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Bud Schmidt Named Volunteer of the Year

Congratualtions to Bud Schmidt who was
named Volunteer of the Year at the annual
volunteer recognition event held April 25.
Schmidt was recognized for the many
volunteer activities he does including
providing tax preparation assistance for
seniors in the community, and counseling
residents visiting the Senior Center on how
to apply for Medicare and other insurance
needs.

He has volunteered countless hours in
various capacities at the Parish of St. Thomas
Aquinas.

Schmidt is also a talented musician who
participates in the Post Office Band
entertaining young and old at venues
throughout the city and neighboring
communities.

For the past 31 years, the City of Cottage
Grove has recognized its volunteers at an
annual banquet during Volunteer
Appreciation Week.

Hy-Vee and SWWD Receive Sustainable City Awards

Hy-Vee and the South Washington
Watershed District (SWWD) received
Sustainable City Awards for their work on
the storm water management system that is
part of the Grove Plaza redevelopment
project. Hy-Vee converted the existing
stormwater pond into a new underground
system that can treat 90 percent of the site’s
runoff—well above what was required.

SWWD awarded a grant to Hy-Vee that paid
for 35 percent of the project cost.

The Sustainable City Award was created and
adopted in 2013 to recognize businesses,
individuals and organizations that use
innovative programs and practices to
promote sustainability in the Cottage Grove
community. Nominations are accepted year-
round with the award presented on or near
Earth Day.
Coming Up

May 18  Youth Service Bureau’s Inaugural GALA 5:30–9 p.m., Lake Elmo Event Center. More info at: http://ysb.net/gala/


June 14  Free Document Shredding 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury

June 1  Register for Strawberry Fest Talent Show and Cottage Grove Sings Contest, More info at www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com

June 15–18  Strawberry Fest Kingston Park, More info at www.cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com

For more city–wide events, check the calendar on the City’s website.

Painting, Poetry, and Film Events

Check out the fun events the Cottage Grove Arts Commission has planned over the next few months.

Paint ‘N Sip Party: A Paint ‘N Sip Party takes place on May 24 from 7–9 p.m. at River Oaks Event Center. No painting experience is necessary as participants will be led step-by-step by an instructor as they paint “Dandelions at Night”. Cost is $30 per person which includes all materials. Food and drink can be purchased through The Eagles Bar and Grill.

Path to Poetry Contest: You are invited to submit your poetry for the first Path to Poetry contest. The winning poem will be made into a stencil and painted onto one of Cottage Grove’s walking paths for residents and visitors to enjoy during their recreation activities. Submissions are due July 1.

Films in 5 Festival: Submissions are being accepted for the 3rd Annual Films in 5 Festival, which will be held Oct. 7 in the lecture hall at Park High School. Anyone can submit a film or video that is five minutes or less in length. Videos must have been made in 2017. Entries are due Aug. 31.

For more information on the three events, visit the Arts Commission page on the City’s website.

National Tire and Battery Open in Cottage Grove

National Tire and Battery (NTB) held a ribbon cutting on April 8 to celebrate their opening. NTB is located in the former Midas building at 8647 East Point Douglas Road. Hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.ntb.com or call 651-458-5738 for more information. Watch the ribbon cutting video: http://bit.ly/2pCTi5z

Dog Park Spring Cleanup Set for May 20

The WAG Farms Dog Park Association is hosting Spring Clean Up Day at the Cottage Grove off-leash dog park on May 20, 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to help with tasks such as spreading woodchips, clearing branches, installing a shade structure, trash pick-up and general sprucing up. Bring work gloves, drinking water and a rake. The dog park will be closed during this time due to vehicles operating inside the park so please leave your dog at home. Questions, or more information, email wdpassoc@comcast.net or visit facebook.com/wagfarmsdogpark.

Problems with Comcast or CenturyLink Cable TV Outages?

If you experience a cable television outage, don’t assume the provider is aware of the problem. It’s important that you contact them directly to report the outage. Contact your cable provider at 651-222-3333 (Comcast) or 866-314-4148 (CenturyLink)

If they are unable to resolve your issue to your satisfaction call the South Washington County Telecommunications Commission (SWCTC) office at 651-458-9241 ext. 1 or e-mail mark@swctc.org with your information.

SWCTC staff will investigate your complaint and work with the provider toward resolution. Your complaint will go on record and the cable company will be officially notified along with notice to the company that they respond to.
COTTAGE GROVE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

We need your input!

Join us for an open house to learn about Cottage Grove’s Comprehensive Plan.

Date: Monday, May 22, 2017
Time: 5:30-6:30 PM
Location: Cottage Grove City Hall
12800 Ravine Parkway South
Room: Training Room

What will this meeting include?
We will discuss background information about Cottage Grove and share our draft vision and goals for the Plan. We need your feedback!

Visit www.cottage-grove.org/planning-division/comprehensive-plan or Facebook to learn more about the project!

River Oaks Golf Course is in full swing and looking beautiful as ever.

