

# Cottage Grove Monthly News

## July, 2007

### The Move to a Monthly Utility Bill

This bill is your second monthly utility bill. Over the past few months we have been transitioning to a monthly billing system. As we stated in inserts included with previous bills, the bill included with this mailing is for consumption from your last billing date, the end of May, when all meters in the City were read, approximately a one-month period. The dates your meter was read is shown on your bill. Your bill this time includes consumption from the end of May through the end of June or the beginning of July.

The due date of each month's bill will remain the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month as noted on your bill. Customers are encouraged to participate in an automatic payment plan. To obtain a form visit us at [www.cottage-grove.org](http://www.cottage-grove.org) or 651-458-2831 for a mailed one.

### Hours Extended at the Cottage Grove Compost Site

651-459-1556

Glendenning Road and 95<sup>th</sup> Street (½ mile south of Jamaica Avenue and Hwy 61)

#### 2007 Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

#### Waste Accepted:

Debagged Yard Waste, brush, and Stumps

Available for Sale: Screened Compost, black dirt, and Woodchip

**Call for Prices!!!**

### Tips For Keeping Your Car and the Groundwater Clean

Don't dirty the water while washing your car! Wash water that reaches storm sewers ends up untreated in nearby lakes, rivers and wetlands.



We recommend you use a commercial car wash. Water in a commercial car wash goes to the sanitary sewer and is treated or recycled. If you must wash your car yourself:

- Use a biodegradable and phosphorus-free soap; take time to read labels.
- Wash your car on gravel, grass or other surface that will soak up wash water. Take care not to compact soil or damage tree roots.
- Pour your bucket of wash water onto the lawn or down the sink when done; not in the driveway or street.

### Washington County Fair, Aug. 1—5

East Metro Water Resource Education Program and the Washington County Master Gardeners will be leading educational tours of the four new raingardens, planted at the fairgrounds in 2006. The 20 min. tours will be on Wed., Thu and Fri., Aug 1-3 at 6 p.m., on Sat., Aug. 4 at 11:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sun., Aug. 5 at 1 p.m.

A miniature home and yard display with tips to help homeowners prevent water pollution, such as leaving grass clippings on the lawn, picking up after pets and planting native trees and shrubs.

**Ice Arena Expansion Fundraising Campaign** — See page 3 for fundraising opportunities for the addition of a second sheet of Ice at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena

**The Recreation Department**— See Page 4 for upcoming recreation activities and events.

### SMOKE ALARMS- What You need to Know

In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save your life and those of your loved ones. They are the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fatalities by providing a early warning signal so you and your family can escape.

#### Where Do I Put Them?

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Both inside and outside of sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or above eye level on the walls. Since smoke and deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

#### How Do I Maintain My Smoke Detector?

Smoke alarms (and carbon monoxide alarms) are very easy to take care of.

**Replace the batteries at least once a year.** Some smoke alarms come with a 10 year battery so replace the entire unit. Even hard wired in smoke and CO alarms have battery backup-s replace them once a year also.

**Keep them clean.** Dust and debris can interfere with their operation, so vacuum over and around your alarm regularly.

**Replace old alarms.** Alarms should last about 8-10 years. Like most electrical devices, smoke alarms wear out. Write the purchase date on the inside of your unit. That way you'll know when to replace it. It's important to test every smoke alarm monthly and replace the batteries with new ones once per year.

## This Summer Help Conserve Everyone's Water Supply by:

- following the City's watering schedule (even-numbered homes may water lawns on even-numbered dates only; odd-numbered homes on odd-numbered dates only; all can water on the 31st of the month);
- installing rain sensors on new irrigation systems;
- following the watering and irrigation tips below.



### Irrigation Systems

The City requires the use of a rain sensor device on all landscape irrigation systems. The device must conform to MN State Statute I03G.298 and Federal Water Conservation Standards. It should consist of technologies that inhibit or interrupt operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture. All newly-installed irrigation systems connected to the municipal water supply, whether above or below-ground, require a permit for connection, and must be installed in accordance with the Plumbing Code of MN State Statutes, Chapter 4715. All plumbing materials and installation must comply with the Building Code, Section 326.37.

