



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SING-A-LONG

Tuesday, December 5th 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. The event is sponsored by the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce & City of Robbinsdale with a special thanks to senior volunteers that prepared gift bags.

METRO PAINT-A-THON PROGRAM

Since 1984, teams of volunteers have painted home exteriors to provide assistance to low-income seniors and/or disabled adults with a permanent physical disability 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 information on services or volunteering contact: Megan Young, Program Coordinator, at 612-276-1548 or myoung@gmcc.org.



WINTER PARKING RULES/SNOW EMERGENCIES



Robbinsdale City Code prohibits parking on any City street after a snowfall of 2 inches or more. 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.**



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL AND PICK-UP



Waste Management will collect Robbinsdale residents' non-artificial trees the weeks of January 1 & January 8. 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.**

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 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** at Robbinsdale City Hall. The City Council proposes to proceed under the authority granted by Minnesota Statute Section 429 and City Charter Chapter 11.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE AND PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE

Residents and businesses can register to receive electronic bills. Our new software powered by Invoice Cloud allows customers to view and pay their bill online at www.robbinsdalemn.com/eub using your bank account or with VISA, MasterCard, or Discover cards. The new software is also smart device compatible. Electronic bills save on postage, paper and envelope costs.



ROBBINSDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOOD AND TOY DRIVE



The annual Food and Toy Drive will kick off on November 1st and run through December 8th. Food donations will be given to the PRISM food shelf and NEAR food shelf which serve parts of Robbinsdale. Toy donations will be given to multiple metro area Battered Women Shelters. Donations may be dropped off at participating businesses in Robbinsdale including City Hall. For more information leave a message for the Chamber at 763-531-1279 or Chamber website at

www.robbinsdalechamber.com.

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! We have a few programs during school breaks as well. Program information is available on the City website and flyers are available at City Hall. Remember you can register online for most programs as well. The link to register is available on our website or can be accessed by going directly to <https://webtrac.robbindsdalemn.com>.

SANBORN WARMING HOUSE AND RINKS

The warming house at Sanborn Park will open once the weather and ice conditions are favorable for skating. Tentative plans are to open during Winter Break with extended hours of 12:30 to 9 pm. The warming house will be closed on December 25 and will have shorter hours on January 1. Regular hours will start January 6th. Regular hours will be Mondays-Thursdays, 5-8:30 pm; Fridays, 5-9 pm; Saturdays, 12:30-9 pm; and Sundays, 12:30-8:30 pm. There are a few exceptions, so please check the City’s website for current hours and conditions.



ROBBINSDALE COMMUNITY GYMS AND FITNESS CENTER IS NOW OPEN

After being closed for several months for renovations, the Robbinsdale Community Gyms and Fitness Center (RCGFC) is now open! For current hours and fees, please check the City’s website. Please join us for the free “Grand Re-Opening” event on



Saturday, December 2 from 10 am to 1 pm. This will be your opportunity to see all the changes, try out the new equipment, participate in activities that are offered, talk to different organizations and be eligible for discounts towards memberships. A specific schedule of activities will be available on



the City’s website, www.robbindsdalemn.com, closer to the event. The RCGFC is located within the Robbinsdale Middle School. Our entrance (Door 18) faces east towards Regent Avenue North, and is near the synthetic turf field.

USING SIGNS AT HOME TO HELP TO RECYCLE MORE

Something as simple as putting a recycling and trash label on your collection bins can be a huge step in preventing recyclables from ending up in the landfill. Avoid confusion by using free, downloadable signs from the Recycling Association of Minnesota (<http://recycleminnesota.org/> under Our Work - Resources). Labeling your bins lets guests know that you are serious about recycling and allows them to participate with ease without you having to worry about policing your guests. For some guests who don’t care where bottles go, signs or labels can help them see just how effortless it is to set up a recycling system in their own home.



RECYCLING REMINDER



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:		UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:
<p>Bottles & Jugs-examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Bottles and Containers with Recycling Code No.1-7 (Caps should be screwed onto containers.) <p>Glass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food & beverage bottles & jars <p>Metal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum, tin or steel cans <p>Paper, Cardboard, Dairy & Juice Containers-examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yogurt, pudding & fruit cups Disposable cups & bowls Margarine, cottage cheese & other containers Produce and takeout containers 	<p>Packaging-examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear packaging from toys and electronics <p>Boxes-examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardboard Cereal & cracker boxes Shoe boxes, gift boxes & electronics boxes Toothpaste, medication & other toiletry boxes <p>Paper-examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail, office & school papers Magazines & catalogs Newspapers & inserts Phone books 	<p><u>DON'T RECYCLE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Styrofoam * Bubble wrap * Plastic wrap * Microwaveable food trays * Paper soiled with food * Paper plates and towels * Drinking glasses * Dishes * Mirrors * Plastic bags * Containers that held hazardous material