

Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest

Greetings from the Mayor of Cottage Grove!

The City of Cottage Grove is a vibrant and growing community on the Southeast side of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area! We are conveniently located about 20 minutes south of St. Paul on Highway 61! We are a city on the edge of tremendous growth and focused on a bright future! However, Cottage Grove has a great deal of history! Parts of this history are the fields of strawberries that dotted the farm fields of early Cottage Grove. Many people from the upper Midwest came to Cottage Grove to pick fresh strawberries from Swanlund's many years ago. I personally remember eating as many strawberries as my mom would pick! It was a fun time and a family tradition that I will remember forever. To keep some of that tradition alive, we decided to keep the Strawberry Theme as our Community Festival! We have a dedicated festival committee that continues to build a bigger and better festival each and every year! Attendance continues to grow as word gets out about our great event! We have people coming from all around the upper Midwest to attend our Festival!

I encourage you to become a part of this great community event! Whether it's sponsoring an event, having a booth in the business expo, being in the Grande Day Parade, or just being a part of the festivities, I would like to extend my welcome and invitation to be a part of the Cottage Grove Strawberry Festival!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Myron A. Bailey
Mayor of Cottage Grove