### Tips for Lawn Care

Water only when you must—many lawns can get by with irrigating every third day. During the summer, water toward the end of the day, when there is less wind, less evaporation, better soaking down to the roots, and no water pressure problem. Avoid watering on windy days, or right after a rain. If water runs off the grass area, split the run time. Apply one half the normal amount of water. Wait an hour, and apply the other half. Cut less than 1/3 of the grass height at a time so it doesn't stress and turn yellow. For sloped yards, terrace the area for more efficient watering. Aim your sprinklers where the water is needed. Don't waste water on dirt, sidewalks, and driveways.

### Irrigation tips

Do not apply water faster than the soil can absorb it. Group plants on separate drip valves according to watering needs. Irrigate trees and large shrubs for a longer time and less frequently than smaller shallow-rooted plants. If dry areas appear between scheduled irrigations, do not turn on the valve/station, but hand water. The dry spot may be caused by equipment failure, poor design, maintenance practices, soil conditions or a plant that is in the wrong location. Usually, lack of water is not the problem. If hand watering, use a nozzle with a gentle rain setting. When watering by hose, use a kitchen timer as a reminder to turn off the water.

### East Metro Water Resources Education Program (from Education Updates June 2007)

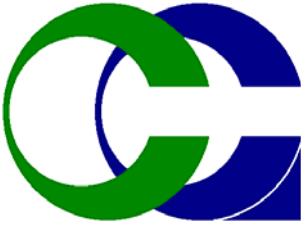
#### *Getting Dirty with Erosion Control*

Construction site inspection throughout the metro area have shown that the vast majority of builders and contractors could do a lot better job of keeping dirt and construction debris out of local waterways. Although many erosion control practices, such as silt fences and straw blankets are becoming more common, inspection reports still indicate that 90% or more of the construction sites are non-compliant with at least one ero-



sion control requirement.

On Tuesday, July 17 we will be teaming up with MECA (Minnesota Erosion Control Association) to offer a hands-on field session for builders and contractors working in the east metro area. The training will consist of three sessions, running 8 – 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Participants will rotate through a series of stations where they will see and learn how to install different erosion control measures, such as compost berms, erosion control blankets and inlet protectors. The field session will take place at the Bailey's Arbor development in Woodbury and is being co-sponsored by Centex Homes. Other co-sponsors include the Erosion and Sediment Control Program at the University of Minnesota and Westwood Professional Services. The cost for the workshop is \$45.



# Ice Arena Expansion Fundraising Campaign

With the growth of our community and the addition of East Ridge High School in 2009, the City of Cottage Grove is seeking to expand the existing facility. Fundraising dollars will help to keep our ice activities affordable for all users. In return for contributions, the ice arena is offering a variety of advertising, sponsorship and donation programs. The Cottage Grove Ice Arena Expansion Project is sure to produce a great and exciting facility for the entire community to enjoy. We hope you will join us in this campaign and enjoy the results!



## Facility Sponsorship

For a description of benefits that accompany each sponsorship level go to [www.cottage-grove.org](http://www.cottage-grove.org).

Facility Sponsorship Options:

- Main Rink..... \$250,000 or \$25,000 per year
- Expanded Rink. .... \$250,000 or \$25,000 per year
- Studio Rink ..... \$100,000 or \$10,000 per year

Puck Donation Options:

- Bronze .....\$100.00
- Silver..... \$200.00
- Gold .....\$300.00

## Facility Sponsorship Form

City of Cottage Grove Phone: 651-458-3400  
 8020 80th St. So. Fax: 651-458-3444  
 Cottage Grove, MN 55016  
 E-Mail: [zdockter@cottage-grove.org](mailto:zdockter@cottage-grove.org)

Please send me more information on the Facility Sponsorship program  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Please sign me up for a Bronze Puck Donation of \$100.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Please sign me up for a Silver Puck Donation of \$200.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Please sign me up for a Gold Puck Donation of \$300.00

Message on Puck: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Method of Payment Cash Check Visa MC  
 Credit Card Number Expiration Date

Please make checks payable to City of Cottage Grove Ice Arena Fund

\*\*Upon receipt of form and payment, a receipt and acknowledgement certificate will be mailed to you.



