



# Cottage Grove Reports

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## Fall Hydrant Flushing Begins in September

Fall flushing and sweeping will begin the last week in September, weather permitting. Street sweeping will take place once the hydrants are flushed.

Hydrant flushing is done to ensure proper operation and to get rid of accumulated mineral deposits. Water discoloration may occur when the water main is being flushed. Run all of your home faucets for 10 minutes to clear the water. Check the map on the City's website for the schedule.

Fall street sweeping helps to keep storm sewers clean. Please remember that you may not blow or rake your leaves or yard waste into the street.

Call 651-458-2808 with questions.



## Free Family Fun at the Public Works Open House

Come join us for the City's Public Works Open House on Sept. 21. Stop by the Public Works building anytime between 3 and 7 p.m. for loads of fun.

You'll have a chance to visit with the men and women who help keep your city a great place to live, work, and play. They plow streets, they flush hydrants, they create signs, they repair streets, they plant trees, they hang holiday decorations, they maintain the City's water mains and wells, and many other behind-the-scenes activities.

Bring the entire family and enjoy free demos and fun activities. Get a close look and climb into the driver's seat of multiple trucks. Enjoy a hay ride around the large Public Works grounds. Climb into the bucket of an aerial truck for a ride into the sky.

There'll be lots of local organizations with informative displays and giveaways too. Confirmed vendors include: 49ers, Xcel Energy, Cottage Grove Bike Park, DNR Fisheries, Friends of Mississippi River, Inclusive Playground Task Force, Pineridge Garden Club, Tennis Sanitation, Wag Dog Park, Washington County Conservation, and Washington County Environmental Center.



There will also be face painting and balloon artistry for the kids. New this year you can climb inside the 49ers' simulator trailer and try your hand at virtually operating some equipment!

Be sure to stop by the grill where Public Works staff will have hot dogs, chips and pop available for purchase.

Mark your calendars as this biennial event won't happen again until 2019!

Public Works is located at 8635 West Point Douglas Road.

## Open To Business Advisor Available at City Hall



Are you thinking about starting a new business or expanding an existing one?

Here's a chance to test your idea through a free, confidential consultation with an experienced business advisor. With the Open to Business program, small business owners and entrepreneurs can receive one-on-one business consultation services and other assistance to help develop their business ideas.

This program is being offered by the Washington County CDA and is available for free to all Washington County residents. Office hours for walk-in meetings are available the first and third Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cottage Grove City Hall.

For more information on the services offered in the Open to Business program or to schedule an appointment contact Tyler Hilsabeck, Business Advisor, at 612-789-8838 or [thilsabeck@mccdmn.org](mailto:thilsabeck@mccdmn.org), or visit [www.opentobusinessmn.org](http://www.opentobusinessmn.org).

Coming Up

- Sept 27 **Paint 'N Sip Party** at River Oaks Event Center, 7–9 p.m., \$30, paint autumn colored trees led by artist Lisa Bell. Pre-registration required:  
<http://tinyurl.com/y786mlfg>
- Oct 7 **OktoberShred 2017**, Bike Park, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/352088298521386/>
- Dec 9 **CP Holiday Train**, time to be announced. Celebrate 15 years of the Holiday Train stopping in Cottage Grove. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

**Kids in Crisis: Self-Harm and Suicide**

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. We invite you to come to learn about self-harm risk factors, suicide prevention and warning signs, what you can do, and to gather resources and ask questions.

When: Sept. 28  
 Time: 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
 Where: Training Room at City Hall  
 Cost: Free

This Grove 411 session is presented by Rochelle Kruszka, youth and family therapist with Youth Service Bureau, and sponsored by Hy-Vee Cottage Grove.

**NEW! Police Explorer Post Program**


The Cottage Grove Police Department is excited to announce the start of a Police Explorer Post in September. The Police Explorer Post is for youths ages 14 (must have completed 8th grade) to 21 years of age who are residents of Cottage Grove and/or attend Park High School.

