



City of Robbinsdale Newsletter

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2009 WHIZ BANG DAYS JULY 9-12, 2009 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- * *Sidewalk Sales*, starting on Thursday
- * *Whiz Bang Days Craft Sale*, Thursday and Friday, 9-4 p.m., City Hall
- * *Carnival*, Thursday through Sunday, Lakeview Terrace Park
- * *Citizens Independent Bank Plaza Party*, Thursday, 4 -7 p.m. at Connie Bakken Park, 3700 West Broadway
- * *Robbin Gallery Whiz Bang Show* Thursday, 5:30 -8:30 p.m. and Friday, Noon -4 p.m.
- * *TCF Ice Cream Social/Ticket Bank Event*, Friday, Noon-4 p.m.
- * *Men's Softball Tournament*, Thursday through Sunday
- * *Block Party*, Friday 6 p.m., parking lot behind Robbinsdale water tower
- * *Whiz Bang Days Parade*, Sunday, 3 p.m., Lakeview Terrace Park.
- * *City Band Concert*, Sunday , 6:45 p.m., Lakeview Terrace Park
- * *Whiz Bang Days Fireworks*, Sunday, 10 p.m., Lakeview Terrace Park

And much more!

Pick up a schedule of activities at various Robbinsdale area businesses or log on to the Whiz Bang website at www.whizbangdays.com. The Sun Post will also have a full schedule of activities the week of the event.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009

Be a part of National Night Out by turning on your outside lights and sitting outside visiting with your neighbors from 6-9 p.m.. When neighbors know neighbors, they say no to crime and drugs. For more information contact the Police Department at 763-531-1220.

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Robbinsdale's watering policy restricts City residents and businesses from watering their lawns between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the months of April 15 through September 15. (This would not include children actively playing in sprinklers.) The lawn watering restriction applies to all City water users every day of the week. The City encourages residents to water lawns in the early morning when it does the most good to the lawn's root system and is less likely to evaporate. Appropriate placement of sprinklers to avoid driveways, sidewalks, and streets will also help save water. *Lawn watering restrictions are designed to encourage efficient use of water, not because of drought conditions.*

The only exception to the watering policy is newly sodded or seeded lawns which are automatically granted a sixty-day exemption to help establish the lawn. Following the sixty-day period, property owners must comply with the watering restrictions.

Those with private wells or pumps are encouraged to follow the water schedule to avoid confusion. Private well water is just as precious as City water and should be used during the hours that will provide the best benefit to lawns.



ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

4101 HUBBARD AVENUE NORTH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009, 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.

- *Public Safety Displays *Fire Truck Ride *Free Refreshments
- *Auto Extrication Demonstration *Fire Suppression Demonstration
- *Fire Truck Show *Fire Station Tour *Face Painter
- *Food Sold by Robbinsdale Lions Club *Prizes

Various agencies and vendors will be present at the event, including Hennepin County Sheriff Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Minneapolis Bomb Squad, and Bill & Bonnie Daniels Fire Museum. For more information call 763-531-1220 and ask for extension 6350 to leave a message for Jon Owata .

ROBBINSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CELEBRATE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The *100 Year Anniversary of Robbinsdale's Fire Department* will be celebrated as part of this year's Public Safety Open House. Various activities are planned, including a Street Dance to be held at the Hubbard Marketplace parking lot from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, August 8 with live music by *River City Express*, beer sold by the Eagles Nest, and food sold by Robbinsdale Lions Club. For more information leave a message for Jon Owata at 763-531-1220, x6350.



BI-MONTHLY UTILITY BILLING

The City of Robbinsdale has now transitioned to every-other-month utility bills for residential customers. The change has been made to reduce the cost the City pays on an annual basis to process, print, and mail utility bills. The bill sent out in May (for April service) was the last *monthly* utility bill for residential customers. The utility bill for May and June service will be mailed in July. Future bills are scheduled to be mailed in September, November, and January. If you're interested in continuing to make monthly payments, a form can be picked up at City Hall for you to fill out to send along with your payment.

The additional credit the City is offering for customers using the City Automatic Payment Plan will also be changed to \$2.00 per billing period, to stay consistent with the previous credit of \$1.00 per month. For questions call the Utility Billing Department at 763-531-1211.

PET ORDINANCE REMINDER

Robbinsdale City Code states that owners may not permit their dog or cat to roam in public places or other private land without being effectively restrained by chain or leash. The City Code also requires that dog owners clean up after their dogs when walking them. Picking up after your pet in public places is part of responsible pet ownership. Pet owners are responsible for the removal of animal excrement on any private or public property by placing the droppings in a proper receptacle. Please be a courteous pet owner and clean up after your pet. Don't forget that Robbinsdale requires a two-year \$15 license for cats and dogs.

For more information on licensing your pet or other pet ordinance requirements call 763-537-4534.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

All open burning is prohibited in the City of Robbinsdale with the exception of recreational fires. **A \$35 annual permit is required.** Recreational fires are allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. in a fire pit with rock or block border (3 ft in diameter, maximum of 3 ft high and minimum of 1 ft deep). Coleman or Weber fire pit may be used, as approved by the Fire Marshal. The flame height shall not exceed 3 ft above the base of the fire or within 25 ft of any structure or combustible materials. Chiminea or ceramic/clay fire pits/pots are prohibited. (These rules do not apply to gas grills and smokers.) Permit applications are available at City Hall and on the City website.

For more information call the Robbinsdale Fire Department at 763-531-1235 and leave a message.

USING A LOT OF GARBAGE STICKERS?

Are you consistently using more than 2 garbage stickers per month? Is the size of your garbage cart too small to meet your needs? You can upgrade the size of your garbage cart at any time. Call 763-531-1211 to request a larger size. We will schedule the exchange for you. The cost to go to a larger size is slightly more than \$2.00 per month plus a one time \$5.00 service charge. Having an adequate size garbage cart prevents rubbish from falling out and helps to keep our City looking clean.

COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS MEETING SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS*

CITY COUNCIL	MONTHLY MEETINGS	LOCATION
Regular Meetings	1st & 3rd Tuesdays** 7:00 pm	City Hall
ADVISORY COMMISSIONS		
Charter	Subject to Call 7:00 pm	City Hall
Human Rights	4th Thursday, bi monthly 7:00 pm	City Hall
Parks, Recreation & Forestry	4th Tuesday, (except July & Dec.) 7:00 pm	Sanborn Park Building
Planning	3rd Thursday 7:00 pm	City Hall
Senior	2nd Monday 9:30 am	City Hall
	(except June, July, Aug)	
Economic Development Authority	2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm	City Hall
Crime Prevention Association	1st Wednesday 7:00 pm	Police/Fire Building

*All meetings subject to change.

**Due to National Night Out on Aug 4, the first City Council meeting in Aug will be held Mon, Aug 3; and due to Election Day on Nov 3, the time of the meeting has been changed from 7 pm to 8:01 pm after polls close.

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ROBBINSDALE SERVICE DIRECTORY

Emergency (Police & Fire)	911
Police Administration	763-531-1220
City Hall	763-537-4534
Motor Vehicle License Center	763-535-8133
Recreation	763-531-1278
Building Inspections	763-531-1268
City Forester	763-531-1273

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