



Tonka Bay News

WINTER 2013

Check out the City's website at www.cityoftonkabay.net for information on what is going on in Tonka Bay and surrounding areas.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Tues, Dec 24 CLOSSES AT 11 am
Wed, Dec 25 CLOSED
Tues, Dec 31 CLOSSES AT 11 am
Wed, Jan 1 CLOSED
Monday, January 19 CLOSED
Monday, February 17 CLOSED

ICE RINK

When the snow falls, the next question is "Is the rink open yet?" Check out the city website to find out when the rink will open. Public Works will flood the rink when possible; and hopefully, the rink will open by Christmas.

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Join the more than 293 others who have signed up for the City's e-mail subscription service. Most of them have already read this newsletter, because they get it by e-mail one week before it is mailed.

Sign up now at the City's website at www.cityoftonkabay.net.

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ARCTIC FEVER

Read all about the Arctic Fever celebration scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2014 on the insert inside. Tonka Bay's events are held at Manitou Park. Many of last year's events will return PLUS even MORE fun will be added. More info on page two.

RECYCLING CALENDARS

Copies of the recently mailed 2014 recycling calendar are available at City Hall should you need an extra one or misplaced yours.

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HEADING SOUTH?

If you are heading south for a month or more, contact city hall with your water meter reading before you go. This will provide you with an accurate billing and prevent overestimates on water usage and being charged a late card fee. Let us know your return date if you will be gone more than a month. You can contact Carol at 952-474-7994 or e-mail your address and current meter reading to cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net.

HAVE A TENANT MOVING OUT?

Utility billings are done quarterly. The cutoff dates each year are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. If one of these is not your move-out date, you can take a reading from the meter and call City Hall at 952-474-7994. Carol will help you pro rate the utilities for the number of days actually occupied.

ARE YOU SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

As soon as you know your closing date, call us at 952-474-7994 or send your e-mail to City Hall at: cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net to schedule a meter inspection and final meter reading. The inspection is done on the inside water meter. You will need to schedule a time when someone can be there to allow Public Works to access the home. Please provide contact information on who is handling your closing (usually the title/escrow company closing manager). Final bills will be calculated and forwarded to the closing manager. The other alternative is to come in and pay the final bill and get a receipt which proves the property is clear of debt with the city.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION



After the holidays, discard your tree properly and with respect for your neighborhood and the environment. No part of a Christmas tree or evergreen can be burned in a fireplace. The sap acts like an accelerant, and the tree can explode in flames. The sap can also build up in your chimney and raise the chances of a chimney fire in the future. Trees will be picked up with the regular Monday collections on January 6 and January 13.

KEEP LAKES SALT-FREE THIS WINTER

Reduce the impact of salt used to melt ice and snow this winter by:

1. Remove as much snow/ice from driveway and walkways as possible before applying de-icer.
2. Reduce the amount of salt you apply. If there is salt on your driveway after the snow and ice melt, this is a sign too much was applied.
3. Apply de-icer before snow falls to reduce the amount needed.

ARCTIC FEVER

Check out all the fun events planned for this year's Arctic Fever at www.arcticfever.net



Events at Manitou Park on Saturday, Jan. 18 include human bowling, kick sleds, the ever-popular Raptor Show, and hot cocoa and s'mores in the warming house. Roast your own marshmallows for even more fun!

Thank you to the following for their support: Lindbo Landing, The Ansari Family, and Joey Nova's.



SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS

The City of Tonka Bay has a three-person snow removal force. Snow removal equipment consists of one 2½ ton truck, one 1 ton truck, one front end loader, and one skid loader. This equipment is used to maintain more than eight miles of City streets. It is the policy to begin snow removal operations when snow accumulates to a depth of two inches or more. The goal of the snow removal crew is to open all of our streets as soon as possible to insure access for emergency vehicles. This may take three to four hours following a typical 3" snowfall. When an overnight snowfall occurs, the crew is typically dispatched on or before 4:00 a.m. and streets are usually open for morning traffic. Second and third passes are made thereafter to widen the roadway to the full width.



Snow plowing can occasionally cause property damage. Damage can occur to sod when the ground is not frozen. Damage can also occur to mailboxes and other miscellaneous structures that are installed within the street right-of-way, which usually extends 5-10 feet beyond the edge of the street pavement. The primary use for a right-of-way is to provide room for snow storage, utility installation, mailboxes and other City uses. Please report any damage to Public Works at 952-474-2947. The City will cooperate with property owners and accepts responsibility for repair of permitted structures which are clearly marked and when it is obvious that they have been struck by a plow blade, wing or other piece of equipment. Damage resulting from snow is the responsibility of the property owner. Mailboxes, lights, and other permitted landscape amenities should be constructed sturdily enough to withstand snow rolling off of a wing plow.

