



Tonka Bay News

FALL 2014

Check out the City's website at 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, October 4 beginning at 7 a.m. See the insert to find out more.

HOLIDAY HOURS

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

Tues, Nov 11
Thurs/Fri, Nov 27-28
Wed, Dec. 24 at noon
Thurs, Dec 25
Wed, Dec. 31 at noon
Thurs, Jan 1

NEW OFFICE HOURS IN EFFECT

City Hall has new hours:
Mon—Thurs.....
7 am—5:30 pm
Friday.....CLOSED
Public Works still works:
Mon—Fri.....
6 am—2:30 pm

GO GREEN!!

Join 332 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.

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Reminder
Southshore Community Center
Utility Payment Reminder



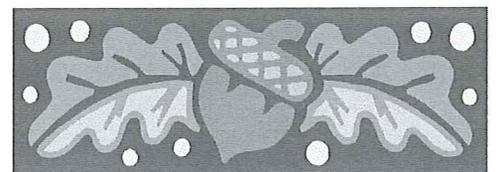
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COLLECTION REMINDERS

If your garbage, recycling, and yard waste were missed, there may be circumstances where your collection was delayed: truck is full, truck gears broke down, etc. Please call Republic Services after 1 p.m. on collection day if you were missed at 952-941-5174.

Yard Waste: 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.**

Recycling: Recycling is collected every other Monday. Please remember to place your cart in an area where the mechanical arm can pick it up unobstructed. In other words, do not place the cart under a tree, basketball hoop, etc. The collection schedule is on the City's website.

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, search: "A to Z or Drop-off Facilities" for information on what can be taken there and their hours of operation.

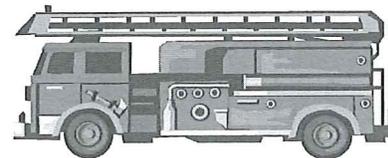
There is also a site in Chaska at 116 Peavey Circle that is open to Hennepin County residents and closer to Tonka Bay.

2014 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 25. Put together a team of family, friends, and neighbors to rake the yards of some 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 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

For more info on the EFD's open house on Thursday, October 2, call the EFD Event line at 952-960-1698 or check it out on line at www.excelsiorfire.org. Information will also be available for the free Kids' Movie held the first Saturday in December closer to the date.



JOIN THE FUN!

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 pro rate the utilities for the number of days actually occupied.



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September has been designated as National Preparedness Month. The goal is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies.

To learn how you can get prepared, contact Dave Hohertz at (952) 960-1619 or check out the website at: www.ready.gov/america/npm07/index.html.

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, or you can contact Carol 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 6 Notice mailed to accounts prior to certification to property taxes.

See item below regarding delinquent utility bills and fees certified to property taxes in November.



DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS/FEES 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 25, 2014 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.

ABSENTEE VOTING AND GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Important dates as we look forward to the General Election in November:

- September 22—Absentee ballots available.
- October 14—Last day to pre-register to vote
- November 1 (Saturday) - City hall open for absentee voting—10 am to 3 pm
- November 1—Public Accuracy Test—11 am
- November 3—Open until 5 pm for absentee voting
- November 4—Election Day—polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm



You don't have to travel far to see wildlife in Tonka Bay. Submitted photo

REMEMBER TO VOTE



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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. 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. You can watch the downloaded versions of meetings by going to www.vimeo.com, search for "City of Tonka Bay", and pick your meeting.

MONTH	FIRST MEETING	SPECIAL MEETING	SECOND MEETING	KIND OF MEETING
September	September 9	None	September 23	City Council
October	October 14	None	October 28	City Council
November	November 12	None	November 25	City Council