



Cottage Grove Reports

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Drawing of what the Well Number 10 Water Treatment Facility will look like



Granular activated carbon tanks being delivered and installed.



Piping being installed to connect the granular activated carbon tanks and well.

Cottage Grove Watering Ban Update

Work on temporary filtration systems underway

Since May 23, the City has been under an emergency watering ban, with eight of its 11 wells offline. Work on temporary water treatment facilities for Well Number 10 and 3 are underway.

Eight of the 10 granular activated carbon (GAC) tanks on Well Number 10 have been installed. The tanks will be connected to the existing well with piping with that work expected to be completed by July 14. At that point carbon placement and testing will take place, with plans to bring this well back online at the end of July. The enclosure will be built after the well is brought back online and is scheduled to be completed in November.

A similar, but smaller, temporary water treatment facility is being installed on Well Number 3. That well is expected to be back online by mid-August.

Bringing both of these wells back online will help ease watering restrictions, although the City's normal odd/even and time of day watering restrictions will remain in place.

Rain Barrel Rebates

The City is providing a \$20 rebate for rain barrels, materials, and/or converter kits purchased and installed between May 22 and Dec. 31. Rain barrels must be at least 40 gallons in size. The one-time credit will be applied to the applicant's utility account. There is a limit of three rain barrel rebates per utility account. More information, including the application, can be found on the City's website, or by calling 651-458-2884.

For More Information

When the watering ban is lifted it will be posted on the City's website, www.cottage-grove.org/water-ban and on the City's Facebook page. Also on the City's website you will find more information including weekly video updates from the Mayor, answers to frequently asked questions, and a link to the presentation given by City staff at the June 21 open house.

New Program Offers Free Business Consultations



Growing or starting a small business is not easy. Washington County, along with the City of Cottage Grove, is excited to offer a new program from the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) called Open to Business. Open to Business offers free, one-on-one, confidential business consulting to help entrepreneurs through the process of growing or starting their businesses.

The City wants to be able to support all of its businesses, big and small. The City can answer questions on licensing or zoning but when it comes to questions such as "will this business succeed?" or "is this a good idea?,"

an Open to Business Advisor can provide an objective opinion.

Open to Business doesn't just work with new businesses. It is for existing businesses, those in the early stage of business, or those ready to grow a business. If your business needs help with accounting and record keeping, business acquisition, business start-up, business plan development, business analysis, loan packaging, networking, operations, strategic planning, and commercial real estate analysis, consider contacting the Open to Business program.

Watch for details on the City's website for monthly office hours at City Hall for the Business Advisor, or call 651-458-0936 and ask for Open to Business.

Coming Up

- Thursdays Farmers Market**
2:30–6:30 p.m., Cottage Grove United Church of Christ parking lot, 7008 Lamar Ave., volunteer run.
- July 18 Open House: Red Rock Corridor Station Planning,**
5–7 p.m., Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave., talk about your community and grab a free snow cone!
- July 26 & Aug 2 Budget Workshops,** 6 p.m., City Hall, open to the public
- Aug 15 City Hall Selfie Day,** share your pride in @cottagegovm government and post a selfie of you at City Hall.



Summer season is here! Come out and enjoy a great game of golf on our scenic 18-hole course. Rated a 4-1/2 Star Best Places to Play by Golf Digest.

July 20–23, British Open Golf Specials

Partner with a Pro for a chance to win prizes. Simply choose a PGA pro the day you golf. If they shoot the lowest score for the day you win!

Save 20% on all clothing and hats in the pro shop July 20-23.

Book your tee times today! Online or call 651-438-2121.

Be sure to stop by The Eagles Bar and Grill too. During the British Open you can enjoy a BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich for \$8.

River Oaks Golf Course is a highly rated, beautifully maintained course. Visit www.riveroaksmunigolf.com to learn more or to book a tee time.

River Oaks, 11099 Highway 61 South
Cottage Grove, MN | 651-438-2121

Recreational Fires in Cottage Grove

Summer’s here! Get outside and enjoy the weather, just make sure you stay safe when near any fire.

Recreational fires are allowed by the City only when the following provisions are followed:

- The fire pit must be located at least 15 feet away from any combustible structure and at least 10 feet from any property line.
- Fires must be contained in a fire pit or enclosure that is constructed from brick, masonry, metal or other nonflammable material.
- Recreational fires must be no more than 3 feet in diameter and the flame height must not exceed 3 feet.
- No trash, leaves, stumps, treated, or otherwise coated lumber may be burned.
- Fires are not permitted when winds exceed 15 miles per hour or when the Fire Chief issues a no fire order.



