See the Winter Lights Contest Entry Displays

Congratulations to Jim Wirkus and Bill Davison, 7682 Immanuel Avenue S., and Wade Parrot, 6220 Hearthstone Avenue S., for winning this year’s Winter Lights and Decoration contest! Each received a holiday planter to add to their winning displays. The 8th Annual Winter Lights and Decoration Contest is presented in partnership with South Washington County Bulletin. Here are the addresses if you’re interested in seeing all of the entries.

- 9636 66th Street S.
- 8851 67th Street Bay S.
- 8351 75th Street S.
- 9657 82nd Street S.
- 9595 87th Street S.
- 8834 Upper 89th Street Circle S.
- 6220 Hearthstone Avenue S. (winner)
- 6649 Homestead Avenue Court S.
- 7590 Hyde Avenue S.
- 6649 Homestead Avenue Court S.
- 7520 Irish Avenue S.
- 7788 Jasmine Avenue S.
- 8008 Jewel Avenue S.
- 8598 Jewel Avenue S.
- 7384 Jorgensen Avenue S.
- 7682 Immanuel Avenue S. (winner)
- 8450 Indian Blvd. S.
- 9244 Indian Blvd. S.
- 8263 Innsdale Avenue S.
- 7520 Irish Avenue S.
- 7788 Jasmine Avenue S.
- 8008 Jewel Avenue S.
- 8598 Jewel Avenue S.
- 7384 Jorgensen Avenue S.

Elementary Students Learn about Recycling

Hundreds of students at Pine Hill Elementary School attended a fun and interactive performance by CLIMB Theatre designed to teach the importance of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. With funds provided by Washington County’s Recycling Grant, the City partnered with CLIMB Theatre to provide additional community outreach and education at all of the local elementary schools within the City.

Recycle Holiday Lights

Do you have old holiday lights lying around taking up space? Washington County offers year-round recycling of holiday lights at the Environmental Center in Woodbury.

Recycling these lights is much better for the environment, and allows the different materials in the lights to be reused for other purposes. Both working and broken lights can be recycled, so please consider recycling your old lights this holiday season! For hours and location visit www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center
Coming Up

Dec 29  Photo Contest Entries Due
Feb 7  Photo Contest Winners Announced, 7 p.m., Council Meeting, City Hall
Feb 7  State of the City Address, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber

The City has partnered with a private online network called Nextdoor. Nextdoor is a free private social networking website for your neighborhood. Nextdoor makes it easy to connect with your neighbors and build stronger, safer, happier places to call home. The City shares information and updates that are relevant to your neighborhood. The City’s account does not have access to your neighborhood’s content. There are 35 Cottage Grove neighborhoods on NextDoor—you can sign up to be part of your neighborhood by visiting www.nextdoor.com.

Tyler Hilsabeck, Open to Business Advisor, is available at Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month. Entrepreneurs can either stop in or make an advance appointment with Tyler. If these days and times do not work, contact Tyler to schedule a time that works.

Tyler Hilsabeck, Business Advisor
Office: 612-789-8838
Email: thilsabeck@mccdmn.org

This Open to Business Program is offered by the Washington County CDA and is available for free to all Washington County residents.

Winter and Holiday Fire Safety from www.usfa.fema.gov

You and your family are at greater risk during the winter season as you cook holiday meals, display decorations, and possibly use unsafe heat sources. The threat of winter fires is real. Did you know?

- 905 people die in winter home fires each year.
- 67% of winter fires occur in one and two family homes.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires.
- 5 to 8 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires.
- Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart:

- Inspect holiday lights before you put them up. Get rid of light strands with frayed and pinched wires.
- Water your Christmas tree daily. A dry tree can easily catch on fire.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.

Other winter safety tips:

- Make sure your home has a working Carbon Monoxide detector within ten feet of every room used for sleeping.
- Replace dirty furnace filters.
- Fire wood should be seasoned for at least 8 to 12 months; only burn dry wood.
- Clear out a three foot clearance around fire hydrants. Cottage Grove has more than 1,500 hydrants. Help the City’s firefighters by shoveling out snow around fire hydrants located near your home.

#MyCottageGrove

Videos (and more) on YouTube

Learn more about your neighbors in the City’s “My Cottage Grove” videos on the City’s YouTube channel: http://bit.ly/YouTubeCGmn

Meet a family who is visiting all 33 parks, a young hockey player who wants to be a pro when he grows up, the man behind the flamingos on Highway 61, and more.

In addition, you can view public safety and economic development updates, meet City staff, watch monthly Council updates, listen to messages from Mayor Bailey, and see fun PSAs. Be sure and subscribe so you’ll be notified when videos are posted.
River Oaks Holiday Gift Cards

Buy a $50 gift card and receive a free Fish Fry dinner!

Buy a $100 gift card and receive a free Fish Fry dinner and a free King Cut Prime Rib dinner!

