

ROBBINSDALE SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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March - April 2010

FRIENDLY ROBINS SENIOR CLUB

The Friendly Robins Senior Club meets every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m.-3:00p.m. at the Robbinsdale Police & Fire Station, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North. Meetings are held in the Community meeting room, lower level. Meetings begin with announcements, followed by door prizes, refreshments, Bunco and card playing. The business meeting is held on the second Wednesday. Visitors and new members are welcome! **A \$1 refreshment fee is taken at door.**

FRIENDLY ROBINS SENIOR CLUB



**HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!
BRING YOUR OWN MUG TO
FRIENDLY ROBINS!**

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Social meeting followed by 500 and Bunco. Speaker: David Bjorkquist, President, Heart of Robbinsdale Community Foundation.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Business meeting followed by 500 and Bunco.

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Social meeting followed by 500 and Bunco.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Social meeting followed by 500 and Bunco.

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Social meeting followed by 500 and Bunco.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Social meeting followed by 500 and Bunco.

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Business meeting followed by 500 and Bunco.

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Social meeting followed by 500 and Bunco.

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

12:30-3:00p.m., Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Community meeting room, lower level. Installation of Officers followed by 500 and Bunco.

MEMBER FEEDBACK APPRECIATED

Friendly Robins Club leaders appreciate your feedback. Please let club officers and/or Rita know if there is something you would like to do at a club gathering. Thanks!!

Wii and Pool begin at 11:30am on Friendly Robin Wednesdays. The winners of a game of four players will get their \$1 back! 😊

FIVE CITIES TRANSPORTATION

Persons of all cultural backgrounds, who are 60 years or older, and a resident of Crystal, Brooklyn Center, New Hope, Golden Valley, or Robbinsdale, may ride the Five Cities bus.

Phone: 763-531-1259

Visit us on the web at:

www.5citiesmn.org

Scheduled destinations include: grocery shopping, senior club meetings, senior dining, Byerly's, Wal-Mart, Target, Ridgedale and Brookdale. Please call 763-531-1259 to be put on the mailing list to receive a bi-monthly trip schedule.

Fare: the fare per round trip is \$3.50 with the punch pass or \$4.00 cash.

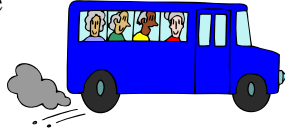
Special Destination Fare: Special destinations include: Forum and the Fork, Seniors in Mind, Afternoon Vivace, Nature of Things, and Local Motion. Special destinations are outside of the regular five cities boundaries and serve persons in all five cities on the same vehicle; pickups are primarily at one central location in each city. Special Destination fare is 2 punches from the punch pass (\$7) or \$7 if paying cash.

Punch Passes: available in \$14 or \$28 amounts and may be purchased from the Five Cities bus drivers.

Riders who live in both private homes and apartments are welcome!

Apartments served in Robbinsdale are:

Lee Square-4400 36th Avenue North
Bridgeway-3755 Hubbard Avenue North
Cambridge-3711 West Broadway
Broadway-3837 West Broadway
Robinwood-3850 West Broadway
Robbins Landing-4300 Robbins Landing
Broadway Court-4600 41st Avenue North
Copperfield Hill-4200 40th Avenue North
Chelsea Park-4200 45th Avenue North
Lilac Parkway-4223 County Road 81
Robins Way-5500 42nd Avenue North
Coachlite-4259 West Broadway
Apts. at 5800 42nd Avenue North



Meet the Five Cities office personnel:

Monday – Ivene Tidwell

Tuesday – Nancy Schmidt/Sharon Laurel

Wednesday – Ivene Tidwell

Thursday – Nancy Schmidt/Ivене Tidwell

Friday – Joyce Boyko

Prism Express - a compliment to the Five Cities Transportation Project, offers rides to medical appointments. This transportation program is administered through PRISM. If you need a ride, call 763-529-1252.



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

City of Robbinsdale	763-537-4534
Recreation Services	763-531-1278
Sunshine Lady-Donna Stangler	763-535-0479
First Call for Help	651-291-0211
Senior Outreach	763-450-4310
Five Cities Transportation	763-531-1259
PRISM Express	763-529-1252
H.O.M.E. Program	763-450-4311
Rita DeBruyn	763-531-1274

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ROBBINSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society meets the 4th Tuesday of the month during March, April, May, Sept., Oct. and Nov., 1:00 p.m. in the Community meeting room Police & Fire Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue No. The Historical Society welcomes guests.

