



# City of Robbinsdale Newsletter

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## \* FALL WATERMAIN FLUSHING \*

**Daytime Hours between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

The City of Robbinsdale will be flushing hydrants this fall during the daytime hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the week of October 5 through October 9. Hydrant flushing is necessary to clean the City water lines. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 763-531-1202 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



## HEART OF ROBBINSDALE OKTOBERFEST

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009**

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.

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## 2010 CITY BUDGET

This fall the City Council will review program requests and services to determine how best to continue to provide them in difficult economic conditions. The City must also plan and provide for replacement of aging underground & sewer lines and maintain park and building facilities. We know that many of our residents are struggling in the economic downturn as well.

Volunteer help with programs, donations to park improvements, and even making purchases at Robbinsdale's Motor Vehicle Office at City Hall (license plates, tab renewals, hunting licenses, passports) and the municipal liquor store (RC Liquor in Robin Center) all help to reduce costs for City services by bringing in extra revenue.

If you are interested in keeping informed about the City's budget process and would like to receive notice of budget meetings, sign up for our e-Subscribe service. Just log on to [www.robbinsdalemn.com](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com) to register to receive the budget meeting notices.

## 2009 ROBBINSDALE MAIN STREET MEET & GREET

This year's *Main Street Meet & Greet* will be held on **Monday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on West Broadway between 41<sup>st</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenues N** (Rain location—Hubbard Marketplace, 4145 Hubbard Ave N). This event is free and open to all Robbinsdale area residents!

Visit booths from local businesses and organizations as you walk up and down the sidewalks on West Broadway!



\*Win Prizes!

\*Enjoy the City Band at 7 p.m.!

\*Food sold by Lions Club!

\*A NIGHT FULL OF FUN!!

This event is sponsored by the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce.

Celebrate our community of Robbinsdale!

***UNITED WE STAND***



## CLEAN WATER UPDATE



### City Construction Projects

As construction works in the City wrap up for another year, it is important to outline that these projects are being undertaken in a manner so as not to pollute our waterways.

All City construction projects include temporary devices that protect catch basins and ponds from sediments while the street surface is excavated. Rock dams help to slow the flow of stormwater and assist in preventing erosion of slopes, while special devices are placed in catch basins to filter out any sediments from the water that is flowing in.

Whenever projects are planned and designed, investigation is made into opportunity to make improvements to our stormwater infrastructure that will improve water quality. As part of our 2009 projects, specific actions included in on our construction projects are:

***York Avenue to Beard Avenue between 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Reconstruction*** – This project is into the second and final year of construction. Included in the construction are a number of features to help with improving water quality.

Three draining manholes will be built this year along 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue to compliment the one that was installed on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue last year. These draining manholes allow water to seep back into the subsoil to help recharge the groundwater. Water is collected in a sump at selected catch basins and manholes and passes through a lower opening protected by filter fabric to exclude sand and other debris. The water then flows into a rock enclosure wrapped in filter fabric underneath the structure that diffuses the water into the ground.

In addition, we will be excavating for a large raingarden in the triangular area bounded by 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Abbott Avenue, and Beard Avenue. This area will be planted with native flower and grass species. The raingarden will retain some stormwater volume and allow the soil and plants to absorb the nutrients in the water, rather than flowing untreated directly into the stormsewer system and into Crystal Lake.

A third feature being installed on Abbott Avenue just north of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue is a section of pervious asphalt pavement. The City and Shingle Creek Watershed were successful in obtaining grant money from the State to trail pervious asphalt pavement in the context of reducing salt applications during winter. The chloride generated by salt application during winter is causing problems for fish in our lakes and rivers, and this trial is being used to determine whether pervious pavements can allow less salt application during winter while still maintaining safe driving conditions.

***Vera Cruz/Welcome/Xenia/Zane/Adair Avenue Reconstruction north of County Road 9*** – In conjunction with the City of Crystal, these streets are being reconstructed. Included in this work will be the installation of a draining manhole on Vera Cruz Avenue and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

### Keeping Our Waterways Clean

Did you know 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. This is especially important as we move into fall with all the leaves from the City's many trees.

Better alternatives include creating an area for composting in your yard (your flowers will love you for that) or collecting the grass and leaves in bags for collection by the City's green waste contractor.

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