Skateboard Competition
3rd Lair is hosting a skateboard competition this Summer. This event will consist of four divisions (8 and under, ages 9-12, 13 and up, and expert). It’s going to be a great, free event for all levels of skateboarders. Organizers will add in more fun in the evening; a DJ will entertain the crowd and 3rd Lair is offering prizes. The event is at Hamlet Park on August 9. You can register on site at 5:00 p.m. before the contest starts at 6:00 p.m.

Pop Up Splash Pad
Come and cool off at our final Pop-Up Splash Pad this summer. The event will start with a water balloon toss followed by 15 minutes of “water spray” from the Cottage Grove Fire Department. We end with a frozen treat and the event is absolutely free!

August 22 • Woodridge Park - 2 p.m.

Celebrating the Arts In Cottage Grove
Are you an artist or poet looking to show off your work? Submit your work to the Arts Commission’s new Public Art on Display program! Starting in October, the Arts Commission will review the submitted works and display the winning submissions in City Hall conference rooms. Winning artists are also featured on the City’s social media accounts and website.

Skate Lessons
The Cottage Grove Skate School offers lessons for skaters of all ages and abilities year round during a fun filled 9 week course. Classes range from the Learn to Skate Program designed to prepare participants for recreation skating, figure skating, hockey and speed skating, to Advanced Figure Skating Lessons from ISI Certified Instructors. The first lessons start on September 9th. Visit https://www.cottagegrovenm.gov/departments/parks_tr_road/iceskate/iceskate_arena.php to find out more.

Mission Kids Glo Run: Light it up!
A run in the dark? Sweet! 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 one-mile route. After your run, test your skills in the Cottage Grove Fire Department. We end with a frozen treat and the event is absolutely free!

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Booming Business Park; Renewal by Andersen Doubling in Size
The band was playing, the entire Renewal by Andersen team was outside the building and there was plenty to be excited about. It’s not everyday Governor Tim Walz and US Congresswoman Angie Craig spend the morning in Cottage Grove, but the news announced on July 22nd was big. Renewal by Andersen broke ground on a $35 million investment and expansion that will bring a new building to the Cottage Grove Business Park; it’ll also create more than 125 jobs over the next 3 years. “All of the things that come together here; good employers, strong community and a commitment to diversity in creating a workplace that is valued, and continues to rank very highly, is something to be proud of,” Gov. Walz told Renewal employees, state officials, Mayor Bailey and Cottage Grove City Council Members. The expansion means Renewal by Andersen will be the City’s largest private employer, and it comes on the heels of expansion projects within the business park at American Distribution and Manufacturing, Werner Electric, Up North Plastics, Airgas and North Star Sheets. “This is a good place for us to do business. They’ve been very helpful; the City Council, the Mayor’s Office, DEED (the State of Minnesota’s Department of Employment and Economic Development),” explained Renewal by Andersen’s President Paul Delahunt. “It’s been a great partnership with our company to be able to build here and thrive here.” The minute the band stopped playing, crews just a stone’s throw away fired up their heavy equipment. Renewal, and Opus Development, hope to have the 350,000 square foot facility and project completed by the end of the year.

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Mayor/Myron Baley, Council Members: Steve Dennis, Wayne Bon, LaRae Miller, Dave Thielke.
Senior Transportation Bus Loop Seeks Sponsors

It will cost DARTS $25,000 to run the service. The City, as a gold level sponsor, has dedicated $5,000 in funding. The committee continues to seek sponsors who will donate to the project. If you’re interested in more information, or becoming a sponsor, contact Economic Development Specialist Matt Wolf at 651-458-2833. DARTS operates similar bus routes in Hastings, Lakeville, Stillwater and West St. Paul. Cottage Grove’s bus would circulate on Tuesdays, during the day.

Please join the Cottage Grove Fire Department August 24 and 25 at Cub Foods for the annual “Fill the Boot” Campaign. Firefighters will be at the store between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., both days, to collect funds for MDA. All of the money locally raised will help send children affected by Muscular Dystrophy to MDA’s Camp Courage for a week, where they participate in several outdoor activities with the help of individual counselors. Nationally, firefighters have been teaming up with MDA for more than 65 years and last year more than 100,000 firefighters helped raise $20 million to support research and care centers. They also sent more than 3,800 kids to a life-changing week at MDA summer camp, at no charge to their families.

Anyone Up for a Game of Bocce? Head to River Oaks

Right? River Oaks Golf Course built 2 bocce ball courts last fall, and they’re already pretty popular. People started tossing bocce balls in 5000 BC, now you can play in the dark! Glow golf is back at River Oaks Golf Course & Event Center! We start with dinner at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Bar & Grill and ask for the grill at 651-438-3627. One final option (which we see more and more people taking advantage of) is for a fee, you can reserve the courts for a party, combining the game with meals and/or drinks. Several clubs and businesses in Cottage Grove have found this option is great for “team building” exercises. If you’d like a head start on impressing the boss, the small, white target ball is called a pallino. Now all you have to do is pitch one close to the target!