Next Meeting dates: March 23 and April 27

Robbinsdale Historical Museum

The Robbinsdale Historical Museum is located at 4915 42nd Avenue North in the Historical Library building. Open Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. except on holidays and during inclement weather.

Men's Mornings at the Museum on Fridays

Join a group of men who love to remember the great history and people of Robbinsdale. (Please note, WOMEN ARE WELCOME, too.) The coffee pot is on at the Museum Friday mornings. Just poke your nose into the museum and you will be invited to join the discussion...or just listen. Any time around 10:00am or later – come on in.

The Robin Gallery, located in the Historical Robbinsdale Library, is operated by volunteers of the North Hennepin Artists Association. Regular gallery hours are Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5:30-8:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays, 12-4:00pm.

THINK SPRING!!!



ROBBINSDALE SENIOR COMMISSION

The purpose of the Robbinsdale Senior Commission is to improve the lives of older citizens in the City of Robbinsdale. The public is welcome to attend the Commission meetings, which are held on the second Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North.

**Next Meeting Dates:
March 8 and April 12**

Senior Commissioners are:

Virginia Anderson	David Bjorkquist
Tony Harmon	Louise Hill
Lila Werner	Kathleen Mathews

The Senior Commission welcomes the new Friendly Robins representative to its membership: Kathleen Mathews.

Senior Commission Update

The Commission continues to be updated on space needs and changes in City buildings. Reports are given for the Five Cities Senior Transportation Program, Robin Gallery, the Robbinsdale Historical Society, and the Heart of Robbinsdale Community Foundation.



AARP Tax-Aide Service NEW DAY AND TIME

Free tax help is available for taxpayers with low and middle income. Especially welcome are persons age 60 and older. The service runs from February 1 through April 15. The service is available in Robbinsdale on:

**Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm
Thursday afternoons from 1pm – 4pm**

Taxpayers should bring the following information: Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents; Copy of last year's income tax returns; W-2 forms from each employer; Unemployment compensation statements; Social Security benefits received in 2009; All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099B etc); 1099-Misc showing any miscellaneous income; 1099-R forms if you received a pension or annuity; Information on estimated taxes paid in 2009; Dependent care provider information (name, ID, Social Security number).

Should you have questions or concerns after you tax returns are completed please return to Robbinsdale City Hall during the hours listed.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING

DROP IN at the SIXTH CORNER

Stop by the Sixth Corner some morning to check on Senior activities. Read the daily paper, have a game of cards, play cribbage or Scrabble, chat a bit and enjoy a cup of coffee. Friday is Game Day!

INDOOR WALKING

Consider walking for exercise without concern for the rain, ice and snow. Walking is available around the circle of the Council Chambers during office hours (8:00am–4:30pm unless in use for city business). If people show interest there will be scheduled walking times in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of the Public Safety Building. Please inform Audrey Blanske or Rita if you are interested in walking in the Community Meeting room and the days and the times that are best for you.

SHOOT POOL on Wednesdays!

Come early to Friendly Robins and shoot a friendly game of pool. Stay after Friendly Robins and shoot another round. Joe Hill is also open to other days so talk to him at a Friendly Robins meeting or call Rita at 763-531-1274.

Wii WEDNESDAYS

On Wednesdays, the Community Room will be open at 11:30am for anyone who would like to play Wii bowling. Joe Hill or Art Pfalzgraff will teach you how to play. It is great fun!

ROVING MINDS

DISCUSSION STUDY GROUP

The Roving Minds is a group that is curious about a variety of subjects and enjoys learning about and discussing them. The group meets at Robbinsdale City Hall in the Sixth Corner (back meeting room). Presidents and Presidents wives will be discussed again in 2010. Members welcome guests. Persons may become members anytime during the year.

