



WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Robbinsdale 2016 Annual Drinking Water Report is now available. A copy of the report is available at City Hall or to view online go to <http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/WaterReport>.

ROBBINSDALE DIGGERS GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

The Diggers will hold its annual plant sale on **Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Robbinsdale Historic Library; 4915 42nd Avenue N. There will be a Master Gardener on site for Q & A, flower arrangement demonstrations by award winning Millie Hisey at 12:00 p.m., gardening vendors, face painting, prizes and much more! For further details contact Jo Ann Hall at 763-588-3534 or visit www.robbinsdalediggers.com.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

This year's elections will be for Mayor and Council Ward Members 1 and 2; each representative serves a 4 year term. Filing for Council Member or Mayor begins Tuesday, May 17 at 8:00 a.m. and ends Tuesday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m. Election judges will be needed (approx. 14 per ward); the public and students that are at least 16 years or older are encouraged to apply. Election judges are classified as temporary, paid City positions at each of the four polling locations in Robbinsdale. Please visit the City's website for more information: www.robbinsdalemn.com/elections.

IMPORTANT NOTES FROM CITY FORESTER

Stop Pruning Oaks Now: To prevent the spread of the fatal Oak Wilt disease now is the time to stop pruning Oak trees. The best time to prune Oak trees is November-March, as well as most other trees due to the dormancy of most insects and diseases. If you need to cut any living branches or roots or remove any Oaks from April-October, it's important to spray the pruning cut or top of the stump immediately with latex or acrylic spray paint. Sap beetles that carry spores of the Oak Wilt fungus are attracted to the smell of freshly cut Oaks. The paint creates a barrier so spores cannot be transmitted into the tree or root system. The 3 risk periods based on the chances of contracting the disease are **April-June: high risk; July-October: low risk; and November-March: no risk/safe.** Note that low risk **DOES NOT** mean no risk, so only prune if necessary during this time. If you have questions about Oak Wilt, visit www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/ or contact Stephan Papiz at 763-531-1273 or spapiz@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us.

Residents with Newly Planted Boulevard Trees: If you had a boulevard tree planted next to your property in the last couple years and there is a TreeGator watering bag, it would be appreciated if you could assist City staff by filling the bags with water (20 gal.) once a week May-October. If the tree was planted more than 3 years ago and has a TreeGator watering bag, contact Stephan Papiz at 763-531-1273 or spapiz@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us, so the City can pick up any unused bags in good shape for future tree plantings around the City.

Fall Boulevard Tree Planting: Do you have a barren treeless area of your boulevard or right-of-way and would be interested in having a tree planted? If so we would like to hear from you. The City is planning a fall bareroot tree planting operation using a diverse mix of tree species from our gravel bed nursery, used as a method to encourage root growth. The only requirement is that we ask residents to water the tree (a TreeGator bag will be provided). If you are interested, contact Stephan Papiz, City Forester at 763-531-1273 or at spapiz@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us. Further details on this program will be provided in future News Notes editions.

THIRD ANNUAL ROBBINSALE EVENT

The Resident Organized Citywide Garage Sale: is **Thursday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 4th**. To participate and get your house on the Map, send an email to robbinsale2016@comcast.net by May 20th, indicating the address and dates of your sale! You can also go to RobbinSALE HQ on Facebook! Participation is FREE, so join your neighbors for RobbinSale 2016! TWO good to Miss! THREE whole Days! Fun FOUR Everyone!

UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Automatic Payment Plan: allows payments to be withdrawn from your checking account or credit card automatically, saving you time and eliminating late fees. To enroll, submit a (one time only) "Automatic Payment Plan Authorization form," and a savings deposit slip or voided check (view the back of your Utility Bill for more information on how to receive a \$2.00 discount on each bill). E-utility billing (an online payment option) is also available; for questions please contact City Hall at 763-531-1211 or visit the City's website at: www.robbinsdalemn.com/eub.

WHIZ BANG DAYS—JULY 7-10 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Citizens State Bank Annual Plaza Party at Connie Bakken Park * Go Health Chiropractic Open House * Nona Rosa's Ristorante Homemade Italian Gelato * Robbinsdale Lions "Bistro on Broadway" * Diggers Club Flower & Plant Show * Senior Showcase * Car Show * Nonna Rosa's Bocce Ball Tournament * Youth Fishing Derby * Wuollet Bakery Cakewalk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bingo sponsored by Aliveness Project (at The Lodge restaurant) * Fun Day Under the Water Tower * Three Rivers Park District Sampler * Logrolling with Three Rivers Park District * Robbinsdale City Band Concert * Queen's Tea * Whiz Bang Ambassador Farewell * Royalty Coronation * Parade and Fireworks <p>And much more!!</p> 
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Individuals or groups of individuals can show their support for Whiz Bang Days by donating to the Committee. If you are interested in becoming a recognized sponsor, there are different levels of sponsorship. Volunteers are also welcome! For schedules, actives and additional information please check the Whiz Bang Day's website at: www.whizbangdays.com. The *Sun Post* also carries a full schedule the week of the event.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

All open burning is prohibited in Robbinsdale with the exception of recreational fires. **A \$35 nonrefundable annual recreational fire permit is required.** All permits expire December 31 of the year issued. Applications are available at City Hall or may be downloaded from the City's website at www.robbinsdalemn.com/rec/fire. A site drawing identifying type of fire unit, distances to structures, wood fences, decks, roof, combustible materials, 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 ft. from structures, including wood fences, decks, roofs, etc. Portable self-contained units must be 15 ft. from structures. For more information call the Robbinsdale Fire Department at 763-531-1235 or 763-531-1236 and leave a message.

USING SIGNS AT HOME TO HELP TO RECYCLE MORE

Something as simple as putting a recycling and trash label on your collection bins can be a huge step in preventing recyclables from ending up in the landfill. Avoid confusion by using free, downloadable signs from the Recycling Association of Minnesota (<http://recycleminnesota.org/> under resources). Labeling your bins lets guests know that you are serious about recycling and allows them to participate with ease without you having to worry about policing your guests. For some guests who don't care where bottles go, signs or labels can help them see just how effortless it is to set up a recycling system in their own home.

This information was provided by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board as a part of the RETHINK RECYCLING Education Campaign and taken from their website at www.swmcb.org.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: WARNING – YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE TARGETED

Criminals are once again walking the streets and alleys looking for easy targets. Follow these simple steps to greatly reduce your chances of being a crime victim:

- Lock Your Vehicle (The vast majority of vehicle break-ins involve unlocked vehicles).
- Do Not Leave Property Inside Your Vehicle (This attracts criminals to enter your vehicle. Take items with you or put them in the trunk).
- Report Suspicious Activity (If you see someone looking in vehicles or tampering with a vehicle, call 9-1-1).
Take the Time – Prevent a Crime.

