



# Cottage Grove Reports

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## Sept. 5 is First Day of School

Motorists are urged to slow down and drive with increased awareness as kids head back to school. Watch for students walking and biking to school, stop for school buses, and use caution dropping students off at school.

## Watering Ban Ended August 1

Aug. 1 was the end of the watering ban that had been in place since the end of May. With the ban lifted households and businesses may return to the odd/even and time-of-day watering restrictions that have been in place here since 1980. That means addresses ending in an even number may water on even-numbered days, and those ending in an odd number may water on odd-numbered days. No watering is allowed between noon and 4 p.m. In an effort to continue to conserve water, no watering will be allowed on the 31st, which is an ordinance change. Everyone is encouraged to continue to conserve water and limit watering to two days per week.

The exceptions to this include kids playing in water, filling small kiddie pools, hand watering gardens, and washing vehicles. Those activities can be done at any time on any day.

The Splash Pad has reopened with limited hours of 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. City parks will only be watered twice a week with parks north of 80th Street watered on Mondays and Wednesdays and parks south of 80th Street watered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Water Conservation Tips

The City is collecting water conservation tips from residents to share on the City's website. Send tips to [communications@cottage-grove.org](mailto:communications@cottage-grove.org) and they'll be compiled and posted. If enough tips are received, a "My Cottage Grove" video will be created by SWCTC featuring some of the residents who provided the tips. Visit the University of Minnesota Extension website for water-saving strategies for home lawns: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/turfgrass/watering/water-saving/index.html>

### Rain Barrel Rebates

Remember, there is a \$20 rebate for rain barrels, materials, and/or converter kits purchased and installed between May 22 and Dec. 31. Rain barrels must be at least 40 gallons in size. The one-time credit will be applied to the applicant's utility account. There is a limit of three rain barrel rebates per utility account. More information, including the application, can be found on the City's website, or by calling 651-458-2884.

The City thanks everyone for their patience and support during the watering ban.

## Join Us! Facebook LIVE Budget Q&A

Have you ever wondered:

- How big is the City's budget?
- Where does the money come from?
- What services does it provide?
- What's a levy?

Then join us and get these questions and more answered during our first Facebook Live Budget Q&A.

We will take your questions and comments as we provide an update on Cottage Grove's 2018 budget.

When: Aug. 23

Time: 6:30-7 p.m.

Where: The comfort of your home

At the scheduled time, visit the City's Facebook page

([www.facebook.com/CottageGroveMinnesota](http://www.facebook.com/CottageGroveMinnesota))

Tap on the video for sound. Join in for five minutes or stay for the entire half hour.

Comments and questions can be typed at any time during the live session. If you have specific questions on the budget please email to [communications@cottage-grove.org](mailto:communications@cottage-grove.org) by Aug. 22. Every attempt will be made to answer questions during the live broadcast.

The video can be viewed on the City's Facebook page after the live event ends.



## National City Hall Selfie Day

National City Hall Selfie Day is Aug. 15.

Take a pic that day of you at City Hall and share it with us! Join others around the country and share your pride in your local government for a chance to win some swag from ELGL (Engaging Local Government Leaders).

Be sure to tag your selfies with #CityHallSelfie and #CGMNSelfie



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE FUN  
IN THE PARKS PUZZLER CONTEST!**

Every weekday at 8:30 a.m., from July 17 to Aug. 25, a riddle about one of the City's parks will be posted to the Recreation and Ice Arena Facebook page. Once you know the answer, visit the park, snap a selfie with the park sign, and post it to the Cottage Grove Recreation and Ice Arena Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CGParksandRec](http://www.facebook.com/CGParksandRec))

Every photo submitted and tagged counts as an entry into the drawing. If you're just starting, go back to view all the clues, solve the riddle, and post your pics for more chances to win. Winners choose from:

- An ice skating party package for eight at the Ice Arena;
- two rounds of golf plus cart at River Oaks Golf Course;
- or a four-hour park building rental.

Three winners will be drawn at random and announced on Sept. 1.