- Fire-extinguishing equipment, such as a water hose or fire extinguisher, must be readily available at all times. Fires must be extinguished to the point of cold before being left unattended.

Also, the Fire Chief may order any recreational fire to be immediately extinguished if the fire poses a nuisance to surrounding residences.

Join us in Celebrating Night to Unite on Aug. 1



On Tuesday, Aug. 1, join hundreds of neighborhoods across the nation as they celebrate Night to Unite. You can help build a strong community and bring awareness of crime prevention by hosting—or attending—a neighborhood block party. The event is a chance to enjoy a summer evening with your neighbors. Police officers, firefighters, elected officials and City staff will visit block parties. Kids can enter

the coloring contest for a chance to win a free reservation for the Highlands Park building. Once again, donations for the Backpack and/or Paper Products Campaign will be accepted. Register to host a party by July 25, or learn more about Night to Unite at www.cottage-grove.org/night-to-unite or call 651-458-6035.



At Home Battle Buddies

Spouses, partners, roommates, and close supporters of a veteran or member of the military serve in a different way, but still benefit from mutual comradery. If this is you, you’re invited to join members of the Cottage Grove Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) group for an evening of support, laughter, and bonding.

Date: July 24
Time: 5:30–7 p.m.
Place: Cottage Grove VFW, 9260 E. Point Douglas Road.

BTYR thanks the VFW for providing the space for this event. Visit BTYR’s Facebook event page for Monday burger specials at the VFW: <http://bit.ly/2tyJRJd>

Granada Park Renovations Include New Pickleball Courts

Cathryn Lande beams when she talks about pickleball. As the head of the Cottage Grove pickleball club, she schedules opportunities for herself and some 30 other members to play the game as often as possible. So she was thrilled when the restoration of Granada Park finished on June 7, with newly built pickleball courts. The club moved to the new grounds immediately. They had previously been playing at the Cottage Grove senior center, and were grateful for the opportunity to compete outdoors.

Pickleball is becoming one of the most popular sports in the U.S., with more than 2.5 million players, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. Pickleball is often described as a combination of tennis and badminton.



Playing pickleball on new Granada Park courts

“A pickleball court is the same size as a badminton court,” explains Lande. “You play with large paddles. You start off like tennis but you have to serve underhand.”

For Lande, this difference increases the strategy of pickleball, which she and the other members of the club appreciate.

“There’s no slammers. It’s not a power game – it’s about precision and placement,” she says. “And then at the end, everyone meets in the middle and kind of taps their paddles together and says nice game. We try to keep it social and civil.”

But that doesn’t mean pickleball is a low-key sport. Lande says she gets 6,000 steps in if she plays for a couple hours.

It’s also not just for seniors.

Nick Zamora, currently a student at UW-Stout, joins his mother on the court, admitting that he made fun of the sport at first.

“When you first hear that older people are playing some sort of sport and doing really good, you think it must not be the most engaging type of sport,” said Zamora.

But on the court, Zamora runs to return a volley, explaining that it’s really fun and a great way to stay in shape.

In addition to the new pickleball courts, the renovation included increased turf space, larger gardens, more trees, new playground equipment including a small climbing wall, a sheltered picnic facility and more picnic tables, so there are many opportunities for the whole family to enjoy.

Some neighbors of Granada Park have already joined the club, which meets at the park every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m. Play is open—and Lande encourages those interested to stop by for a game. Extra paddles are always on hand.

Granada Park is located at 8371 Granada Avenue S., west of Highway 61.



Cathryn Lande with her paddle at a recent game

How Well Do You Know the City’s Parks?

Use your wit and knowledge to solve riddles and determine what park is being described in the City’s first *Parks Puzzler* social media contest.

Every weekday at 8:30 a.m., from July 17 to Aug. 25, a riddle about one of the City’s 34 parks will be posted to the Recreation and Ice Arena Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CGParksandRec>.

Once you know the answer, visit the park, snap a selfie with the park sign, post it to social media and tag the photo with the

Cottage Grove Recreation and Ice Arena on Facebook. Every photo submitted and tagged counts as an entry into the drawing.

Winners can choose from: An ice skating party package for eight at the Ice Arena; two rounds of golf plus cart at River Oaks Golf Course; or a four-hour park building rental.

Three winners will be drawn at random and announced on Sept. 1.

