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## 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS SEEKING RESIDENT INPUT

The Comprehensive planning process is just getting started and the City is asking for your input on Robbinsdale's future throughout the process. The plan is expected to be completed by April 2018. If you have any questions about the process or to make comments about the plan, contact Rick Pearson, at 763-531-1266. To view the most recent comprehensive plan, and information from past and upcoming open houses, visit the City's comprehensive plan webpage at [www.robbinsdalemn.com/2040](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/2040).

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## UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE UPGRADE

We have upgraded our online payment vendor. Our new software powered by Invoice Cloud allows customers to view and pay their bill online at [www.robbinsdalemn.com](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com) using your bank account or with VISA, MasterCard, or Discover cards. The new software is also smart device compatible. **Residents and businesses will need to re-register to continue to receive paperless bills or electronic bills.** Residents currently on bank auto pay each due date **DO NOT** need to do anything. Your checking or savings account will still be deducted on the due date going forward. Residents currently on a recurring credit card charge each due date will need to re-register online to continue to pay that way.




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## RECREATIONAL FIRES

 All open burning is prohibited in Robbinsdale with the exception of recreational fires. A \$35 nonrefundable annual recreational fire permit is required and expires December 31 of the year issued. Applications are available at City Hall or may be downloaded from the City's website. A site drawing identifying the type of fire unit, distances to structures, wood fences, decks, roofs, combustible materials including trees, and property lines must be included with the completed application (just a simple sketch is needed). By state law in-ground fire pits must be 25 feet from above-mentioned items. Portable self-contained units must be 15 feet from above mentioned items. Permit fees cover the cost of public safety response to calls related to recreational fires. At the time of the fire, prevailing winds shall not exceed 5 mph and shall not direct smoke toward nearby residences. For more information call the Robbinsdale Fire Department at 763-233-5650.

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## WATER QUALITY CORNER

 An excellent way to ensure excellent water quality in Robbinsdale lakes this summer is to keep grass clippings out of the street. Grass clippings in the street eventually end up in our lakes causing algae blooms. Too much algae can lead to a green and foul-smelling lake eventually lowering oxygen levels which harms fish populations and other aquatic wildlife. Thanks for doing your part to ensure that grass clippings, as well as any other materials like leaves and fertilizers, do not enter into our lakes.

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## STAY IN TOUCH WITH CITY NEWS BY SIGNING UP FOR E-NOTIFICATIONS

The City of Robbinsdale's website, [www.robbinsdalemn.com](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com), is a great source for news and information for residents and businesses. Residents and businesses can sign up to receive weekly newsletters, city council packets and other information through email by signing up for e-notifications at [www.robbinsdalemn.com/enews](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/enews).



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## FALL BOULEVARD TREE PLANTING



Do you have a treeless section of your boulevard or have you recently had a City boulevard tree removed and would like a replacement? If so we would like to hear from you! The City Forester will be planting boulevard trees this fall to continue the City's proactive reforestation efforts, using bareroot trees currently housed in the City's gravel bed tree nursery. There over 25 different tree species/cultivars available to help diversify Robbinsdale's community forest. A PDF file table showing the available species has been posted at [www.robbinsdalemn.com/forestry](http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/forestry). If you are interested and are willing to regularly water the tree for the first two summers after planting (a TreeGator bag will be provided) please contact Stephan Papiz, City Forester at 763-531-1273 or at [spapiz@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us](mailto:spapiz@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us) with your name, address and a brief message. Planting site feasibility will depend on available spacing, location of underground utilities and planned near future street reconstruction projects.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

❖ **PET & WHEEL PARADE – THURSDAY, JULY 27:** Come join in the fun at this year’s Pet & Wheel Parade! Parade check-in will take place from **6:10 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.** outside City Hall. Dress in a favorite costume, play an instrument, decorate your bike, bring the family pet on a leash or in a container, or create a float. There will be prizes for the largest pet, smallest pet, best costume, best decorated bike, and best overall decorated unit. There will also be a special concert by the Robbinsdale City Band at Sanborn Park at the end of the parade! Event may be cancelled due to inclement weather; if so, call the program information number at **763-531-1276**.

❖ **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - TUESDAY, AUGUST 1:** The City of Robbinsdale along with the Crime Prevention Association will take part in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out. Residents are encouraged to turn on their outside lights and visit with neighbors from **6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** The Robbinsdale Police Department, City Council and Crime Prevention Association will be visiting various block parties throughout the night. For more information call the Police Department at **763-531-1220**.

❖ **WET & WILD WATER DAY – FRIDAY, AUGUST 4:** The cities of New Hope, Crystal, and Robbinsdale along with the West Metro Fire District sponsor this splash-splashing event for children 3 years and older (accompanied by an adult). There will be 3 giant water slides, a kiddie slide, and sprinkler fun provided by the West Metro’s Aerial Truck. Event held from **12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at Lions Valley Park, 6822 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave N. Cancellation may occur due to rain. A \$5.00 wristband is required but for a \$2.00 discount, purchase advance tickets by August 1, then pickup wristband at event tent. For more information call Robbinsdale Recreation at **763-531-1278**.

❖ **ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 12:** There will be safety displays, an Escape House, vehicle extrication demonstration, crime prevention demonstrations, hands-on fire extinguisher training, food & refreshments, prizes and more! The event will take place from **11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at the Robbinsdale Public Safety Building, 4101 Hubbard Avenue North. For more information call Chris Russell at **612-910-3255**.

❖ **ROBBINSDALE MAIN STREET MEET & GREET – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:** This event is free and open to all Robbinsdale area residents! Visit booths from local businesses and organizations as you walk up and down the sidewalks on West Broadway! There will be Roaming Entertainers and prizes; it will be A NIGHT FULL OF FUN! This event is sponsored by the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce. Event held from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** on West Broadway between 41<sup>ST</sup> & 42<sup>ND</sup> Avenues North. If you are a local business and are interested in having a booth at the event, please contact the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce by calling **763-531-1279**.



**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>DON'T RECYCLE:</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>* Plastic bags</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 and 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>	