

Out and About

***a series of recreational day trips
out and about the city and beyond***

September 2011 – February 2012

Thursday, September 8, 2011

**Lake City's Finest Attractions: Pepin Heights Apple Orchard,
Chickadee Cottage for Lunch, and Pearl of the Lake Boat Cruise**



For our annual boat cruise, by popular request, we are going back to Lake City and revisit the special places we enjoyed so much two years ago. Our first stop is **Pepin Heights Orchards**. Owner Dennis Courtier's parents first planted the land to apples in 1949. Careful management and an excellent site have allowed the Courtier family to produce high quality fruit from those early years to the present day. Enjoy tasting a variety of apples while wandering in the retail store. Lunch is at one of Lake City's most noted restaurants: **The Chickadee Cottage**. Renown for homemade goodness in every bite, the cooks will be preparing their most requested luncheon: old fashioned chicken salad with chicken breast, grapes, almonds, and ring pasta all caressed in a creamy dressing. This entrée is served with fresh fruit and homemade nut bread. Beverage and dessert....of course!



The highlight of the day will be the narrated cruise on **Pearl of the Lake**, a modern day replica of the grand riverboats that traveled the Mississippi River in the 1800s. True to tradition, her only means of propulsion is the twin paddlewheels in the stern. Her name emphasizes the historic significance of paddlewheel boats and the freshwater pearl industry on the upper Mississippi River.



Schedule:

8:30 am	Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
10:30 am	Pepin Heights Apple Orchard
11:15 am	Lunch at Chickadee Cottage
1:00 pm	<i>Cruise Lake Pepin</i>
2:45 pm	Depart for home
4:15 -4:30 pm	Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)

Cost: **\$54.00 per person**

Deadline to register: August 26, 2011 (space permitting)

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Dining at the Lowell Inn, Aamodt's Apple Orchard, St Croix Vineyards, and St Croix Festival Theater's Production of: *The Mystery of Irma Vep*



For our annual fall drive to Festival Theater there are great things in store along the way. A stop at the always delicious **Aamodt's Apple Orchard** will give you more apple options than you can imagine. Right next door is **St Croix Vineyards** where you can taste and choose your favorite from this year's vintage. One of the



most memorable places to lunch is **The Lowell Inn** in Stillwater. This historic hospitality house has made memories for most Minnesotans – and let us make another one today. We will enjoy dinner salad with



house dressing, rolls and butter, chicken a la king in puffed pastry shell with mashed potatoes, beverage and dessert. With the leaves just beginning to change, the drive to St Croix Falls will be stunning. **St Croix Festival Theater's** fall production promises to be a delight for one's eyes and a tickle to one's funny bone. Imagine two dynamic actors who bravely take on eight characters and more than thirty-five lightning fast costume changes. That is what we will see in Charles Ludlam's satire, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*. The setting is the eerie Mandacrest Estate, the home of Lord Edgar and Lady Enid, where strange happenings have taken place. Could it be the ghost of Lord Edgar's

first wife, Irma Vep, who he still may secretly love? Or, could it be one of the more legendary creatures of the night, vampires.... mummies....werewolves? Discussion with the actors follows the performance.

Schedule:	10:00 am	Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
	10:45 am	Aamodt's and St Croix Vineyards
	11:45 am	Dining at the Lowell Inn
	2:00 pm	<i>The Mystery of Irma Vep</i> at Festival Theater
	4:15 pm	Post Show Discussion
	4:45 pm	Depart for home
	6:00-6:15 pm	Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)



Cost:	\$62.00 per person
Deadline to register:	September 16, 2011 (space permitting)

Note: Everyone is encouraged to have updated emergency medical and personal information with them in a purse or wallet. In the senior office, there are bright pink forms to fill out and carry with you. Please stop in and pick one up or do so when you go on your next trip with us.

Refund of registration fees will be allowed only up to the registration deadline. If you need to request a refund, there will be a \$5.00 service charge. Refunds are given after the registration deadline only if a replacement is found from the waiting list. Person seeking refund may also substitute another person, but ONLY if the Recreation office has no one on the waiting list.

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Old Log Theater Presents: *Everybody Loves Opal*



The **Old Log Theater** is offering a show that has featured actresses from Martha Raye to Marion Ross and Phyllis Diller to Carol Channing. One of the great comedy roles for a female actress in the American Theater, *Everybody Loves Opal* holds the all time record for the Drury Lane Theater in Chicago for standing ovations: 183 performances....183 standing ovations. Opal Kronke lives in a tumbledown mansion at the edge of town. In fact, her only companion is her cat, Tanner. Into her life come three rascals, Gloria, Bradford and Solomon. These swindlers decide they are going to take out an insurance policy on Opal, then, bump her off and collect the money. They soon find out that Opal has more lives than her cat. Laughs abound as each of their plots fail and Opal's cheery outlook on life and belief that there is good in everyone eventually wins the day. In fact, they come to love her, too.. For lunch at the **Old Log Theater**, you will choose one of these delicious entrées when you register: 1) Lemon Artichoke Chicken Breast, 2) Smoked Windsor Pork Chop, 3) Walleye Pike Almandine, 4) Vegetarian Lasagna, or 5) Beef Stroganoff. All entrées include: mixed green salad with house dressing, potatoes, vegetables, French bread and butter, apple crisp for dessert and coffee, tea or milk.

