



Cottage Grove Reports

Two New City Leaders; One Elected, One Appointed



Council Member Justin Olsen was sworn-in at the beginning of the November 20th City Council Meeting. Olsen won the City’s general election on November 5th and is ready to roll up his sleeves and get started. His past experience will certainly help him jump right in; Justin Olsen served on the Cottage Grove City Council from 2008 to 2016. For years he has been a staple in the community, serving on the City’s Public Safety, Health and Welfare Commission and the Economic Development Authority, not to mention his volunteer leadership working with the Strawberry Festival Committee, Lion’s Club and Cottage Grove Athletic Association.

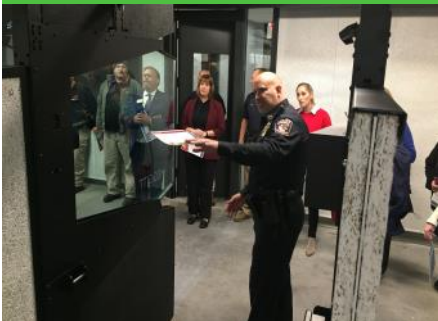
The Council also authorized the hiring of a new Community Development Director. Ben Boike will begin his new role in late December. Boike was previously employed by the City of West St. Paul, where he served as an Assistant Community Development Director and City Planner. As Cottage Grove’s Community Development Director, he’ll lead the City’s planning process while supervising the planning, building inspections and code enforcement divisions. We are excited to welcome Ben Boike to the team!



HERO
TRAINING CENTER
COTTAGE GROVE • WOODBURY

You are cordially invited to the **Grand Opening of the HERO Training Center**, a first responder training facility located right next to City Hall on 85th Street. Join elected officials and law enforcement leaders from all levels of government as we celebrate the opening of the East Metro’s state-of-the-art training complex, complete with a 50-yard firearms range that will be open to the public, at discounted rates for Cottage Grove and Woodbury residents. Both cities jointly own and operate the facility.

**HERO Training Center
Grand Opening Celebration
Tuesday, January 14th
5 p.m. —8 p.m.**



We’re Hiring and our Upcoming City Job Fair Offers ‘One Stop Shopping’

December 30th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Part-time, seasonal and intern positions available for 2020
- Meet with employers, complete applications and interview for jobs all in one spot
- Bring resume, 3 references and information on previous jobs

Positions Available:
Eagles Bar & Grill, Economic Development, Fire Department, Ice Arena, Parks, Police Reserves & Explorers, Public Works Streets, Recreation, River Oaks Golf Course Pro Shop & Maintenance

Tis' the Season for Winter Reminders



Clear Snow Away From Hydrants

When firefighters respond to a house fire, time is of the essence. If you have a hydrant on your property, please remember to keep 3 feet of clear space around it, as required by MN Fire Code section 507.5.5. The members of the CGFD thank you in advance. There are more than 1,700 fire hydrants in the City of Cottage Grove!

Parking and Trash Can Reminders

- Don't forget to place garbage and recycling containers at the end of your driveway, not in the street
- Winter parking rules are in effect. No on-street parking is allowed between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., regardless of whether it is snowing. On-street parking is allowed at all other times if the vehicle doesn't interfere with snow and ice removal



Nine Year Old Mayors Take Charge at City Hall



Congratulations to "Mayor for a Day" essay contest winners Olive Maki and Sarah York. Both are 9 year old girl scouts who love the City they live in and have a passion for making it even better. Olive (wearing glasses) submitted an essay focusing on the environment and tree preservation. She also brought her idea for a "Kid Patrol" right to Police Chief Koerner.



Sarah (wearing gray) built her political platform on helping others, spreading kindness to all of our neighbors and providing hugs for public safety workers. Olive and Sarah impressed staff members as they visited the police and fire departments, took a ride in a plow truck, hosted a press conference and addressed the City Council during its monthly meeting.



Come Along as Cottage Grove Heads for the Hill

At the beginning of each year, City leaders check in with elected officials at the State Capitol. This year, we're inviting residents along for the ride! "Cottage Grove Day on the Hill" offers you the chance to take a bus trip from City Hall to the State Capitol, tour the magnificent building and join a roundtable/townhall discussion with elected State Representatives Tony Jurgens and Anne Clafin and State Senator Karla Bigham.

To sign up, please email Chris Hetland at chetland@cottagegrovemn.gov. There is no cost to attend the event, but sign up sooner than later, as space on the bus is limited.

Cottage Grove Day on the Hill

Saturday, January 25th

Bus will leave Cottage Grove City Hall at 9:30 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m.

Join us if you can!



This November Mayor Bailey asked residents to provide their addresses so they could share their holiday spirit and residents definitely delivered! Take some time this winter to see the wonderful decorations and lights throughout the City of Cottage Grove! The addresses included below correspond to the lights on the map and they're arranged in a convenient route to drive. These were the addresses supplied when we went to print, so please log on to cottagesgrovemn.gov/winterlights for the most up-to-date list!

