



Cottage Grove Reports

2020 Budget: What You Need to Know

The City Council adopted the final 2020 property tax levy and operating budget on December 4, 2019. The 2020 property tax levy of \$16.9 million is a 7.8% increase from the 2019 levy of \$15.7 million. Despite this increase, an increase in the Citywide tax base will result in most City residents paying the same amount in City property tax in 2020 as they did in 2019. Once again, about 27% of the total taxes you pay will go to the City of Cottage Grove, almost 49% will go the School District and approximately 21% will go to the County. As required by the State of Minnesota, a more detailed look at the City's overall budget can be found on **Page 3** of this edition of Cottage Grove Reports.

WHAT DO MY CITY TAXES PAY FOR?

Figures based on a "Median Value" Property paying \$77.58/month

	Police Service	\$25.89
	General Govt.	\$12.97
	Public Works	\$12.97
	Debt	\$12.14
	Parks & Rec.	\$7.14
	Fire Service	\$4.60
	Capital Equip.	\$1.30
	Econ. Develop. Authority	\$0.57

Façade Improvement Program Back Again in 2020

The City of Cottage Grove's popular Façade Improvement Program is back this year. Eligible building or business owners may apply for grant assistance for 50% of the cost of exterior improvements, up to \$25,000. Any business/property owner in a commercially-zoned building within the City limits is eligible to apply and the deadline is April 6. You can find more information on the City's website, select Economic Development from the department tab and click on Façade Improvement Program. Our 2019 winner (pictured below) was 7424 East Point Douglas Management, LLC.



Longtime Public Works Director Les Burshten Retires



For 32 years, Les Burshten answered the calls. It didn't matter if it was a water-line break, industrial fire, blizzard or flood, Burshten was out in the field directing Public Works crews as they fixed problems on behalf of the City's residents. Burshten retired January 2, 2020, after a long and distinguished career serving Cottage Grove.

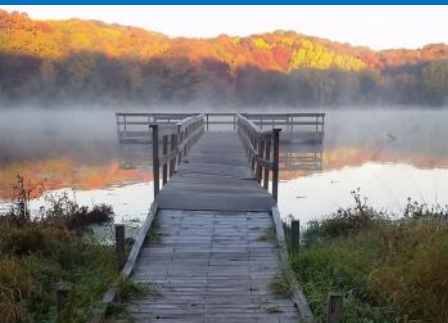
Not only did Les lead in times of uncertainty, he was the driving force behind his team's successful Spring Clean-Up Days and the popular Public Works Open Houses. Thank you Les Burshten for the incredible vision and leadership you provided for the residents of the City. Ryan Burfeind has been appointed by the City Council as the new Director of Public Works. He will also remain the City Engineer.



Cottage Grove Photo Contest Deadline Extended



The City is giving the gift of time; call it a late holiday gift! We will continue to accept submissions for the 2019 Capture Cottage Grove Photo Contest until Friday, January 31st. So take a look at those great photos you snapped in 2019, or take the next couple of weeks to get out and capture the scenes that make our City such a beautiful place to live, work and play! Log on to cottagegrovemn.gov/photocontest for more details. This year's categories include Celebrations and Events, Cottage Grove Nature, People/Pets/Family, Youth (any subject, but the photographer must be age 15 or younger) and Cottage Grove Business & Industry. Winners will be announced at a City Council meeting in February, and each winning photographer will receive \$50 and a certificate from the City Council. We'll show the 2019 photo winners in an upcoming CG Reports!



City Building Water Treatment Plant with State Funds



In the coming months, the City will begin construction of a third, interim water treatment facility in Foothill Park, near Foothill Road and Innsdale Avenue. The City has been, and will continue to supply water that is safe and compliant with the State's Health Based Values for PFAS. The project is a proactive approach to ensure this continues. The facility is fully-funded by the State through the 2007 3M Consent Order, and the City will not be implementing a water ban.

This third, interim treatment facility will serve Cottage Grove's comprehensive water system and will look and operate much like the two facilities that were constructed in 2017. All three will be in place for the coming years as the City continues to work toward a long-term water supply plan produced by working groups through the 2018 3M Settlement Agreement. The strategic and comprehensive regional plan is expected to be complete in the Spring of 2020, but implementation could take several years.



Winter Months Create Significant Fire Hazards

While the weather outside might be frightful this time of year, the winter months offer us all a time to gather with friends and family members. However, heating, holiday decorations, candles and more pose significant increases in the risk of fires inside your home. So, please consider the following safety tips to keep you and your loved ones safe this season:



- Half of all home heating fires occur from December to February. Keep all objects at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations. Never leave a candle unattended. Blow out any candles when you leave the room. Better yet, use only battery-powered candles.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly. Change detector batteries if you didn't change them during the end of daylight savings time.

SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE

The purpose of this statement is to provide summary 2020 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 South between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The City Council adopted this budget on December 4, 2019.

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Adopted</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 13,855,000	\$ 14,326,900
Other taxes/assessments	663,000	603,000
Licenses and permits	1,519,400	1,587,200
Intergovernmental:		
State	566,150	527,250
Federal & Local	123,000	170,500
Charges for services	4,299,800	4,825,505
Fines and forfeitures	175,000	150,000
Interest earnings	100,200	283,200
Miscellaneous	236,100	197,000
Transfers	<u>1,157,750</u>	<u>932,750</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$22,695,400</u>	<u>\$23,603,305</u>
Expenditures		
General government	3,430,520	3,718,110
Public safety	8,025,165	8,369,785
Streets and highways	4,470,380	4,512,595
Sanitation/recycling	53,790	62,030
Parks and recreation	4,253,731	4,610,585
Natural resources	365,845	365,905
Economic development	359,555	393,190
Capital outlay	1,712,700	878,140
Transfers in/out	<u>741,300</u>	<u>588,300</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$23,412,986</u>	<u>\$23,498,640</u>
Revenues over(under)		
Expenditures	<u>\$(717,586)</u>	<u>\$104,665</u>
Property tax levy requirement to fund the budget	\$15,695,000	\$16,914,400

Enterprise Fund Budgets - 2020

	Water	Sewer	Street Lights	Cottage Grove EMS	Total 2020 Budget	Total 2019 Budget
Operating:						
Revenues	\$2,345,100	\$2,787,500	\$836,500	\$2,150,000	\$8,119,100	\$7,541,500
Expenses	<u>1,850,430</u>	<u>2,767,860</u>	<u>838,298</u>	<u>2,069,385</u>	<u>7,525,973</u>	<u>7,208,655</u>
Operating Income	494,670	19,640	(1,798)	80,615	593,127	332,845
Interest	55,000	55,000	10,000	7,500	127,500	127,500
Transfers Out	<u>(186,000)</u>	<u>(192,600)</u>	<u>(48,650)</u>	<u>(94,500)</u>	<u>(521,750)</u>	<u>(521,750)</u>
Net income (loss)	363,670	(117,960)	(40,448)	(6,385)	198,877	(61,405)

PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call
651-458-3400



Cottage Grove Ice Arena

Figure Skaters Practice—\$5.00—\$10.00

These sessions are for the dedicated figure skater, level Alpha and above. During this time you can practice figure skating skills, jumps, and spins. Cost ranges from \$4-\$10 or one to two punches on your Skate Saver Card.

Tuesdays—2:30—5:30 p.m.
Saturdays—6:15—7:45 a.m.
Thursdays—2:30—5:30 p.m.
Sundays—8:00—9:45 p.m.



Public Skating Sessions—\$5.00

These sessions are a chance for your family to exercise, practice skating, and have fun. There are skating aids (buckets) for those just learning to skate. Rental skates are available for \$4 per pair.

MLK Day—January 20

Stick and Puck—\$5
9:00—10:30 a.m., 12:00—1:30 p.m.
Public Skating—\$5 9:00—10:30 a.m.

Check out the **Monthly Event Calendar** on our website at cottagegrovemn.gov/icearena for up to date information on Public Skating Sessions, Adult Open Hockey, and Stick and Puck. And remember, Stick and Puck is \$5 and sessions are for hockey skaters of any age. Work on your skating skills, drills and stick handling. Helmets are mandatory for skaters under 18 years old.

EAGLES BAR & GRILL—Don't wait until Lent for our signature fish fry! Starting every Friday, we will be offering our fish fry special for \$15.99. Not into fish? Check out the rest of our full menu or come by on Saturdays to try a slice of our delectable Prime Rib Special. Eagles Bar & Grill opens every Friday and Saturday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

BEER DINNER (January 24th) — Are you a fan of trying new, different, and unique craft beers? Well, join us this January for one of our beer dinners featuring Bent Brewstillery! Enjoy a savory four-course meal prepared by our Executive Chef. Each course is paired with a different glass of beer from Bent Brewstillery. The dinner is \$45 per person or \$345 for a table of 8.

DUELING PIANOS (February 22nd) — Sweet Keys performers Kevin Rotty & Nick Milleson are returning to River Oaks this February! This event brings music to life in a fun and exciting way. Come enjoy dinner and live music with friends and family. This event is \$45 per person or \$300 for a table of 8.

River Oaks 11099 South Highway 61
Phone: 651-438-2121
Golf Course & Event Center

