



# Tonka Bay News

## SUMMER 2013

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.

## E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Join the 266 friends/neighbors who have signed up to receive e-mail notifications. You may sign up to receive utility payment reminders, notice of crime alerts, road closures, news from city hall, and the newsletter, what is happening around the lake, garbage collection changes, recycling reminders, notification when yard waste collection starts and ends, and election news, etc.

This is our most effective way to notify all our residents in a fast and inexpensive way. Go to our website at: [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), click on E-mail Subscription Service, and sign up for one or

## 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Where will you be on Thursday, July 4? Help fund the fireworks with a donation. Even the smallest amount helps, and all donations go to the fireworks fund. Please send a check made out to: **South Lake-Excelsior Chamber (SLECC), P.O. Box 32, Excelsior MN 55331**. Please mark "Fireworks Fund 2013" on your check memo. All donations will be acknowledged.

## FALL CLEAN UP!

The Fall clean up will be held on Saturday, September 28.

Watch for the Fall edition of the City newsletter or [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net) for more information.

## WELCOME ROBIN!

After 29-1/2 years, it may be hard for some to believe it...we have a new Public Works Superintendent! Robin Bowman began his first full day "on his own" on Tuesday, May 22. He previously worked for the cities of Minnetrista, Lewiston and Wells as well as Benton County. In his spare time he trains his goats to eat weeds that sprout up between rows of vegetables in his garden — multi-talented apparently!



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## SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

As soon as you know the closing date, call Carol at 952-474-7994 or by her e-mail at [cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto: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 access to Public Works. Please provide contact information on who is handling your closing.

Final bills will be calculated and forwarded to the closing manager. You can also come in and pay the final bill and get a receipt which proves the property is clear of debt with the city.

## EFD ANNUAL DANCE

Excelsior Firefighters Annual  
Fund Raising Dance  
is just around the corner  
Mark your calendars for Friday, July 19  
from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight.

Beer, Brats, fun for the entire family

PLUS

Live Music!!!

The Music starts at 8 p.m.

Contact [www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org)

For additional information

Shuttle parking at east/west lots in Excelsior  
Handicapped Parking Available on site.

## FIRE LANE REMINDER

A reminder for those residents who live along City fire lanes. All fire lanes are public property to be used by the public to access the lake. All fire lanes can be used for pedestrian access to the lake, fishing from shore, launching canoes and other small boats not requiring a trailer.

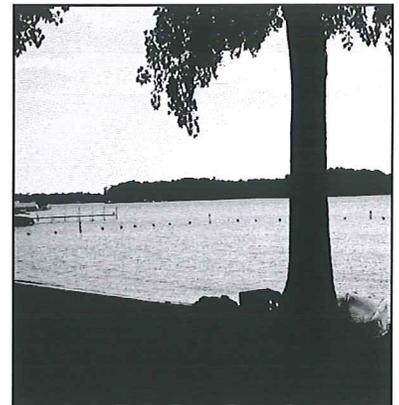
City hall has maps showing the location of all 21 fire lanes in Tonka Bay.

## EXPLORE LAKE MINNETONKA

Farmers Market	Every Thursday, 2-6 pm	
Fourth of July	Thurs, July 4	
Girls Night Out	starts June 6	
(Events above in Excelsior)		
Safety Camp	Wed, August 14	<a href="http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us">www.ci.shorewood.mn.us</a>
Tour de Tonka	Saturday, August 3	<a href="http://www.tourdetonka.org">www.tourdetonka.org</a>

### Websites to check out for more fun:

<a href="http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us">www.ci.shorewood.mn.us</a>	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us">www.dnr.state.mn.us</a>
<a href="http://www.exploreminnesota.com">www.exploreminnesota.com</a>	<a href="http://www.mrsm.co">www.mrsm.co</a> (fun for kids)
<a href="http://www.southshore-center.org">www.southshore-center.org</a>	<a href="http://www.threeriversparks.com">www.threeriversparks.com</a>
<a href="http://www.excelsior-lakeminnetonka.com">www.excelsior-lakeminnetonka.com</a>	



## SEAL COATING

Although the exact dates have not been scheduled, the following streets will be seal coated this year:

Cedar Street	Echo Bay Drive
Gideons Point Rd	Glade Avenue
Hazel Street	Highland Avenue
Hillcrest Drive	Lakeview Avenue
Maple Hill Drive	Pearl Street
Sunrise Avenue	Waseca Avenue
Tonka Bay Rd from Lakeview Ave to Wekota Beach	

If you would like up-to-the-minute notification of when the work will be done, sign up for notification at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), click on "Email Subscription Service" and sign up for "Public Works News".

