



# Tonka Bay News

## FALL 2015

Check out the City's website at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net) for information on what is going on in Tonka Bay and surrounding areas.

## FALL CLEAN UP

The annual Fall clean up will be held on Saturday, September 19 beginning at 7 a.m. See the insert to find out more about what will be accepted.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

**City Hall will be closed for the following holidays the remainder of the year:**

Wed, Nov 11  
Thurs/Fri, Nov 26-27  
Wed, Dec. 23 at noon  
Thurs, Dec 24  
Wed, Dec. 30 at noon  
Thurs, Dec. 31

## DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS/FEEES CERTIFIED TO PROPERTY TAXES IN NOVEMBER

Just a reminder to please pay any past due utility bills and unpaid fees. The City Council has established a policy to certify all delinquent utility accounts and any other unpaid fees as of November 24, 2015 to Hennepin County to apply to the owner's property taxes. This will assist the City in closing out the books for the year and encourage residents to bring their accounts up-to-date by this time.

## GO GREEN!!

Join 366 of your friends and neighbors who have signed up for the City's e-mail subscription service and have already read this newsletter. They received it by e-mail.

Go to our website at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), click on "Email Subscription Service" and sign up for several email subscriptions. Get reminders to pay your utility bill, news from the City and updates on what is going around in your community.



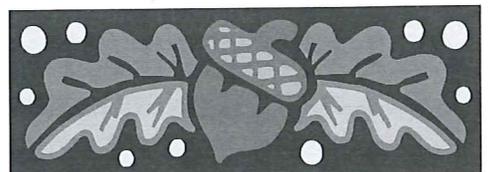
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### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Republic Services will continue to collect yard waste along with the regular garbage and recycling collection on Mondays through the last Monday in November (weather permitting). **Call City Hall or check the website to confirm the last date for collection.**

#### **An Important Message from Republic Services:**

The Annual Yard Waste Program is a weekly unlimited service (during the yard waste season...April 15 to end of November). If you are using a cart, anything outside the cart is at no additional charge but it needs to be in a compostable bag or twigs need to be bundled with twine. The bundles should be no longer than four feet in length and the individual branches should be no wider than the widest part of a baseball bat with the bundle being no wider than about a foot and less than 40 lbs.

If you would like to request a cart for yard waste at no extra charge of if you have an abundance of filled bags, please call Republic Services Customer Service at 952-941-5174.

### DROP-OFF SITES

Hennepin County has two drop-off sites for recycling, electronics, media and household hazardous waste in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington. Call 612-348-3777 or check out their website at [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us), search: "A to Z or Drop-off Facilities" for information on what can be taken there and their hours of operation.

There is also a site in Chaska at 116 Peavey Circle that is open to Hennepin County residents and closer to Tonka Bay.

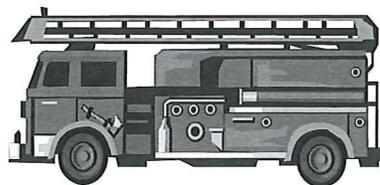
**If you've disconnected your home phone or have new contact information, please be sure to let us know at 952-474-7994 or [clink@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:clink@cityoftonkabay.net).**

### 2015 RAKE-A-THON SCHEDULED

Fall is coming and that means loads of falling leaves! The annual Rake-A-Thon which is sponsored every year by Minnetonka Community Education will take place on Saturday, October 31. Put together a team of family, friends, and neighbors to rake the yards of senior neighbors who may need a little help with their leaves! This is a perfect opportunity to get some fresh air while connecting with your neighbors and gaining volunteer experience. Please call 952-401-6828 to sign up to have your yard raked (senior citizens only), register your team or for more information.

### EFD UPCOMING EVENTS

The EFD's Open House will be held on Thursday, October 1. Further information is available at [www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org).



**JOIN THE FUN!**

Also planned:

November 28—The Giving Tree kickoff  
December 5—Free Movie

### ARCTIC FEVER IS COMING!

Mark your calendars now for Arctic Fever the weekend of January 15. Tonka Bay's events will be held at Manitou Park on Saturday, January 16. This year Arctic Bowling will be held at Country Club Lanes, food specials will be offered at local restaurants, and the Raptors will be back by popular demand. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Clare at [clink@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:clink@cityoftonkabay.net) if you are interested in volunteering to help.



### HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

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. Let us know your estimated return date if you will be gone for more than a month.

We also need your forwarding address. The postal service charges the city to forward your utility bills while you are gone for the winter. You can e-mail your address and meter reading to: [cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net) or 952-474-7994.

### MOVING OUT OF TONKA BAY?

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 prorate the utilities for the number of days actually occupied.

### HOME OCCUPATIONS

City Ordinance Section 1014 requires residents with home-based businesses to have a home occupation permit. The ordinance provides a means to prevent competition with business districts and establishes specific standards and procedures by which home occupations can be conducted in residential neighborhoods without jeopardizing the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding neighborhood.

