



# Cottage Grove Reports

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## Blue and Green Environmental Challenge

There's still time to submit an entry into this year's Blue and Green Environmental Challenge! You could win a \$50 credit on your water bill by following some simple water conservation tips.

Download the entry form from the City's website, or pick one up at City Hall. Complete six of the outdoor and six of the indoor activities and return the form by Aug. 31.

Be sure to check out Agent H2O's water conservation videos on the City's Youtube channel:  
<http://bit.ly/CottageGroveYouTube>

If you have any questions about the Blue and Green Environmental Challenge, please contact Aaron Sather at  
[asather@cottagegovemn.gov](mailto:asather@cottagegovemn.gov)

## Lemonade Day Comes to Cottage Grove August 25

Want to help your child learn to be an entrepreneur and have fun doing it? Register to participate in Lemonade Day on Aug. 25. By participating, your child will learn to start and operate their very own business—a lemonade stand. Cottage Grove will be the first city in Minnesota to participate in this innovative program for children, so it'll be an experience unlike any other in the state.

Lemonade Day is a free, fun, experimental learning program put on by the non-profit Prepared4Life. The program is being championed by local business owners in our community, Chris and Heather Carey of Modern Automotive Performance. They have also partnered with Boost for a Cure Cancer Alliance to bring this program to Cottage Grove.

Each child that is registered will receive a free backpack with an Entrepreneur Workbook, or access to an online interactive program, that teaches them how to set a goal, plan to achieve that goal, and finally to carry out their plan. Once a youth pays their investor back, they keep all of the money that they earn while also being encouraged to spend some, save some, and share some.



Anyone and everyone can be involved and have fun! The young entrepreneurs running their first lemonade stands will need mentors, investors, business partners, a location, and of course customers. Sponsors and volunteers will be needed to make Lemonade Day a success for our community, so everyone plays a role in its success.

Please support our young entrepreneurs by visiting their lemonade stands on Aug. 25. Post your photos on social media using the hashtag #CGLemonadeDay and we'll share as many as we can.

You can learn more about Lemonade Day and register your child to participate at:  
<https://lemonadeday.org/cottage-grove>

## I-494 Maxwell Avenue Ramp Closure Began August 7

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) began work on I-494 between Blaine Avenue and Hardman Avenue. The bridge deck over Concord Street/Highway 156 will be widened and resurfaced.

The westbound lanes on the I-494 bridge will be reduced from five to three lanes in the work zone and the Maxwell Avenue ramp to westbound I-494 will be closed. The detour for this ramp closure will be Bailey Road to eastbound I-494 to Lake Road and then back to westbound I-494.

Work is expected to be completed by fall 2019.

Motorists should expect delays and allow additional travel time.

More information, including contact information for MnDOT, can be found at the project website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494invergroveheights/>



**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.
- Aug 22 Budget Facebook Live**, 3 p.m. Online at [www.facebook.com/CottageGroveMinnesota](http://www.facebook.com/CottageGroveMinnesota)
- Aug 23 CE Skoolie Bus**, 4 to 6 p.m., Park Grove Library, free food and activities for kids.
- Sep 6 League of Women Voters Candidate Forum**, 7 to 9 p.m., City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S., Washington County Commissioner District 2 and 4 candidates
- Sep 11 League of Women Voters Candidate Forum**, 7 to 9 p.m., City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove City Council and Newport City Council
- Sep 13 League of Women Voters Candidate Forum**, 7 to 9 p.m., City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S., House District 54A and 54B
- Sep 21- Nov 5 Vote by Mail or In Person**
- Oct 13 Fire Department Open House**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 8641 80th St. S.
- Nov 6 Election Day**

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

**Oktoberfest Friends in Need Fundraiser**

Food and beverages, games, live music, a petting zoo, balloon artistry, face painting, henna tattoos, bingo, a silent auction, and more can be found at the 6th annual Oktoberfest fundraiser.

Dates: Sept. 23  
 Time: Noon – 4 p.m.  
 Cost: \$10–Adults/Teens, \$5–Ages 4-12, free–Ages 3 and under.  
 Admission includes brat or hot dog, chips, pop or water.  
*(Cash and checks only on site day of event.)*

Location: Historic Hope Glen Farm, 10276 E. Point Douglas Rd.

Tickets are available at the Friends in Need Food Shelf, St. Paul Park on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:30 to 7 p.m. or on site the day of the event.

The Friends in Need Food Shelf, started in 1992, is a community funded food shelf and nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation; # 41-1794212. The Friends in Need Food Shelf serves the residents of Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park, Newport and Grey Cloud Island. This past year they distributed more than 700,000 pounds of food and toiletries to more than 28,000 people.

**Fall Fashion and Variety Show Fundraiser**

Stone Soup Thrift Store’s annual Fall Fashion show has expanded to include a variety show.

Dates: Sept. 27  
 Time: 5:30 – 8 p.m.  
 Cost: \$15–Adults/Teens, \$7–Ages 4-12,  
*Day of event ticket prices increase to \$20 and \$10.*  
 Admission includes refreshments

Location: Historic John P. Furber Farm, 7310 Lamar Avenue S.

There will be musical, dance, and comedy performances with the fashion show beginning at 7:15 p.m. Attendees can find treasures at the pop-up shop, bid on silent auction items, and enjoy a chair massage.

Tickets are available at the Stone Soup Thrift Store, 950 3rd Street, St. Paul Park, or online <http://bit.ly/StoneSoupFashionShow>

Stone Soup, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been serving people in South Washington County for the past 20 years through its thrift shop that provides clothing, furniture, linens, household items, and much more at either no or low cost to Washington County residents in need. Stone Soup relies entirely on store sales, donations, grants, volunteers, and community support to help people with limited options for some of their basic needs to maintain a home.