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Program: **Franklin Roosevelt: The Women Who Made Him Great**
Film: **The Presidents-the Life and Legacies of 43 Leaders** (continued)

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Program: **Woodrow Wilson/Ellen and Edith Wilson**
Film: **The Presidents-the Life and Legacies of 43 Leaders** (continued)

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

If you enjoy books, the book discussion group could be for you. We discuss, learn, laugh and enjoy each others friendship over books.



Time: 1:00-2:30pm
Location: Sixth Corner Robbinsdale City Hall
Date: March 2, 2010
Dewey: *the Small Town Cat who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron

Date: April 6, 2010
The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey by Candice Millard

SENIOR DINING

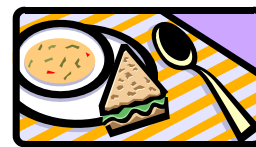
Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive in Crystal. The suggested contribution is \$3.50.



To make your reservation, call Emma – 763-531-1183 at the Crystal dining site.

The Volunteers of America Senior Nutrition program serves all seniors age 60 and over, regardless of race, color, sex, disability, national origin, creed or religion. The program is funded through a contract with the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc., as part of the Older Americans Act Program and participant contributions.

BRUNCH BUNCH



Each 4th Tuesday of the month, the Five Cities bus will take a group of brunch goers from Golden Valley and Robbinsdale to an area restaurant. (Crystal and New Hope Brunch Bunch go to the same restaurant on the third Tuesday of the month.) Lunch is on your own and space is limited to twenty-eight persons. **Reservations: 763-531-1259**

Date: **March 23, 2010**
Restaurant: *Pippins Restaurant in St Paul*
Registration begins: February 26

Date: **April 27, 2010**
Restaurant: *Sarnas Classic Grill Columbia Heights*
Registration begins: April 1

MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP

Good conversations, great movies, and much fun are practically guaranteed. Refreshments too!! The big screen television is great! Movie-goers are encouraged to attend as many movies as possible to be able to make comparisons among the films. All are welcome as your schedule (and movie appreciation) permits. Movies are shown on various Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. in the community meeting room, Police & Fire Station, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North. Please call 763-531-1274 for a detailed flyer. **Cost: \$1**



Upcoming movies and dates:

- March 4** *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
- March 11** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
- Featuring movies from 1947*
- April 1** *Gentleman's Agreement*
- April 8** *Great Expectations*
- April 22** *A Double Life*

DONUT MAKE YOU WONDER?

Join a curious group on the third Wednesday of the month for informative programs and delicious donuts. Programs held at Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive. The program is cooperatively sponsored by the cities of Crystal, New Hope, Brooklyn Center, and Robbinsdale.



Time: 10:00am Continental Breakfast
10:15am Program

Reservations: 763-531-1274

Date: **March 17, 2010**
Program: **Life's Journey:
What is in Your Suitcase?**

On the journey through life, make sure you have packed some of the most important items like a positive attitude, a sense of humor, a spiritual anchor, a sense of meaning, and adaptability. **Chuck Tindell**, retired Director of Spiritual Care, will entertain us by challenging us to search through our suitcases to make sure we are ready for the trip.

April Donut Make You Wonder Program:

Date: **April 21, 2010**
Program: **Global Climate Change
and Our City's Trees**

James Burks, City Forester for the cities of Robbinsdale and Crystal, will discuss global climate change and how it affects trees, particularly in the urban forest. Elm, oak, ash and birch are especially stressed with insects that are attacking their particular species. Learn what is being done and why there is still hope in the midst of this environmental tragedy.

AFTERNOON VIVACE CONCERT SERIES

Vivace means full of life and that is what this inspirational series gives you – a full of life musical experience. Enjoy classical concerts presented by professional musicians at the Schubert Club at the Landmark Center in St. Paul.

Date: **April 22, 2010**
Lunch: *Anita's Café* (located on ground floor level of the Landmark Center)
Pick-up: 9:00am Robbinsdale City Hall
Fee: No charge for the concert
Lunch is on your own
Call: 5 Cities Bus at 763-531-1259
Special Destination Fare: 2 punches (\$7) from punch pass or \$7 cash. *Payable to bus driver*

FORUM AND THE FORK



An inspiring day at the Westminster Presbyterian Church: musical concert, followed by lecture and light complementary breads and spreads refreshment. Please contact the Senior Program office for a detailed schedule.