Gift cards must be purchased by Dec. 23 to receive this special offer.

Purchase at www.riveroaksmunigolf.com or call 651-438-2121.

Saying I Do?

Engaged? Book your event at River Oaks Event Center and enjoy half priced room rental fees on all remaining 2018 dates! Contact Dennis Neitz at 651-438-2121 or dneitz@cottage-grove.org for more information.

Upcoming River Oaks Events

Jan. 12 Paint and Sip with Atlas Traveling Art. Hosted by the Cottage Grove Arts Commission. For more information visit the River Oaks and Event Center Facebook page.

Jan. 19 Winter Wine and Beer Tasting. For more information: www.riveroaksmunigolf.com


Enjoy Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing at River Oaks

The River Oaks winter trails will be open and groomed for traditional cross country skiing and snowshoeing when there is a base of at least 10 inches of snow.

Hours will be from sunrise to sunset as there are no lights on the trails.

At the parking lot, a sign will be posted showing the trail route along with a bench for changing and a portable restroom.

The Eagles Bar and Grill will be open during normal business hours, Fridays and Saturdays from 3 to 10 p.m., as well as for special events.

Get out, burn some calories and enjoy the scenic views at River Oaks this winter!

FREE APPETIZER

One FREE appetizer with the purchase of one of our popular nightly specials.

One coupon per table. Not valid with any other specials or offers.

Expires 12/30/17

Holiday Gift Pack

6 Pack of Golf with Cart (save 23%!)
Plus Two Complimentary Dinners at Eagles Bar and Grill

$249 plus tax

CALL 651-438-2121 TO PURCHASE

Limit 2 per household
Only 50 packs available
Offer expires 12/23/17
ICE ARENA
8020 80th Street S.
Phone: 651-458-3400

ICE SKATING LESSONS
Our Learn-to-Skate program prepares participants for all ice sports. Students are individually evaluated to make sure they are in the appropriate level. Please come prepared with: sharpened, leather, single blade hockey or figure skates; warm and comfortable clothing including mittens; and a bike/hockey helmet if skater is age 5 or younger. Call for more information.

Dates: Nov. 27 to Feb. 11 (Winter Session)
Cost: $77

Levels:
- Skating Tots; Ages 3–5, new to skating.
- Level 1: Ages 5–8, minimal skating skills.
- Level 2: Ages 5 and up, have passed Level 1.
- Level 3: Skaters who have passed Level 2.
- Level 4: Skaters who have passed Level 3.

OPEN SKATE SESSIONS ($5)
These sessions are a chance for your family to get exercise, practice skating, and have fun. Skating aids (buckets) for those learning to skate. Session times vary; please check website or call for current schedule. Rental skates available for $4 per pair.

ADULT OPEN HOCKEY ($5)
Join others, ages 18+, on Monday evenings. Bring your own hockey equipment. Helmets required. Please check website or call for schedule as some sessions may cancel due to special events.

STICK & PUCK ($5)
For hockey skaters of any age to come skate with sticks and pucks! Work on skating skills, drills and stick handling. Please check website or call for current schedule. Helmets mandatory for those under age 18.

OPEN BROOMBALL ($5/player)
On Sunday nights join other players, ages 17+, on our Studio Rink for a pickup game of broomball. Players must bring their own helmets and sticks. Limited amount of sticks available on a first come, first serve basis. Please check website or call for current schedule.

FIGURE SKATER PRACTICE ($5-$10)
Sessions are for the dedicated figure skater, level Alpha and above. Practice figure skating skills, jumps and spins.

QUICK IT UP
Submit your best snowman photo for a chance to win a prize! Email a pic of you and your snowman (by Feb. 28, 2018) to mpietruszewski@cottage-grove.org Photos may be used on City’s website, social media accounts, and print publications.

WARMING HOUSES OPEN DECEMBER 26 (Weather Permitting)

Hamlet, 8883 Hamlet Ave. S.
M/W 5–8 p.m. | Sat Noon–8 p.m.

Hearthside, 8245 Hearthside Rd. S.
T/Th 5–8 p.m. | Sun Noon–8 p.m.

Highlands, 6975 Idsen Ave. S.
M–F 4–8 p.m. | Sat/Sun Noon–8 p.m.

Peter Thompson, 6327 Highland Hills Blvd.
M–F 4–8 p.m. | Sat/Sun Noon–8 p.m.

Pine Tree Valley, 8431 Indian Blvd.
M–F 4–8 p.m. | Sat/Sun Noon–8 p.m.

Woodridge, 9000 90th Street S.
M–F 4–8 p.m. | Sat/Sun Noon–8 p.m.

For more information call 651-458-3400

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ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY
Display your message to the thousands of patrons at the Ice Arena. Call 651-458-3415 or visit the website for a full brochure with pricing options.