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| 1. 6220 Hearthstone Ave. S. | 2. 6649 Homestead Ave. Ct. | 3. 9636 66th St. S. | 4. 7135 Hidden Valley Trail S. |
| 5. 9055 Indian Blvd. S. | 6. 9658 Indian Blvd. S. | 7. 7590 Hyde Ave. S. | 8. 7682 Immanuel Ave. S. |
| 9. 7813 Irish Ave. S. | 10. 7788 Jasmine Ave. S. | 11. 8020 Jensen Ave. S. | 12. 8865 83rd St. Ct. S. |
| 13. 9467 83rd St. S. | 14. 8492 Goodview Ave. S. | 15. 8500 Hilo Trail S. | 16. 8664 88th St. S. |
| 17. 8683 Janero Ave. S. | 18. 7397 99th St. S. | 19. 8300 Kimbro Ave. S. | 20. 11570 Layton Ave. S. |

PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information call 651-458-3400

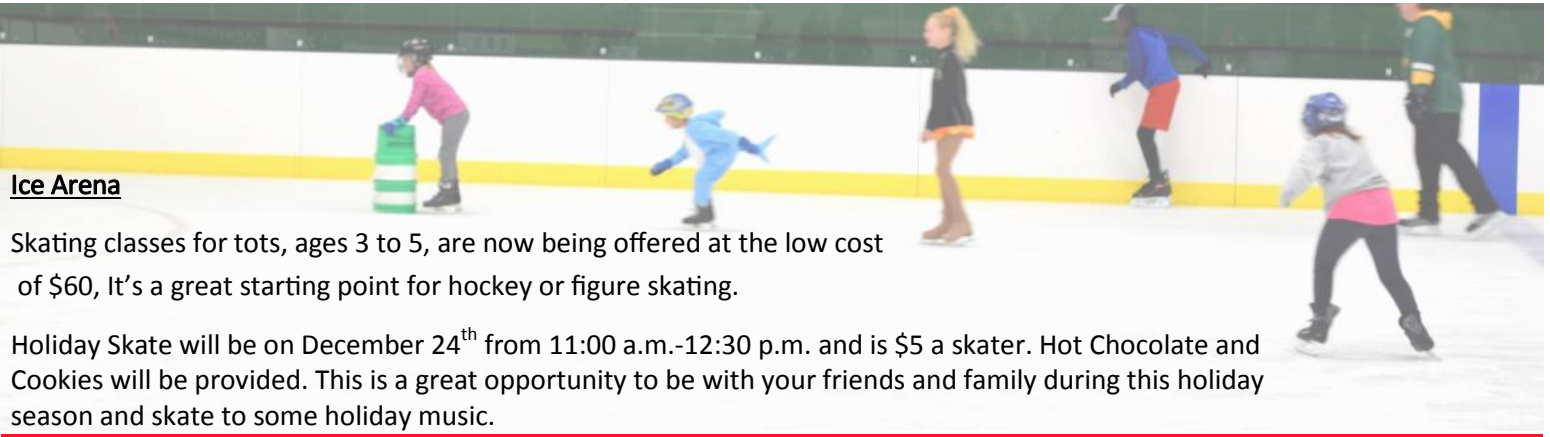
Warming Houses Opening Soon

The City of Cottage Grove has six outdoor ice skating rinks with adjacent warming house facilities. They are scheduled to open December 26, 2019. The six warming houses are located at Hamlet Park, Hearthside Park, Highlands Park, Peter Thompson Park, Pine Tree Valley Park, and Woodridge Park.

More information, including hours of operation, can be found at cottagegrovemn.gov/warminghouses

Winter Break Bash

Bring your winter gear to play outside. We will be playing games, making crafts, watching movies and having lots of fun! Be sure to bring your lunch. Pre-registration is required for this program. This is for children ages 5 and older on December 26, 27, 30, 31 at 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. It is \$22 per day at Peter Thompson Park.



Ice Arena

Skating classes for tots, ages 3 to 5, are now being offered at the low cost of \$60, It's a great starting point for hockey or figure skating.

Holiday Skate will be on December 24th from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and is \$5 a skater. Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be provided. This is a great opportunity to be with your friends and family during this holiday season and skate to some holiday music.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS? — Still looking for some last-minute gift ideas? Consider purchasing that special someone a River Oaks gift card! A River Oaks gift card is the perfect gift for anyone who enjoys golfing, going out to eat, or supporting their community. Gift cards can be purchased online at riveroaksmunigolf.com and may be used in the Pro Shop or Club House.

WINE DINNER (December 28th) — Are you looking for something to get you out of the house this winter? Well, join us this December for one of our wine dinners featuring Cracked Barrel Winery! Enjoy a savory four-course meal prepared by our Executive Chef with each course paired with a different glass of wine from Cracked Barrel. The dinner is \$45 per person or a table of 8 for \$345.

BEER DINNER (January 24th) — Are you a fan of trying new, different, and unique craft beers? Well, join us this January for one of our beer dinners featuring Bent Brewstillery! Enjoy a savory four-course meal prepared by our Executive Chef with each course paired with a different glass of beer from Bent Brewstillery. The dinner is \$45 per person or a table of 8 for \$345.

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Golf Course & Event Center

