



## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SING-A-LONG

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Robbinsdale City Hall**



Please join us for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the front steps of City Hall! There will be song sheets, refreshments and holiday gift bags from Santa for children bringing a non-perishable food item to donate. Sponsored by Robbinsdale Chamber & City Hall; with a special thanks to senior volunteers that prepared gift bags.

## ROBBINSDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

This annual drive begins November 1st and runs through December 9th. It benefits PRISM & NEAR Food Shelf, and toy donations will benefit area Battered Women's Shelters. Bring donations to Robbinsdale City Hall; new toys are accepted and food items of greatest need include: pumpkin, cranberry sauce, yams, flour, sugar, pasta sauce, cereal, soups with meat, pancake mix, cooking oil, peanut butter, jelly, green beans and canned items (milk, chicken, tuna and vegetables).

## METRO PAINT-A-THON PROGRAM

Since 1984, teams of volunteers have painted home exteriors to provide assistance to low-income seniors and/or adults with permanent physical disabilities that are not able to do so independently. Services are provided free of charge to homeowners that qualify. Applications are accepted January through mid-April each year. For more info on services or volunteering contact: Molly, Senior Services Director at 612-276-1579; [mchandler@gmcc.org](mailto:mchandler@gmcc.org).



## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL AND PICK-UP



Waste Management will collect Robbinsdale residents' non-artificial Christmas trees the weeks of January 2 & January 9. Each residential household is limited to **free** collection of **one** Christmas tree which must be prepared in the following manner: tree must be under 5' feet long (if it is not, cut the tree into lengths under five feet), metal stands must be removed, and tree is set alongside your garbage container. **DO NOT** bag the tree.



## WINTER PARKING RULES/SNOW EMERGENCIES

Robbinsdale City Code prohibits parking on any City street after a snowfall of 2 inches or more of snow. When a Snow Emergency is declared, there is no parking on City streets until they have been plowed curb to curb. Violators are subject to citation and vehicle impound. For the current status of any snow emergencies call the **Snow Emergency Hotline at 763-531-1275** for a recorded message. **To avoid receiving a citation or having your vehicle towed, plan ahead when snow is predicted to keep vehicles off streets.**

## Now is the best time to prune oaks and most other tree species

If you have any oak trees in your yard that you would like to have pruned, now until around April 1<sup>st</sup> is the best time to do so. This dormant season pruning window for oaks is very important to help avoid the spread or transmission of oak wilt disease. Oak wilt is a fungus that spreads via grafted root systems between infected oak trees or overland by sap beetles attracted to the scent of freshly cut branches. Red and pin oaks (pointy leaves) are the most susceptible to this disease and will fully wilt and die within 2-6 weeks of infection. White, swamp white and bur oaks (round lobed leaves) have more resistance to oak wilt but are not immune. Robbinsdale licenses tree care contractors and this list can be found on the City's forestry webpage at <http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/services/forestry>. Please select a contractor using this list. In general the best time for pruning most tree species is during the dormant season because tree structure is easier to assess and harmful diseases/insects are inactive. The only exception to this rule would be spring flowering shrubs such as lilacs or forsythias which should be pruned after flowering.

## PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING UTILITY RATES INCREASES

A public hearing to consider increases in water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and solid waste collection rates in Robbinsdale will be held on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall. The City Council proposes to proceed under the authority granted by Minnesota Statute Section 429 and City Charter Chapter 11.

## WINTER RECREATION ACTIVITIES

The City does not publish a winter issue of the Newsletter/Recreation Brochure, but there are still a variety of activities for all ages available. There is something for everyone: sports, arts, book discussions, movies, exercise and even science programs! Program information will be updated periodically, so please check the Recreation Service pages at <http://www.robbinsdalemn.com> for the most current information. You can also call the Recreation Department at 763-531-1278. The following lists just a few of the current programs coming up in late December and early January. Remember you can register online for most programs as well. The link is available from our website or can be accessed by going directly to <https://webtrac.robbinsdalemn.com>.

