



Cottage Grove Reports

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From left: Council member Wayne Johnson, Council member Dave Thiede, Bud Schmidt, Mayor Myron Bailey, Council member La Rae Mills, and Council member Steve Dennis

Congratulations to Bud Schmidt who was named Volunteer of the Year at the annual volunteer recognition event held April 25.

Schmidt was recognized for the many volunteer activities he does including providing tax preparation assistance for seniors in the community, and counseling residents visiting the Senior Center on how to apply for Medicare and other insurance needs.

He has volunteered countless hours in

various capacities at the Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Schmidt is also a talented musician who participates in the Post Office Band entertaining young and old at venues throughout the city and neighboring communities.

For the past 31 years, the City of Cottage Grove has recognized its volunteers at an annual banquet during Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Hy-Vee and SWWD Receive Sustainable City Awards



Upper left: Mayor Bailey congratulates SWWD Board President Jack Lavold and Administrator Matt Moore as Council members Dennis, Johnson and Thiede look on. Lower left: Council member La Rae Mills hands award to Hy-Vee Real Estate Director Phil Hoy.

Hy-Vee and the South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) received Sustainable City Awards for their work on the storm water management system that is part of the Grove Plaza redevelopment project. Hy-Vee converted the existing stormwater pond into a new underground system that can treat 90 percent of the site's runoff—well above what was required.

SWWD awarded a grant to Hy-Vee that paid for 35 percent of the project cost.

The Sustainable City Award was created and adopted in 2013 to recognize businesses, individuals and organizations that use innovative programs and practices to promote sustainability in the Cottage Grove community. Nominations are accepted year-round with the award presented on or near Earth Day.



The fourth annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held on May 29 at the Cottage Grove Veterans Memorial located outside City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S. The time was not confirmed when this newsletter went to print. Please check the website for exact time. In case of rain the ceremony will be moved inside City Hall. The event is hosted by Cottage Grove's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon organization.

Coming Up

- May 18 Youth Service Bureau's Inaugural GALA**
5:30–9 p.m., Lake Elmo Event Center. More info at: <http://ysb.net/gala/>
- May 20 Standing Strong 5K Run/Walk**, 9 a.m., Hamlet Park, More info at <http://bit.ly/2p1Cfcn>
- June 14 Free Document Shredding**
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury
- June 1 Register for Strawberry Fest Talent Show and Cottage Grove Sings Contest**, More info at www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com
- June 15-18 Strawberry Fest**
Kingston Park, More info at www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com

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

Night to Unite Informational Picnic

Join Public Safety on May 18 at Kingston Park for a fun and informative evening learning about Night to Unite, which is Aug. 1. The picnic takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. with pizza, cookies, and beverages served (while supplies last). Learn about hosting a Night to Unite party or register your party early. Questions? Contact Community Affairs Officer Adam Pelton at apelton@cottage-grove.org or 651-458-6035.



The Wag for Water in the Park event is sure to be a fun day for both you and your furry four-legged friend! Visit www.WagForWater.eventbrite.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Painting, Poetry, and Film Events

Check out the fun events the Cottage Grove Arts Commission has planned over the next few months.

Paint 'N Sip Party: A Paint 'N Sip Party takes place on May 24 from 7–9 p.m. at River Oaks Event Center. No painting experience is necessary as participants will be led step-by-step by an instructor as they paint “Dandelions at Night”. Cost is \$30 per person which includes all materials. Food and drink can be purchased through The Eagles Bar and Grill.



Path to Poetry Contest: You are invited to submit your poetry for the first Path to Poetry contest. The winning poem will be made into a stencil and painted onto one of Cottage Grove's walking paths for residents and visitors to enjoy during their recreation activities. Submissions are due July 1.

Films in 5 Festival: Submissions are being accepted for the 3rd Annual Films in 5 Festival, which will be held Oct. 7 in the lecture hall at Park High School. Anyone can submit a film or video that is five minutes or less in length. Videos must have been made in 2017. Entries are due Aug. 31.

For more information on the three events, visit the Arts Commission page on the City's website.

National Tire and Battery Open in Cottage Grove



National Tire and Battery (NTB) held a ribbon cutting on April 8 to celebrate their opening. NTB is located in the former Midas building at 8647 East Point Douglas Road. Hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.ntb.com or call 651-458-5738 for more information. Watch the ribbon cutting video: <http://bit.ly/2pCTi5z>

Dog Park Spring Cleanup Set for May 20

The WAG Farms Dog Park Association is hosting Spring Clean Up Day at the Cottage Grove off-leash dog park on May 20, 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to help with tasks such as spreading woodchips, clearing branches, installing a shade structure, trash pick-up and general sprucing up. Bring work gloves, drinking water and a rake. The dog park will be closed during this time due to vehicles operating inside the park so please leave your dog at home. Questions, or more information, email wfdpassoc@comcast.net or visit [facebook.com/wagfarmsdogpark](https://www.facebook.com/wagfarmsdogpark).

