



# Cottage Grove Reports

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**Fourth of July Celebration**

The annual Fourth of July celebration will take at Kingston Park, 9195 75th Street S.

There will be a cookout with fun and games for all followed by a thrilling patriotic fireworks display.

The family-friendly event begins at 6:30 p.m. with the sale of brats, hotdogs, chips, candy and soda pop.

Sponsored by the Cottage Grove Lions Club.

**Message from Mayor Bailey**

**WATERING BAN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



On May 23, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) issued new health-based limits on the levels of chemicals allowed in the water, which affect east metro communities, including Cottage Grove.

When we learned that eight out of our 11 city wells would not meet the new health-based values, we acted fast to make sure the water every resident drinks is safe and would be in compliance with the state’s new health guidelines.

To be compliant with the newly lowered values, we took five wells offline and began blending water from three wells affected by the new limits with other wells. By doing this the water provided to you meets the new MDH values. However, it means we have less water available for everyone to use.

Currently we are only operating three wells at full capacity, and another three at limited capacity. The City’s water capacity is roughly half of what is normally available to supply everyone in the city.

That is why we put the watering ban in place. There simply would not be enough water for everyone to use for drinking, cleaning and cooking, without the outdoor water usage ban. If we all work together and limit our outdoor water use, there will be enough for all of us during this period. Please note, if you have a private well, this watering ban does not apply to you.

We are working hard on restoring the capacity needed. To get our wells back online, we need to install filtration systems, which is not a simple task. It involves the installation of multiple carbon filtration tanks, piping installation, electrical work, and a building to house the new tanks. Work on the well

number 10 interim treatment facility, located off of 95th Street, has already begun with grading and concrete work underway. We expect to be able to bring well number 10 back online sometime in July, which may help ease some of the outdoor watering restrictions. Installing a filtration system like this typically takes a year, and we are working to have it done in only months. We will continue to work on a long-term solution to ensure the water you drink meets the values set by MDH.

As your Mayor, I take the health and safety of all citizens of Cottage Grove seriously. When you turn on your faucet, you expect safe water. I expect safe water, too. After all, I live here as do many members of my family. We all rely on City water.

Right now we need to work together and conserve our water as much as possible until we get the new carbon filtration systems installed.

Please follow the watering ban and do not water lawns, landscaping, gardens, wash cars or fill swimming pools. Please make sure your irrigation system is turned off.

The City Council declared the watering ban at an emergency City Council meeting on May 23, and it will remain in effect until further notice.

You can find more information at [www.cottage-grove.org/water-ban](http://www.cottage-grove.org/water-ban) including answers to many of your frequently asked questions. If you don’t find the answer to your question there, please call our Public Works department at 651-458-2808.

If you have health-related questions, please contact the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4993 or [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us)

Thank you for your patience and support.

Mayor Myron Bailey

Coming Up

- Thursdays Farmers Market**  
2:30–6:30 p.m., Cottage Grove United Church of Christ parking lot, 7008 Lamar Ave.. Volunteer run.
- June 15-18 Strawberry Fest**  
Kingston Park, More info at [www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com](http://www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com)
- June 21 Make Music Day at Kingston Park**, Free family fun from 6-8 p.m., More info at <http://bit.ly/2slgTmq>
- July 1 Poetry Contest Deadline**, the winning poem will be stenciled on a trail in a Cottage Grove park. More info at <http://bit.ly/2rR4RXL>
- Sept 6 Confidential Paper Shredding**, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury.

Find more events on the City’s website in the Calendar of Events.

Credit Cards Accepted at City Hall

Credit cards are now accepted for most in person transactions at City Hall, including payments for permits, licenses, and license renewals under the sum of \$10,000. The City does not accept credit card payments via phone, fax, or email.

Payments can be made with American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa credit cards.

The City also accepts payments by cash and check.

Utility bills can be paid online at [www.cottage-grove.org/finance-department/utility-payment-options](http://www.cottage-grove.org/finance-department/utility-payment-options).



Groundbreaking for Primrose School



A groundbreaking for Primrose School took place on May 4. The school will be located at 6927 Pine Arbor Drive S. Learn more about the school at: [www.primroseschools.com/schools/cottage-grove](http://www.primroseschools.com/schools/cottage-grove)

Watch the groundbreaking ceremony video at: <http://bit.ly/2scC3fp>

Historic Preservationists of the Year



Brent Peterson, executive director of the Washington County Historical Society, was named the 2017 Historic Preservationist of the Year for his work on documenting, preserving, and sharing the history of Cottage Grove, Washington County, and surrounding communities.

EVENT ACTIVITIES Schedule

9-12	Vendor Display Booths <i>Providing Information, Services, Products, Coupons, Goodies and MORE!</i>	10:00	Best Dressed Doggie Parade
9-12	Kissing Photo Booth	11:00	Washington County Sheriff K-9 Demonstration
9-12	Mini Donuts and Coffee	12:00	Prize Drawing <i>Turn in a completed WAG for Water Postcard for a chance to win!</i>

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WAG FOR WATER

IN THE PARK

A Fundraising Event to raise money for a permanent water source at the WAG Farms Dog Park.

June 24th  
9 AM - Noon  
WAG Farms Dog Park

JOIN US

To purchase your ticket for the event go to:  
[WagForWater.eventbrite.com](http://WagForWater.eventbrite.com)

## Road Construction Updates Central Fire Station Groundbreaking

Many road construction projects in Cottage Grove are underway.

### Hadley Avenue and 95th Street

Hadley Avenue remains closed from the roundabout to 100th Street. The roundabout at Hadley Avenue and 95th Street is open. Work is expected to be completed by the end of July.

