
SEPTEMBER - DIAPER NEED AWARENESS – MONTH

HUG “**HELPING US GROW**” is an organization providing support services to families in Robbinsdale. **1-in-3** families struggle to provide diapers for their children. You can help by dropping off new and unopened packages of diapers at Robbinsdale City Hall (4100 Lakeview Ave North) during the month of September. The following items are also accepted: adult diapers, new packages of wipes, cash donations and checks made to: ISD #281-HUG. For more details on how to contribute or information on services please call 763-531-1253.

KIDS GARAGE SALE

Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive, Crystal - Saturday, October 1, 2016, 8:30 am – 12:00 p.m.
Kids...rent a table for only \$10. Sell some of your old toys, games, books, sporting goods or anything else you can think of for cash (no selling food please). Selling space is approximately 8 feet. Everyone is invited to shop, but only children ages 6-15 can rent a table. Youth ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Recreation Departments of Crystal 763-531-0052, New Hope 763-531-5151, and Robbinsdale 763-531-1278. You can register with any of the Recreation Departments listed or you can register for a table at <http://webtrac.robbinsdalemn.com>.



TEEN HALLOWEEN BAGGO TOURNAMENT

Battle it out Baggio-style! **Friday, October 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Your team against the competition in a Spooktacular bean bag smack-down! Costume contest categories include: Scariest, Funniest, Best Comic/ Sci-Fi Team, Best use of orange and black. Cost: \$12 per team (in advance), \$17 at the door; food is included. Register by October 14 at 763-531-1278 and join us for a ghoulishly good time! For grades 6th through 8th; located at the **Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive, Crystal.**

HALLOWEEN GIVE AND GET EVENT

Thursday, October 27th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (At participating businesses along West Broadway.) The Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual *Halloween Give and Get* event. Come join them for trick or treat fun, take part in a costume contest, meet local businesses, receive discounted coupons, and MORE! Must be 12 years of age or younger and must bring a non-perishable food item to participate. There will be a Pumpkin Sign displayed in businesses that are participating. For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/Robbinsdale.Chamber> or call and leave a message at 763-531-1279. The free event check-in will be at the Downtown Plaza.



TRY A NEW FALL ACTIVITY!

Robbinsdale Recreation Services is offering a variety of fun activities for all ages. There's adult 3x3 Basketball and over 40 Volleyball leagues, Open Gyms, Open Table Tennis, Open Volleyball, Open Soccer, Pickleball, exercise/fitness/dance classes, Soo Bahk Do, Adult Art Classes, Juggling, Movies, Book Club Discussions, Roving Minds, guest lectures, Out & About trips, youth special crafts, science classes and more. For details, check our city website at <http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/services/recreation-parks-facilities>.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Robbinsdale voters may find up-to-date election information on how to register, finding a polling location, candidates listed, absentee request forms and election results at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/>. Election Day is on Tuesday, November 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots are available starting Friday, September 23rd at 8:00 a.m. The pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m. (you may also register on Election Day). Please visit the City's website for quick links to information: www.robbinsdalemn.com/elections.

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.



2016 FALL BOULEVARD TREE PLANTING

Do you have a treeless section of your boulevard or public right of way and would like a replacement tree? If so we are still looking for a few additional Fall 2016 tree planting sites and would like to hear from you! The City of Robbinsdale Forester will be installing boulevard trees this fall to continue its proactive reforestation efforts, using bareroot trees currently housed in the City's gravelbed tree nursery. You do not need to have a sidewalk to qualify since nearly all city streets have public rights of way that generally extend 10-14 feet from behind the curb.

There are 24 different tree species available, and a table showing the available species and their general size at maturity is posted on the City's forestry webpage. If you are interested and are willing to regularly water the tree (a TreeGator bag will be provided) please contact Stephan Papiz, City Forester at 763-531-1273 or at spapiz@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us with your name, address and a brief message. Planting site feasibility will depend on available spacing, location of marked underground utilities and planned street reconstruction projects.



WASTE MANAGEMENT'S *RECYCLE OFTEN/RECYCLE RIGHT* WEBSITE

Need a reminder on what items are recyclable and what items are not? Want to know why plastic bags should not be placed in your recycling cart? Waste Management's *Recycle Often/Recycle Right* website at <http://recycleoftenrecycleright.com/> has all the information you ever need to know about recycling. The website includes a video, poster, brochure, myth busters, and more. There are some great tools for schools including a variety of curriculum for grades K-5. Kids tend to be the biggest influencer in getting parents to recycle so getting the information into schools and into the hands of teachers would help kids to take the message home.

YARD WASTE PICK UP GENERALLY RUNS THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER

Reminder: Compostable bags must be used for leaves. Another option is to place leaves in a galvanized or Rubbermaid-type container (not to exceed 30 pounds) clearly labeled "Yard Waste" and placed 3 feet from garbage cart. If multiple containers are used, it is only necessary to label one. You may make your own yard waste sign for your container.

HELP! DON'T PLUG SEWERS WITH GRASS AND LEAVES

City code prohibits raking or depositing grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc. into the gutter and along the street. The debris will eventually end up in our lakes and streams, which contributes to the deterioration of water quality. The City appreciates your cooperation in helping to keep lakes clean, storm sewers open and streets clean by bagging leaves and/or grass clippings for the yard waste hauler or by properly composting.