Problems with Comcast or CenturyLink Cable TV Outages?

If you experience a cable television outage, don't assume the provider is aware of the problem. It's important that you contact them directly to report the outage. Contact your cable provider at 651-222-3333 (Comcast) or 866-314-4148 (CenturyLink)

If they are unable to resolve your issue to your satisfaction call the South Washington County Telecommunications Commission (SWCTC) office at 651-458-9241 ext. 1 or e-mail mark@swctc.org with your information.

SWCTC staff will investigate your complaint and work with the provider toward resolution. Your complaint will go on record and the cable company will be officially notified along with notice to the company that they respond to you.

COTTAGE GROVE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

We need your input!

Join us for an open house to learn about Cottage Grove's Comprehensive Plan.

Date: Monday, May 22, 2017

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Location: Cottage Grove City Hall
12800 Ravine Parkway South

Room: Training Room

What will this meeting include?

We will discuss background information about Cottage Grove and share our draft vision and goals for the Plan. We need your feedback!

Visit www.cottage-grove.org/planning-division/comprehensive-plan

or Facebook to learn more about the project!



The Strawberry Fest Parade Marshal Wants Your Help!

The Strawberry Fest Committee came up with a great theme —*Around the World in Berry Days*—and the committee is looking for volunteers to walk with the Parade Marshal team at the beginning of the June 17 parade. Just pick another Strawberry Festival from somewhere in the World and make a story board or costume to

show it off as you walk in the parade. Committee members can help you develop your story board and/or costumes to tell everyone about your chosen Strawberry Festival.

Questions or want to participate? Send an email to Sfest@cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com



Visit **The Eagles Bar and Grill** and enjoy dinner and drinks on the patio overlooking the golf course! The Eagles is located at River Oaks Golf Course, 11099 Highway 61 S. Follow on Facebook at facebook.com/theeaglesbarandgrill



River Oaks Golf Course is in full swing and looking beautiful as ever.

Chili Dipper Junior League Returns

Sign up now for the popular Chili Dipper Junior League which is designed for youth to play golf in a low-pressure, fun environment.

Dates: July 20 to Aug. 24

Time: 11:28 a.m. to 1:04 p.m.

Ages: 7-17

Cost: \$25, plus weekly green fee of \$13

Cost includes a t-shirt and weekly prizes

Mother's Day at River Oaks Golf Course

Moms play free with a paid green fee on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14.

US Open—June 15 to 19

Come golf with us during the US Open and play our *Partner with a Pro* for a chance to win prizes! Watch our Facebook page for more information.

Book tee times online at

www.riveroaksmunigolf.com or call 651-438-2121.



Book your next event at River Oaks Event

Center, where our staff will work with you to make the planning process easy. We can accommodate large or small groups with space available for a wide variety of events including graduation parties, reunions, school banquets, business meetings, and weddings. Call 651-438-2121 or visit www.riveroaksmunigolf.com to learn more.

River Oaks is located at 11099 Highway 61 S.

PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400

2017 KIDS RACE SERIES

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

MUD RUN

Kids will climb, jump, slide, and run their way through obstacles around the park and end with a crawl through the mud pit. We strongly encourage participants to have a change of clothes for after the race. The route will be staffed and marked to aid in a successful run. Arrive anytime between 9 and 10 a.m. Participants will run in waves as the course clears.

Dates: June 3
Time: Arrive anytime between 9 and 10 a.m.
Cost: \$25
Location: Woodridge Park

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
Cost: \$58
Location: Hamlet Park

ICE ARENA

For more information call 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
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.

STRAWBERRY FEST 5K RACE AND WALK

Don't miss the annual Strawberry Fest Race and Walk. The race is chip timed with times posted on-site following the race, and on the City's website the following Monday.

Walkers are not timed. Participants receive a Strawberry Fest race t-shirt. Medals awarded to first place male and female in age categories 18 and younger, 19–25, 26–40, 41–55, and 56 and older.

Date: June 17
Cost: \$20 run (price increases after June 14)
\$15 walk

Time: 7 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. run, walkers follow
Route: Kingston Park to Trailway Corridor to Pine Tree Valley Trail to 80th Street to Jenner Avenue to Kingston Park Trail

KIDS 1K RUN

Those age 10 and younger can run their own race—three laps around two soccer fields. Runners are visible at all times and love to be cheered on to the finish line. Participants receive a Strawberry Fest race t-shirt after completing the run. Adults can run with their child if needed.

Date: June 17
Cost: \$15
Time: 9 a.m. check-in, 9:15 a.m. run

