

PET LICENSES

The City of Robbinsdale requires that residents license their cats and dogs. A dog and cat license is valid for a two-year period (2012-13 licenses will be available end of September). To obtain a license for your pet, proof of the pet's current rabies vaccination must be provided along with payment of the appropriate license fee. The fees are \$15.00 for a neutered or spayed dog or cat and \$20.00 for non-neutered or non-spayed. To obtain a license come to City Hall in person or mail your application request with the required fee and a copy of the current rabies vaccination to Pet License, City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North, Robbinsdale, MN 55422. A pet license form may be downloaded from the City website. For further information about the City's Ordinance relating to dogs and cats call 763-537-4534 or see City Code Section 915.03 available on the City's website.

UPCOMING RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Robbinsdale Recreation Services offer a variety of fun activities for youth and families this fall including the following:

- **Family Friendly Yoga:** All ages, Sundays 1-2 p.m., beginning October 2 (ongoing), Public Safety Building, 4101 Hubbard Ave N—Enjoy parent/child partnership to flourish through a fun, hands-on yoga practice. \$10 per pair per time, or \$42 Robbinsdale pair-6 Punch Pass, or \$49 non-resident pair-6 Punch Pass.
- **Mini Spikers Volleyball Camp:** Ages 4-8, Saturdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., October 29-November 19—Bump, Set, Spike! Learn to play in an age appropriate setting 4-1 player/coach ratio with MN Volleyball Headquarters instructors. **Register by October 20.** Fee: \$36 resident. \$43 nonresident. (Residents includes Robbinsdale, Crystal, and New Hope.)
- **Italian Breadmaking:** Ages 7-12 with adult, Saturday, November 5, 1:00-2:45 p.m., La Cucina di Nonna Rosa Restaurant, downtown Robbinsdale—Learn about Italian culture while baking your own loaf of bread to take home. Hosted by Chef Francesco of Nonna Rosa Restaurant. Refreshments provided. Fee: \$12 Robbinsdale resident pair. \$19 non-resident pair.

These are just some of the programs offered. Other programs include Adult Sport Leagues, Open Gyms, Open Table Tennis, Open Volleyball, Jazzercise, Soo Bahk Do, Zumba, Seniors Out & About and Art Sampler, Halloween Monster Mash, and youth special craft and science classes. Please check our City website at http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/activ_2.shtml for more details.

RC LIQUORS

RC Liquors, the City-owned liquor store next to CVS, offers a variety of beers, wine and spirits. Monthly specials are posted on the website (www.robbinsdale.mn.com/rcliquor.shtml). Proceeds from RC Liquors go toward the City's park improvements.

ROBBINSDALE'S MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE

Services provided by the Motor Vehicle Office include license plates, title transfers, hunting & fishing licenses, registration for snowmobiles, ATVs, & boats, limited drivers license (duplicate for address change or lost license), and passport services, including photo services. Office hours for the Motor Vehicle Office are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday as well as 9 a.m. to 12 Noon the *1st & 2nd Saturday* of the month, excluding some holiday weekends. (For the remainder of 2011 the Motor Vehicle office will be *open* the weekends of October 8 & 15, November 5 & 12, and December 3 & 10).

**Special thanks to all the businesses and residents who generously
donated toward the beautiful downtown flower baskets!**

FALL GARDEN TIPS

Fall clean-up/yard work burns 300 calories per hour on average—feel virtuous while doing your chores!

LAWN RENOVATIONS:

- ❖ You can still seed new lawns, over-seed, or lay sod—site prep is very important to get grass seed/sod established quickly.
- ❖ Give up on crabgrass/other warm season weeds—frost will wipe them out. BUT do apply perennial broadleaf weed control.

FLOWERS/BULBS:

- ❖ Lift tender bulbs once frost has killed vegetation (dahlias, 4 o'clocks, glads, caladium, cannas, callas, begonias are all tender bulbs).
- ❖ Cut back any perennial foliage that has turned yellow or orange as the growing season winds down.
- ❖ Plant spring flowering bulbs late September to early October.

TREES/SHRUBS:

- ❖ Water trees and shrubs 1 inch per week until ground freezes
- ❖ Don't do fall pruning until October or November.

Large cardboard boxes can cover tender plants on first nights of frost—plants can continue to bloom/grow for 1-2 weeks.

VEGGIES/FRUITS:

- ❖ Save the best—forget the rest.
- ❖ Tomatoes need average daily temps of 65° to ripen well. When daytime temps are always below 65°, pick fruits that are changing color, ripen them indoors out of direct sunlight.
- ❖ Don't put windfall fruits (usually infested with insect larvae) in a compost pile—dispose of in accordance with local ordinances.
- ❖ Prune out raspberry canes that produced fruit this summer.
- ❖ Prune root suckers from apple trees (will be less likely to grow new suckers).
- ❖ WATER, WATER, WATER—even though temps have cooled off, the soil can still be dry, and plants need water.

These tips were submitted by the Diggers Garden Club, which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Police/Fire Building Community Room, 4101 Hubbard Ave N. For information about joining the Diggers call 763-535-3047.



HELP! DON'T PLUG SEWERS WITH GRASS AND LEAVES



City code prohibits raking or depositing grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc. into the gutter and along the street. The debris will eventually end up in our lakes and streams, which contributes to the deterioration of water quality. The City appreciates your cooperation in helping to keep lakes clean, storm sewers open and streets clean by bagging leaves and/or grass clippings for the yard waste hauler or by properly composting.

YARD WASTE PICK UP RUNS THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER

Reminder: Compostable bags must be used for leaves. Another option is to place leaves in a galvanized or Rubbermaid-type container (not to exceed 30 lbs) clearly labeled "Yard Waste" and placed 3 feet from garbage cart. If multiple containers are used, it is only necessary to label one.



RESIDENT RECYCLING PARTICIPATION RATES

Participation Percentages Per Pick-Up Day for the Quarter of April-June 2011				
*Monday 99%	*Tuesday 98%	*Wednesday 99%	*Thursday 97%	*Friday 99%
Participation Percentages Per Pick-Up Day Reported for Previous Quarter				
*Monday 93%	*Tuesday 92%	*Wednesday 92%	*Thursday 90%	*Friday 91%

Average monthly recycling rate this past quarter for all days is 97%. Way to go—let's shoot for 100%!