Following are several tips and reminders that will help us during our snow removal efforts:

- Remain a safe distance behind snow plows or sanding trucks, they stop and back up frequently.
- Don't allow children to play, make forts or tunnels in snow banks close to the street. This is a very dangerous activity.
- Shovel or blow snow to your right (as you face the street). This will lessen the amount of snow thrown back into the driveway by the plows.
- Remove snow around fire hydrants in your neighborhood.
- Refrain from installing lawn irrigation systems within the boulevard area, or at a minimum, insure that sprinkler heads are sufficiently recessed in the ground surface during the snow plow season.
- Be patient. The snow removal crews will get to your street as soon as they can.

Cut out application and mail with payment and proof of rabies vaccination.

<p>CITY OF TONKA BAY 2014 DOG LICENSE 4901 MANITOU ROAD TONKA BAY MN 55331 www.cityoftonkabay.net</p>							
OWNER'S NAME			PHONE				
ADDRESS				E-MAIL			
DOG'S NAME			AGE		COLOR		
SEX		M	F	WEIGHT		BREED	
RABIES VACCINE BY							
DATE OF VACCINE				RABIES TAG NO.		TAG EXP. DATE	

\$16 fee



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Tonka Bay residents are encouraged to participate in city government. Your City Council meetings are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month and begin at 7 p.m. Meetings are rebroadcast on Cable Channel 8 at various times throughout the month. Check your cable listings. You can also watch the meeting on your home computer at www.lmcc-tv.org. Agendas are available at City Hall on the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting or sign up to receive an e-mail version at www.cityoftonkabay.net, E-mail Subscription Service.

MONTH	FIRST MEETING	SECOND MEETING	KIND OF MEETING
January, 2014	January 14	January 28	City Council
February, 2014	February 11	February 25	City Council
March, 2014	March 11	March 25	City Council

Arctic Fever 2014

www.arcticfever.net

Friday, January 17, 5:30-8:30 pm

Enjoy ice skating on the Badger Rink, snow sculpting, free pizza from Joey Nova's (*while supply lasts*), cocoa and music! An event for all ages--bring friends and family! Applications now being accepted for snow sculpting! Call 952.960.7900 or see the website. Meet at Southshore Center, 5735 Country Club Rd, Shorewood.

Saturday, January 18

Shorewood

Freeman Park, 6000 Eureka Rd

Wagon Rides	10 am-3 pm
Bonfire	10 am-3 pm
Snowshoeing	11 am-1 pm
Geocaching	11 am-1 pm
Sledding	10 am-3 pm
Ice Skating	10 am- 3 pm
Dog Sled Rides	10 am- 2 pm

Tonka Bay

Manitou Park, 5418 Manitou Rd

Owl Show	1:30-2:30 pm
Kick Sledding	3-4 pm
Bonfire	1-4 pm
S'mores and cocoa	1-4 pm
Human bowling	2:30-4 pm
Ice Skating	1-4 pm

Excelsior

Commons and downtown

Magic Show*	10:30 am
Wagon Rides	11 am-3 pm
Fat Bike Race	2 pm
Cabin Fever Party at Excelsior Brewing	5-10 pm
Bonfire/Ice Skating	11 am-4 pm
Snowshoeing	11-3 pm
Brain Balance**	12-3 pm

Lego snowboard racing, crafts and refreshments. Lego prize for kids!

Kiteboarding demo	11 am- 4 pm
Coloring Contest	see website

* Excelsior Library, 343 3rd St

** 386 Oak St, Excelsior

Don't miss event updates, including changes due to weather! Sign up for Arctic Fever eNews. Email tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

Sunday, January 19

Arctic Fever Princess Tea

Bayview Events Center, 687 Excelsior Blvd, Excelsior
12:30-2:30 pm; \$20 adults/\$15 kids under age 12

Register online at www.arcticfever.net, or call
Shorewood City Hall, 952.960.7900.

Watch for updates and more information at www.arcticfever.net!

Hey kids ages 3-11: enter the Arctic Fever 2014 Coloring Contest! Color and drop off by Saturday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m. to the Excelsior Library, 343 Third Street, Excelsior. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Winners will be notified by phone and names posted in the Excelsior Library. You may take your picture home after Jan. 21. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Excelsior Library and Artworks Art & Frame, Inc.*

Arctic Fever 2014



Name _____ Age _____

Phone _____ (This will be cut off before hanging)