The program provides youths with the opportunity to enhance not only law enforcement skills but life skills as well. The Post will consist of hands on scenario type training with participation in competitions throughout the state. Scenarios that will be taught consist of a variety of topics from firearms, felony traffic stops, search and arrest procedures to building searches and many more.

There will be an open house in mid-September where parents and youths are welcome to come and learn more about the program and meet the Post Advisors. Applications for the program can be picked up at the Cottage Grove Police Department.



**FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO PLAY GOLF!**  
 Call the golf shop at 651-438-2121 to schedule your tee time. River Oaks Golf Course is a highly rated, beautifully maintained course. Learn more at [www.riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://www.riveroaksmunigolf.com)



Woodridge Park Inclusive Playground Grand Opening celebration will take place Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. Watch the website for more information.

**Norris Square Breaks Ground on Senior Housing Expansion**



A ground-breaking ceremony was held Aug. 22 to mark the expansion of Norris Square. The expansion will include a 72-bed care center, a 68-unit memory care facility and 64 independent apartment units. It will also bring more jobs to the community. The expansion is expected to open fall 2018. For more information, visit [www.preshomes.org/our-communities/norris-square](http://www.preshomes.org/our-communities/norris-square) or call 651-769-6600.

**Junction 70 Grill Celebrates Official Opening**



Junction 70 Grill celebrated their official opening on Aug. 10 with a ribbon cutting. The co-owners, Jason Fleig, Joel Lehman, Dave Voss, were on hand to celebrate with family, friends, and many residents. The restaurant is located at 6922 Pine Arbor Drive, at the corner of 70th Street and Hinton Avenue. For more information call 651-505-0705 or visit [www.junction70grill.com](http://www.junction70grill.com)

**Hy-Vee Now Open in Gateway North Shopping Center**



A ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the Aug. 8 opening of Hy-Vee. Mike Graham, store director, thanked the community for the warm reception. The store invested more than 26 million dollars and hired 652 employees. The 98,000 square-foot store is located at 7280 East Point Douglas Road, and is open 24/7. Visit [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com) for more information.

## 5th Annual Oktoberfest

**A fun family event for a great cause!** The annual fundraiser for the Friends in Need Food Shelf features food and beverages, games, live music, a petting zoo, face painting, henna tattoos, bingo, a silent auction, and more.

- Date: Oct. 15 (rain or shine)
- Time: Noon–4 p.m.
- Location: Historic Hope Glen Farm, 10276 East Point Douglas Road
- Cost: \$10 adults/teens  
\$5 children ages 4-12  
Free children ages 3 and under  
Includes brat or hot dog, chips, pop or water.

## Water Meter Replacement

Beginning in October, approximately 1,500 water meters in Cottage Grove homes will be replaced. **If you have a water meter that needs to be replaced you will receive a letter from the vendor, Midwest Testing, by early October.** The letter will instruct you to contact Midwest Testing to schedule an appointment to replace the meter. **If you do not receive a letter your water meter is not being replaced.** Visit the City’s website for more information.



Coming to The Eagles Bar and Grill in October: **Friday Night Fish Fry** and **Prime Rib Night!** Watch the website or Facebook page for more information.

## 2018 City Budget

The Cottage Grove City Council adopted a preliminary 3 percent property tax levy and budget at their Sept. 6 meeting. The levy cannot be increased, but it may be decreased when the Council adopts the final levy and budget in December.

For 2018, the City’s property tax levy is \$15,235,000 and makes up 80 percent of the City’s budget. The other 20 percent comes from permits, fees, charges for services and intergovernmental funds.

Watch for Washington County truth-in-taxation notices which will be mailed to property owners in November. This notice provides property tax estimates, compares the 2017 property tax bill to the 2017 proposed bill, includes tax amounts for the city, school district, and county, and includes dates and times for public meetings.

To learn more about the City’s budget, watch the Facebook Live video which was recorded on Aug. 23 at <http://bit.ly/2wBjjsj>, visit the City’s website, or contact any Cottage Grove City Council member.

The final levy and budget will be adopted by the City Council at their Dec. 6 meeting.

