



# Cottage Grove Reports

## Important Public Works Dates to Keep in Mind

### *Street Sweeping Week of April 5*

Crews will begin sweeping streets the week of April 5, weather permitting. Please sweep sand from your boulevards on to the street before crews come through, and make sure you park your vehicles in your driveways.

### *Hydrant Flushing Week of April 12*

Flushing will begin the week of April 12, weather permitting. Water may discolor briefly, but it is safe to drink. Also, it may stain fabrics so check for signs of discoloration before using the water to wash clothes. If your water is discolored, run cold through all your taps until it 's clear. Questions? Call Public Works at **651-458-2808**.

### *Buckthorn Pickup: April 28/29*

If you're trying to get rid of pesky buckthorn on your property, our Public Works teams will come by and pick it up for you (no brush though). Just let us know by 3 p.m. on April 23, put the buckthorn on the curb and we'll haul it away on the 28th or 29th, weather permitting. Call Tammy at 651-458-2807 to schedule a pickup!

## State-funded, City-facilitated "Ion Exchange" Water Treatment Pilot Study Shows Promising Results



In early 2020, the City partnered with the State and Minneapolis-based Stantec to test a resin-based water treatment system to remove PFAS from water. The \$800,000 study is fully funded through the 3M Settlement; researchers are about halfway through the two year study and are already reporting promising results in the effectiveness, efficiency, and quite possibly, the cost of removing PFAS. Every week, workers send water samples comparing the current carbon-based process and the resin-based process to Johns Hopkins University in

Baltimore, Maryland. The ion-exchange process has been approved in other states, so the final results of our Cottage Grove study may not only benefit the City, but the entire State. The side-by-side comparison, conducted on the Well #3 site, has been effective in helping scientists gather data. We should note water from the pilot study does not go into the City's water system. We'll keep you updated on the project's progress!



## City's Spring Cleanup Event is Back; Get Ready for May 1st!

You may want to take out more than the papers this spring, and if you've got some hard-to-get-rid-of trash, we've got good news for you! The Public Works Department will take that trash off your hands. Bring it to the Public Works Garage (8635 W. Pt. Douglas Rd. S.) on May 1; we'll be accepting most items, including electronics, for a small disposal fee. The crew will also take larger items like hot water heaters, sofas and appliances for \$10. Mattresses and box springs will be \$20 each. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept hazardous materials, but the County has you covered.

Those items can be brought to the Washington County Environmental Center (4039 Cottage Grove Dr. in Woodbury). For more information on Cottage Grove's Spring Cleanup, call Public Works at **651-458-2808** or visit [cottagegrovemn.gov](http://cottagegrovemn.gov).



### Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation Looking for New Members

If you're interested in history and preserving Cottage Grove's past, have we got a position for you! The Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is looking for a few new members. The committee meets every other month. The ACHP is a voluntary advisory group designated as the heritage preservation commission for the City. Work includes designating historic sites, landmarks and districts and surveying cultural resources. If you are interested in applying, visit [cottagegovemn.gov](http://cottagegovemn.gov) and type in "ACHP" in the search bar at the top of the page.

### Now Accepting Applications for the Public Safety Board's 2021 Education Scholarship

The Cottage Grove Public Safety Board is currently accepting applications for the Annual Craig Woolery Scholarship, which is named after the former Public Safety Director and honors his 34 years of service. The fund was created by current City Council Member Justin Olsen as a way to support youth and public safety. City residents pursuing post-secondary education in public safety are eligible for the \$500 scholarship, awarded on June 30th. The deadline to submit applications is May 1. You'll find more information on the Public Safety Board's page at [cottagegovemn.gov](http://cottagegovemn.gov).

### Softball Season is Right Around the Corner; Register Your Team at [cottagegovemn.gov](http://cottagegovemn.gov) Today!

#### Men's League Play Begins April 28

- Registration Deadline: April 14/\$550
- Early Bird Deadline: March 24/\$525
- Games are Wednesdays from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- 10-team maximum and registration is done on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Any questions? Contact our Recreation Supervisor at **651-458-3412** or **[bmuckenhirn@cottagegovemn.gov](mailto:bmuckenhirn@cottagegovemn.gov)**

#### 2021 Strawberry Fest Men's Softball Tournament: June 19, 2021

- Registration Deadline: June 16/\$180
- Early Bird Deadline: June 1/\$160
- 16 teams, 1 day of "Round Robin" Pool Play
- 3 game guarantee
- Cash payouts dependent on the number of teams registered

### CGFD: "100% of House Fires in Last Two Years Started in Garages"



While many residents enjoy using their garages as work spaces, you can create a dangerous potential for fire if you're not careful. Garage fires can quickly spread to homes, or potentially even you neighbor's home, depending on the weather conditions. The Cottage Grove Fire Department, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and the State Fire Marshal's Office, would like to share the following fire prevention information:

#### Did you know?

- You should not use an extension cord when charging an appliance or tool. Plug the charger directly into an outlet.
- Oil and stain-soaked rags can spontaneously combust if improperly stored. Hang rags outside until they are fully dried. Do not throw soaked rags into a pile until they are completely dry.

#### Garage Fire Safety

- Working on a project involving oil, gasoline, paints, propane or other flammable materials? Make sure there is proper ventilation.
- Store flammable liquids in labeled containers—and only in small amounts. Keep the containers away from heaters, appliances, pilot lights and other sources of heat or flame.
- Charging a tool? Only plug one charging tool into an outlet at a time. Unplug the tool and charge when not in use.



