



City of Robbinsdale Newsletter

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2011 UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- *September 12: Main Street Meet & Greet
- *September 16 & 17: HORCF Birdtown Bash
- *September 24: Senior Craft & Bake Sale
- *October 28: Monster Mash
- *December 6: Christmas Tree Lighting

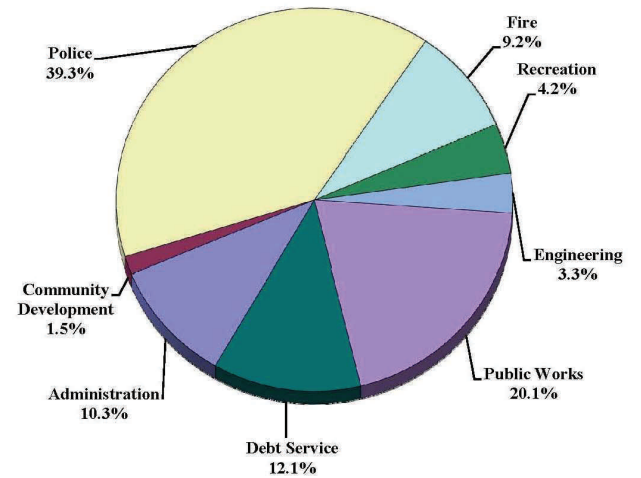
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2012 BUDGET

State legislated changes to the way homestead properties are taxed are expected to have a ripple effect shifting higher property taxes to other properties and in some cases likely reducing the benefit that homestead properties have had in the past. To soften the expected blow to the taxpayers, the Robbinsdale City Council will set a flat General Fund tax levy—0% change from the 2011 levy when the proposed levy is set on September 6, 2011. Within the 2012 budget, the City is expecting to retain the same core services, including recreation program administration and will explore the option of adding a police officer. The chart to the right shows the approximate budget allocation after adjusting for anticipated revenues from fees.

The final property tax levy will be set in December after the City Council has an opportunity to learn the impact that the new state tax formula will have on the City's taxpayers.

2012 City Services Supported By Property Tax Levy



This graph depicts the distribution of property taxes received for the following basic services provided: police protection, planning and zoning, comprehensive planning, housing programs administration, council, administration, elections, assessing, finance, outstanding bonds and capital equipment notes, street and park maintenance, forestry, building inspections, rental housing inspection, code enforcement, engineering administration, library building, recreation programming, city band, and fire protection.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Robbinsdale's Facebook Page is a great place to watch for updates. It also cross connects to RC Liquor's Facebook Page as well as the Chamber of Commerce and other Robbinsdale businesses so you can follow their information too. Remember—you do not need to have a Facebook Account to view these pages.



- www.facebook.com/CityOfRobbinsdale
- www.facebook.com/Robbinsdalerec
- www.facebook.com/R.C.Liquors
- www.facebook.com/Robbinsdale.Chamber

MAIN STREET MEET & GREET

Robbinsdale Main Street Meet & Greet will be held on Monday, September 12 from 6-8 p.m. on West Broadway between 41st & 42nd Avenues North (rain location - Hubbard Marketplace, 4145 Hubbard Avenue North). This event is free and open to all Robbinsdale area residents. Visit booths from local businesses and organizations as you walk up and down West Broadway. This event is sponsored by the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce.



*Win Prizes!

*Enjoy the City Band at 6:30 pm!

*A NIGHT FULL OF FUN!!

Celebrate our community of Robbinsdale!

UNITED WE STAND

ROBBINSDALE MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE AT CITY HALL

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.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday as well as 9 a.m.-12 Noon the **1st & 2nd Saturday** of the month, excluding some holiday weekends. (For the remainder of 2011 the Motor Vehicle office will be **closed** Labor Day weekend, and **open** the weekends of September 10, October 8 & 15, November 5 & 12, and December 3 & 10).

BOTTINEAU TRANSITWAY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Hennepin County has scheduled a Roundtable Discussion Event for **Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6-8:30 p.m.**, Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Brooklyn Center. The Roundtable Event will include a brief presentation of transitways in other communities and small group discussions about balancing impacts/benefits in project decisions. For more information about this event, please send your email or mailing address to Bottineau@co.hennepin.mn.us. Additional information also will be available on the project website at www.bottransit.org. If you have specific questions about how the transitway may affect Robbinsdale, call Rick Pearson at 763-531-1266.

REMINDER: YARD WASTE PICK UP

Yard waste/compost pick up continues through mid-November (depending on weather). Don't forget state law requires compostable bags be used for yard waste. A container weighing no more than 30 lbs. that is either Rubbermaid-type or galvanized is allowed for yard waste disposal. The cans must be clearly marked yard waste. "YARDWASTE ONLY" stickers are available at City Hall at no cost. A lid is required on the cans so that the contents stay dry and do not blow out. Containers with yard waste/compost (as well as bagged yard waste) must be placed 3 feet from garbage carts. If you have multiple containers for yard waste/compost, it is only necessary to label the front container with the others lined up behind.



