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ROBBINSDALE 55+ NEWSLETTER

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Fee to receive a copy in the mail is \$5/year. For more information call 763-531-1278.

FRIENDLY ROBINS CARDS & BUNCO

Adults looking for some socialization, a chance to play games, such as Bunco, 500, or games/cards of your choice are welcome on Wednesdays throughout the year. This is an "open" format, no membership or preregistration is required! Based on interests, additional special events, advertised through this newsletter and on the City's website, may be scheduled for additional fees.

When: Wednesdays, 12:30-3:00 pm

Where: Police & Fire Building,
4101 Hubbard Avenue North,
Community meeting room, lower level.

Fee: \$1 paid at the door

Dates: July 11, 18, 25 and August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Friendly Robins Summer Picnic

The picnic features worry free weather. It may rain but it does not matter for we are in the comfort of the community room at the public safety building. The menu includes gourmet hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, relishes, pickles, chips, ice cream, coffee or lemonade.

Registration form included in newsletter.

Fee: \$6 Deadline: August 1, 2018

Thank you Copperfield Hill and The Villa for your support by providing treats to the Friendly Robins!

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

City of Robbinsdale	763-537-4534
Recreation Services	763-531-1278
First Call for Help	651-291-0211
Senior Outreach	952-746-4028
H.O.M.E. Program	952-746-4046
Senior Program Office	763-531-1274

MONDAY BUNCH

On non-holiday Mondays between 9-11:30 am, you're invited to join us at Robbinsdale City Hall, Sixth Corner for some socializing, crafting, coloring, solving puzzles and helping occasionally with small jobs. The door is always open, so come join the fun. For information call 763-531-1278.

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.

Next meeting is **October 1, 6:00 pm** at

Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Ave. No.

Current Senior Commissioners are:

David Bjorkquist (Chair), Teresa Cleveland (Vice Chair), Duane Bengtson, Carmen Berrios, Gene Montanez and Michael Ruppert.

NEW PROGRAMS! Senior Commission members invite you to Tuesday Game Nights and Stroll or Roll Robbinsdale Trails. All ages welcome to these FREE activities.

Tuesday Game Nights: 6-8:30 pm Sanborn Park Picnic Shelter 7/10, 8/14. Test your skills and strategies playing some classic board games like "Sorry," "Monopoly," checkers and chess to name a few! We'll have some, but please feel free to bring your favorite.

Stroll or Roll Robbinsdale: Two different options! Tuesdays, 10-11 am, 7/17 & 8/21, meet at Sanborn Picnic Shelter and follow trail around the park and other nearby areas.

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm, 7/12 & 8/9, meet at the front yard of Copperfield Hill and meander around the lake or up to West Broadway.

Medical Forms & Reflective Backpacks

The Senior Commission has developed these tools to assist residents. The completed form provides emergency responders with your current medical information in easy to read format and is placed in a special pouch for convenience. The "Safety" has my Back reflective backpacks provide pedestrians and bicyclists with a useful bag and contains safety tips. Medical forms may be picked up at City Hall or at Friendly Robins Cards & Bunco. Backpacks are at City Hall only.

Friday Fitness Fun for Baby Boomers & Beyond!

This program is taught by Nancy Stoneberg, our local *Twin Cities Live* fitness celebrity. She has dedicated time in training and educating 55+; helping individuals realize it is never too late to make a difference in their own strength, balance & overall wellness. Questions, call 763-531-1278.

Community Room, Robbinsdale Public Safety Building, 41st & Hubbard Ave N
Fridays, 9:00-9:45 am \$30 for 5 use punch pass

Come try Friday Fitness Fun for Baby Boomers & Beyond on Friday, July 13 for FREE as part of celebrating Whiz Bang Days!

WHIZ BANG DAYS MOVIE---FREE!

The City of Robbinsdale will be showing the movie, "National Treasure", on Thursday, July 12, at 1:00 pm as a Whiz Bang Days event which will take place in the Community Room of the Robbinsdale Public Safety Building, 41st and Hubbard Avenues. Learn about City programs and see what the Senior Commission has to offer. Refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome.



