



# City of Robbinsdale Newsletter

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## NEED LICENSE TABS, A TITLE TRANSFERRED OR PASSPORT?

Profits from the Robbinsdale Deputy Registrar/Motor Vehicle Office help to pay for other City services! We offer the following services: license plates & tabs, title transfers, hunting & fishing licenses, registration for boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, and passport services. Limited Minnesota drivers license service is also now available. If you have lost your drivers license or have a change of address, you can apply for a new one at Robbinsdale's Motor Vehicle Office. *(Please note we do not renew drivers licenses or issue state ID cards; Drivers licenses and ID cards can be renewed/issued at a Hennepin County Service Center.)*

The Robbinsdale Deputy Registrar's Office has been approved to participate in the *Fast Track* program, which allows customers to expedite a transfer of title and receive it in less than a week! The processing time from the state usually takes 2 months, and the fee to expedite is only \$20. Customers have asked us about this option, and we are happy to be able to now provide this service to our customers.

Customers may have their license tab renewals processed in a timely manner without having to stand in line. Just place your license tabs statement along with a check payable to the City of Robbinsdale (*in an envelope marked "Motor Vehicle"*) into the Utility Drop Box located in front of City Hall. License tabs will be picked up daily at 8:00 a.m. on regular business days (Monday-Friday) and will be ready for pick-up after 12 noon the following business day (Monday-Friday). If you are unable to pick up your tabs at the end of the following business day, the tabs will be mailed to you at no extra charge.

The Robbinsdale Deputy Registrar/Motor Vehicle Office is open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the 1st & 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon (except some holiday weekends). For questions, call 763-535-8193 or during business hours call 763-531-1293.

## We want to hear from you!

The City is interested in hearing from residents on how much you value the services offered from Robbinsdale's Deputy Registrar/Motor Vehicle Office. Give us your feedback. Either call 763-531-1253 or email us at [webmaster@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us](mailto:webmaster@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us).

## SIGN UP FOR ROBBINSDALE'S E-SUBSCRIBE

Want to get the latest City information? By signing up for *e-Subscribe* you will be kept informed about current and special events. You may also sign up to receive the City Newsletter, Recreation Brochure, Monthly Resident News (UB News Notes), information on Youth/Adult Activities, 55+ Activities, Council Meetings & Minutes, and more!

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## REMINDERS:

### Snow Emergency

For the City's Snow Emergency status call 763-531-1275 for a recorded message. City Code prohibits parking on all public streets, highways, and alleys after a snowfall of 2 or more inches. Parking may not resume until the public street has been plowed from curb to curb. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.

### Homestead

If you recently purchased a property and you or a qualifying relative occupy it as your primary residence, you will need to apply for the appropriate homestead classification as soon as possible. Also, if there is a change in the ownership of your home due to marriage, separation, divorce, or death of spouse, please notify the Robbinsdale's Assessing Department at 763-531-1217, or for more information log on to:

[http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/values\\_homestead.shtml](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/values_homestead.shtml).



### Holiday Schedule for Waste Collection

If your collection day falls either on Christmas Day or New Year's Day, your garbage pick up will be one day late following the holiday. Regular collection resumes the next week.

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#### ROBBINSDALE SERVICE DIRECTORY

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



## CLEAN WATER UPDATE

### REDUCING SALT IN OUR WATERWAYS

Winter is almost upon us. In Minnesota there are high expectations of our roads and sidewalks being cleared to pavement and ice free conditions within a short time after snowstorms. This may be having an adverse affect on our lakes, creeks, and rivers. Many waterways in the Twin Cities, including the Shingle Creek Watershed (into which 75% of our City flows into), experience high levels of chloride concentrations to a point where it can kill fish and other aquatic life, degrading our environment. The sources of the chloride are the salts and deicers that are used during winter. These salts and deicers work by reducing the freezing temperature of water helping to turn snow and ice into salt water (brine). The main source is the salt applied to roads throughout the winter. The City, County, and MnDOT apply the salt to control the buildup of ice on the roads and maintain safety.

In response to the salt impairment, we have introduced a number of Best Management Practices (BMPs) into our Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that will help to contribute to a reduction of salt in our waterways. To investigate whether different road construction techniques can help reduce the amount of salt we use during winter, the City is participating in a *paired intersection trial* with the assistance of grant money from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The basis of this trial is to compare the snow and ice buildup on a standard road pavement compared to a porous asphalt pavement. Various measurements will be taken and observations made over two winters to see whether snow and ice buildup can be prevented using just plowing without the need to apply salt and sand. The porous pavement can be found on Abbott Avenue just north of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue.



*Paired Intersection Trial - 41st & Abbott Ave N*

During November, four of our Public Works staff participated in a Salt Applicator's Workshop to increase their awareness of the impacts of salt in the waterways, and methods of improving techniques and efficiencies with respect to salt application.

Individual homeowners can also help in reducing the overall salt load by using just enough salt and deicers to help make snow and ice removal around the home easier rather than completely melting it away. When using just enough to melt through the snow and ice to leave a "honeycomb" pattern of melt holes, the bond between the ice and sidewalk/outwalk/driveway will be broken down so that a shovel or flat hoe can slide underneath. For a steep driveway, try mixing a small amount of salt into a larger amount of sand. The sand will help to provide traction. During winter thaws and in spring, sweep up any salt and sand residue and dispose of it in the trash. With everyone reviewing and adjusting practices with salt and deicer usage, the adverse impacts to our waterways can be reduced. Even small reductions can add up when everyone does it.

#### **ANNUAL STORMWATER MEETING**

Each year, as part of our compliance with State stormwater regulations, City staff brings forward a report to a Council meeting that provides an update of the City's actions relating to maintaining clean water in our waterways. During the meeting, residents are given opportunity to address the City Council with any issues or comments.

At this stage, the date of the meeting for 2010 has not been set; however, it is normally held within the first three months of the new year. A notice will be placed in the local newspaper at least 30 days prior to the proposed meeting date. Our City is required to implement certain actions that help to keep our stormwater and our waterways clean.

We encourage our residents to take an interest in clean water in our lakes, creeks, and rivers. We are always happy to hear from residents about any issues, ideas and comments. 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 [rmccoy@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us](mailto:rmccoy@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us).