HORCF BIRDTOWN BASH September 16 & 17, 2011 Terrace Mall Parking Lot

The Heart of Robbinsdale Community Foundation (HORCF) fall event, the **Birdtown Bash**, will be held in the parking lot of the Old Terrace Theater (36th & County Road 81) on **Friday, September 16, & Saturday, September 17, 2011**. On Friday night entertainment will be provided by the band *The Elements*. On Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be family entertainment with the Robbinsdale City Band, face painting, cookie decorating, games and a fire truck & ambulance. Saturday evening the band *Urban Myth* will play. Food and beverages will be available both Friday and Saturday. For more information visit the HORCF website at www.heartofrobinsdale.org.

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FALL CRAFT & BAKE SALE Saturday, September 24, 2011 Robbinsdale City Hall 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The City of Robbinsdale Senior Commission, the Friendly Robins Senior Club and the Monday Bunch are sponsoring a Fall Craft & Bake Sale. Stop by City Hall on September 24 for a great deal. For more information call Recreation Services at 763-531-1278. Craft & Bake Sale donations will be accepted at City Hall on Friday, September 23, 9 am-1 pm or Saturday, September 24, 8 am-Noon. The funds raised from the sale will benefit HORCF and the Robbinsdale Lions Club.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SING-A-LONG,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011,
6-6:30 P.M.**

Please join the Mayor, City Council, City businesses, City staff, your friends, and your neighbors at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Sing-A-Long at the Robbinsdale City Hall front steps on **Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 6 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m.** Song sheets will be provided and there will be refreshments. Santa will distribute holiday gift bags to children who bring a non-perishable food item for PRISM. This event is co-sponsored with the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce.

City Council Update In an effort to better inform the citizens of Robbinsdale, this section contains information on ordinances passed to-date in 2011 by the City Council. For further information, you may contact the City Clerk at 763-531-1252.

10-22: An Ordinance amending City Code Section 910.47 related to applicants for Recreational Fire Permits—reduces applicant age to 18 and clarifies that a resident of the home who is 18 years old or older must be present when there is a recreational fire. (Adopted 1-4-11)

11-01: An Ordinance Rezoning 3304 Grimes Ave N, From the R-2 District To The R-1 District (Adopted 2-01-11)

11-02: An Ordinance Relating to an Administrative Penalty System—establishing a system for issuing and administering administrative penalties (Adopted 7-19-11)

11-03: An Ordinance amending the Residential Business District by allowing Massage Therapy as an Accessory Use at Hospitals (Adopted 3-1-11)

11-04: An Ordinance amending the Robbinsdale City Charter to add Administrative Penalties, Section 8.05—allowing the City to enact an administrative penalty system which would allow certain unpaid penalties to be assessed to properties (Adopted 4-19-11)

11-05: An Ordinance amending Section 520.05, Subd. 4 to allow automobile sales with exterior display of vehicles with conditions (Adopted 6-7-11)

11-06: An Ordinance amending Section 1120 of the Robbinsdale City Code relating to transient sales within the city and updating the General Insurance Section 1005.07 related to licensing—updating regulations and insurance coverage requirements (Adopted 6-22-11)

11-07: An Ordinance removing telecommunications facilities located on antenna support structures as a Conditional Use in the B-1 Neighborhood Commercial District (Adopted 7-5-11)

11-08: An Ordinance establishing a Domestic Partnership Registry—institutes a Domestic partnership Registry for Robbinsdale residents (Adopted 7-5-11)

11-09: An Ordinance amending the Sign Ordinance to permit street spanning banners in the downtown area (Adopted 7-5-11)

11-10: An Ordinance amending the Robbinsdale City Code adopting by reference the official statutes, codes, regulations, and ordinances (Adopted 8-1-11)

11-11: An Ordinance amending the Robbinsdale City Code to provide for City inspections under the Minnesota Electrical Act (Adopted 8-1-11)

10-12: Emergency Ordinance no. 11-12: An Emergency Ordinance allowing City to administer Minnesota Electrical Act for emergency electrical work (Adopted 7-12-11)

10-13: An Ordinance amending Section 1135 of the Robbinsdale City Code relating to Pawnbrokers within the City—updating the City Code on pawn redemption to be consistent with state law and to remove the requirement that payments be made by check. (Adopted 8-16-11)

CHANGES TO CABLE CHANNEL 16

By mid September, Northwest Community Television's Channel 16 will have a new look. In addition to the new format for the City information scroll and airing of live Council and REDA meetings, re-runs of Northwest Cities programs, City Videos, and Mayors Minutes will be aired alternately throughout the hour.



CLEAN WATER UPDATE



Crystal Lake Water Quality Improvements

Work on the Crystal Lake Water Quality Project commenced in mid July. Construction of the clarifier tank, piping, and control building will progress through December. After finalization and testing in spring of 2012, the system will become operational and will start to remove phosphorous from the lake.