For the complete list of Whiz Bang Days Activities, please check www.whizbangdays.gov

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. Nonmembers, come a time or two just to see what Roving Minds do.

Location: Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Ave. N, Sixth Corner (back meeting room)

Cost: \$2/meeting or \$10 for the year

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm **Refreshments served.**
We'll meet again in Sept. Have a great summer!

LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES

The cities of Brooklyn Center, Crystal, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale & Robbinsdale Area Schools offer a "Local Author Series" at the Crystal Community Center. *This program will meet again in the fall!*

MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP



Good conversations, great movies, and much fun. Refreshments too!! Movie-goers are encouraged to attend as many movies as possible to be able to make comparisons among the films. All are welcome! Movies are shown on various Thursdays, 1:00 pm in the community meeting room, Police & Fire Bldg. Call 763-531-1272 for a detailed flyer.

Cost: \$1/time

July 12 – National Treasure

August 9 – A League of Their Own

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

If you enjoy books, this discussion group could be for you. We discuss, learn, laugh and enjoy each other's friendship over books.

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Robbinsdale City Hall, Sixth Corner (back meeting room)

Fee: \$10/year or \$2/time



Date: Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Book: *Blue Zone – Lessons for Living Longer From the People Who've Lived the Longest* by Dan Buettner

Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Book: *Elephant Company* by Vicki Croke

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS-Employment

Join the Osseo Area Schools Food & Nutrition Team! Work Monday-Friday during school hours. On-call positions available immediately (average 3 hours/day when called) at \$12.37/hour. Permanent positions may be available. If questions, call 763-391-7066 or 763-391-7007. Apply online <http://bit.ly/osseojobs>.

DONUT MAKE YOU WONDER?



Join a curious group on the third Wednesday of the months of September thru May 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, Robbinsdale, and School District 281.

We will meet again in September!

ROBBINSDALE COMMUNITY GYMS AND FITNESS CENTER (RCGFC)

Discounts available for adults 55+. The remodeled fitness area is worth checking out! For current hours and fees, please check the City's website or call 763-531-1272. The RCGFC is located within the Robbinsdale Middle School; our entrance (Door 18) faces east towards Regent Avenue N, and is near the synthetic turf field.

ROBBINSDALE PICKLEBALL

Join us at the Robbinsdale Community Gyms on Saturday mornings from 9am-12pm for pickleball; fee is \$2/time. Punch pass cards are available for savings. Crystal & Golden Valley also offer Pickleball for 55+ at the Crystal Community Center-\$3/time. For days and times, call Crystal Recreation 763-531-0052. Equipment is provided to try the game. Gym shoes are required.



ST. CROIX RIVER LUNCHEON CRUISE

Welcome Aboard! You are invited to join us on a beautiful two hour boat trip along the shores of Minnesota and Wisconsin on the Scenic St. Croix River, departing from Hudson, Wisconsin. A buffet lunch will be served on board which includes sliced meats and cheeses with fresh bakery roll, sandwich condiments, assorted fresh fruit display, pasta salad, chef's choice of hot entrée and gourmet cookie. *Register by July 19.*

Activity: 221102

When: Thursday, August 2, 2018
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Bus departs **10:00 am** from
Robbinsdale City Hall

Fee: \$52 (includes transportation, cruise, lunch)

Register online at webtrac.robbinsdalemn.com or call 763-531-1278.

CROSSPOINT TOURS & TRAVEL

Here's your chance to travel beyond the Twin Cities without worrying about the driving. For more information on these trips, visit the CrossPoint Tours & Travel website at www.crosspointtours.com or call 612-229-5276.

2018 Trips & Tours

September 7-9 ó Girls Getaway to Galena, IL

September 18-21 ó New York Flyaway!

October 8-12 ó Beautiful Door County

OTHER PROGRAMS?

Looking for your input.... If there are other programs you may be interested in, please let us know. We will see if it is something we can add to our list or possibly help you find within our community. Call Ryan Parks, 763-531-1272.

