transfers/capital lease	696,610	1,335,695
Total expenditures	\$ 21,589,510	\$ 22,298,325
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ (312,105)	\$ (1,250,640)
Property tax levy requirement to fund the budget	\$ 14,772,900	\$ 14,070,800

Enterprise Fund Budgets 2017

	Water	Sewer	Street Lights	Cottage Grove EMS	Total 2017 Budget	Total 2016 Budget
Operating:						
Revenues	\$2,165,950	\$2,302,300	\$565,320	\$1,558,000	\$6,591,570	\$6,587,120
Expenses	2,234,950	2,822,215	1,424,440	1,909,015	8,390,620	7,076,863
Operating Income	(69,000)	(519,915)	(859,120)	(351,015)	(1,799,050)	480,743
Interest	70,000	75,000	30,000	6,000	181,000	181,000
Transfers/other	12,000	-	222,500	4,000	238,500	236,500
Debt Service						(23,670)
Net income (loss)	\$13,000	(\$444,915)	(\$606,620)	(\$341,015)	(\$1,379,550)	\$874,573

Coming Up

Jan. 28 Winter Hawaiian Luau Fundraiser Noon to 5 p.m., Park Place, St. Paul Park. Benefits Stone Soup Thrift Store. Adult/Teen: \$10, 4-12: \$5. Info: <http://bit.ly/2iG0goZ>

Mar 1 Snowman Contest Entries Due Details on back page.

For more city-wide events, check the calendar on the City's website.

Winter Reminders

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Please remember to keep your garbage and recycling container out of the street. Place them at the end of your driveway. This will significantly reduce the possibility of a container being knocked over by a snowplow.

SNOWPLOW DAMAGE TO MAILBOXES

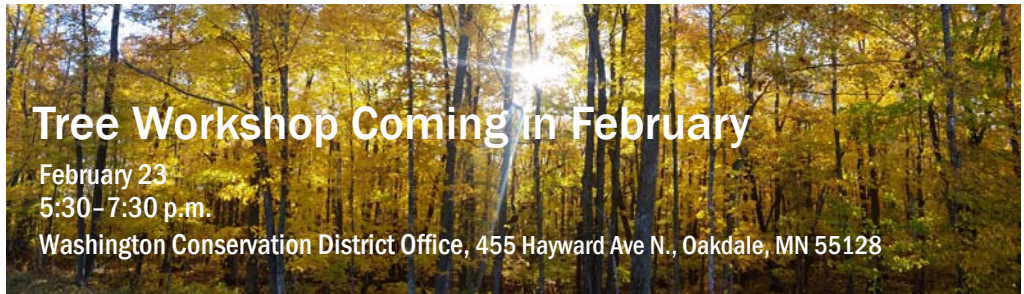
The City is responsible for damaged mailboxes only if the snowplow makes direct physical contact with the mailbox. If this happens, please call Public Works at 651-458-2808 to report the damage. If the mailbox is damaged due to the snow coming off of the plow, the homeowner is responsible for the repair.

WINTER PARKING BAN

Winter parking rules are in effect Nov. 1 through March 31. No on-street parking between 2 and 6 a.m. is allowed whether or not it is snowing. The registered owner of any vehicle parked on the street during this time may be issued a citation. The vehicle may also be towed at the owner's expense. Parking is allowed on the street at all other times if the vehicle does not interfere with the removal of ice and snow from the street.

DIG YOUR HYDRANT

Seconds count when there is a fire. Help the Cottage Grove firefighters find hydrants quickly by keeping the one near your home free of snow during the winter season. A minimum 3-foot clearance is needed.



Tree Workshop Coming in February

February 23
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Washington Conservation District Office, 455 Hayward Ave N., Oakdale, MN 55128

It's a fresh new year and when the cold weather hits many Minnesotans enjoy grabbing a warm drink, snuggling into a cozy blanket and sitting down with a notepad to start dreaming of summer gardens. If you are looking at any big landscaping changes to your property this coming growing season, especially planting trees, it is indeed time to start planning!

