



Cottage Grove Reports

Spring has Sprung; Residents and Staff Members Working Hard to Keep Cottage Grove Clean and Beautiful

Water: What You Need to Know

City Watering Policy

- If your house number ends on an even number, water on even-numbered calendar days; odd house numbers water on odd days.
- Watering is only allowed before noon or after 4 p.m. on “your” day to water.
- No watering is allowed on the 31st of the month.

Watering Exemptions

- Hand watering flower beds, washing vehicles and water toys used by kids are exempt from odd-even rules.
- Watering lawns and landscaping for the first 30 days after establishing, or planting of new lawns (or landscaping) is permitted. But, you will need a permit from Public Works.

Pay Your Utility Bill Online

- Looking for a fast, easy, secure and eco-friendly way to pay your utility bill? The City is encouraging people to pay online. Visit cottagegrovemn.gov/utilitybill. If you'd like to pay your bill by phone, just call 1-844-855-0025.



April showers bring May flowers, but the month also brings out the best in our volunteers, who keep our parks beautiful. Many thanks to those who spent a sunny Saturday getting the 14 acre WAG Farms Dog Park ready for the season. Also, we salute the 40 plus people who volunteered to clean up Hamlet Park, which includes sponsors from Invictus Brewing, Grove Nutrition, Burggraf's Ace Hardware and Hagen Total Lawn. Thank you Cottage Grove!



While the City couldn't host its annual Arbor Day Celebration, the forestry team delivered 120 bare-root trees to residents' doorsteps. Thank you to the residents who applied and entered our random drawing in April.



We also hope residents have the chance to check out the 40 trees the Parks team planted in Hemingway Park on April 28. The crew put in a variety of species throughout the park. Cottage Grove remains a proud member of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program.

Spring Clean-Up Day Success!

After a year hiatus, the Public Works team was able to host its annual Spring Clean-Up Day on May 1. 900 vehicles came through, keeping the 30 plus employees busy as they collected hundreds of “hard-to-get-rid-of-items.” The crew reports mattresses were by far the most popular item folks wanted to get rid of this year!



CGPD Accepting Applications for Police Explorer Program

The Police Explorer program is a great opportunity for those interested in a law enforcement career to gain valuable experience. Explorers train weekly (from burglary response to first aid to hostage negotiations), compete against other agencies and engage with community members.

Applicants must be between 14 and 20 years old and be a resident of Cottage Grove, or a Park H.S. student/graduate. For more information email Ofc. Strehlo at jstrehlo@cottagegrovemn.gov.

Unemployment Fraud

The CGPD is taking several calls each day regarding letters residents are receiving in the mail, alerting them about unemployment benefits they didn't sign up for. State authorities are investigating this fraudulent practice (identity theft) and encourage people to fill out an online fraud form. You can find the form and more information on the MN Unemployment Insurance website at uimn.org. Just type fraud into the search bar.

Yard Sign Reminder!

Just a friendly reminder signs (garage sale, grad party) are not allowed in the right-of-way, roundabouts or attached to existing traffic signs. If you're unsure where you should place a sign, please call (651) 458-2808.

Community Center Referendum Spotlight: Connectivity



This month we're beginning a series of articles in the CG Reports aimed at providing you with all the information you need regarding this November's referendum question on a potential Community Center in Cottage Grove. We'll dive into specific amenities and individual tax impact in the coming issues; this month we're exploring the Center's possible "connectivity" to the rest of the City. The proposed location is across County Road 19 (Keats Ave.) from Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park. Plans call for a paved pedestrian/bicycle underpass to connect the two. The Center would also connect to the rest of the City's parks through Cottage Grove's extensive trail system. The

Community Center would be located within the Shoppes at Cottage View development site, a 74-acre plan calling for high density housing, retail/office space, restaurants and entertainment options. The proposed connectivity offers a place to enjoy nature, arts, shopping and sporting/recreational activities with the potential to spur economic growth and increase the City's tax base. In future CG Reports we'll feature the proposed sports dome/walking track, 50-meter pool and outdoor aquatic center, indoor playground and the possible taxpayer implications of November's referendum question.



