
METRO Blue Line Light Rail Project Moves Forward after Municipal Consent

Planning for the 13 mile light rail extension moves forward towards application for Federal funding. The section of the line in Robbinsdale would be inside the existing railroad corridor with a station on the west side of downtown Robbinsdale. Plans and information at www.robbinsdalemn.com/BluelineLRT

ROBBINSDALE REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Thinking of remodeling your kitchen, adding a bathroom, finishing the basement or attic? If you are considering remodeling your house, the City of Robbinsdale has a rebate incentive program which may help. The amount of the rebate is based upon gross annual income and (if qualified), ranges from 10% to 15% of the project amount to a maximum of \$3,000. There is a minimum project amount of \$2,000. The program is administered by the Housing Resource Center. They can be reached at **612-588-3033**. Construction consulting and other services are available as well. The Housing Resource Center must be contacted prior to any project being started.

ROBBINSDALE LIONS CLUB FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

The Robbinsdale Lions Club will be having a French Toast Breakfast and Bake Sale fundraiser on Sunday, April 10th 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.

2016 ARBOR DAY

This year's Arbor Day Event and Park Cleanup will be held at Norma Kelly Park, 4100 Xenia Venue North, on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Robbinsdale combines its Arbor Day Celebration and Adopt-A-Park annual park cleanup with the annual watershed cleanup. Come help us plant a tree, learn about Robbinsdale's community forest and grab a free tree seedling for planting in your yard.

HENNEPIN COUNTY STEP TO IT, MAY 1-28

The Step To It Challenge is a fun, lighthearted way to connect with family, friends, and neighbors, and get moving again after a long winter. Twenty four communities will compete to see which one has the most active residents. This year participants are encouraged to **"Take Green Strides"** that save energy and natural resources too! Taking green strides not only saves natural resources, it helps you increase your physical activity. Walk or bike to your destination, pick up litter in your local park, or help plant a community garden. These activities can help you achieve your goals or maybe win the "Most Active Resident" award from your community. Registration begins April 1st. Go to www.steptoit.org to sign up.

BIRDTOWN HALF MARATHON

This year's race will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2016 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 2016 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 or contact 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! *Each volunteer will receive an awesome T-shirt. Volunteers who are 21 years of age & older will also be entitled to one free beer at Robbinsdale's newest brewery, The Wicked Wort.*

WASTE MANAGEMENT YARD WASTE PICK-UP TO RESUME MID-APRIL (weather permitting)

HEART OF ROBBINSDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SPRING EVENT **CANCELLED**

The HORCF annual spring event was originally scheduled for April 9, 2016 at the North Memorial Outpatient Center. Due to the number of competing events, the Foundation has decided to cancel the event. They are looking at having the event in late summer. For more information about the HORCF go to their website at <http://heartofrobbinsdale.org/>.

WHIZ BANG DAYS AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2016-2017 REIGN

We are looking for candidates to run for our 2016-2017 Scholarship Program for Whiz Bang Days. You would represent Robbinsdale around the state as a goodwill ambassador. At the end of your year you receive an educational scholarship.

Boys and Girls ages 4-9 years old are eligible and encouraged to apply for Jr. Ambassador. Young women and men ages 15 through 22 years old are eligible to apply for Sr. Ambassador. For more information please email robbinsdalecandidates@gmail.com or visit www.whizbangdays.com.

METRO PAINT-A-THON

The Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program is looking for volunteers to help local seniors with leaf raking and yard clean-up this spring. This is a great opportunity to get your family, friends, and co-workers together to support the seniors living in your community. This is a one-time, fun and flexible activity that can be done for 2-4 hours, weekdays or weekends. Interested? Please contact the HOME program Volunteer Coordinator at scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org or call 952-767-7894 for more information.

Senior Community Services is a non-profit organization with five programs serving seniors and caregivers in Robbinsdale. For more information please visit www.seniorcommunity.org or call 952-541-1019.



RAIN BARREL AND COMPOST BIN SALE

The Recycling Association of Minnesota has scheduled event sales again this spring throughout the Twin Cities area. Compost bins will be available for \$95, rain barrels will be available for \$74 and kitchen pails to collect scraps can be purchased for \$15 (plastic) and \$25 (stainless steel). You must pre-order for pickup on an event day. St. Louis Park has scheduled pick-ups on May 7, 2016 and May 9, 2016. Plymouth has a scheduled pickup on May 14, 2016. Go to <http://recycleminnesota.org/work/compost-bins-rain-barrels/> to order or for more information call 651-641-4589.

METRO BLOOMS RAINGARDEN WORKSHOPS

Metro Blooms is offering several raingarden workshops in April and May. Raingardens help to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff that would otherwise take pollutants from the air, our yards, and the streets and carry them into our lakes, rivers, and wetlands. They are also a way to beautify your property. The workshops are held in various locations including Brooklyn Center, St. Louis Park, Plymouth, Minneapolis, Champlin, and Edina. The cost is \$15 for most of the workshops. Go to www.metroblooms.org for more information and to register or call 651-699-2426.

WASTE MANAGEMENT'S RECYCLING TIPS

- 1. Recycle all EMPTY bottles**
69% of all plastic bottles don't get recycled.
- 2. Keep food and liquids out of recycling**
Soggy items can spoil a whole load of recycling.
- 3. Keep plastic bags out of recycling**
Plastic bags can shut down an entire recycling plant.

This information was taken from Waste Management's Recycle Often/Recycle Right website. For more information go to <http://recycleoftenrecycleright.com/>