



Cottage Grove Reports

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City Launches New Website



In October, the City will be transitioning to an updated website, offering a more attractive design and improved navigation. The new website will incorporate several features in order to be more accessible and user friendly:

- A mobile-friendly design for smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices.
- Homepage highlighting community events, city announcements, and social media platforms.
- E-services such as the E-Notify email notification system.

City staff have been working hard to make sure everything transitioned correctly, but please be patient as some links and pages may not work as we work through this transition.

3M Settlement Work Groups Update

The 3M Settlement Work Groups have been formed and have been working since July on creating a framework for decision making on how the settlement monies will be spent to address *Priority 1: Ensuring Safe Drinking Water* and *Priority 2: Enhancement of Natural Resources*.

The City of Cottage Grove is represented on both the 3M and Government Work Group as well as the Citizen and Business Work Group. Both groups have agreed that safe drinking water is the priority to address. Each group has developed a charter and goals, which can be found on the settlement website at <https://3msettlement.state.mn.us/government-and-3m-working-group>.

The City's operation of treatment plants at Wells 10 and 3 continue to be paid for and monitored by the state as part of the separate allocation of funds through the 2007 Consent Order. The carbon media that is utilized to filter the PFOA and PFOS is being monitored by the State and City to ensure there is not "breakthrough" and the water continues to meet the Health Based Values, as set by the Minnesota Department of Health. Based on the monitoring that is taking place, this carbon media will be changed out when necessary.

At the most recent meeting of the 3M and Government Work Group, there was consensus that the group would like to see possible long term treatment solutions for South Washington County by the end of 2019. For more information on the work groups, please visit the 3M Settlement website at <https://3msettlement.state.mn.us/>.



Thrivent Financial East Metro Ribbon Cutting



The Thrivent Financial East Metro Team held a ribbon cutting on Sept. 13 to celebrate the opening of their new location at the corner of Jamaica Avenue and 90th Street. Their address is 8750 90th Street South, Suite 204 and their hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. Visit <https://connect.thrivent.com/east-metro-financial-team/> or call 651-458-5392 for more information.

Coming Up

- Thursday Farmers Market**, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m., every Thursday through October. Cottage Grove United Church of Christ parking lot.
- Tuesday Farmers Market**, 3:30 – 7 p.m., every Tuesday through fall. Crossroads Church parking lot, 7955 Ivystone Ave.
- Sep 21- Nov 5** **Vote by Mail or In Person**
- Oct 18** **Car Seat Clinic**, 4 – 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, 8641 80th Street S.
- Oct 27** **Monster Bash Parade**, 10 a.m., East Point Douglas Road
- Nov 1** **Winter Parking Ban Starts**
- Nov 6** **Election Day**
- Nov 18** **Princess for a Day**, 1 – 4:30 p.m.
- Nov 22** **Hale to the Bird 5K**, 9 a.m., Hamlet Park, 8833 Hamlet Rd. S.
- Dec 5** **Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 6 p.m., City Hall

For more city-wide events, including council and commission meetings, visit the calendar on the City’s website.

**City Photo Contests
Fall Colors**

The leaves are changing colors! Catch all the amazing colors of fall in one of Cottage Grove’s 33 parks or on over 60 miles of City trails.

Snap a photo that captures the fall colors in Cottage Grove and share it with us on social media using #CGFallColors2018

for a chance to win a prize.

The deadline to enter is Oct. 27. Find more information on the City’s website.



Capture Cottage Grove 2018



Show us your best shot! From people to pets and celebrations to the great outdoors, you’re invited to capture the best of the City and

submit your pictures in the annual photo contest.

Each category winner will receive \$50 and a certificate from the City Council.

Categories include:

- Celebrations and Events
- Cottage Grove Outside
- #CottageGroveSelfie
- People/Pets/Family
- Youth - For photographers age 15 or younger

Submissions are due by Dec. 28. Learn more on the City’s website.

Winter Parking Reminder

Winter parking rules are in effect Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. No on-street parking between 2 and 6 a.m. is allowed, whether or not it is snowing.

Any vehicle parked on the street during this time may result in the registered owner being issued a citation. The vehicle may also be towed at the owner’s expense.

At all other times, parking is allowed on the street if the vehicle does not interfere with the removal of ice and snow from city streets.



Fall Yard Waste Options

Got a small yard? Rake and bag leaves from your yard, sidewalk and driveway.

Got a big yard? Rake areas directly under trees and then use your mower to mulch the rest of the leaves into the grass.

Got a street? Rake and bag leaves along the curb and on top of storm drain inlets.

It is illegal to throw yard waste into the garbage bin. Take grass clippings, leaves and other plant materials to a compost site, such as Rumcpa, located at 95th Street and Glendenning Rd. Visit the City’s website for Rumcpa’s hours of operation and prices.

You may also contact your waste hauler to inquire if they pick up yard waste at the

curb. All yard waste set at the curb must be contained it in a compostable bag or a yard waste cart. Contact haulers directly for hours, fees, and materials accepted.

You can also learn to compost at home!

Washington County is offering residents \$20 off backyard compost bins, which are available for pickup at the Washington County Environmental Center in Woodbury. To learn more about the discount program and composting at home, visit www.co.washington.mn.us and search “compost bin” or call 651-430-6655. Discounted bins are available while supplies last.