Pavement Replacement Slated this Summer for Jamaica Avenue



As part of Cottage Grove's 2021 Pavement Management Project, Jamaica Avenue (between 80th Street and Indian Boulevard) will undergo a full pavement replacement, which includes spot curb work and minor utility maintenance.

Work will be completed in two phases in an effort to maintain continuous traffic flow in both directions. During construction there will be lane closures and lane shifts marked by traffic control measures to help vehicles navigate the area. Work is anticipated to begin in mid-summer and last approximately two months. For more information visit cottagegrovemn.gov/2021pm. The City thanks residents and motorists for their patience and apologizes for any inconvenience construction may cause.



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

Learn-to-Skate Program

Designed for recreational or figure skating or aspiring hockey players; class costs range from \$60-71. There are several levels of classes. Coaches deliver lessons and instruction for skaters in a fun and encouraging environment.

Classes are on Mondays between June 14 and August 16 on the South Rink.

- 6:00-6:25 p.m. Tots
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. Levels 1 and 2
- 7:00-7:30 p.m. Levels 3 and 4
- 7:30-8:00 p.m. Alpha-Delta levels

Mark Your Calendars: Kayak Rentals Return May 28th

Back by popular demand and beginning May 28, the PaddleShare program will return to Hazen P. Mooers Park (10865 Grey Cloud Trail S). You can reserve your kayak online, just log on to cottagegrovemn.gov and type kayak into the search bar. Kayaks cost \$10/hour for single kayaks and \$15/hour for a double kayak. Paddles and lifejackets are included in the rental. Looking forward to seeing you on the river.



River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center

11099 South Highway 61 (651) 438-2121 riveroaksmunigolf.com



Now Booking Bocce Ball Leagues

If you and your friends are looking to set up a Bocce Ball League, we're here to help! We've got four "top-of-the-line" courts for you at River Oaks. Contact Jaime at (651) 438-2121 for more information!



Visit the New and Improved Golf Shop

Remember when we moved the golf shop into the bar and grill last year? Well, now we've spruced up our pro shop, allowing for social distancing and a fast and smooth check in process. We've also added a shuffleboard table, monitors where we can update tournament scores and a large variety of new River Oaks Golf apparel. There's something for everyone so stop by and check it out!



Rave Reviews for Toptracer Range

Have you checked out the new Toptracer Range technology we've installed? Sync up to the system with your smart phone and then get your golf swing in sync! The cameras capture your ball flight, the data downloads to your phone and then it's up to you to figure out how to improve. Unless you book a private lesson with our pro Scott Anderson. Call the golf shop for details.



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Fun Camp Brings the Full Fishing Experience to Hidden Valley Pond



You don't have to drive a couple hours north to teach your kids to fish. Sign them up for Fishing Camp, where an experienced angler will teach children (ages 7-10) to rig their own lines, safely cast, tie knots and identify fish. Equipment is provided and participants receive a small tackle box of gear to keep! Cost is \$60.

Dates: June 15, 22, 29, July 6

Time: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons

A great way for kids (ages 7-12) to learn the game of tennis; coaches will teach them skills and have a lot of fun. We'll even supply the racquets!

Dates: June 10, 17, 24, July 1

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Kingston Park

Cost: \$40

Details: cottagegrovemn.gov



Fab Fridays are FREE!

Join our fabulous recreation staff on Fridays at various parks around town for FREE special events and you don't even need to register. Staff will be set up near the building. Events run from 10 to 11 a.m. on the following days:

- June 11: BINGO at Woodridge
- June 25: Tie Dye at Highlands (bring a t-shirt!)



Made for the Mud? Here's a Mud Run Reminder!

Don't forget to sign up on the City's website for the Kids Adventure Mud Run, a joint Cottage Grove and Woodbury Parks and Rec activity! It's for children 6-12 years old and gets started at 9 a.m. on June 5 at Oakwood Park. Cost is \$20.