Chili Dipper Junior League Returns
Sign up now for the popular Chili Dipper Junior League which is designed for youth to play golf in a low-pressure, fun environment.

Dates: July 20 to Aug. 24
Time: 11:28 a.m. to 1:04 p.m.
Ages: 7–17
Cost: $25, plus weekly green fee of $13
Cost includes a t-shirt and weekly prizes

Mother's Day at River Oaks Golf Course
Moms play free with a paid green fee on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14.

US Open—June 15 to 19
Come golf with us during the US Open and play our Partner with a Pro for a chance to win prizes!
Watch our Facebook page for more information.
Book tee times online at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com or call 651-438-2121.

The Strawberry Fest Parade Marshal Wants Your Help!
The Strawberry Fest Committee came up with a great theme—Around the World in Berry Days—and the committee is looking for volunteers to walk with the Parade Marshal team at the beginning of the June 17 parade. Just pick another Strawberry Festival from somewhere in the World and make a story board or costume to show it off as you walk in the parade. Committee members can help you develop your story board and/or costumes to tell everyone about your chosen Strawberry Festival.
Questions or want to participate? Send an email to Sfest@cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com

Visit The Eagles Bar and Grill and enjoy dinner and drinks on the patio overlooking the golf course! The Eagles is located at River Oaks Golf Course, 11099 Highway 61 S. Follow on Facebook at facebook.com/theeaglesbarandgrill

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2017 Kids Race Series
Cottage Grove and Woodbury Parks and Recreation are again partnering to offer the popular Kids Race Series. Participants should arrive on time and direction will be given for their start time. Participants receive a t-shirt and drink. Pre-register to secure a spot; registration the day of the run will only be accepted if space is available. Race is appropriate for ages 6 to 12.

MUD RUN
Kids will climb, jump, slide, and run their way through obstacles around the park and end with a crawl through the mud pit. We strongly encourage participants to have a change of clothes for after the race. The route will be staffed and marked to aid in a successful run. Arrive anytime between 9 and 10 a.m. Participants will run in waves as the course clears.

Dates: June 3
Time: Arrive anytime between 9 and 10 a.m.
Cost: $25
Location: Woodridge Park

ICE ARENA
For more information call 651-458-3400

SUMMER SKATING LESSONS
Lessons are available for skaters of all ages and abilities. The Learn-to-Skate program is designed for recreational, figure or hockey skating. Skaters may be shifted to a different class during the first lesson to accommodate their ability. Helmets required for all skaters ages five and under (bike helmets are fine).

Cost: $72
Dates: Monday evenings - June 12 to Aug. 14
Friday mornings - June 16 to Aug. 18
Note: no classes are held Fourth of July week.

Skating Tots: For skaters five and under. Skaters play games and sing songs as they develop the skills needed to balance and move across the ice.

Learn-to-Skate Level 1: Skaters learn the proper way to fall and get up, the penguin march, hopping, and how to make A’s & V’s.

Learn-to-Skate Level 2: Skaters learn forward swizzles, two-foot glides, backward wiggles, stop and freeze, the “dip,” and the “teapot.”

Learn-to-Skate Level 3: Skaters learn backward swizzles, hockey turns, forward slalom, push off and glide (two feet), and semi-spiral.

Learn-to-Skate Level 4: Skaters learn backward slalom, one-foot glides, three-step crossovers, backward glides (two feet), and pump circles.

SAFETY CAMP
Cottage Grove Police, Fire, and Recreation departments are teaming up to encourage youth safety. Participants experience two days of fun, all while learning about important safety topics such as how to use 911, basic first aid, fire prevention and bike, kitchen, electrical, and water safety—all taught by industry professionals in an energetic team-style setting. Registration fee includes t-shirt, hat, lunches, snacks, and a water bottle. Participants should bring their own lunch and snacks if there are dietary restrictions.

Family and friends are invited to attend the graduation ceremony at the close of camp on June 21 at 4:30 p.m. Please bring your own chairs.

Dates: June 20 and 21
Time: 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Ages: 8–11
Cost: $58
Location: Hamlet Park

STRAWBERRY FEST
5K RACE AND WALK
Don’t miss the annual Strawberry Fest Race and Walk. The race is chip timed with times posted on-site following the race, and on the City’s website the following Monday. Walkers are not timed. Participants receive a Strawberry Fest race t-shirt. Medals awarded to first place male and female in age categories 18 and younger, 19–25, 26–40, 41–55, and 56 and older.

Date: June 17
Cost: $20 run (price increases after June 14)
$25 walk
Time: 7 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. run, walkers follow
Route: Kingston Park to Trailway Corridor to Pine Tree Valley Trail to 80th Street to Jenner Avenue to Kingston Park Trail

KIDS 1K RUN
Those age 10 and younger can run their own race—three laps around two soccer fields. Runners are visible at all times and love to be cheered on to the finish line. Participants receive a Strawberry Fest race t-shirt after completing the run. Adults can run with their child if needed.

Date: June 17
Cost: $15
Time: 9 a.m. check-in, 9:15 a.m. run