Annual Garden Award Nominations Due July 21

This year, to encourage water conservation, the garden award is all about sustainable gardens such as organic gardens, native and prairie plants, rock or rain gardens, the use of rain barrels, backyard composting and

the elimination of chemical use. Gardens must be located in Cottage Grove.

Download a nomination form at <http://bit.ly/2tJUyU>, or call 651-458-2808.

K9 Gunnar Completes Trial



Cottage Grove K9 Gunnar

Officer Nils Torning and his K9 partner Gunnar successfully completed their first United States Police Canine Association Region 18, Patrol Dog 1 Certification Trial. They also scored high enough to be eligible for the National Field Trials after completing events to showcase their abilities in Obedience, Searching (Evidence Recovery and Suspect Search), Agility and Criminal Apprehension.

PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400

LIL' ADVENTURE CAMPERS

Three fun-filled days packed with games, sports, crafts, exploring nature, meeting new friends, and team building challenges designed for ages 4 to 7. It's a spin-off of our popular Adventure Camp, but for younger kids and not as competitive. As activities are completed over the three days, campers earn portions of a treasure map that will lead to the prize on the last day. Campers should wear shoes for running and bring a small snack and water.

Dates: July 18-20
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Ages: 4 to 7
Location: Hamlet Park
Cost: \$47

NEIGHBORHOOD POND DIPPING

East Metro Watershed educators will team-up with City staff to host a family-friendly event to explore and learn more about our local ponds. Discover natural plants and the role these plants play in providing habitat and filtering pollution from our waters. Use dip nets to get a closer look at the tiny critters—or macroinvertebrates—that are living in the lake. These tiny creatures can tell us something about how clean the lake is. It will be an easy walk. Participants should wear outdoor and pond muck friendly shoes and clothes. There is no prior registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: July 26
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Ages: Everyone
Location: Pine Tree Valley Pond (meet at the building)
Cost: Free

3RD LAIR - SKATEBOARD COMPETITION

3rd Lair hosts the 2017 Summer Series Skate Competition at various skate parks around Minnesota, including Hamlet Park! Skaters of all skill levels are invited to participate. There are four divisions—8 years and under, 9 to 12 year olds, 13 years and up, and expert. The top three riders in each division, at each event, qualify for the finals at the Minnesota State Fair. This event includes a DJ, music, and prizes, and the entire community is welcome to come out and enjoy the fun.

Date: July 28
Time: Registration at 4 p.m.; competition at 5 p.m.
Location: Hamlet Park
Cost: Free

2017 KIDS RACE SERIES

Cottage Grove and Woodbury Parks and Recreation have partnered to offer the popular Kids Race Series. Participants should arrive on time; directions will be given for start times. Participants receive a t-shirt and drink. Pre-register to secure a spot; registration the day of the run only accepted if space is available. Race is appropriate for ages 6 to 12.

KIDS DUATHLON: BIKE IT. RUN IT. DU IT!

Racers will test their endurance while biking two miles and running one mile along the trails of Ojibway Park. Participants must bring their own bike, a proper fitting bike helmet, and wear athletic shoes.

Date: July 22
Time: Arrive at 9 a.m.
Location: Ojibway Park, 2695 Ojibway Drive, Woodbury
Cost: \$25

KIDS GLO RUN: LIGHT IT UP!

Runners receive race shirts and gear prior to the start that GLO to LIGHT IT UP. Neon signs guide runners on the one-mile route. Cookies served after the race.

Date: Sept. 16
Time: Arrive at 7 p.m. Event ends at 8:30 p.m.
Location: Ojibway Park, 2695 Ojibway Drive, Woodbury
Cost: \$25



Come help us build your new Inclusive Playground at Woodridge Park!

As part of the playground project process, one thing that always remained consistent was the desire to do a Community Build Project. This is a unique opportunity for you to physically build a playground for your family, friends, neighbors and visitors to enjoy.

Date: July 29
Time: 9 a.m.–noon OR 1–4 p.m.
Sign-up: <http://bit.ly/comm-build>

Location: Woodridge Park, 9000 90th Street S.

About: Work is manual labor, but there are tasks that require minimal lifting. All necessary equipment will be provided. Everyone must wear closed toe shoes.

When the playground is complete, it will be a gathering place where generations of memories are made through the simple act of play. No matter your physical, mental or social status, the inclusive playground will bring the community and visitors together to feel the joy of play at Woodridge Park.

ICE ARENA

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The Ice Arena is the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in Cottage Grove. Get the most marketing value for your dollar now by displaying your message to the thousands of patrons at the Ice Arena.

Call 651-458-3415 or visit the City's website for a full brochure with pricing options.