



Cottage Grove Reports

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Fall Hydrant Flushing Begins in September

Fall flushing will begin the week of Sept. 10, 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.

Green Garden Award Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our annual Green Garden Award. Kent and Nicole Raymond won in the residential category, while St. Luke's Lutheran Church won in the commercial category. Each received an engraved metal garden plaque on a stake as their prize, which they can place somewhere in their garden so that everyone can see their great accomplishment.

All entries were judged on specific criteria: overall appearance, plant arrangement and variety, uniqueness, creativity, environmental aesthetics, and upkeep.

The Raymonds' yard, located at 9296 93rd Street South, won due to the overall appearance of their yard, as well as their great variety of plants. Our judges also noted how impeccably maintained their many gardens

were throughout their property. It is clear that the Raymonds put a lot of time and care into their gardens. They are even working on establishing a pollinator garden.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, located at 7000 Hinton Avenue South, was the commercial winner, thanks to the wide variety of plants arranged around the large garden by their main entrance. Our judges also noted the quality of various smaller gardens spread throughout the church's property. St. Luke's previously won the Green Garden Award back in 2015, and their plaque is proudly displayed in their main garden.

The Green Garden Award has been presented each year since 2007.



A garden at the Raymond's' house



Gardens at St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Cottage Grove's First Lemonade Day Quenches Thirst



Cottage Grove's first Lemonade Day was on Aug. 25 and it was a wonderful success. There were 61 kids registered and 10 stands in Cottage Grove. Chris Carey, the organizer of Lemonade Day, said he received overwhelmingly positive feedback and that he plans to do this event again next year.

Great job to all those who registered and had a lemonade stand! And a big thank you to all the mentors and volunteers who helped out!

Clark Lemonade Stand, photo courtesy of Chris Carey

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**
- Sep 23** **Oktoberfest Friends in Need Fundraiser**, Noon – 4 p.m., Historic Hope Glen Farm, 10276 E. Point Douglas Rd.
- Sep 27** **Stone Soup’s Fall Fashion Show**, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Historic John P. Furber Farm, 7310 Lamar Ave. S.
- Oct 13** **Fire Department Open House**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 8641 80th St. S.
- Oct 27** **Monster Bash Parade**, 10 a.m., East Point Douglas Road
- Nov 6** **Election Day**

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

Mayor for a Day Essay Contest

What would your city look like if kids were in charge? Find out by having students you know take part in the 2018 Mayor for a Day Essay Contest!

This essay contest is open to Minnesotans who will be in the fourth, fifth, or sixth grades this school year. Entries must be original work, handwritten, and postmarked by Oct. 12. There is no cost to enter.

Three winners will be chosen and awarded \$100, as well as have their essays published in *Minnesota Cities* magazine. Winners will be notified by Dec. 3.

Download the entry form at <http://bit.ly/2Pcgxif>.

This contest is sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Washington County Parks Vehicle Permit Photo Contest

Have you been taking photos in Washington County Parks this year? Then submit them to be used on the county’s annual 2019-2020 parks pass.

Last year’s photo contest highlighted Big Marine Park Reserve and its 10-year anniversary. This year, Washington County will be highlighting Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park since it reopened in

June, Point Douglas Park, and Point Douglas Regional Trail.

You can submit photos to Sara Armstrong at sara.armstrong@co.washington.mn.us. You can also share them on social media using #washco2019parkpass. Photos will be accepted for consideration until Oct. 15, 2018.

Become a Master Water Steward

The South Washington Watershed District is looking for two area residents to become Master Water Stewards. Volunteers will join the Washington County cohort, which will include 12 to 14 stewards in 2018-19.

Stewards receive 50 hours of free training through a combination of on-line instruction, in-person classes, and hands-on outdoor activities. Learn about watersheds, stormwater management, water policy, strategies for engaging your friends and neighbors, and landscaping practices to reduce runoff pollution in urban and rural settings. Grant funding is

available to complete capstone projects, including rain gardens, shoreline plantings, and rural lands projects. After becoming certified, Master Water Stewards provide 25 hours per year of volunteer support to their watershed organization.

Continue your education, make new friends, and make a difference in your community. Apply now to begin classes in October.