Pick-up Time: 10:30am Robbinsdale City Hall
Concert: 11:30am
Fee: **No charge** for the program.
Call: 5 Cities Bus at 763-531-1259
Special Destination Fare: 2 punches (\$7) from punch pass or \$7 cash. *Payable to bus driver*

Forum and the Fork Programs:

Date: March 25, 2010

Program: **The Three Faces of Chinese Power – David Lampton**

David Lampton is the George and Sadie Hyman Professor and Director of China Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and Founding Director of China Studies at the Nixon Center in Washington DC. He served as President of the National Committee on US – China Relations in New York City and as Director of the China Policy Program at the American Enterprise Institute. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Chinese domestic and foreign affairs, including *The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Might, Money, and Minds*.

Date: May 6, 2010

Program: **Challenges to Peace in the Middle East – Hanan Ashrawi**

Hanan Ashrawi is founder and secretary-general of Miftah – The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue – which is committed to the principles of democracy and human rights and to efforts to end Israeli occupation on humanitarian, rather than historical or ideological, grounds. She served as the Minister of Higher Education for the Palestinian Authority and as the official Spokesperson for the Palestinian Authority delegation to the US-Israeli Palestinian Peace Talk. She holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Virginia.

NATURE OF THINGS

Celebrate the diversity of life and the wonder of nature in *Nature of Things*.

Date: Friday, April 30, 2010

Program: This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century – The Dead Sea Scrolls., which include the earliest known Biblical writings. These 2,000 year-old, authentic text fragments are steeped in scientific, religious, and cultural significance. The Science Museum's one of a kind exhibition invites visitors to learn about the science behind The Dead Sea Scrolls, and to reflect upon their significance.

After eating lunch on your own, sit back and enjoy the Omnitheater film, *Arabia*. We'll journey deep

into the heart of Arabia, visiting the lost city of Madain Saleh and exploring its ancient tombs, joining a camel caravan, traveling back in time to the Islamic Golden Age where Arabian science and scholarship flourished, enduring a desert sandstorm, and diving to explore the ancient shipwrecks of the Red Sea. *Arabia* also takes you on the hajj – an annual pilgrimage where three million Muslims travel to the holy city of Mecca to reaffirm their faith. In this largest single human gathering on Earth, you'll see stunning humanity and powerful spiritual renewal.

Call: 5 Cities Bus at 763-531-1259

Special Destination Fare: 2 punches (\$7) from punch pass or \$7 cash. *Payable to bus driver*

SENIORS IN MIND

This program is offered through the Minnesota History Center with transportation provided by Five Cities Senior Transportation. Bring a bag lunch or enjoy lunch at Café Minnesota at the Minnesota History Center. Following the program, you may explore the History Center regular exhibits for \$6; if you are a Minnesota Historical Society member, there is no charge. You may wish to check a Hennepin County Library for a library pass into the museum.

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Program: **Minnesota's State Parks**

Speakers: **Doug Ohman and Chris Niskanen**

Take an armchair tour of Minnesota's treasured system of state parks (66 to be exact) captured through the lens of photographer Doug Ohman and pen writer Chris Niskanen. Each chronicled the sights, sounds and experiences of Minnesota's prairies and forests, lakes and rivers exploring parks through the eyes of rangers, naturalists and long time users. The result is a published book by the Minnesota Historical Society Press that is an invitation to see Minnesota's natural world at its best. The Benjamin Franklin Exhibit is expected to still be available with your membership, with museum entrance fee, or with a pass you can pick up ahead of time from the Hennepin County Library.

Seniors In Mind:

Pick-up: 9:05am Robbinsdale City Hall
Fee: No charge for the program/Exhibit fee is \$8 or free with Minnesota Historical Society Membership or a Hennepin County library pass.
Lunch: On your own in the Minnesota Café or bring your own bag lunch
Call: 5 Cities Bus at 763-531-1259
Special Destination Fare: 2 punches (\$7) from punch pass or \$7 cash. *Payable to bus driver*

TRIPS - OUT AND ABOUT

Out and About trips offer recreational day trips around the city and around the state. For a detailed flyer or to register for Out & About trips, call the Recreation Office at 763-531-1278.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Fanny Hill Dinner Theater presents:

Red White and Tuna

Tuna, Texas is having its 4th of July celebration which includes a Tuna High School Class Reunion. This is the funniest visit to this southern town where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies. Roll over laughing as 30 town residents are played by two actors. Fanny Hill's noted chef is fixing a Texas tasty luncheon.
Cost: \$ 54 Deadline: March 17, 2010

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Gourmet Spring Lunch at Eden's on Campus

Once again the students at the cooking school in Eden Prairie are preparing a lovely spring lunch. You will have a choice of pan fried walleye or boneless stuffed pork chop along with spring salad, chef's choice potato or rice, vegetable, beverage and dessert.
Cost: \$ 24 Deadline: March 22, 2010

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Old Log Theater presents: *Dixie Swim Club*

This is sweet comedy centering on five southern women whose friendship began on their college swim team. Once a year they set aside a long weekend away from husbands, children and jobs to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each others lives. The play spans 33 years and is a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever. Four menu choices are available.
Cost: \$ 48 Deadline: March 24, 2010

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Chanhassen Dinner Theater presents:

Footloose

This is the Broadway smash hit musical that is bringing down the house at Chanhassen Dinner Theater. *Footloose* bursts on the stage with high-energy acrobatics, choreography, and electrifying music. A Chicago teen moves to a small town where dancing and rock and roll are forbidden. It does not take long for him to shake up the town. The deeper message focuses on the importance of building bridges between people and generations.
Cost: \$ 66 Deadline: April 19, 2010

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Murder Mystery at Spicer Castle with visits to Cold Spring Bakery and Glacial Ridge Winery

The best bakery and the newest Winery in Minnesota are featured on this trip to Spicer Castle. The Castle will be hosting us as dinner guests who are also all suspects in the Scottish Castle murder mystery: *The Duke's Assent*. Who did the deed? Maybe it is you! The staff guide the mystery so it is totally delightful and fun.
Cost: \$ 61 Deadline: May 17, 2010

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Minnesota Centennial Showboat and Lunch at the Lake Elmo Inn

The Minnesota Centennial Showboat nestled on the Mississippi River is featuring the University of Minnesota Showboat players in the comedic summer production: *The Triumph of Love*. A princess is on a quest to return her crown to its rightful owner, the young scholar Agis, but Agis hates women. The princess disguises herself as a man to win his trust and ends up falling hopelessly in love with him. The signature Vaudeville style olios are back this year! The Lake Elmo Inn is offering five menu choices.
Cost: \$ 72 Deadline: June 25, 2010

Thursday, August 12, 2010

St Croix Festival Theater Presents: *Proof* with Wine Tasting at Wine Haven and Indian Creek Orchard Winery and Grill

Enjoy sampling the wines at Wine Haven Winery and Indian Creek Orchard Winery before the lovely lunch. Festival Theater presents the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play: *Proof*.

Catherine has sacrificed college to care for her once brilliant father and is left in a kind of limbo after his death. On the scene comes Hal, a former student, who wants to look through the notebooks to find mathematical gold. This play crackles with wit and tackles important life questions.

Cost: \$ 65 Deadline: July 16, 2010

TRIPS-TWIN CITIES ARTS SAMPLER

The Twin Cities Arts Sampler offers stimulating cultural and educational experiences. For a detailed flyer or to register for Art Sampler trips, call the Recreation Office at 763-531-1278.

Thursday, April 29, 2010

History Theater presents *Queens of Burlesque* with lunch at McHattie's Victorian Times

Take a peak at this funny and poignant look at the fading days of the Twin Cities' burlesque theater scene of the 1950's. With a wink and a nod to both naughty and nice, this world premiere tells the stories of the performers and the lives they led on and off the stage. Lunch is at the lovely McHattie's Victorian Times.

Cost: \$ 61 Deadline: March 26, 2010

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Skylark Opera presents *The Merry Widow* with Reception in the Sixth Corner

Franz Lehar's *Merry Widow* is a classic operetta that will delight and enchant you. The plot centers around a rich widow and her countrymen's attempt to keep her money in the principality by finding her the right husband. The operetta has enjoyed extraordinary international success since its 1905 premiere in Vienna and is one of two featured presentations for the Skylark Opera Summer Festival. A reception will be held in the Sixth Corner before departing for the theater.