## Mathnasium Ribbon Cutting Cub Foods Remodels Store



Mathnasium of Cottage Grove, 7430 80th Street S., Suite 104, celebrated their opening with a ribbon-cutting on July 25. Mathnasium provides tutoring in mathematics at more than 700 locations. Cottage Grove resident and Center Director Pauline Ho, stated that she was inspired to open the branch after observing her son's enthusiasm in Mathnasium classes at a different location. For more information: [www.mathnasium.com/cottagegrove](http://www.mathnasium.com/cottagegrove). Watch a video of the ribbon cutting: <http://bit.ly/2wf9U5q>



Cub Foods celebrated a recent remodel with a ribbon cutting. In order to better serve their customers they added a kitchen shop, expanded the deli, updated the self-checkouts and added a drive-thru pharmacy. Cub Foods has been in the community since 1991. They are located at 8690 East Point Douglas Road. Watch a video of the ribbon cutting: <http://bit.ly/2usaUBS>

## Public Works Open House Set for Sept. 21

Everyone is invited to the Public Works Open House on Sept. 21, from 3 to 7 p.m. Enjoy free demos and fun activities for all ages. Drive a front end loader, go on a hay ride, have your face painted, and see the views from an aerial bucket truck. Visit with many local organizations that partner with the City, including 49ers, Cottage Grove Bike Park, Cottage Grove Garden Club, DNR, Friends of the Mississippi River, Police, Public Safety Board, Rumpca Compost, Tennis Sanitation, and Wag Farms Dog Park volunteers. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available for purchase.

## New! Paddleboat at Highlands Park

Cottage Grove now has a paddleboat you can use at Highlands Park. Spend time on the water paddling around the peaceful pond enjoying nature. It's free to use. Only two people at a time and please limit your ride to 15 minutes if others are waiting. See you on the pond!



## Submit Your Short Film to the Films in 5 Contest



The Cottage Grove Arts Commission is accepting submissions for the third annual Films in 5 Festival, which will be held Oct. 7 in the lecture hall at Park High School. Anyone can submit a film that is five minutes or less in length. Films must be made in 2017. The submission fee is \$5 and all submissions are due Aug. 31. More details and an entry form are available on the City's website: <http://bit.ly/2vl4Yyv>

## Swap Spot Exchange Location at City Hall



Swap Spots are designated public places where you can meet to exchange items that you sold and/or purchased online or to complete child custody exchanges.

Cottage Grove now offers Swap Spots at City Hall for you to complete

legal transactions and exchanges. City Hall is located at 12800 Ravine Parkway S.

Please keep in mind:

- Police do not monitor each exchange, or keep a log of transactions.
- Requests for police officer presence will be accommodated when possible. Make your request in person upon arriving at a Swap Spot location.
- There is no guarantee that a Swap Spot provides a greater level of safety compared to other public locations. It is an additional option for you if you want to use a public place.

Always take safety precautions when buying and selling online and making arrangements for the swap.

- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Have someone accompany you.
- Conduct exchanges during daylight hours in a public place.
- Bring your cell phone.
- Always trust your instincts. Cancel the transaction if you have any concerns for your safety.

- City Hall/Public Safety Parking Lot Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Public Safety Lobby Available Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)
- City Hall Vestibule Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



River Oaks Golf Course is a highly rated, beautifully maintained course. Visit [www.riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://www.riveroaksmunigolf.com) to book a tee time or learn more about the course and event center.



Be sure to visit The Eagles Bar and Grill for a delicious lunch or dinner.



River Oaks Golf and Event Center  
11099 Highway 61 S.  
Cottage Grove, MN | 651-438-2121

## Inclusive Playground Community Build a Success

Thank you to the more than 100 volunteers who participated in the Inclusive Playground Community Build on July 27, 28 and 29. The surfacing at the playground is expected to be in place by late August, with a grand opening celebration taking place in September. The Inclusive Playground, located at Woodridge Park, 9000 90th Street S., will be a place where everyone can experience the joy of play. Watch the City's website and Facebook page for the grand opening date announcement.



# 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 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: 9–11 a.m.  
 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.

## FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration for fall leagues will be filled on a first come, first served basis, with a deadline of Aug. 18.

Teams play double headers each night. Season includes ten regular season games. The top eight seeds will play in a single elimination playoff on the last night to crown the league champs. Games are played between 6 and 10 p.m.

League: Co-ed plays on Tuesdays  
 Start Date: Aug. 22  
 Cost: \$210

League: Men's league play on Tuesdays  
 Start Date: Aug. 23  
 Cost: \$210

# 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—if they want to. 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.
- 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.