Wondering what trees would thrive in your yard? What trees are the most resilient in Minnesota's changing climate? What's the proper method of planting a tree? The

Washington Conservation District (WCD) is already preparing for the annual Tree Sale and they are ready to help.

On Feb. 23, WCD is offering dinner and a short evening workshop to help you find the answers to these questions and more with expert guest presenters from the U.S. Forest Service, the DNR and the WCD.

RSVP is required for dinner. RSVP at tinyurl.com/2017Trees or call Jenn Radtke at 651-330-8220 x44. Space is limited so register early. To order trees visit: www.mnwcd.org/land/trees/

Eagle Scouts Recognized at City Council Meeting

Congratulations to Adam Fenenga and Hunter Froehlich, Troop 777, who received plaques at the Jan. 4 meeting in recognition of achieving the Eagle Scout rank.

Fenenga built a 15-foot tall Chimney Swift birdhouse on Grey Cloud Island for the birds to use during their migration season. Froehlich built and installed duck houses at the north pond at Hidden Valley, and helped clean up and remove buckthorn around the pond.



Adam Fenenga and Hunter Froehlich at the City Council meeting.

Middle School Students Raise Funds for Inclusive Playground



A group of Special Education students and a Respecting All Humans (RAH) club held a craft sale to raise funds for the Woodridge Park Inclusive Playground. They raised \$600 at the craft sale, which was held during November conferences at the Cottage Grove Middle School. The City thanks the students for their generosity!



The staff at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center thank you for your patronage and support in 2016. We look forward to seeing you in 2017!



The Eagles Bar and Grill, located at the River Oaks Golf Course, is open 4 to 10 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheEaglesBarandGrill

Mayor, Two Council Members Sworn Into Office



Washington County Commissioner Karla Bigham swears in Mayor Myron Bailey

Cottage Grove's Mayor Myron Bailey and two new Council members—Wayne Johnson and La Rae Mills—were sworn in at the Jan. 4 City Council meeting. They were elected in November to serve four-year terms.

Mayor Myron Bailey was elected to serve his third term as Mayor. Prior to being elected Mayor in 2009, Bailey served on the City Council as a Council member and as a member of the Planning Commission. Mayor Bailey was sworn into office by Washington County Commissioner Karla Bigham.

Council Member Johnson and Council Member Mills were sworn into office by



Mayor Myron Bailey swears in Council Member Wayne Johnson

Mayor Bailey with their families in attendance to watch the event.

This is Johnson's first term as a Council Member. He was a member of the City's Planning Commission from 2013 to 2016 and also volunteered on the District 833 Community Education Advisory Board.

"I'm looking forward to working with the City and Council and being part of moving the City forward," said Johnson, an 18-year resident of Cottage Grove. "It's exciting to be part of the growth of Cottage Grove."

Johnson is married to Mary Beth and they have two children, Nate, 15 and Lexi, 12.



Mayor Myron Bailey swears in Council Member La Rae Mills

Mills will serve her first term as a Council Member. Previously she was a member of the City's Arts Commission, which was formed in 2015, and was a volunteer for the Strawberry Fest Talent Show.

"I'm looking forward to serving the residents of Cottage Grove and moving towards a bright future together," said Mills.

Mills has lived in Cottage Grove for 15 years with her husband Jeff and daughter Izzy, 14.

The swearing-in ceremony can be viewed online at www.swctc.org.

Grove 411 presents Log On to Social Media

Join us as we explore the world of social media and learn how to become more aware of what sites our kids are visiting. The internet is a wonderful tool, however without supervision and knowledge of popular sites and apps our kids can easily get pulled in to a world they aren't prepared for.

Rochelle Kruszk, the primary therapist at the Cottage Grove Youth Service Bureau, will present the program. She is a licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist, and holds a Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

Light refreshments will be served.

Grove 411 is sponsored by the Cottage Grove Public Safety Board.

When: Jan. 26

Time: 6:30–8 p.m.

Where: City Hall Training Room, 12800 Ravine Parkway S.

Cost: Free

Age: Appropriate for all ages

2017 Budget and Tax Levy

The City Council passed the 2017 City budget with a 4.99 percent increase in the property tax levy at their Dec. 7 meeting.