To learn more about the program, contact Angie Hong (angie.hong@mnwcd.org or 651-330-8220 x35). Register online at <https://masterwaterstewards.org>.

Washington County Environmental Center

Improper disposal of plastic bags, household hazardous waste, sharps and electronics is costly and bad for the environment. As a Washington County resident, you are eligible to dispose of these items at the Washington County Environmental Center free of charge.

The Environmental Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury.

It is open four days a week with hours varying each day. Proof of residency, such as a driver’s license, is required to use the facility. Visit <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center> for a full list of accepted items or call 651-275-7475 to learn more.



2018 City Budget and Levy

The City Council adopted a preliminary three- percent property tax levy and budget at their Sept. 5 meeting. The levy cannot be increased, but it may be decreased when the Council adopts the final levy and budget in December.

For 2019, the City’s property tax levy is \$15,695,000, which is 80 percent of the City’s operational revenue. 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 2018 property tax bill to the 2019 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. 22 at <http://bit.ly/FBBudgetLive2018>, 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. 5 meeting.

2018 Construction Update

2018 has seen a significant increase in residential development in Cottage Grove. To date, 348 new lots for single-family homes have been approved for development. Since 2013, the number of new residential lots developed has ranged from 63 to 151.

As part of the development, it has been a busy construction season to build the necessary public utility and street infrastructure. There are six new developments under construction this year, including Calarosa 2nd Addition, Eastbrooke, Hamlet Heights, Kingston Fields, Mississippi Dunes 5th Addition, and Summers Landing 2nd Addition.

To support the development, two major road construction projects are also taking place in 2018. The first project is the Hadley Avenue reconstruction project, north of 65th Street. This project involves reconstructing the half-mile-long section of Hadley Avenue to cut down the hills, widen the road, and add

curb and gutter. Utility extensions are also being completed to serve the Eastbrooke development, along with other future development in the area. This project is expected to be completed in September.

The second road project is the Ravine Parkway project, which involves constructing the portion of Ravine Parkway from Jamaica Avenue to Keats Avenue, north of 70th Street. In addition to construction of the collector roadway, the project includes the extension of public utilities and pedestrian facilities along the corridor. This roadway is a key component to allow continued development in the East Ravine area. The Ravine Parkway project is a two year project, with the first section expected to open in November of 2018.

For more information on these projects, please visit the construction page on the City’s website.

RIVER OAKS Golf Course and Event Center

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 start Oct. 1!

Eagles Bar and Grill Weekly Specials

We have a new menu starting Oct. 5! Join us from 3 – 9 p.m. for Friday Fish Fry and Saturday Burger Night specials along with full menu.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 11: Ladies Night Out
- Sept 20: Date Night
- Sept 22: Couples Golf Night
- Oct 5: Wine Dinner
- Oct 9: Ladies Night Out

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



Let us Host your Holiday party!

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.

Reserve your date today! Visit www.riveroaksmunigolf.com or call 651-438-2121.

PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400

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. After your run, test your ninja skills, balance and agility in our laser beam maze! Participants will be timed to see how fast they can get through the maze without touching any of the beams.

Ages: 6 – 12
 Date: Sept. 21
 Time: Arrive at 7 p.m. Event ends at 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Colby Lake Park, 9715 Valley Creek Rd, Woodbury
 Cost: \$15

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. Register by Oct. 11.

Ages: 5 and older
 Dates: Oct. 18 and 19
 Time: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Location: Peter Thompson Park
 Cost: \$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

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 School Lessons

Mondays, Sept. 17 to Nov. 12

Sundays, Sept. 23 to Nov. 18

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)

Figure Skater Practice (\$5-\$10)

Adult Open Hockey (\$5)

Visit the website for more information, including times.

Ice Arena Advertising

Get the most marketing value for your dollar now by displaying your message to the thousands of people that come to the

Cottage Grove Ice Arena, the most heavily trafficked spectator facility in town. For more information, call 651-458-3415 or download a brochure from the website.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7 – 13 and this year's theme is Look, Listen, Learn. Celebrate by joining us at the annual Fire Department Open House! Visit with firefighters, climb on fire trucks, watch demos, and more. Watch the City's website for more information.

Date: Oct. 13
 Time: 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Location: Central Fire Station, 8641 80th St. S.

