



DON'T FORGET SPRING EGG HUNT AT CITY HALL



SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010, AT 1 PM FOR CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

2010 NORTHWEST SUBURBAN REMODELING FAIR

Mark your calendars! The cities of Robbinsdale, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, New Hope, Maple Grove, Osseo and Plymouth invite you to join them at the *Annual Northwest Suburban Remodeling Fair, Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.* The Remodeling fair's purpose is to encourage homeowners to make home improvements such as additions, three-season porches, garages, pools, etc. The Fair, which will be held at the *Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive*, has proven to be an excellent opportunity for homeowners to learn about products and services offered by the home improvement industry. The Remodeling Fair is free to all and includes over 83 exhibits from local contracting businesses, lending institutions, local manufacturers, and municipalities. Demonstrations and workshops will be held throughout the day. These exhibits, demonstrations, and workshops will assist homeowners in finding the answers to their remodeling questions. For more information, please call 763-531-1269.



ROBBINSDALE LIONS CLUB FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

The Robbinsdale Lions Club will be hosting a French Toast Breakfast fundraiser on *Sunday, April 11, 2010*, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Broadway Pizza in Robin Center. The cost is \$6.00 and children ages 5 and under eat free! Tickets can be purchased at the door. All proceeds go directly to the Lions Club Community Fund.

ROBBINSDALE'S EARTH/ARBOR DAY

Saturday, May 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m. Lee Park, 3738 Lee Ave N



Celebrate this day with us at Lee Park starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 1. Robbinsdale combines these 2 events with the annual Arbor Day Celebration and Adopt-A-Park annual park clean-up and watershed clean-up. Help us plant a tree and learn about tree health. Check our web page or check the *Sun Post* for details.



WILL WE STILL HAVE FLOWERS DOWNTOWN?

The beautiful hanging baskets that brightened West Broadway the last three summers were there for all to enjoy thanks to donations made to the Robbinsdale Beautification Committee by Robbinsdale businesses and residents. *Having the flowers downtown this year is dependent upon finding reliable volunteers willing to water the hanging baskets weekends and holidays throughout the summer.* If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and want to help keep the flowers downtown, send a letter to Robbinsdale Beautification Committee Member Dawn Langfellow, 3958 Orchard Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422 or Kelly Hemsath, 4217 York Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422.

CITY NEWSLETTER/RECREATION INFO NEW FORMAT

Everyone should have received the City of Robbinsdale newsletter in its new format (One 17 x 22 sheet, 2 sided) with the recreation information inside. It was bulk mailed through the post office and should have reached Robbinsdale residents by March 11. If you did not receive the newsletter, it is available on our web page: www.robbinsdalemn.com or at the information counter at City Hall. If you have any questions, call the Recreation office at 763-531-1278.

MINNESOTA PRIMARY ELECTION DATE/CANDIDATE FILING DATES

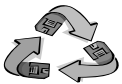
The Minnesota Legislature has approved changing the 2010 Primary Election date from September 14, to **August 10** to provide additional time for military and overseas voters to get their ballots in on time.

Robbinsdale's City Council seats for Ward 3 and Ward 4 are up for election this year. Because the Primary Election date is now August 10, 2010, the candidate filing period will open on Tuesday, May 18 and close on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. (***Election Judges Wanted: If you are interested in serving as a Robbinsdale Election Judge either for the Primary or General Election, call the City Clerk at 763-531-1252.***)

2010 CENSUS

Every 10 years as mandated by the U.S. Constitution, a nation-wide census is conducted in order to count every person living in the United States. The form has only 10 basic questions relating to occupancy, age, sex and telephone number. It is important to count all of our citizens as this data is used for determining legislative representation, as well as allocation of federal aid and other forms of financial assistance.

Census forms will be mailed or delivered to households beginning in March. ***Counting every one of our citizens is essential to ensure that Robbinsdale receives the proper funding from the state and federal governments.***



ROBBINSDALE RECYCLES! SINGLE SORT RECYCLING REPORT

The table below shows materials recycled in Robbinsdale in 2008 and 2009. It should be noted that although the tonnage of all materials is down for 2009, the overall participation rate has risen from 90.18% in 2008 to 93.84% in 2009. This is partially due to manufacturers using lighter materials for plastic, glass, and newspapers, as well as consumers purchasing fewer items due to the economy.

Recycled Material (in tons)					
	2008	2009		2008	2009
Newspaper	778.1	768.4	OCC & Mixed Paper	186.4	184.1
Mixed Glass	148.2	146.3	Plastic	45.8	45.2
Color sorted Glass	22.1	21.8	Scrap Metal	10.7	10.6
Cans (aluminum/steel)	53.1	52.4			

NEW STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR YARD WASTE

As of January 1, 2010, residents in the Twin Cities area who bag their yard waste will be required to put their waste out for pick up in compostable bags using either paper bags or compostable plastic bags. Compostable bags and paper (kraft) bags can be found at home improvement, grocery and hardware stores. Go to <http://swmcb.org/current-campaigns/compostable-bag-tool-kit> for information on compostable bags. This new law will affect residents in Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties. (City of Minneapolis residents are not required to use compostable bags until January 1, 2013.)

This rule will not impact your service if you currently put your yard waste or other compostable waste in a can. ***Yard waste disposal options for Robbinsdale residents are as follows:***

- Continue to use own containers (32-gallon, 40 lb limit)
- Use compostable bags or kraft paper yard waste bags
- Use reusable polywoven yard waste bags
- Bundle branches (must be under 3 inches in diameter, under 30 lbs and under 5 feet in length)