COTTAGE GROVE, MN

### 2-for-1 Green Fees with a paid Riding Cart

*Valid Mon.-Fri. Anytime Weekends After 1pm*

Must Present Coupon to receive Discount

Not Valid with Leagues, Tournaments, or in combination with any other discounts/coupons

**Valid 2007 Golf Season**

- 18 Hole Golf Course/ Outstanding Range
- Golf Lessons / Professional Fittings
- Any size tournament welcomed
- Fun Men's, Ladies, Seniors, Couples, Juniors' leagues
- Kids play free every weekend after 5 P.m. with paid adult greens fee

[www.riveroaksmunigolf.com](http://www.riveroaksmunigolf.com)

(651) 438-2121

### Book a River Oaks Signature Wedding Package and YOU PICK ONE complimentary service "value not to exceed \$500.00."

"Flair Your Affair" By Glenda Wytaske

"Ice Carvings" by Frank

"Wedding Cake" by Emily's

"Limousine Service" by Renee's Royal Service

"DJ Service" by DJAY Sound

"Bachelor/ Bachelorette Golf Party"

"At River Oaks Outdoor Ceremony"

- Weddings
- Rehearsal Dinners
- Corporate Events & Meetings
- School Events
- Sports Recognition Banquets
- Outdoor Ceremonies
- Golf Tournaments

[www.riveroaksweddings.com](http://www.riveroaksweddings.com)

(651) 438-3627 ext. 4



# The Recreation Department

8020 80th St. So., Cottage Grove, MN 55016 ~ 651-458-3400 ~ www.cottage-grove.org

## 14th Annual Safety Camp

The Cottage Grove Recreation, Police, and Fire Departments are teaming up to encourage youth safety. During this 3-day camp, participants will experience and learn about a variety of safety issues including; 911, bike safety, water safety, fire prevention, kitchen safety, electrical safety, first aid, shopping mall safety, a live air bag demonstration, and so much more!

The cost of the program includes 30 presentations about safety, Safety Camp team picture, the 2007 Safety Camp DVD, camp t-shirt, team colored hat, lunches, snacks, water bottle & lanyard, all-sport helmet, graduation medal, and more... A Graduation Ceremony for parents, relatives, and friends of the graduates closes the camp on Thursday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Ages.....8-11 year olds  
Dates..... July 17, 18, & 19, 2007  
Time.....7:45-4:30 p.m.  
Place .....Hamlet Park  
Cost .....\$47

## Adventure Camp

Each camper will be placed on a different colored team during Adventure Camp. Along with their team they will be experiencing a variety of exciting outdoor adventures. Adventures include arts and crafts, cooking lunch for the camp, nature skills, game challenges, and much more. Everyday is filled with plenty of new and exciting events. This is a great way to complete your summer fun with the Recreation Department. Watch for flyers or the website mid-summer for this year's theme. The cost of the program includes lunches. Bring a white t-shirt the first day of camp to tie-dye your team color.

Ages.....5-13 years old  
Dates..... August 20-24, 2007  
Time.....9:30-3:30 p.m.  
Place .....Woodridge Park  
Cost .....\$65 - includes lunches!

Extended Hours  
Time.....8:00-4:30 p.m.  
Cost .....\$85

## Youth Tennis Lessons

Our lessons are Monday through Friday. Each lesson registration includes five days of instruction, a racquet designed for their age, and a t-shirt. Classes are structured so that participants can learn the skills, practice the techniques, and have fun! These lessons are a great way to get introduced to the life-time sport of tennis. The cost for each session is \$53.

