



Public Works Open House, Thursday Sept. 20th.

Everyone is invited to enjoy displays and demonstrations of big rigs, plows, dump trucks, tractors and mowers used by the Public Works Department. An environmental puppet and musical show by “Kid Power with Rachael” will be performing from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The East Metro Water Resource Education Program will be giving an educational presentation on water gardens, shoreline maintenance, and stormwater education from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. Hotdogs, pop, and chips will be sold for \$0.50 each. “Freckles” the frog and the GreenGuardian mascot will make a guest appearance to support the City’s Recreation and Recycling programs. The Open House will be held at 8635 W. Point Douglas Road South Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 3:00pm – 7:00pm.



Green Garden Award

The 1st Annual City of Cottage Grove Green Garden Award was given to Dick and Annette Mullen for their beautiful residential garden. To win the residential award, Mr. and Mrs. Mullen displayed a variety of gardens incorporating their model railroad and vineyard. The commercial Green Garden Award went to Renewal by Andersen for their prairie grass restoration. Renewal by Anderson has managed their prairie grass for 10 years. Thirteen residents were nominated for the 2007 awards. The City will be accepting nominations for the 2008 Green Garden Award in May and June of 2008. Look for information in the April Cottage Grove Reports—Monthly and the City’s web page at www.cottage-grove.org.

Around Town Updates

Roundabout Update— The Jamaica Ave. / Highway 61 freeway entrance ramp to Highway 61 northbound is now open. Please continue to drive with caution when in the area.

Pavement Management— The 2008 Pavement Management project includes street work in the area bounded by Hinton, 65th St, 80th Street and Jamaica Ave. There will be a neighborhood meeting held Monday, October 29th, 7:00 p.m at Saint Lukes Lutheran Church. Saint Lukes is located at 7000 Hinton Ave. S in Cottage Grove. Impacted properties will be receiving notices in the mail.

Proper Trash Container Storage

The City has specific requirements for the storage of trash containers on residential properties. Trash containers must be stored completely out of public view at all times. They may be placed out no earlier than 6 p.m. the night prior to trash collection and must be stored away by 6 p.m. the night of trash collection.



Fall Ice Skating Lessons

The Cottage Grove Ice Arena will be offering fall ice skating lessons beginning September 18th. Sessions are designed for skaters of all ages and abilities. Registrants will be grouped with other skaters of the same age and ability as much as possible. Sessions are nine weeks long and held on either Tuesday evenings or Saturday afternoons. The nine week sessions start at \$60 per person. These lessons are great for beginner hockey players, future figure skaters or simply the novice recreational skater.

For more information or to register, log onto www.cottage-grove.org. Or call the Ice Arena offices at 651-458-3400.

Public Sessions

Public Skating

Sundays Noon – 1:30pm (starts 9/4/07)
Wednesdays 6:30 – 8pm (starts 9/19/07)
Tue & Thursday 10:30am – Noon (starts 9/23/07)

Figure Skaters Practice

Tue & Thursday 3:30 – 5:30pm

Adult Open Hockey

Wednesdays Start time range between 9:15 and 10pm

Call or log onto website for exact times. Helmets required \$5 per skater

High School Open Hockey

Tue & Thursday 2:30 – 3:30pm, September 18–October 25
Full equipment required
\$5 per skater

Lets Grill Safely

Nation wide, each year, there are about 20 deaths from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and more than 300 emergency room treated injuries from CO poisoning resulting from charcoal grills.

- Never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers.
- Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided.
- Since charcoal produces CO until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.



Gas Grill Safety Tips

Liquid petroleum (LP) gas or propane, used in gas grills, is extremely flammable. Each year more than 500 fires occur when people use gas grills and about 20 people are injured as a result of gas grill fires and explosions. Many of these fires and explosions occur when consumers first use a grill that has been left idle for a period of time or just after refilling and reattaching the grill's gas container.

To reduce these risks, consumers should:

- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease.
 - Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.
- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.
- Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.
- If you detect a gas leak, immediately turn off the gas at the tank and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Keep lighted cigarettes, matches, or open flames away from a leaking grill.
- Never use a grill indoors.
- Use the grill at least 10 feet away from any building.
- Do not use the grill in a garage, carport, porch, or under a surface that can catch fire.
- When lighting the grill, keep the top open. If the grill does not light in first several attempts, wait 5 minutes to allow gas to dissipate.
- Never attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.
- Consumers should use caution when storing LP gas containers. Always keep containers upright.
- Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill.
- Never store a full container indoors.
- Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.
- To avoid incidents while transporting LP gas containers, consumers should transport the container in a secure, upright position.

- Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, causing the relief valve to open and allowing gas to escape.
- CPSC worked with the industry to develop a new voluntary standard to prevent LP gas leaks. Grills meeting this standard will shut themselves off if a gas leak occurs.

Prevent Dryer Fires

- Clean the lint filter regularly and make sure the dryer is operating properly.
- Clean the filter after each load of clothes. While the dryer is operating, check the outside exhaust to make sure exhaust air is escaping normally. If it is not, turn the dryer off and look inside both ends of the duct for lint. Remove any lint found there. If there are signs that the dryer is hotter than normal, this may be a sign that the dryer's temperature control thermostat needs servicing.
- If clothing is still damp at the end of a normal cycle or requires longer dryer times, this may be a sign that the exhaust or lint screen is blocked
- Check the exhaust duct more often if you have a plastic, flexible duct. This type of duct is more apt to trap lint than ducting without ridges. Inspect the duct for kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.
- Closely follow manufacturers' instructions for new installations. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or flexible metal duct to provide a minimum restriction of airflow. If metal duct is not available at the retailer where the dryer was purchased, check other locations, such as hardware or builder supply stores. If you are having the dryer installed, insist upon metal duct unless the installer has verified that the manufacturer permits the use of plastic duct.

Space/Portable Heaters Safety Tips

Portable heaters come in many shapes and sizes and use a variety of fuels or power sources. When purchasing or using a space/portable heater, make sure it carries a UL or FM label and is approved for the use you intended.

- Place any portable device **a minimum of 36 inches** from anything combustible, including: wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people.
- Space heaters need constant watching and should be turned off when you leave your home and before bedtime.
- Drying mittens or other combustibles over a space/portable heater is a fire danger.
- Make sure all cords on electric heaters are in good shape and checked periodically for any frays or breaks in the insulation surrounding the wires.
- Check the cord and outlet occasionally for over

heating; if it feels hot, discontinue use.

- Liquid-fueled heaters, such as kerosene, are not generally recommended for use inside the home for several reasons:
- They are a non-vented unit; extreme caution with proper openings to the outside is necessary to eliminate the possibility of asphyxiation.
- When using these types of heating devices, manufacturers' recommendations must be followed faithfully.
- Units must be cooled before refueling; this should take place **outside** of the structure. Fuel must be stored in a container approved by the fire department and clearly marked with the fuel name.

Our best recommendation is to use space/portable heaters cautiously and know the operating, maintenance and refueling procedures of your unit. Do not deviate from what is recommended.

Washington County Plans Fall Hazardous Waste Collection Oct. 6

Drop off your Household Hazardous Waste items on Saturday, October 6, 2007, from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Cottage Grove Public Works Facility, 8635 West Point Douglas Road South.

The Public Works Department offers this service in conjunction with the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment. The Hazardous Waste Collection, free to all residents, is held to encourage proper disposal of potentially hazardous materials.

Household hazardous waste items may include used oil,

oil filters, gas, antifreeze, brake fluid, paint thinner, aerosol cans, mercury switches, fluorescent lamps, pool chemicals, and more. No business waste will be collected.

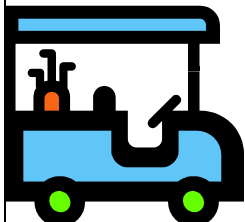


During other times of the year, household hazardous waste may be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 1900 Hadley Ave., Oakdale. Hours for that facility are noon to 7:00pm Tuesdays, and 9:00am to 2:00pm Thursdays and Saturdays. Please call (651) 430-6655 with questions.