OPERATION CALL SAFE: Did you know? Robbinsdale Police Department offers a safety check to Robbinsdale residents who have medical conditions or are living alone. You will be required to call the hotline every morning. If they don't hear from you, someone from the Police Department will follow up to make sure you are safe! Call 763-531-1220 for more information.

ROBBINSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Interested in local history? Check out their website: <http://robbinsdalehistoricalsociety.org>. Next meeting will be September 25, 2018 in the Historical Museum/Art Gallery. Guests welcome!

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

Do you love to remember the great history and people of Robbinsdale? (Please note, Women are welcome, too.) Join us for coffee at the Museum Friday mornings after 10 am. Just poke your nose into the museum and you will be invited to join the discussion or just listen.

ROBBIN GALLERY HENNEPIN ARTISTS

This is a local nonprofit artists' cooperative with a mission to bring art to the community while helping artists grow and learn to develop their skills and creativity. Volunteers of the organization staff the Robbin Gallery which is located at 4915 42nd Avenue North in the Historical Library building. Gallery hours are: Tues. & Thurs. from 5:30-8:30 pm and Fri. & Sat. from 1-5 pm. Please check their website for more information: www.robbingallery.org

You're invited to join us at the Robbinsdale Police & Fire Building, Community Room:

Water Media for Everyone!

Come learn water color tips while enjoying the chance to paint. Instruction provided. Meets on Mondays, 1-4 pm; \$7 paid at door to offset instructor costs.

Birdtown Artists-Open Studio

Network with other artists-bring your own supplies. All media and skills welcome. Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, September-May

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some volunteer opportunities that we know serve our community and are always looking for help. If you know of other agencies, let us know and we can contact them.

NORTH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Interesting openings are available in a variety of departments. You can work as often or as seldom as you choose. Call North Memorial Volunteer Services 763-581-3926 or check their website at www.northmemorial.com.



ROAD TO RECOVERY

Help cancer patients from this area get to their medical treatments and appointments by volunteering to drive them in your own vehicle for this American Cancer Society program. For information, call Mary Wiles at 651-255-8183.

DINNER AT YOUR DOOR

Dinner at your Door is seeking drivers to deliver meals to shut-ins. Deliveries are Monday to Friday. Drivers usually drive just once per month. Deliveries take about 1½ hours. Call Joanne at: 763-531-1183

HAPPY FEET FOOTCARE

Reminder: Happy Feet Footcare provides foot care services and is now available at the Robbinsdale Police & Fire Building, Community Meeting Room. Happy Feet will provide care once a month and you may schedule routine appointments. Payment of \$36/visit is due at the time of service. Please call Tammy Royle to schedule an appointment or address questions and concerns at 763-560-5136.



SENIOR OUTREACH

10709 Wayzata Blvd Ste. 111 Minnetonka

Senior Community Services (SCS) develops, coordinates and provides services that help meet the needs of older adults and support their caregivers. The goal of SCS is to assist seniors to remain independent by working closely with families, volunteers, local communities, funders and other community partners. For more information on all their services and programs, check their website: www.seniorcommunity.org or call their main line: 952-541-1019. Listed below are details of some of their programs.



Household & Outside Maintenance for the Elderly (HOME)

This program connects a network of skilled workers to provide services such as: installing grab bars, faucet repairs, small repairs, changing furnace filters, vacuuming, dusting, laundry, seasonal yard work, window washing, snow shoveling and more to those in need. Through partnerships, HOME is able to offer these services on a sliding fee scale that is based on ability to pay. For more information call 952-746-4046 or visit website at www.seniorcommunity.org.

Need Help with Health Insurance Questions?

A health insurance counselor from Senior Community Services will be available for hour long appointments at the Brooklyn Center Community Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway. To make an appointment for the second Wednesday of the month, please call the Brooklyn Center Senior Program at 763-569-3405.

OPTIONS FOR MEALS

Dinner at Your Door

For those who may be home bound for a bit, Dinner at Your Door provides a hot, noon meal at the reasonable price of \$5.50. Volunteers deliver to your door. Call Joanne: 763-531-1183.



Senior Dining

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Dr. in Crystal. The suggested contribution is \$4.00. To make your reservation, please call Sherry at 763-531-1183 at least three days in advance.