



## NEW POLICY FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT YARD WASTE PICK-UP

The State of Minnesota has placed a quarantine on moving Ash Tree branches in Hennepin County to stop the spread of Emerald Ash Borer. Robbinsdale picks up some tree waste as part of its solid waste service. To abide by the quarantine, Waste Management is asking residents to *separate tree waste larger than 1 inch in diameter from other yard waste* (grass/leaves/etc.). Smaller materials are too small for the Emerald Ash Borer to live in so that material is fine for pick up. Yard waste pick up drivers will have laminated pictures for ash branch identification and will pick up all brush that does not look like ash. Brush left behind will be reported to the Waste Management office and the following day the supervisors will pick up the brush to take to a chipping site for proper disposal.

This process will be in place through mid-October when the Emerald Ash Borer insect becomes inactive and the quarantine will expire for the year. Check on tree waste information when yard waste collection starts up again in April. For more information on the proper disposal of Ash Tree waste, please visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's website at [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us). A link to their site is available on the City's website as well. Waste Management apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

*Compost and yard waste collection runs from mid-April to mid-November. To confirm dates, call City Hall (763-537-4534) or Waste Management (952-890-1100, select option 1).*



## HELP! DON'T PLUG SEWERS WITH GRASS AND LEAVES

The City Public Works Department reminds property owners that Robbinsdale City Code prohibits property owners from raking or depositing grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc. into the gutters and along street curbs. This practice causes inlet grates to become plugged when it rains and contributes to the deterioration of water quality. The city appreciates resident cooperation in helping to keep lakes clean, storm sewers open, and streets clean by having your leaves and/or grass clippings collected by the yard waste hauler or by properly composting them. Do not dump leaves in the park or rake them into the streets as this increases the cost of your City services due to the extra time required to sweep the streets and tend to the parks. Yard waste collection is part of residents' solid waste collection service – there is no separate per bag fee.

## RESIDENT RECYCLING PARTICIPATION RATES AS REPORTED BY WASTE MANAGEMENT

Participation Percentages Per Pick-Up Day Reported for Previous Quarter				
*Monday 93%	*Tuesday 94%	*Wednesday 81%	*Thursday 88%	*Friday 91%
Participation Percentages Per Pick-Up Day for May-August 2009				
*Monday 91%	*Tuesday 85%	*Wednesday 96%	*Thursday 88%	*Friday 91%

## LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY TRASH TO CASH PROGRAM

Lakeview Elementary School collects labels to raise funds for various school activities and items, including field trips, planners for each student, assemblies, artist residencies, and classroom supplies. Labels collected include UPCs from all Campbell products, marked milk caps, marked sour cream carton labels, marked paper labels from Kemps milk cartons, and box tops from all participating products. Please note they *do not* collect labels from pop tabs, yogurt lids or Capri Sun pouches. A collection bin is located at City Hall near the Information Desk counter.

## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SPEAKER'S FORUM

Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission (HRC) Speaker's Forum Series presents Kao Kalia Yang, Author of The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir. This free event will be held on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 West Broadway, Downtown Robbinsdale.

The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir (Coffee House Press, 2008) is a beautiful memoir that "intimately chronicles the immigrant experience from the Hmong perspective, providing a long-overdue contribution to the history and literature of ethnic America." Margaret Flanagan, *Booklist*. The Latecomer received the 2008 Minnesota Book Award in Creative Nonfiction/Memoir, was the 2008 Minnesota Readers' Choice for Book of the Year, and received a 2008 Gustavus Myers Center Outstanding Book Award Advancing Human Rights, among other awards.

Contact the Robbinsdale HRC at [RHRC@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us](mailto:RHRC@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us), or Julie Aoki, Chair of the HRC, at 651-290-7532.



### FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS



The City of Robbinsdale has a wide variety of programs this fall to meet your recreational needs. This includes new programs like "**Family Geocaching**" and Daddy/Daughter "**Princess Ball**" along with the popular "**Hand and Hand**" craft programs and "**Once upon a Storytime**." Kids, join us for the annual "**Monster Mash**" dance on Friday, October 23, 2009, or for the "**Spooktacular**" on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Adults can enjoy some "Out and About" or "**Art Sampler**" trips, or take an art class or two! And for the more active –we have **Jazzercise** and **Soo Bahk Do**. Plus don't forget that the Robbinsdale Community Gyms and Fitness Center (located within the Robbinsdale Middle School building) has open gyms and plenty of fitness equipment to keep you in shape! Make sure you check out the City's website at <http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/citynewsletters.shtml> for the online brochure, or stop by City Hall for a copy if you don't have internet access.



### HEART OF ROBBINSDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S OKTOBERFEST, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The Heart of Robbinsdale Community Foundation (HORCF) will be hosting its first ever Robbinsdale Oktoberfest from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The event will be held in the parking lot between Wuollet's Bakery and Hackenmueller's in Downtown Robbinsdale. There will be beer, brats, and polka! Below is a brief schedule of events.

- ❖ 3-6 p.m. - Free admission. Enjoy various family activities, food, and entertainment with popular strolling accordionist Bill Koncar.
- ❖ 7-11 p.m. - \$5 entrance fee. Bring your Lederhosen and dance the night away with the *Wendinger Band*! Enjoy the beer garden and a brat. Maybe even take your picture with the St. Pauli Girls!



For more information go to the HORCF website at [www.heartofrobbinsdale.org](http://www.heartofrobbinsdale.org), or call 763-533-2522.

The purpose of the HORCF is to support programs and services which nurture and enhance life for persons of all ages in Robbinsdale.