## Retired K9 Blitz Passes



**Cottage Grove Police K9 Blitz**  
Jan. 8, 2006 – Aug. 25, 2017

The Cottage Grove Police Department is mourning the loss of retired K9 Blitz. Blitz died at home surrounded by his family during a spectacular “blitz” (German for lightning) storm late Friday, Aug. 25. His health had been declining in recent months and he struggled to maintain his mobility due to degenerative spinal myelopathy. Blitz loved coming to work every day to watch over officers during their shift, meeting people of all ages at numerous community events and using his nose to find lost people, criminals, and illegal drugs.

**LET US HOST YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY**

**BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR DATE**

651-438-2121 EXT. 2

**River Oaks**  
Event Center

11099 South Highway 61 | Cottage Grove, MN 55016  
[www.riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://www.riveroaksmunigolf.com)

Our event center provides an impressive space to host your corporate, small business or neighborhood holiday party. With holiday decorations and a beautiful view of our golf course, your employees or friends can relax and enjoy the festivities. We offer onsite event coordination and full banquet services. **Book your Holiday Party before Sept. 29, 2017 and receive a complimentary dessert for your guests! Limited Time Only.**

# PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400



## PARKS AND RECREATION CONSIGNMENT SALE—SEPT. 23

Seasons come and go, sports constantly change and kids keep growing—we have just what you need! A space to sell your used sports equipment, bikes, rollerblades, snow sleds, etc. With just a few simple steps, your garage will be cleaned out and you'll have some cash in your pocket.

Here's how to participate:

- Print and complete a Seller form (PDF available on the City's website)
- Obtain a seller number once form is processed
- Tag your merchandise with your seller number and price
- Mark the back of the tag with a \* if you want your item reduced 50% the last hour of the sale
- **Drop off items between 9 a.m.–7 p.m. Sept. 20** at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena
- Pick up unsold items Sept. 23 between 1:30–2:30 p.m.
- Or don't pick them up and they will be donated!
- A commission check of 80% of your sales will be mailed within 10 days of the sale

### CONSIGNMENT SALE DETAILS

Date: Sept. 23  
 Time: 9–noon  
 50% off \* items: 11 a.m.–noon  
 Location: Cottage Grove Ice Arena

## KIDS GLO RUN: LIGHT IT UP!

Runners receive race shirts and gear prior to the start that GLO to LIGHT IT UP. Runners can wear their own glow or neon attire for extra fun. Neon signs guide runners on the one-mile route. Cookies served after the race.

Ages: 6-12  
 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

Cottage Grove and Woodbury Parks and Recreation have partnered to offer this popular Kids Race Series. Please arrive on time; directions will be given for start times. Pre-register to secure a spot; registration the day of the run only accepted if space is available.

## MEA BREAK

No school? No problem! Sign up for our MEA Break at Peter Thompson Park and 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.

Ages: 5 and older  
 Date: Oct. 19 and 20  
 Time: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
 Location: Peter Thompson Park  
 Cost: \$21/day

# FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSES

## Sensory-Friendly Open House Oct. 7 at Woodridge Park

On Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, come to the new Inclusive Playground at Woodridge Park (9000 90th Street S.) for a sensory friendly Fire Department Open House. Our goal is to build trust and communication between families and our City's first responders. This event will give everyone in our community an opportunity to visit with our firefighters and explore fire apparatus in a sensory-friendly environment. Families can also spend time exploring the new Inclusive Playground.

- The fire trucks will be on display for children to explore, but with no lights, strobes or sirens.
- In addition there will be no character mascots.
- Extra staff will be on hand to ensure everyone can enjoy viewing the fire trucks safely.
- Assistance will be available for anyone who wants to climb inside of a fire truck.
- Quiet space will be available inside the park building for those who just wish to watch.

## Open House Oct. 14 at Kingston Park

Join us Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the same great fun you have every year! With the Central Fire Station on 80th Street under construction, the annual Fire Department Open House will be held at Kingston Park (9195 75th Street S.) Visit with firefighters, climb on fire trucks, watch demos, and more. Watch the City's website for more information.