The City, in conjunction with Hennepin County and the Shingle Creek Watershed Commission, is funding this project.

New Rain Garden

In late July, a Boy Scout from Troop 567 in Plymouth undertook his Eagle Scout Community Project by planting the large rain garden in the middle of the new parking lot at Lakeview Terrace Park. With the help of other scouts and their families, approximately 4,000 plants were installed. The garden includes some stone walls and drain tile that had been installed by City Public Works staff.

The rain garden will allow infiltration of rain water that falls on the parking lot, help to keep pollutants out of Crystal Lake, and provide a colorful amenity to the area that attracts birds, butterflies, and other insects.

This is the second rain garden planting done as an Eagle Scout Community Project.

Keeping Our Waterways Clean — Keep Grass & Leaves Out of Streets

As fall approaches, it is important to remember that sweeping grass clippings and leaves into the street is bad for our local lakes, creeks, and rivers. Grass and leaves, along with other organic materials that are washed into the storm drain system, end up in our local water bodies. These materials decompose and release phosphorous into the water. Algae uses this nutrient to grow, which in turn could turn your local lake green.

Better alternatives include creating an area for composting in your yard or collecting the grass and leaves in bags for collection by the City's yard waste contractor.

If you have any comments, would like further information on these articles, or would like to find out more about storm water in general, please contact our Public Works Director/City Engineer, Richard McCoy at ☎763-531-1260 or at rmccoy@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us.

**NOTES FROM THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
HOMESTEAD FILING REMINDER FOR NEW HOMEOWNERS**

If you recently purchased a property and you or a qualifying relative occupy it as a primary residence, you will need to apply for the appropriate homestead classification as soon as possible. If you purchase and move into a home on or before December 1, 2011, please be aware you must file for a homestead classification **before December 15, 2011**. The homestead classification cannot be granted until all paperwork (copy of Deed, Certificate of Real Estate Value form, and current picture ID showing your Robbinsdale address) is processed and accepted by the City's Assessing Department. An application can be downloaded at www.robbinsdalemn.com/values_homestead.shtml. Call the Assessing Department at 763-531-1217 for more information.

Property Ownership Changes: If there has been a change in the ownership of your home due to **marriage, separation, divorce, or death of spouse, the sale of a property, or converting your principal residence to a rental property**, please notify the Robbinsdale Assessing Department at 763-531-1217.

U.S. Armed Service Personnel: If you **own** and **occupy** your home, and you have been called to active duty in the Armed Forces, there are provisions that allow your homestead classification to remain intact during your absence. Please contact the Robbinsdale Assessing Department at 763-531-1217 for more information.

**LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSIENT
MERCHANTS AND PEDDLERS**

Transient merchants are generally defined as those who would sell items in Robbinsdale from a portable tent, vehicle, trailer, etc. *Peddlers* are generally defined as those who would sell items or services in Robbinsdale door-to-door **for immediate delivery**. **Both are required to be licensed by the City.** Licenses must be carried by the licensees and exhibited to any officer or citizen upon request. *Solicitors/Canvassers* are defined as those who would go door-to-door soliciting, or taking, or attempting to take orders, for the sale of goods, wares, merchandise or services for **future delivery**. This would include schools, service clubs, and any non-profit agency circulating petitions and/or seeking donations for their cause. They do not require a license but **must pre-register with the City, and all persons soliciting or canvassing must carry a copy of the registration**. Vending from vehicles and door-to-door activities are limited to the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you come upon a transient merchant or peddler who is not licensed or solicitor/canvasser not registered with the City, please contact the City Clerk's office during regular business hours at 763-531-1255 or after hours call the Police Department (911).

**COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS
MEETING SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS**

CITY COUNCIL	MONTHLY MEETINGS	Location
Regular Meetings	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	7pm City Hall
Advisory Commissions		
Charter	Subject to Call	7 pm City Hall
Human Rights	4 th Thursday bi-monthly	7 pm City Hall
Parks, Recreation & Forestry	4 th Tuesday (Except July & Dec)	7 pm Location TBD
Planning	3 rd Thursday	7 pm City Hall
Senior	2 nd Monday (Except June, July, Aug)	9:30 am City Hall
Economic Development Authority (REDA)	2 nd Tuesday	7 pm City Hall
Crime Prevention Association	1 st Wednesday Next Meeting Sept 7 (Future Meeting dates TBD)	7 pm Police/Fire Building

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Pat Backen, Ward 4	763-439-6454, Robbinsdale.pat@gmail.com
Marcia Glick, City Manager	763-531-1258, mglick@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us

ROBBINSDALE SERVICE DIRECTORY

Emergency (Police & Fire)	911
Police Administration	763-531-1220
City Hall	763-537-4534
Motor Vehicle/Deputy Registrar Office	763-535-8133
Recreation Services	763-531-1278
Building Inspections	763-531-1268
City Forester	763-531-1273

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