Cost: \$ 60 Deadline: May 12, 2010

SENIOR OUTREACH

**Senior Community Services Senior Outreach
730 Florida Avenue South, Golden Valley**

This service provides in home counseling and case management to frail elderly and their families to help older people remain independent. The staff assists seniors to identify and connect with the right combination of services. Helps older adults access the most appropriate and cost effective services available from a wide array of programs. Support groups for seniors and caregivers are available also. Please call 763-450-4310.

**Need Help with Medicare
and Health Insurance Questions?**
*Crystal Community Center
4800 Douglas Drive
*Brooklyn Center Community Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway

- Hospital bills
- Medicare or insurance forms
- Problems about health insurance.
- Medicare supplements
- Medicare Part D
- Long-Term Care Insurance Plans
- Appeals



A health insurance counselor from **Senior Community Services** will be available for hour long appointments.

For Appointments:

CRYSTAL:
Call Megan Lunzer, City of Crystal Senior Intern, at 763-531-1153 to make an appointment for the fourth Thursday of the month.

BROOKLYN CENTER:
Call Kathy Flesher of the Brooklyn Center Senior Program at 763-569-3405 to make an appointment for the second Wednesday of the month.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY BUNCH

EVERY Monday, anytime from 9am-3pm, a lively bunch of volunteers gathers at Robbinsdale City Hall for odds and end jobs and lots of good fun and conversation. The door is always open and you are welcome to come and join in the fun. Call Rita, for more information at 763-531-1274.

YARN IS NEEDED!



When you are sorting through your closets and find yarn, material or unfinished craft projects, be sure to donate any usable materials to the Warm Up Minnesota supply. More knitters and crocheters are always welcome. Batting for quilts and stuffing for pillows is always appreciated, too. Just drop it off in the back room of City Hall. You will be warmly welcomed.

DINNER AT YOUR DOOR

Dinner at your Door is seeking drivers to deliver meals to shut-ins. Deliveries are Monday – Friday. Drivers usually drive just once per month. Deliveries take about 1½ hours. Call Ruby Van Horn at: 763-588-3933.

WARM-UP MINNESOTA



Folks who knit and/or crochet are always welcome to join the Warm-up Minnesota volunteers. Afghans have been donated to The Veterans Home, Habitat for Humanity, and North Memorial Hospice. Yarn is available in the Senior Program office.

NORTH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Interesting openings are available in a variety of departments. You can work as often or as seldom as you choose. Please call Maureen Vanek, Manager, Volunteer Services, Lifeline, and Patient Escort, at 763-520-5649.



ROAD TO RECOVERY

Cancer patients from this area need help getting to their medical treatments and appointments. Road to Recovery, an American Cancer Society program, needs kind people to volunteer their time and use their personal vehicles to drive patients to and from their appointments. Contact Mary Wiles at 651-255-8183 for more information.

COMPUTER GUIDE

Volunteers are needed to help others learn computer basics on the computer in the Sixth Corner of the senior activity area at Robbinsdale City Hall. If this sounds fun to you, please contact Rita at 763-531-1274.



Warmly, Rita

Sometimes there are wonderful things happening under our noses that we don't know about unless someone shares the news. So, that is what I will do for you: share the news.

Those who are familiar with Robbinsdale City Hall know the lobby with the three information windows and the license tab area. There is nothing to absorb the sound which results in loud echoes much of the day. For those working in those offices with the windows, the noise is distracting and tiring.

Lo and behold... an interior designer experienced the cacophony last summer and suggested a solution: drape the beams with banners. Drape the beams with banners! What a good idea!

With a bit of creative ingenuity and gratefulness to the donations of material, felt, fleece, volunteer time and the loving attention of our dear Sally, the sound banners are being made with luscious attention to color and enjoyment. Out of whimsy, there will be a few robins hidden amidst the "quilted ceiling".

In the next couple weeks, when you come to visit us in the Sixth Corner here at Robbinsdale City Hall, be sure to look up ☺

Warmly with hugs,

Rita

If anyone has material or lining you would like to give to the banner project we would be happy to accept your donation. Thank you in advance for thinking of us.