## KLUVER FAREWELL PARTY



Many of our residents, staff, former/current Councilmembers and City Administrators attended the farewell party for Greg Kluver at the Southshore Center in May.

Picture shows Greg with one of his many lovely parting gifts.

## COLLECTION REMINDER

If your garbage, recycling, or yard waste collections are missed, contact City Hall **after** 1 p.m. or call Allied Waste directly at 952-941-5174. Remember to set out your items by 7 a.m. on collection day.

## SIGN REGULATIONS

Garage sale signs are not allowed in any public right-of-way. The signs cannot exceed four square feet and must be removed within two days after the sale.

Real estate signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way and cannot exceed six square feet unless a permit has been issued. Only one sign shall be allowed per lot, and the sign shall not be illuminated.



Public Works staff regularly remove signs that are located within in the public right-of-way.

## BEACHES OPEN JUNE 8

City beaches officially open on June 8 for the season. Lifeguards will be on duty at Wekota and Crescent beaches June 8 – August 11 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., including weekends.

## MN NIGHT TO UNITE

The South Lake Minnetonka Police Department encourages you to organize a Night to Unite activity in your neighborhood on the evening of **Tuesday, August 6, 2013.**

Members of the SLMPD are making themselves available to stop by these activities to answer questions, provide you with crime prevention tips, and get to know each other.

**Please contact Community Service Supervisor David Hohertz at (952) 474-3261 to have SLMPD officers attend your event.**



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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](http://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](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), E-mail Subscription Service.

MONTH	FIRST MEETING	SPECIAL MEETING	SECOND MEETING	KIND OF MEETING
June 2013	June 11	None	June 25	City Council
July 2013	July 9	None	July 23	City Council
August 2013	August 13	None	August 27	City Council

# City of Tonka Bay 2012 Drinking Water Report

## Consumer Confidence Report



The City of Tonka Bay is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2012. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

### Source of Water

The City of Tonka Bay provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 423 to 448 feet deep that draw water from the Jordan aquifer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has determined that the source(s) used to supply your drinking water is not particularly susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

Call Robin Bowman, Public Works Superintendent, at 952-474-2947 if you have questions about the City of Tonka Bay's drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water. Additional copies of the 2012 drinking water report are available at Tonka Bay City Hall, 4901 Manitou Road, Tonka Bay, MN 55331, on-line at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), or by calling 952-474-7994 for a copy.

### Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2012. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)



**Key to abbreviations:**

**MCLG—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL—Maximum Contaminant Level:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MRDL:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

**MRDLG:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

**AL—Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**90th Percentile Level:** This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.



**pCi/l:** PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

**ppm:** Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

**ppb:** Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

**N/A:** Not Applicable.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2012)	Avg/ Result*	
Barium (ppm)	2	2	N/A	.02	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (pCi/l)	0	5.4	N/A	1.4	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	N/A	1.18	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb) (07/21/2009)	0	80	N/A	.7	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

# Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.



Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.*

<b>Contaminant (units)</b>	<b>MRDLG</b>	<b>MRDL</b>	<b>****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.1-1.2	.83	Water additive used to control microbes.

\*\*\*\*Highest and Lowest Monthly Average.

\*\*\*\*\*Highest Quarterly Average.

<b>Contaminant (units)</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>90% Level</b>	<b># sites over AL</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
Copper (ppm) (6/30/2011)	1.3	1.3	.22	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (6/30/2011)	0	15	4	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Tonka Bay is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.