What you have to say matters.

Cottage Grove is using Polco to gather input from the community. Go to polco.us/cottagegrovemn to give your input on current ideas, initiatives, and issues facing the City.



Election 2018: General Election is Nov. 6

Cottage Grove Election

Two City Council seats will appear on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot. The candidates who will appear on the ballot for the City Council race are: Dwayne D. Brauch, Steve Dennis, Evan Kolstoe, Chad Poitra, Dave Thiede, and Jerret Wright. Voters may vote for up to two candidates.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting began Sept. 21 and ends Nov. 5. Absentee ballots can be obtained at the Washington County Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway S., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Register to Vote

Anyone who has moved, changed their name or not voted in the last four years will need to register to vote. With proper identification, voters may register to vote on Election Day. The last day to preregister is Oct. 16.

Visit www.mnvotes.org to register to vote, to find your polling place, to view your sample ballot, or to request an absentee ballot.

Call Washington County Elections at 651-430-6175 for more information.

South Washington County Telecommunications Commission (SWCTC) has candidate profile videos available on their website and will provide live election night coverage. Watch on cable channel 18 or online at www.swctc.org.



Don't Forget to Fall Back—and Change Your Batteries

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Nov. 4. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed.

The Cottage Grove Fire Department reminds residents that this is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes that did not have a working smoke alarm. With a working smoke alarm, the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half. Learn more at www.nfpa.org.

Be sure to also check the batteries in your flashlights and weather radios so you'll be prepared in case of an emergency. It's also a good time to clean in and around all household appliances including your washer, dryer, refrigerator, and furnace.



RIVER OAKS 11099 South Highway 61 Phone: 651-438-2121 www.riveroaksmunigolf.com

Golf Leagues

Play golf at River Oaks and enjoy the cooler temperatures and beautiful fall colors. Fall golf rates began Oct. 1!

Eagles Bar and Grill Weekly Specials

Our new menu debuted Oct. 5! We are open every Friday and Saturday with a full menu from 3 – 9 p.m. We have our famous fish fry on Friday night and burger night on Saturday, featuring buy-one-get-one-half-off burgers.

Upcoming Events

Oct 16: Ladies Night Out, 6 – 8 p.m.

Oct 27: Spook-tacular Family Golf Day and Dinner, 3 p.m. Bring the family down for a spook-tacular good time at River Oaks. Come in costume (family friendly) and play 9 holes of golf with us then enjoy dinner as a family after.

\$140 per foursome includes golf, two carts, and dinner.

Find out more about golf, dinner menus, and upcoming events at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com.



Is it too soon to start thinking about your holiday party? We say no, it's not!

Let us help you take the stress out of part of the holidays by helping you plan your party! Our private event space can accommodate up to 225 people. With holiday decorations and a beautiful view of our golf course, your employees, friends, or family can relax and enjoy the festivities. We offer onsite event coordination and full banquet services so call us at 651-438-3627 to start planning your Holiday party!

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

Winter sessions run Nov. 19, 2018 – Feb. 3, 2019. All Skate School participants may rent skates for only \$2. For more information, and to register, visit the City's website or call 651-458-3400.

PUBLIC SKATING 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 current schedule. Rental skates available for \$4 per pair.

ADULT OPEN HOCKEY (\$5)

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

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. Helmets mandatory for those under age 18.

OPEN BROOMBALL (\$5/player)

On Sunday nights, join other players, ages 17+, on our 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.

FIGURE SKATER PRACTICE (\$5-\$10)

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

Tuesday	2:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	6:00 – 7:30 a.m.
Thursday	2:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Friday	6:00 – 7:30 a.m.
Saturday	6:15 – 7:45 a.m.
Sunday	8:00 – 9:45 p.m.

MEA BREAK SKATING EVENTS

Dates:	Oct. 18 and 19
Stick and Puck:	\$5, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Open Skate:	\$4, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

INDOOR TURF RENTAL

Indoor turf rental at the Ice Arena is available March through September. The indoor turf is located on the West Rink and can be rented for a variety of events, such as baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, home shows, corporate events and more. Host your next event at the Ice Arena. Call for more information.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The Ice Arena is the "coolest" place in town to have a birthday party! Celebrate the special day and have a blast skating with friends. The party room is available year-round. A variety of packages are available. Check website or call for details.

RECREATION EVENTS

For more information call 651-458-3400

MEA BREAK OCT. 18 AND 19 (AT PETER THOMPSON PARK)

No school? No problem! Sign up for our MEA Break at Peter Thompson Park from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.. Play games, make crafts, watch movies, and have lots of fun! There will be opportunities to go outside so participants should dress for the weather. Be sure to bring a lunch; refrigerator and microwave available for use. Pre-registration required and space is limited. Register by Oct. 11. For ages 5 and older. Cost is \$21/day.



HALLOWEEN SKATING SPOOKTACULAR

Tricks and treats at this skating Halloween Party! Open Skate Night is about to get scary with fog, strobe lights, music, and more! Play Halloween games, enjoy treats and a few other tricks we have up our sleeves. Rental skates are available at a cost of \$4 per pair. Pay at the door; no pre-registration is required.

Ages:	Families, 4 and older
Date:	Oct. 24
Time:	6 – 7:15 p.m.
Location:	Ice Arena
Cost:	\$8