



Cottage Grove Reports

Mayor Bailey Takes On Other Leaders Across the Country for the National Water Conservation Challenge

Public Works Round-Up

Sod Damage from Plows?

If your boulevard grass was damaged by a snowplow this winter, workers will repair the damage with black dirt and grass seed. Repairs are typically performed in May. Call Public Works at (651) 458-2808 to report any damage.

Compost Site Now Open

Rumpca Companies' site, located at 9600 Glendening Road, is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (651) 459-1556 for more information.

Buckthorn Pick-Up

Let us know by 3 p.m. on April 23rd if you'd like crews to come by and pick up your buckthorn on the curb (no brush though) free of charge on April 28 or 29, weather permitting. Call (651) 458-2808 to schedule a pickup!

Compost Bins Still Available

You can still pick up a free compost bucket for your food scraps at our Public Works facility or City Hall. When you toss your bagged scraps in the dumpster behind Public Works (95th and Irvin Avenue), you'll find free, compostable replacement bags.



This month, the City of Cottage Grove is competing in the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The City is up against other municipalities across the country with populations between 31,000 and 99,999. Mayor Bailey is hoping you'll support the cause by taking a quick, free and easy pledge online. Just log on to mywaterpledge.com, select our City and take the pledge promising to help conserve water. The City of Cottage Grove uses approximately 3.2 million gallons of water on a daily basis and approximately 30 to 50% of our water pumped is used for lawn irrigation.

- 71% of the earth's surface is covered by water but only 3% of Earth's water is freshwater.
- Americans use about 400 billion gallons of water per day, with each American using approximately 100 gallons of water daily. Residential Europeans use about half as much water as their American counterparts.
- A running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day.
- You can save up to four gallons of water per day by turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
- At one drip per second, a faucet can leak 3,000 gallons per year.
- Taking a 5-10 minute shower uses 10-25 gallons of water, but taking a bath requires up to 70 gallons of water.

City Offering Significant Savings on Smart Irrigation Controllers

If you don't have a smart irrigation controller yet, the City has a great deal for you. Once again, we'll be selling Rachio 3 controllers (8 or 16 zone) for \$35. These systems, which require wifi and are run through an app, normally retail for \$230. The controller links to weather forecasts and rain reports to make sure your lawn receives enough water, but not too much. Visit cottagegrovemn.gov/smartcontroller for details, and to apply.



City Not Immune to Catalytic Converter Theft Trend



Since the beginning of the year, investigators have received 26 reports of catalytic converter thefts in the City. According to the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI), thousands are stolen every day in the US and thieves are making between \$50 and \$875 per converter, depending on the precious metal content. Most catalytic converters do not have serial numbers, making it difficult for law enforcement to prove it's been stolen. The IAATI, in partnership with the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Inc., is urging motorists to mark their converters, either through engraving marking or by using a "catalytic converter safe label solution." Another option is to ask the employee at an auto body shop if they can provide a marking. Investigators hope this campaign asking vehicle owners to mark their catalytic converters will help deter thefts and prevent hundreds more from becoming victims. If you are a victim, or have any information that may help investigators, contact Det. Ziebarth at (651) 458-6031 or jziebarth@cottagegrovemn.gov.

Home Improvement Plans this Spring? Check the City's Website!

If home improvement projects are on your spring "to do list," make sure you visit the City's website for more information regarding residential permitting, including online permitting options. Our building inspectors are ready to review plans and help you accomplish your goals, especially if you're working on decks, accessory structures/sheds, driveways, home additions or interior home remodels.



Log on to cottagegrovemn.gov and type a key word into the search bar. You'll find contact information online if you have further questions!

CGFD Asks Residents to be Careful with Outdoor Recreational Fires

While outdoor recreation fires and fire pits can bring families and friends together, campfire mishaps can also cause injuries. The Cottage Grove Fire Department asks you to please follow a few simple safety tips to prevent injuries and accidents:

- The size of a fire should be no more than three feet wide and two feet high.
- The fire should be no closer than 25 feet from any structures or other combustibles.
- If the fire is in an approved enclosure, like an outdoor fire place or a substantial pit, the fire should be no closer than 15 feet from structures or other combustibles.
- Never use gasoline or other combustible liquids to help ignite a fire.
- Wind speeds should not be more than 15 miles per hour.
- Campfires are not for disposal. Open burning for disposal in the City does require a permit.



