



## **BLUE LINE EXTENSION GAINS APPROVAL TO ENTER ENGINEERING PHASE**

In January, the Federal Transit Administration gave the approval for the 13 mile light-rail extension to move on to the next phase. The section of the line in Robbinsdale would be inside the existing railroad corridor with a station on the west side of downtown Robbinsdale. To view project updates and more information, visit [www.robbinsdalemn.com/BluelineLRT](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/BluelineLRT)

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## **2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS KICKING OFF**

The Comprehensive planning process is just getting started and the City will be asking for your input on Robbinsdale's future throughout the process. The plan is expected to be completed by December 2018. If you have any questions about the process, contact Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator at 763-531-1266. To view the most recent comprehensive plan, visit the City's website at [www.robbinsdalemn.com](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com)

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## **2017 UTILITY RATE CHANGES**

There are changes to the City's utility rates for 2017. The changes are listed on the City's website and an insert is included with this month's utility bills. The rate changes are effective as of January 1, 2017 and are reflected on the bills mailed out in March; visit: [www.robbinsdalemn.com/eub](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/eub) for more info.

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## **RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING**

Robbinsdale is getting information regarding the possible addition for an organics recycling option with garbage collection, but no decision has been made yet. Additions to our solid waste curbside collection would involve contract renegotiation with our current hauler. The City Council will be learning more about possible costs at a work session in March.

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## **EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

Once again the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its spring event for children 9 years and under with prizes provided by Robbinsdale local members and organizations. (Remember to come rain or snow – just think sunshine!) The event will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North. (The line forms on the Lake Road side of the building.)

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## **ROBBINSDALE LIONS FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST**

The Robbinsdale Lions Club will be having a French Toast Breakfast and Bake Sale fundraiser on Sunday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, Westphal American Legion, 36th and France Avenue North. Collection boxes will be available for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. All proceeds from this fundraiser are donated back to the community. For more information call 763-536-5907.

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## **BIRDTOWN HALF MARATHON**

This year's race will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2017 and will include the Half Marathon, 8k, 4k and Lil' Birdie Fun Run. The race starts and stops at Lakeview Terrace Park, 3769 Crystal Lake Blvd. in Robbinsdale. To register or for more information go to <http://www.thebirdtown.com/>.

**Volunteer for the 2017 Birdtown Half Marathon:** If you have questions about what volunteer opportunities are available, what's required, and time commitment, make sure to check out the website at [www.thebirdtown.com](http://www.thebirdtown.com) or contact [birdtownracevolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:birdtownracevolunteer@gmail.com). Ever wonder what the key to a successful race is? A slew of amazing volunteers! Our volunteers embody the spirit of Birdtown (a great attitude, positive vibe and endless smiles) and ensure that our event is a success – from start to finish. Our volunteers are runners and non-runners alike, with a shared passion for helping us execute a flawless event.

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## CITYTRAIL LOPPET

The CITYTRAIL Loppet is a point-to-point urban trail run that will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2017. The Loppet consists of a 10-mile and 10k race that both start in downtown Robbinsdale, following a route finishing at the Parade Stadium Area near Walker Art Center. The race will shut down some city streets between 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. from downtown Robbinsdale to Sohacki Park.

## ROBBINSDALE DEPUTY REGISTRAR/MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE



Robbinsdale Deputy Registrar/Motor Vehicle Office offers the following services: *Vehicle Title Transfers, Vehicle Registration Renewals, Boat and Snowmobile Renewals, Passport Services\*, Hunting and Fishing Licenses, Driver's Licenses (change of address, or lost license only; no renewals), and Variety of Specialty License Plates.* **Hours:** Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 1st & 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The Motor Vehicle Office is located in Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North. For more information call us at 763-535-8133 or visit: <http://www.robbinsdalemn.com>.

**\*Passports:** *If you are doing a simple renewal, your current passport is undamaged, you received your current passport at age 16 or older, was issued within the last 15 years and no name change or you have certification of your name change, application must be made by mail (applications available at City Hall or may be obtained online at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) ). First-time passports must be done in person and can be processed at Robbinsdale City Hall as well as photo services for both first-time and renewals. Services are provided Monday through Friday, drop-ins are welcome but sufficient time is needed for **processing applications** and will only be accepted at the counter between **8:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. during the week.** If you take a number and are not called to the counter by 3:30 pm you will have to come back another day.*

### SATURDAY PASSPORT APPLICATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

You can schedule a Saturday appointment for passport applications by calling **763-535-8133, press 1 & then press 3.** You may still drop in on the **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of the month **9-11:30 a.m.;** drop-in wait time will depend on the appointment schedule.



## RECYCLING REMINDER



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:		UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:
<p><b>Bottles &amp; Jugs-examples are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic Bottles and Containers with Recycling Code No.1-7 (Caps should be screwed onto containers.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Glass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food &amp; beverage bottles &amp; jars</li> </ul> <p><b>Metal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aluminum, tin or steel cans</li> </ul>	<p><b>Packaging-examples are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear packaging from toys and electronics</li> </ul> <p><b>Boxes-examples are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardboard</li> <li>• Cereal &amp; cracker boxes</li> <li>• Shoe boxes, gift boxes &amp; electronics boxes</li> <li>• Toothpaste, medication &amp; other toiletry boxes</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>DON'T RECYCLE:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Styrofoam</li> <li>* Bubble wrap</li> <li>* Plastic wrap</li> <li>* Microwaveable food trays</li> <li>* Paper soiled with food</li> <li>* Paper plates and towels</li> <li>* Drinking glasses</li> <li>* Dishes</li> <li>* Mirrors</li> <li>* Containers that held hazardous products.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Paper, Cardboard, Dairy &amp; Juice Containers-examples are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yogurt, pudding &amp; fruit cups</li> <li>• Disposable cups &amp; bowls</li> <li>• Margarine, cottage cheese &amp; other containers</li> <li>• Produce, deli &amp; takeout containers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Paper-examples are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail, office &amp; school papers</li> <li>• Magazines &amp; catalogs</li> <li>• Newspapers &amp; inserts</li> <li>• Phone books</li> <li>• Shredded paper in closed paper bags.</li> </ul>	