### County Highway 19 and E Point Douglas Rd

County Highway 19 and East Point Douglas Road is closed north of Highway 61 ramps. County Highway 19 is closed to 90th Street. Access businesses on East Point Douglas from Jamaica Avenue. The highway ramps remain open for access to and from the south. As part of this Washington County project, Ravine Regional Park is also closed for improvements. Construction will end fall 2017.

### County Highway 22 (70th Street)

County Highway 22 is closed to through traffic from just east of Highway 61 to just west of Hinton Avenue. Work is expected to continue until early September.

Visit the City's website for updates on both projects. Click on the "construction" quick link on the home page.



The City broke ground for the new Central Fire Station on May 9. Fire Station 2, on 80th Street, was demolished to make room for the new station. It will be more than twice the size of Station 2, which had been built in the 1970s, and will include 10 bays for fire vehicles and ambulances, seven dorm rooms for firefighters, two conference rooms, and a lobby with historical fire artifacts on display. Drawings of the new station are on display at City Hall. Construction is expected to end spring 2018.

Watch the groundbreaking ceremony video at: <http://bit.ly/2r3HxVJ>



### Temporary Relocation of Fire Services

While the new station is under construction, the Emergency Medical Services will be located at 7516 80th Street South (the old City Hall building). Enter on the east side of the building.

Fire operations are located at Station 1, on Belden Blvd., and at Station 4, on Jamaica Avenue.

These temporary moves will not affect the level of service provided to residents and businesses.

## Inclusive Playground Groundbreaking



On May 10, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Inclusive Playground at Woodridge Park. The existing playground equipment has been removed and construction of the new playground will begin late June. The playground will be the largest of its kind in Minnesota.

The members of the Inclusive Playground task force worked for three years to help make this a reality.

Watch the groundbreaking video at: <http://bit.ly/2reHexb>



### \$100,000 Donation from Lions Club International Foundation

The Lions Club International Foundation made a \$100,000 donation for the Inclusive Playground. This grant means the 24,000 square-foot playground is 100 percent funded.



## River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center

It's summertime at River Oaks and golf is in full swing!

June 15-19, U.S. Open and July 20-23, British Open Golf Specials

Partner with a Pro for a chance to win prizes.

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

Visit [www.riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://www.riveroaksmunigolf.com) to learn more about the special events, golf rates, golf lessons, golf leagues or to book a tee time. River Oaks Golf Course is a highly rated, beautifully maintained course. See you on the links soon!

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

# PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400

## SAFETY CAMP

Cottage Grove Police, Fire, and Recreation departments are teaming up to encourage youth safety. Participants experience two days of fun, all while learning about important safety topics such as how to use 911, basic first aid, fire prevention and bike, kitchen, electrical, and water safety—all taught by industry professionals in an energetic team-style setting. Registration fee includes t-shirt, hat, lunches, snacks, and a water bottle. Participants should bring their own lunch and snacks if there are dietary restrictions.

Family and friends are invited to attend the graduation ceremony at the close of camp on June 21 at 4:30 p.m. Please bring your own chairs.

Dates: June 20 and 21  
Time: 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Ages: 8–11  
Location: Hamlet Park  
Cost: \$58

## YOUTH TENNIS

The tennis lessons are structured so that participants learn skills, practice techniques, and have fun! This is a great way to be introduced to the life-long sport of tennis. Registration includes a racquet. Minimum of four and maximum of ten per class.

Dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20

Time: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Ages: 7–12

Location: Hamlet Park

Cost: \$40/session

## ICE ARENA 651-458-3400

### SUMMER SKATING LESSONS

Lessons are available for skaters of all ages and abilities. The Learn-to-Skate program is designed for recreational, figure or hockey skating. Skaters may be shifted to a different class during the first lesson to accommodate their ability. Helmets required for all skaters ages five and under (bike helmets are fine).

Cost: \$72  
Dates: Monday evenings - June 12 to Aug. 14 or Friday mornings - June 16 to Aug. 18 Note: no classes are held Fourth of July week.

**Skating Tots:** For skaters five and under. Skaters play games and sing songs as they develop the skills needed to balance and move across the ice.

**Learn-to-Skate Level 1:** Skaters learn the proper way to fall and get up, the penguin march, hopping, and how to make A's & V's.

**Learn-to-Skate Level 2:** Skaters learn forward swizzles, two-foot glides, backward wiggle, stop and freeze, the "dip," and the "teapot."

**Learn-to-Skate Level 3:** Skaters learn backward swizzles, hockey turns, forward slalom, push off and glide (two feet), and semi-spiral.

**Learn-to-Skate Level 4:** Skaters learn backward slalom, one-foot glides, three-step crossovers, backward glides (two feet), and pump circles.

### 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.



Take a picture of the sunrise or sunset in your favorite Cottage Grove park, post it to Facebook and tag Cottage Grove Recreation & Ice Arena by June 28 for your chance to win an "I Love Cottage Grove Parks" t-shirt and a \$10 gift card to MikMart (the ice cream truck).



**Win an "I Love Cottage Grove Parks" T-shirt** and a \$10 gift card to MikMart (the ice cream truck)! Grab your phone, snap a picture of a sunrise or sunset in one of our parks, and post it to Facebook (be sure to tag the Cottage Grove Recreation and Ice Arena Facebook page) for a chance to win! There is no limit on the number of photos you can enter. Deadline is June 28.

In July, Parks and Recreation is running a contest that will test your knowledge of the city's parks in a fun way! You could win your choice of an ice skating party package, two rounds of golf plus cart, free four-hour park building rental, or a picnic in the park! Be sure to "like" the Cottage Grove Recreation and Ice Arena Facebook page (<http://bit.ly/2snIRIO>) so you'll be sure to see the announcement of the start of the July contest.