**Spanish book club coming to Park Grove Library**

*¡Reunámonos para la próxima reunión del club de lectura en español! (Conducido en español.) Discutiremos La casa en Mango Street escrito por Sandra Cisneros. El club de lectura en español se reúne cada segundo sábado al mes a las diez y media de la mañana. ¿Preguntas? Llámenos en 651-459-2040.*

Thanks to a patron’s suggestion jotted at the bottom of an Adult Summer Reading activity card, the Park Grove Library will begin hosting a Spanish book club,

conducted in Spanish, and focusing on works by Spanish language authors.

The club will be largely run by its members. The group of interested attendees selected the titles from a list a librarian put together, choosing to focus initially on books written originally in Spanish by native authors, rather than books translated to Spanish from other languages.

For more information about the *Club de Lectura en Español*, call the Park Grove Library at 651-459-2040.

## Facebook LIVE Budget Open House



### We want to hear from you!

Cottage Grove has teamed up with Polco, a digital engagement tool, to hear your opinions on current ideas, initiatives, and issues facing the City.

You can participate by downloading the Polco app for Android or iOS, or by visiting [www.polco.us/cottagegovemn](http://www.polco.us/cottagegovemn). Your information is never shared and cannot be accessed by the City.

Once you sign up with Polco, you can answer questions the City posts. You will also have the option of subscribing to our Polco page to be notified whenever a new question is posted. Your answers generate organized input, helping to better inform local policy decisions.

We know that it is not always possible to attend a City Council meeting or visit City Hall to provide your opinions on topics. Through Polco, the City is making it easier for you to participate and provide feedback by meeting you where you are.

The My Future Cottage Grove community engagement project showed us that our residents are engaged, especially digitally, which led to a project recommendation that we continue to test and use digital engagement tools with residents. Additionally, one of the initiatives in the City's strategic direction (*Engaging the Community and Forming the Vision*) is to develop a plan for a community survey. Using Polco helps the City meet both objectives.

If you have questions about Polco, please contact Becky Ahlvin, Management Assistant, at [rahlvin@cottagegovemn.gov](mailto:rahlvin@cottagegovemn.gov) or 651-458-2814, or visit the City's website.



We're going live on Facebook to discuss the City's budget.

Join us and learn about the budget, where the money comes from, and what services it provides.

We'll take your questions and comments as we provide an update on Cottage Grove's proposed 2019 budget during this Facebook Live Budget Open House.

When: Aug. 22  
Time: 3–3:30 p.m.

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. Comments and questions can be typed at any time during the live session. Join in for a few minutes or stay the entire time. The video can be viewed on the City's Facebook page after the live event ends.

If you have specific questions on the budget please send an email to [cmohr@cottagegovemn.gov](mailto:cmohr@cottagegovemn.gov) by Aug. 20.

**Now Hiring**  
**Grill Cooks/Banquet Cooks**  
at River Oak Golf Course and Event Center.

Looking for a fun place to work and develop your culinary skills? Look no further! You just found it!



Experience: 2 years of previous line cook/prep experience in a restaurant or similar setting.  
Great pay and fun environment.  
Apply today!  
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11099 Highway 61 S., Cottage Grove, MN  
[www.riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://www.riveroaksmunigolf.com)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400

## Tiny Track and Field

The focus of this class will be the importance of staying active, taking turns, socializing with others, following directions and having fun. After stretching and warming up our bodies we will have fun trying the long jump, hurdles, throwing balls, high jump, and finish with an Olympics. All of the equipment will be provided. Parents are required to stay and participate.

Dates: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11  
 Time: 10 – 11 a.m.  
 Ages: 3 – 6  
 Cost: \$25  
 Location: Hamlet Park  
 Register by Sept. 6

## Junior Disc Golf League

Join us at Oakwood Park for a Junior Disk Golf League. Meet every Wednesday for six weeks, starting Sept. 12. Each game will match two opponents of similar age for 18 holes. All games start at the same time, starting holes will be given out on Wednesdays. The first day we will provide one disk to keep and will have prizes throughout the league.

Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17  
 Time: 5:30 p.m.  
 Ages: 9 – 15  
 Cost: \$40  
 Location: Oakwood Park  
 Register by Sept. 6

## Junior Tennis League

Join staff from the Recreation Department for a Junior Tennis League. Meet Tuesdays for six weeks, starting Sept. 18. Each set (six games) players will be pair up against someone of similar age. The first night will feature a summary of the rules, scoring, and scrimmages. The following nights, games will start at 6 or 7 p.m. A schedule will be posted after the first night. A tournament will be held the last night.

Dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23  
 Time: 6 or 7 p.m.  
 Ages: 9 – 15  
 Cost: \$50  
 Location: Highlands Park

## Mission Kids Glo Run: Light it up!

Participants will be given GLO items ahead of time along with other items to "light it up!" Wear your own glowing or neon attire for extra fun. Neon signs will guide runners on the approximately 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. Event will end no later than 8:30 p.m.

Dates: Sept. 21  
 Time: 7 p.m. with race start time of 7:30 p.m.  
 Ages: 6 – 12  
 Cost: \$15  
 Location: Colby Lake Park, Woodbury  
 Register by Sept. 6

## COTTAGE GROVE **Ice Arena**

Looking to rent ice?

[www.rinkfinder.com](http://www.rinkfinder.com) or 651-458-3400

Advertise at the Ice Arena

### 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 now 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.