The permit application is available on the City's website at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), Forms and Permits, Home Occupations. Send in your application with a \$15 payment (no credit cards permitted) or bring in your application during regular office hours of Monday—Thursday, 7:00 am—5:30 pm. Questions can be sent to [clink@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:clink@cityoftonkabay.net), or call us at 952-474-7994.

### THIRD QUARTER UTILITIES

Please pay close attention to the following dates as you get ready to pay your third quarter utility bill:

- November 1 **UTILITY PAYMENT DUE DATE**
- November 4 Last chance to pay your bill before penalties are added
- November 5 Penalties added to outstanding bill
- November 5 Notice mailed to accounts prior to certification to property taxes.

### PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

#### Storm Response

When the threat of storms promises strong winds and possible damage, Public Works responds quickly. Crew members assess the damage. If trees or branches are blocking access to roads, they are cleared as soon as possible. Portable generators are used when electricity is out for an extended period of time to give the lift stations backup power. This is to ensure they will be operational in order to prevent sewer backups.

#### Trees

Please trim trees with limbs that over hang into the streets to help prevent damage to city and personal equipment. Thanks You.

#### Water Curb Stops

We have been doing locates with a line locator to find hard to find water curb stops throughout the city. You may have seen the hole that is left in your yard after we found the curb stop, it is the homeowner's responsibility to bring the curb stop to ground level.

If you have any questions about any of these updates, please contact Robin Bowman at 952-474-2947 or email [rbowman@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:rbowman@cityoftonkabay.net).



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Tonka Bay residents are encouraged to participate in city government. Your City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month beginning at 7 p.m. You can find our meetings on your computer at [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com), search for "City of Tonka Bay", or follow the link on the City's website. Agendas are available at City Hall the Thursday before every meeting. Sign up to receive an e-mail version of the agenda, minutes, or entire Council packet at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), "E-mail Subscription Service".

**FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

September 8 and September 22  
Work session (if needed): September 8 (6 pm)  
October 13 and October 27  
November 10 and November 24  
Work session: November 10 (6 pm)

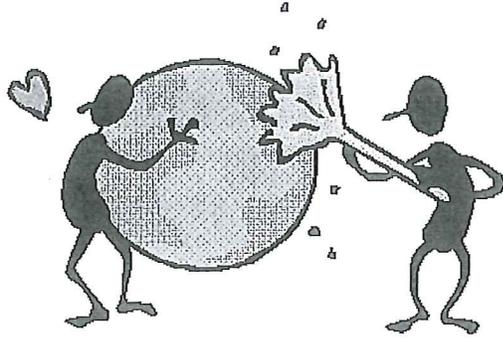


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**FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS**

CenterPoint Energy Service	612-372-4720
City Assessor (Bill Davy)	952-905-6832
Excelsior Fire District (non-emergency)	952-960-1650
Gopher One—Call Before You Dig	811
Metro West Inspections	763-479-1720
Lake Minnetonka Conservation District	952-745-0789
Mediacom Cable TV Service	1-800-422-1473
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	952-471-0590
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	651-296-6157
Minnetonka School District	952-401-5000
Republic Services (garbage, recycling and yard waste)	952-941-5174
South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (non-emergency)	952-474-3261
Xcel Energy Service	1-800-622-4677

# City of Tonka Bay – Annual Fall Clean-up



Saturday, September 19, 2015  
Starting at 7:00 a.m.

Clean up that basement, clean out the garage, and pick up the yard! The clean-up is at **no additional cost** to residents. Help keep the community free of junk and make it a more enjoyable place to live. Following is the list of what will be picked up and what cannot be picked up:

Accepted

All items must be small enough to be loaded by one person

- Miscellaneous clean-up debris
- Small furniture items
- Carpet (must be tied and bundled in four foot lengths)
- Small amounts of construction garbage
- Grills (*no gas grill propane tanks allowed*), toilets, sinks, etc.
- Old clothing

## Not Accepted

- **Large pieces of furniture** (call Republic Services for a special pickup at 952-941-5174)
- **Large appliances** (call Republic Services for a special pickup at 952-941-5174 or accepted at Hennepin County Drop Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center)
- **Fluorescent light bulbs** (may be dropped off at Hennepin County Drop-Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center)
- **Paint or other hazardous items** (may be dropped off at the Hennepin County Drop-Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center).
- **Tires** (may be dropped off at Hennepin County Drop Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center; fee)
- **Auto batteries**
- **Railroad ties, large piles of shingles, or large amounts of construction material** (check Yellow Pages for construction debris recycling sites)
- **Computers, TV's and related equipment** (call Republic Services for a special pickup or take to Hennepin County Drop Off Centers (Fee) or Carver County Environmental Center). Check with your local electronics retail location (Best Buy, etc.) as some of them will accept at no cost.

## Special Instructions

All items must be at the curb **before** 7:00 a.m.  
Recycling will be collected on Monday, September 28.