Session 4 ~ Highlands Park  
Mornings ~ July 9-13, 2007  
Session 5 ~ Kingston Park  
Evenings ~ July 23-27, 2007  
Session 6 ~ Woodridge Park  
Mornings ~ July 30-August 3, 2007

## Roller Hockey Skills Camp

This fast paced program is designed to teach boys and girls ages 6-12 proper hand, stick and skating techniques. Campers are challenged daily in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. Participants must bring their own equipment (gloves, shin pads, elbow pads, in-line skates, helmet with full mask and a mouthpiece). Roller hockey sticks will be provided. Staff to camper ratio 12:1. Participants will receive a sportsmanship award and a roller hockey puck.

Ages.....6-12 years old  
Dates..... August 6-9, 2007  
Time.....9:00-Noon  
Place ..... Peter Thompson Park  
Cost .....\$56

## Lacrosse Clinics

Lacrosse programs are designed for boys and girls of all ages regardless of skill or ability. The coaches will teach the fundamental skills of lacrosse using small group activities, scrimmages, and fun games. Individual skills taught: catching, throwing, scooping, and cradling. All equipment will be provided.

They will also focus on helping the kids learn the rules of lacrosse while working on team play and sportsmanship. All coaches are college or high school lacrosse players. All participants should bring sunscreen, water bottle, and a small snack.

Ages.....8-13 years old  
Date..... August 6-9, 2007  
Time.....1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Place .....Highlands Park  
Cost .....\$64

## Cheerleading Camp

This Cheerleading Camp is an introductory program designed for children ages 4-12 years old. This camp will explore cheerleading in a fun and non-competitive setting, while learning motion/jump techniques and sideline/performance cheers. The final day participants will perform a cheerleading program for family and friends.

All participants should wear shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes and bring a small snack, water bottle, and sun screen. All participants will receive a certificate of sportsmanship award, and pom poms to use during the class and keep once the camp is complete.

Date ..... July 23-26, 2007  
Place ..... Kingston Park

Ages.....4-6 years old  
Time.....10:00-Noon  
Cost .....\$48

Ages.....7-12 years old  
Time.....1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Cost .....\$69

## Fall Carpet Ball League

Get your friends, family, and co-workers together for another fun season of Carpet Ball at the Lamar Softball Complex. We are once again offering a Men's League on Wednesday nights and a Co-Ed League on Thursday nights. Games are played with a "carpet" placed behind home plate and the manager from the team at bat acts as umpire. Teams are allowed two homeruns per game. A plaque will be awarded to the league champions of each night. There is a fee for all teams which roster four or more non-residents.

Ages.....16 years and older  
Times.....6:00, 7:00, 8:00, or 9:00 p.m.  
Place.....Lamar Softball Complex  
Cost.....\$200 per team

## Men's League

Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, & Oct. 3, 2007

## Co-Ed League

Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, & Oct. 4, 2007

## Adult Bocce Ball League

The C.G. Rec. Dept. is offering it's Bocce Ball League again at the Lamar Softball Complex. Teams of two to four may consist of men and/or women, all over the age of 16. The league will be six weeks long; playoffs will be held the last night. Playoff champions will receive a plaque. There will be a minimum of 4 teams and a maximum of 8, so get your friends and co-workers together and sign-up quickly. Official League Bocce Balls are provided. An additional league may be added on Wednesday nights, if the Thursday night league fills.

Ages.....16 and older  
Dates .....Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, & Oct. 4, 2007  
Time .....6:00 p.m.  
Place.....Lamar Softball Complex  
Cost.....\$20 per team

## Skateboarding Lessons

Skateboarding is a new and unique sport; 3rd Lair's approach to teaching it is the same. They will focus hard on the basic fundamentals, safety, and skatepark etiquette. 3rd Lair staff will intermix core training with fun and games, the result being a great experience for kids of all skill levels. All campers will get instruction on how to ollie, kick flip, heel flip, ramp riding and much more. For the beginner the basics are taught, like balance, pushing, dropping in, and skatepark safety and etiquette.

Every camper will receive a skateboard camp shirt, 3rd Lair Photo ID Card, certificates of completion, and promotional products from skateboard companies that sponsor 3rd Lair.

Ages.....Beginner to Expert  
Dates .....July 30-August 3, 2007  
Time .....9:00-Noon  
Place.....Hamlet Park  
Cost.....\$140