



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SING-A-LONG

Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 6-6:30 p.m.

Robbinsdale City Hall 4100 Lakeview Ave N



Please join us for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on *Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 6 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m.*, on the front steps of City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North. There will be song sheets and refreshments for all, and holiday gift bags from Santa Claus for children bringing a non-perishable food item for PRISM Food Shelf. The City of Robbinsdale and the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce sponsor this event. Special thanks to the Senior Volunteers for preparing the gift bags and to Wuollet Bakery and Rainbow Foods for graciously making donations for the event.

ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE

The Annual Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce Food and Toy Drive, which began November 1 and runs through December 10, benefits PRISM Food Shelf and area battered women's shelters. Bring food or toy donations to Robbinsdale City Hall, or one of the following Robbinsdale businesses between now and December 10: *Broadway Awards, Broadway Pizza, Citizens Independent Bank, Copperfield Hill, Genie's Magic Cleaners, Jani-King, KinderCare, Nonna Rosa's, Orphan Computer, Robbin Gallery, Strait Stuff, US Bank, Washburn McReavy, or Wuollet Bakery.* New toys are accepted and food items of greatest need include stuffing, canned chicken, tuna, spam, juice, box potatoes, bagged or boxed rice, canned or bottled gravy, canned yams, cereal, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Although many types of gifts benefit food shelves (PRISM or NEAR), the gift of money may be the most beneficial. Over 50% of the food in the PRISM Food Shelf is purchased from [Second Harvest Heartland](#). Through this relationship **PRISM is able to use \$1 to purchase \$5 worth of groceries!**

WINTER RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **Jr. Jazzercise:** Special mini-camps for ages 5-11—Sundays at the Robbinsdale Community Gyms, Dec. 4, 11 and/or 18 from 2:30-4:30 pm. Advanced registration needed. Fee is \$25 for one or sign up for all three for just \$60.
- ❖ **Sanborn Park Ice Rinks:** Scheduled to open around December 20. There are 2 hockey rinks and 1 free skating area available. Hours of operation are listed on the City's website.
- ❖ **Winter Break Activities:** We have sports camps and more during the school break. Check our website for details!
- ❖ **New Year's Eve Family Skate:** Annual family fun skate event at Sanborn Park from 7-9 p.m. Celebrate New Year's Eve with refreshments to go along with your ice skating! If you plan to attend, help us plan ahead by calling 763-531-1278.
- ❖ **Youth Basketball:** There is Jr. Basketball for youth ages 5-7, an instructional league for youth in grades 2-6th and even a 3x3 recreational league for 7-12th graders who are not in a traveling or high school league! For complete details check our website or call for a flyer. **Register by December 9—leagues begin in January. Jr. Basketball meets in February.**
- ❖ **Rink Rat Hockey:** Outdoor hockey leagues for youth ages 5-12 divided by age levels. Start with 2 preseason practices and end with 8 instructional games—no goalies. Leagues run Fridays and Sundays, January 6-February 10. **Register by December 9.**

For more information on these and other activities call the Recreation Office at 763-531-1278 or check our Event page at www.robbinsdalemn.com!

SNOW EMERGENCY



When a snow emergency is in effect, there is no parking on any street until the streets are cleared curb-to-curb. Call 763-531-1275 to hear pre-recorded information on snow emergencies. The information will be updated once a decision is made on the time the snow emergency will be declared.

PLASTICS CAN NOW GO IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING CART

Waste Management now accepts plastics bottles, containers, lids and tubs marked with a recycling label number of 1-7. **Reminder:** NO – plastic bags, film or #6 Styrofoam, packaging material/cups/plates or trays. See the attached insert for more information on recycling.

ROBBINSDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce consists of a wide range of members from North Memorial Medical Center to home-based businesses. The Chamber provides opportunities to meet other local business owners and improve the Robbinsdale business climate through networking, community involvement, business promotion, business education, and improved communications as a partner with the city in community revitalization efforts. Membership information is available at www.robbinsdalemn.com/chamber.htm or 763-531-1279.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Senior Community Services has been serving seniors in the Robbinsdale, Crystal, New Hope, Golden Valley and Brooklyn Center area through their H.O.M.E. and Senior Outreach Programs for many years. Recently, Senior Community Services launched a new free Caregiver Program call CareNextion, a community-based program. Its website (www.carenexion.org) offers resources, tools and tips on transportation, wellness, safety, security and more. This program is a wonderful way to access information and help at any time, day or night. For more information about this program call Senior Community Services at 952- 541-1019.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP ENDS NOVEMBER 26 AND WILL RESUME MID APRIL 2012

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL AND PICK-UP

The City's contracted waste hauler, Waste Management, will collect Robbinsdale residents' non-artificial Christmas trees *the weeks of January 2 and January 9, 2012 only*. Each residential household is limited to **free** collection of **one** Christmas tree which must be prepared in the following manner: tree must be under five 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.

CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays, City Hall and Public Works offices will be closed on November 24, November 25, December 23, December 26, and January 2. The Police Department is open 24 hours per day. Robbinsdale's municipal liquor store will be open on Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be open regular hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. the day after Thanksgiving and on New Year's Eve. For more information contact RC Liquors at 763-537-9012.