## Practice Like the Pros: River Oaks Offering “Toptracer Range” this Golf Season

Toptracer Range, the same technology used on televised golf tournaments to track the shots of the game’s best players, will transform the everyday driving range experience at River Oaks starting this spring! With Toptracer Range you can compete against friends, play virtual courses and receive instant shot feedback right on your phone.

It’s really simple to get set up; all golfers need to do is download the Toptracer Range App on their phone, scan a provided QR Code, select “Play Mobile” and then select “Locate Position.” You’ll be able to compete against your friends right next to you on the range, or folks at other ranges across the country equipped with Toptracer technology.



### River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center

11099 South Highway 61 (651) 438-2121 [riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://riveroaksmunigolf.com)

The crew at River Oaks is tired of working in the garage. As soon as Mother Nature gives us the go, we’ll welcome golfers back to the course. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for up-to-date opening information, but in the meantime, visit our website or call the pro shop and start signing up for leagues and lessons for 2021. We have something for everyone!

### Lots of Lessons & Clinics

#### Women’s Beginner Five-Week Clinic (\$125)

Learn to play in a “no pressure” atmosphere! We’re offering sessions on Mondays (5-6 p.m.), Wednesdays (10:30-11:30 a.m.) and Saturdays (10:30-11:30 a.m.) from Mid-May to the end of June or Mid-June to Mid-August.

#### Adult Beginner Five-Week Clinic (\$125)

Open to anyone eager to learn, or get back into golf. Sessions run Mid-May to the end of June or Mid-June through Mid-August and occur on Mondays (6:15-7:15 p.m.), Wednesdays (11:45-12:45 p.m.) or Saturdays (11:45-12:45 p.m.)

#### Adult On Course Lessons (\$25/lesson)

Geared towards folks returning to the game and looking for a relaxed atmosphere. Lessons will be held on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. from May to August.

#### Junior Try-It Lessons (\$25/lesson)

Kids looking to give golf a try? Lessons available for ages 6-11, running every other Friday from May 14 to August 20.

#### Junior Five-Week Clinics (\$100)

Learn the basics and fundamentals and have fun doing it! We’re offering clinics for ages 6-10 and 11-15. Sessions run Tuesday evenings, Wednesday mornings or Saturday mornings either between Mid-May and the end of June or

### Find the League for You!

**Senior Men’s League:** This league has been going strong since the course opened in 1991! Senior Men (55+) play on both Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., from April 13 until October 13.

**Tuesday Evening Couples League:** The league is hosted on Tuesday evenings between 5 and 6 p.m. and you get to choose your foursome.

**Wednesday Women’s League:** No matter what your experience level, you’re welcome to join! Tee times are from 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday.

**Thursday Ladies League:** This league is also celebrating its 30-year anniversary in 2021. Ladies League participants golf from 7-9 a.m. on Thursday mornings, starting on May 6 and wrapping up play on September 26.

**Saturday Morning Men’s Club:** Tee times are set up on Saturday mornings from 7 to 10 a.m. beginning April 24 until the “King of the Hill” event on October 9.

**Wednesday Juniors Intro League:** Formerly known as the “Chili-Dippers”, this fun group for kids (ages 7-11) plays on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Thursday Juniors Competitive League:** For juniors ages 12-17 looking for a little competition, this league takes place on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.





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## Cottage Grove Parks & Recreation and Ice Arena

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### Learn to Skate Spring Sessions (March 21 Through May 9)

Pre-registration required. Details can be found at [cottagegrovemn.gov](http://cottagegrovemn.gov) or by calling (651) 458-3400

#### Spring Sessions (Sundays: March 21 & 28, April 11, 18 & 25, May 2 & 9)

**Skating Tots from 4:00 to 4:25 p.m. (\$52)** To minimize the spread of germs and non-family contact with our coaches, an adult (16+) must be on the ice with each registered skater. Adults must wear skates and youth must wear a bike/hockey helmet. Coaches will be delivering lessons and providing instruction, but each skater's adult will be responsible for helping them. This class is for skaters ages 4-7 who have never skated before or cannot stand on the ice on their own. They will play games as they develop skills needed to balance and move across the ice.

**Level 1 from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. (\$63)** Skaters ages 5-8, who have minimal skating experience, will learn the proper way to fall and get up, hopping and how to make A's and V's.

**Level 2 from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. (\$63)** Skaters ages 7 and older who are able to stand on the ice without assistance or skaters who have passed Level 1. Skaters will learn forward swizzles, two-foot glides, backward wiggle and stops.

**Level 3 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. (\$63)** Skaters who have completed Level 2 will learn backward swizzles, hockey turns, forward slalom and semi-spiral.

**Level 4 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. (\$63)** Skaters who have completed Level 3 will learn backward slalom, one-foot glides, 3-step crossovers, backward glides (two feet) and pump circles.

## Cottage Grove's Egg Hunt Scheduled for March 27

Join in on the fun as the Cottage Grove Recreation Department hosts a series of egg hunts at **Woodridge Park on March 27**. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 40 children per session, though additional sessions may be added depending on registration numbers. Sessions begin at 10 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and the cost is \$5 per participant. Collect ten eggs and redeem them for a prize and parents, make sure you bring your camera for pictures with the bunny! Registration details can be found at [cottagegrovemn.gov](http://cottagegrovemn.gov).