This levy increase comes at a time when the total taxable base increased 4.5 percent across the City. The levy increase equates to a \$27 increase per year for the average homeowner. The increase will help the City add some much needed positions, including a police officer, an assistant city

engineer and three full-time firefighter/paramedics.

On the average home, the City portion of the tax bill equates to about \$76 a month. Of the \$76 a month, Public Safety is the largest expenditure equating to about 42 percent of City expenditures with Public Works and General Government at 15 percent and 19 percent respectively.

The levy for 2017 will be \$14,772,900 which equals \$419.09 per capita. For comparison, Woodbury comes in at \$493.55 per capita, Forest Lake at \$486.36. Overall, Cottage Grove's 2017 Levy per capita is lower than a majority of other communities in Washington County.

The City continues to strive to provide excellent services at a cost-effective rate.

COTTAGE GROVE Ice Arena

Looking to rent ice?

www.rinkfinder.com or 651-458-3400

Advertise at the Ice Arena

Call 651-458-3415

Ice Skating Lessons

REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL 651-458-3400

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 Sunday afternoon sessions.

Dates: Saturdays, Feb. 18 to April 15; or Mondays, Feb. 13 to April 10.

Cost: \$72

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

Join others, ages 18+, on Monday evenings. Bring your own hockey equipment. Helmets required. Please check website or call for schedule as some sessions may cancel due to special events.

Open Broomball (\$5)

On Sunday nights join other players, ages 17+, on the Studio Rink for a pickup game of broomball. Players must bring their own helmets and sticks. Limited amount of sticks available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please check website or call for current schedule.

Open Skate Sessions (\$5)

These sessions are a chance for your family to get exercise, practice skating, and have fun. Skating aids (buckets) for those learning to skate. Session times vary; please check website or call for schedule. Rental skates available for \$4 per pair.

Check out the My Cottage Grove video on skating at the Ice Arena:

<http://bit.ly/2cRnVPI>

Stick & Puck (\$5)

For hockey skaters of any age to come skate with sticks and pucks! Work on skating skills, drills and stick handling. Please check website or call for current schedule.

Figure Skater Practice (\$5-\$10)

Sessions are for the dedicated figure skater, level Alpha and above. Practice figure skating skills, jumps and spins.

Tuesdays 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 6–7:30 a.m.

Thursdays 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Fridays 6–7:30 a.m.

Saturdays 6:15–7:45 a.m.

Sundays 8:15–9:45 p.m.

Parks and Recreation

For more information call 651-458-3400

3 on 3 Pond Hockey Tournament

This outdoor round-robin tourney will have three divisions: Squirt (U10), Peewee (U12), and Bantam (U14). Teams are made up of 3 to 5 skaters, Games are 15 minutes, and played with no contact or goalies. Matching uniforms not necessary but players need to bring a light and dark colored jersey. All players must wear a helmet and skates at all times during games; other gear optional. Each team guaranteed three games. Prizes awarded to the champions of each division. Staff will be on-hand to keep score and provide hot cider and snacks.

Date: Jan. 16

Only four openings in each division. Pre-register by Jan. 12 at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena to secure a spot.

Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Location: Hamlet Park, 8883 Hamlet Road S.

Cost: \$15 per team

Hockey Skills Competition

Youth hockey players compete with their friends while showcasing their skills. After the skills portion we'll drop the puck for a game of 3 on 3. Prizes and lunch will take place at the end of the day. Register in office the day of the event.

Ages: 9 to 14

Date: Feb. 20

Time: 9 a.m.–noon

Location: Ice Arena, 8020 80th Street S.

Cost: \$12 (skater)

\$5 (goalie)

2017 Summer Supervised Playground

Registration is now open. Details on the program are available online: <http://bit.ly/2hRCFOQ>



Snowman Contest

Submit your best snowman photo to us for a chance to win a winter prize pack! Email a picture of you and your snowman to gmazzali@cottage-grove.org by March 1.

Photos may be used on the City's Facebook page, website, or other publications.