River Oaks Golf Course Begins Fall Rates

Have fun this fall as River Oaks Golf Course begins its fall rates. Starting September 17, 2007 the City of Cottage Grove is pleased to offer:

- 18 Hole Green Fee Weekday \$25.00
- 18 Hole Green Fee Weekend \$27.00
- All Carts \$11.00 per person
- Senior 18 Hole Green Fee with cart \$25.00 (Senior valid Monday-Friday anytime, week ends after 11:00am)



COTTAGE GROVE, MN

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"



Recreation

www.cottage-grove.org 651-458-3400

Two Day Fiesta

Be sure to sign up for the fiesta during M.E.A. Break at Hearthside Park. We will be making and decorating piñatas, playing fiesta games, watching movies, making arts and crafts, and other fun activities. On Thursday, be sure to bring your lunch (there is a refrigerator available) and on Friday either bring a lunch or money and we will walk to McDonalds for lunch. Pre-registration is required for this program.

Ages 5-13 years old
Date October 18th & 19th,
Time 8:00-4:30 p.m.
Place Hearthside Park
Cost \$28

Falling into Harvest Time

Kim Maxwell from Once Upon A Star welcomes you and your child on a fun filled fall adventure. In full costume Kim will transform Woodridge park into a fall fantasy land. This program is filled with crafts, singing, and face painting.

Ages 3-6 years old
Date November 12th, 2007
Time 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Place Woodridge Park
Price..... \$10

Dance Programs

Movers and Shakers: This program will introduce your 4-8 year old child to controlled creative movement, and easy dance steps to fun energetic music. Class meets Tuesdays at Peter Thompson Park from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Hip Hop Kids: This program is geared for fun and fitness with a little spunk. Sign up if you are 9-13 years old and ready to learn some easy, funky dance steps. Class meets Tuesdays at Peter Thompson Park from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Dates.....Sept 18th, 25th, Oct 2nd,
9th, 16th, 23rd, 2007
Cost\$35

Job Postings

Check out our website at www.cottage-grove.org for new fall and winter job opportunities.

Adopt-A-Park

The Recreation Department is looking for families and local organizations to participate in our Adopt-A-Park Program. Participants are asked to organize a fall and spring clean-up at their Adopted Park; clean-up materials will be supplied by the City. Adopting organizations will receive a sign at the park signifying their contributions.

The following parks are available for adoption:

C.G. Trailway Corridor Grey Cloud Dunes
East Central Ravine Hazen P. Moor Park
Foothill Open Space Water Tower Park
Hidden Valley Pond

Teens In Action

Teens In Action is a youth organization that supports and volunteers for the Recreation Department at special events during the school year. There is no fee to participate in Teens In Action. This organization begins in October and meets at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena on the first and third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. This is a great way to get involved and give back to your community. The group will be involved in the following events:

- Winter Medallion Hunt
- Youth Activities Expo
- Golden Egg Hunt
- Adopt a Park - Lamar Complex
- Holiday Train

Mens' Hockey League

The Cottage Grove Ice Arena will once again be operating the River Valley Mens' Hockey League. The season will consist of a 14 week season and play-offs. Games are typically held on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings after 9pm and the season begins in mid-November. This is a competitive league where fun is top priority. If you are interested in signing a team up, please call the Cottage Grove Ice Arena at 651-458-3400 or log onto www.cottage-grove.org.

Walking Club

Here is your last chance to get consistent weekly outdoor exercise and meet new people. Participants will to exercise and walk the beautiful fall trail system. Certified Personal Trainer, Annie Elmer, will be leading the weekly walks. Walkers of any level are welcome.

AgesAll ages
Time9:00-11:00 a.m.
PlaceWoodridge
CostFree

After School Program Leaders

We are hiring two recreation leaders to coordinate our after-school program held at Parkside Park & Recreation Center, but serves several multi-family housing complexes and the surrounding community.

The minimum age for applicants is 17 years old. Applicants should have a broad knowledge of games, sports, arts and creative craft skills. Must be able to work well with children and should possess good leadership skills. Basic first-aid and CPR certifications are desirable. Application deadline: September 21st, 2007 or until filled. The rate of pay is \$8.25-\$9.25 per hour.

Start Date.....October 15th, 2007
End Date.....April 18th, 2008
HoursMon. -Thurs.4:00-8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Pre-Party

Attention Parents... Do you need some free time to get your grocery shopping done or maybe get started on your Holiday shopping before the mad rush begins? Perhaps a nice relaxing day to get caught up with chores? If this is sounds good to you, we have what you need... great staff, plenty of activities, pizza for lunch, and a hand-made center piece for your holiday table. Pre-registration is required for this program.

Ages 5-13 years old
Date November 9th, 2007
Time 8:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Place Hearthside Park