- \* **Baby Boomers & Beyond Workout** Make a positive difference in your strength, balance and overall wellness; Class led by Nancy Stoneberg at the Public Safety Building, 41<sup>st</sup> & Hubbard. Fridays, 9-9:45 am. Fee is \$30 for a 5 class punch pass.
- \* **Happy Holidays Paint on Canvas**: Enjoy an afternoon, creating a beautiful holiday painting while enjoying a hot chocolate and cookies with your child ages 6-12. Saturday, December 3 from 2-4 pm at the Crystal Community Center. Supplies and instruction provided! Register by November 22. Fee is \$47 per adult/child pair.
- \* **Happy Holiday Cookie Party**: Ages 7-12 will work on multiple cookie themed projects, including decorating real cookies at the Crystal Community Center! Saturday, December 17, 1:30-4 pm. Register by Dec. 9. Fee is \$27.
- \* **Cookies and Canvas**: Ages 7-12 have fun while an artist guides you step by step in replicating a featured painting. All supplies, including a bag of cookies included in the fee! Meets Tuesday, December 27 from 1-3 pm at the Brookview Community Center, Golden Valley. Register by December 16. Fee is \$26.
- \* **Wizard School**: ages 6-12 can become an apprentice under a Science Explorer instructor and learn the science behind the magic. Learn to harness electricity to make your own wand, along with exploring scientific "magic" potions. Meets Wednesday, December 28 from 9:30 am-noon at New Hope Ice Arena. Register by December 21. Fee is \$24.
- \* **Unicorns and Fairies Art Camp**: Ages 6-12 will use Model Magic, air-dry clay, paint, glitter and other magical materials to create these magical creatures. Meets Tuesday, December 27 from 9:30 am-noon at Crystal Community Center. Register by December 20. Fee is \$24.
- \* **Minecraft and More Art Camp**: Ages 6-12 will use Model Magic, air-dry clay and paint to create projects related to popular apps! Meets Tuesday, December 27, 1-3:30 pm at Crystal Community Center. Register by Dec. 20. Fee is \$24.
- \* **Pokemon Movie Making**: Ages 7-12 will be able to use figures, props and backdrops provided to work on a stop motion animated movie! Youth will handle the technical details of filming. Final project emailed to parents. Meets Wed. & Thurs., January 4-5, 9 am to noon at Crystal Community Center. Register by December 27. Fee is \$62.
- \* **Winter Explorers Camp**: Ages 8-12 come join us to embrace winter fun, while school is out! Explore all the excitement winter has to offer from snowshoeing to building snow forts! All equipment provided, dress to be outside the entire time. Meets Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 28-30, 1-4 pm at Brookview Park, Golden Valley. Register by December 20. Fee is \$59
- \* **American Red Cross Babysitting Training**: Youth ages 11-15 will learn the skills to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. Successful completion results in certification. Participants provide own lunch & snack. Saturday, December 17, 8 am-6 pm at Brookview Community Center, Golden Valley. Register by December 12. Fee is \$108.
- \* **Snow Tubing at Wild Mountain field trip**: Youth ages 8-14-grab your friends and board this bus to Wild Mountain for a fun afternoon of tubing on Friday, December 30. Board the bus at 9 am at the New Hope Ice Arena with pick up at 4 pm. Register by December 19. Fee is \$39, bring your own lunch or lunch money.
- \* **Amazing Athletes and RevSports Programs**: Sports related programs for ages 3 and older
- \* **Youth Basketball**: Introductory program for youth ages 5-7 meets on Sundays, Jan. 29-March 5. Various divisions for grades 2-7. Leagues for grades 2-7 are played in Golden Valley or Crystal. League runs January through early March. Volunteer coaches needed. **Registration closes for the league when teams are full or on December 12.**
- \* **Rink Rat Outdoor Youth Hockey**: Outdoor pond hockey programs ages 10-13. Offered with other nearby cities and meets from January 8-February 10. Practices and games are held on Fridays and Sundays. Volunteer coaches needed.
- \* **Sanborn Park Ice Rinks**: Scheduled to open around December 22 (weather permitting) with 2 hockey rinks and 1 free skating area available. Hours of operation will be listed on the City's website.
- \* **Out & About Trips**: Adult trips to some great performances and museums are planned for each month. Call 763-531-1278 or check online for current offerings.

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**\*Waste Management Yard Waste Pick Up Runs through November 26 (Weather Permitting)**

**\*City Hall and Public Works offices will be closed November 24, 25 & 26, December 23 - 26 and January 2 for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Holidays.**