- Have a three foot "kids free zone" around the fire.
- Be sure to have accessible means to extinguish the fire, such as a garden hose or fire extinguisher.
- Always be in attendance of a campfire until it is extinguished.
- If your clothes catch on fire "STOP, DROP & ROLL."
- Treat a burn right away with cool water and cover it with a clean, dry cloth. Call 9-1-1 if needed.
- If roasting marshmallows, help young children and keep in mind that heated metal skewers can cause burns.



Cottage Grove Ice Arena
8020 80th Street South (651) 458-3400

The Cottage Grove Ice Arena is welcoming skaters back and we have something for kids and adults of all ages and abilities! COVID protocols are in place and our events remain in compliance with state guidelines. Pre-registration is required for all skate sessions and you can sign up to participate online at cottagemn.gov. Type skate into the search bar.

Stick & Puck—Saturdays (\$10)

These sessions are for practice skating, stick handling and shooting. Skaters 18 and younger must wear a helmet; 10 and under must have parent present. Sessions available on **April 17 and 24** from 2:30-3:30 p.m.



Cosmic Skate—Saturdays (\$5)

Bring your friends and family for an out-of-this-world experience on the ice. We'll turn the overhead lights off, flip on the party lights and crank the music. Cosmic Skate events will be held on **April 17 and 24** from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Open Skate—Sundays (\$5)

The sessions are great for exercising, practice skating and having fun! Rental skates are available for \$4. Two "Open Skate" sessions are available this month, on **April 18 and 25**. Both sessions run from 2:45-3:45 p.m.



River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center
11099 South Highway 61 (651) 438-2121 riveroaksmunigolf.com

We're open and ready for a great golf season. Please visit our website to sign up for leagues and lessons; we have a lot of different options available. Also, we'd like to thank the hundreds of families and friends for helping make this year's Fish Fry season one of our best ever!



2021 Bocce "Try-It" Lessons

Learn the rules of the game, how to play and compete against other beginners during these fun lessons. They're offered every other Friday beginning **May 21 through August 13** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. It's \$25 per lesson, which includes a food item off the menu. Sign up at riveroaksmunigolf.com today!

Toptracer Range System Will Be Up and Running in May

Work continues on outfitting our range with Toptracer technology, which will give golfers access to state-of-the-art technology on their smartphones. Statistics and games are available on this "the ultimate practice tool." We can't wait for visitors to take advantage of this data-driven experience.



Now Offering Lessons with our Teaching Professional

We're proud to introduce Scott Anderson, our teaching professional now offering private lessons, lesson bundles and swing analysis. Scott has a lot of experience and wants to help you succeed and have fun playing golf! You can sign up for lessons on our website.



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Cottage Grove Parks & Recreation

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Made for Mudding? Kids Mud Run Scheduled for June 5



Join Cottage Grove and Woodbury Parks and Recreation as we partner to offer this annual event. Participants will find army crawls, slack lines, running ramps, net climbs, tire runs, spider webs, rock walls, hanging noodles and swings around every corner of this forest experience. The route will be staffed as racers complete 20+ obstacles throughout Oakwood Park, ending with the mud pit! This event is for ages 6-12 and will be held on **June 5** at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$20. Visit the City's website to sign up.

Find a "Reel" Fun Adventure at Hidden Valley Pond Fishing Camp

Ever curious about what's living under the water in Hidden Valley Pond? This camp is open to anyone interested in fishing and wanting to learn more about what makes up the pond system. Equipment will be provided. Each participant receives a small tackle box of gear to keep and the kids will learn how to use the equipment by rigging their own lines and using all of their tackle. Learn from an experienced fisherman on how to safely cast, tie fishing knots and identify fish. The camp is for children ages 7-10 and runs from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on **June 15, 22, 29 and July 6**. Go to cottagegrovemn.gov for details and registration.



Time for Tennis: Sign Up for Youth Lessons Today



These lessons are structured so participants can learn skills, practice techniques and have fun! It's a great introduction to the life-long sport of tennis. Racquets are provided for those taking lessons. This program is for kids ages 7-12 and the cost is \$40. Tennis lessons run from 2:00—3:00 p.m. on **June 10, 17, 24 and July 1**. Please log on to the City's website to sign up. Looking forward to seeing you out on the court!