



Tonka Bay News

SPRING 2013

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

The annual Board of Appeals (formerly Board of Review or Open Book) meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Residents are encouraged to attend and comment on their property valuations

ANIMAL CONTROL

Don't forget to license your dog. License applications are available on our website at www.cityoftonkabay.net or in person at City Hall. Licenses cost \$16.

If your dog is missing:

1. Call Hennepin County Dispatch at 763-525-6210.
2. Call City Hall at 952-474-7994 to see if anyone has reported they found your dog. We can also send out an e-mail to "News from City Hall" subscribers.

SWPPP REVIEW SCHEDULED

Environmental impacts to water quantity and quality are important considerations in our city during both development review and planning for the future. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan was developed to provide the city with information and direction regarding the administration and implementation of water reserve activities within the city. The annual review of the plan will be held at the council meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at

CONTACT INFORMATION

It is important for City Hall to have your contact information especially if you discontinue your home phone line and rely only on your cell phone. Please let us know if you have a new phone number by calling us at 952-474-

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YES—YOU CAN RECYCLE THAT!

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FRIENDS OF EXCELSIOR

LIBRARY—Used Book Sale

Saturday, April 13, 8 am - 3:30 pm

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church

301 County Road 19, Excelsior

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.

MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ALERT

MDH is reminding residents to beware of false claims, deceptive sales pitches, and scare tactics used by some water treatment companies to sell expensive and unnecessary water treatment systems.

If you are considering the purchase of a home water treatment system, check out important information at www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2012/water122612.html.

GREG KLUVER RETIRING

Long-time employee, Greg Kluver, will be retiring from the City of Tonka Bay. His last day is the end of May. No plans have been finalized for a farewell celebration as of this writing. Keep an eye on the city's website for any details. We wish Greg the best in all his future endeavors. He will be greatly missed.

DECLARING ICE-OUT ON THE LAKE

Ice-out is declared on Lake Minnetonka by the Commander of the Water Patrol. Ice out is called when the commander can take a boat from Water Patrol Headquarters in Spring Park, through the Narrows Channel, and around Big Island without having to significantly alter course to avoid ice or ice floes.

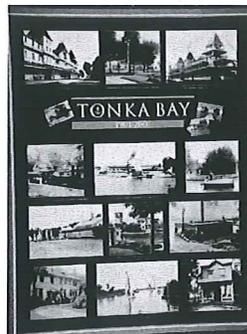
Earliest Ice-Out:	March 11, 1878
Latest Ice-Out:	May 8, 1856
Most Common Ice-Out:	April 17 & 18 (9 times)
Average Ice-Out:	April 15 (although the ice has never been out on this date)

For more information, contact:

Excelsior Fire District www.excelsiorfiredistrict.org
Hennepin County Water Patrol 952-471-1300
MN Dept of Natural Resources www.dnr.state.mn.us

PHOSPHORUS-FREE FERTILIZER

Did you know it is against state law to apply fertilizer containing phosphorus to lawns? Phosphorus is the primary nutrient that turns lakes and rivers green with algae. The one exception is when a soil test shows phosphorus is needed or you are establishing a new lawn. When buying fertilizer, look for the bags that have a zero as the middle number.



CENTENNIAL POSTERS FOR SALE

We still have a limited number of Tonka Bay Centennial posters available for the low, low price of \$1. Stop by City Hall for yours today. At that price, it makes very affordable gift wrap.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The Excelsior Firefighters want to remind you it is **time** to change your **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors** batteries when you change your clocks on Sunday, March 10. A working smoke detector doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire. Take this **time** to replace your smoke detectors if they are more than eight years old. For more information, contact the Excelsior Fire District at:

**TONKA BAY RECYCLES!
RECYCLING COLLECTION HISTORY**

2012	221 tons
2011	232 tons
2010	218 tons
2009	578 tons
2008	208 tons

SUMP PUMPS

Please remember that sump pumps discharging any non-sanitary or clear water sources into the sanitary sewer system are a violation of city ordinances. Other non-sanitary or clear water sources to look for in your home are leaking toilets, faucets and furnace dehumidifiers. Fixing these items will not only reduce your water bill but help Tonka Bay reduce its total sanitary sewer flow to Metropolitan Council Env. Serv., thus keeping sewer rates stable. If you have any questions regarding any other type of clear water sources entering the sanitary sewer system or compliance with the sump pump ordinance, please call Greg Kløver at 952-474-2947.

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"

SIGN REGULATIONS – A SIGN OF SPRING!!

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.



DOCK WAITING LIST

Are you on the dock waiting list? If you are a Tonka Bay resident, call us at 952-474-7994 to get a form to fill out, and you will be put on the waiting list for a municipal dock.

ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Road restrictions go into effect every spring in order to preserve the condition of City streets from serious damage and destruction from heavy vehicles when the weather warms. All streets are posted for 4-tons per axle and follow the State schedule. The city is notified three days before road restrictions are to be placed. Road restrictions are then in effect for eight weeks (could be longer or shorter depending on weather conditions). Check the city's website at www.cityoftonkabay.net or call city hall at 952-474-7994 to find out if road restrictions are in effect or if they have been lifted. If you have any questions about the restrictions, please call Greg Kløver at 952-474-2947.

YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES

You can begin setting out yard waste again when pickup resumes on **Monday, April 15**. This date is weather permitting.

Please check the city's website at www.cityoftonkabay.net for confirmation of the starting date or call city hall at 952-474-7994.



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Tonka Bay residents are encouraged to participate in city government. 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 available at City Hall 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	SPECIAL MEETING	SECOND MEETING	KIND OF MEETING
April 2013	April 9	April 10—Board of Appeals 6:30 p.m.	April 23	City Council
May 2013	May 14		May 28	City Council
June 2013	June 11		June 25	City Council