Schedule: 11:30 am Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
12:15 pm Enjoy your lunch!
1:30 pm Old Log Theater Presents: *Everybody Loves Opal*
4:15 pm Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)

Cost: **\$51.00 per person**

Deadline to register: October 21, 2011 (space permitting)

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Presents: *Plaid Tidings*

Plaid Tidings, the special holiday edition of Forever Plaid, is coming to **Chanhassen Dinner Theatre's** Fireside Theater. *Plaid Tidings* is a completely different production, with different music and a different story than the original. Featuring a myriad of delightful tunes (holiday and others) from the 1950s, this show is a holiday gem. Your favorite Plaid Boys, Sparky, Smudge, Frankie, and Jinx, have returned to Earth. Filled with the Christmas spirit, they cannot wait to entertain you. Enjoy audience favorites like their riotous version of "The Ed Sullivan Show" featuring the Rockettes, the Chipmunks, and even the Vienna Boys Choir. For your dining pleasure, when you are seated you will select one of Chanhassen's delicious main entrées.

Schedule: 11:15 am Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
12:00 pm Dining at Chanhassen Dinner Theater
1:15 pm Enjoy the show! *Plaid Tidings!*
3:45 pm Depart for home
4:15-4:30 pm Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)

Cost: **\$58.00 per person**

Deadline to register: October 28, 2011 (space permitting)



Thursday, January 12, 2012

**Plymouth Playhouse presents the Church Basement Ladies in:
A Mighty Fortress (is Our Basement)**



Inspired by the books of Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson including the best-seller *Growing Up Lutheran*, the Church Basement Ladies return to the **Plymouth Playhouse** in their new show: *A Mighty Fortress (is Our Basement)*. It is 1960 and Beverly gets her first pair of high heels for confirmation; Pastor announces his impending nuptials; Mrs. Snustad and Mrs. Gilmerson plan a food booth at the County Fair to raise money; and Mrs. Engelson embarks on a spontaneous driving lesson. In the rural church basement kitchen in the spring, a reformation is underway and your favorite Church Basement Ladies are facing it head on. Through it all these bulwarks never failing stand strong in their faith and in their friendships. With more crazy

antics, more great new songs, and more lessons reluctantly learned, the Church Basement Ladies will once again, endear themselves to you. *A Mighty Fortress* was written by Greta Grosch and the songs composed by Drew Jansen. **Green Mill Catering** will offer a sumptuous luncheon buffet in their banquet room just steps away from the theater. Enjoy baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, jello salad, coleslaw, rolls and butter and dessert.



Schedule: 11:15 am Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
 11:45 am Lunch in the Banquet Room
 1:00 pm The Church Basement Ladies in: *A Mighty Fortress (is Our Basement)*
 3:20 pm Depart for home
 3:45-4:00 pm Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)

Cost: **\$53.00 per person**

Deadline to Register: December 9, 2011 (space permitting)

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Presents: *Forever Plaid*

Not only do we get to see the Plaid Lads in November for their new holiday show, but **Chanhassen Dinner Theatre** is bringing back the *original* to the Fireside Theater! *Forever Plaid* is one of Chanhassen's most popular and well loved hit musicals. An affectionate musical homage to the close-harmony 'guy groups' that reached the height of popularity during the 1950s, the fabulous foursome in *Forever Plaid* has been winning over audiences for the last two decades. Fantastically funny, and timelessly tuneful, this clean-cut musical revue features '50s- style crooning and hilarious antics that will have you laughing yourself to tears. The Plaids perform precision harmonies, squabble boyishly, and execute their delightfully outlandish choreography with over-zealous precision. The show is filled with dozens of nostalgic '50s pop hits including: Catch a Falling Star, Chain Gang, Day-O, Heart and Soul, Love is a Many Splendored Thing, Three Coins in the Fountain, and many, many more. Join the legions of *Forever Plaid* fans and celebrate good music and hilarity. When you are seated you will select one of Chanhassen's delicious main entrées..

Schedule: 11:15 am Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
 12:00 pm Dining at Chanhassen Dinner Theater
 1:15 pm Enjoy the show! *Forever Plaid*
 3:45 pm Depart for home
 4:15-4:30 pm Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)

Cost: **\$59.00 per person**

Deadline to register: January 20, 2012 (space permitting)



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

In person – at Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
Monday-Friday, **8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

By mail – send registration form and check to Robbinsdale Recreation Services,
4100 Lakeview Avenue No., Robbinsdale, MN 55422

By phone - 763-531-1278 with a major credit card **8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

OUT & ABOUT Registration/Waiver Form

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

I am registering for the following trips: (check each one in the space provided)

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FOOD CHOICE:

____ Chicken Breast ____ Vegetarian Lasagna
____ Pork Chop ____ Beef Stroganoff
____ Walleye

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Amount Paid: \$_____ (Checks payable to the City of Robbinsdale)

(If you need to request a refund, there will be a \$5.00 service charge.)

I have a need for special bus seating. (Explain)

WAIVER

Your participation requires your signature below. Thank you.

The undersigned acknowledges that recreational programs involve inherent risks of personal injury. It is agreed that participation in this trip program is voluntary and at the participant's sole risk. The City shall not be liable for any claims, demands, injuries or damages whatsoever to the participant or participant's property arising out of the participant's participation in the program. The undersigned releases and discharges the City, its employees or agents from all such claims, demands, injuries, damages, except those directly caused by gross negligence of the City, its employees or agents.

In case of emergency
contact/relationship: _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**Robbinsdale Recreation Services
4100 Lakeview Avenue No.
Robbinsdale, MN 55422**

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