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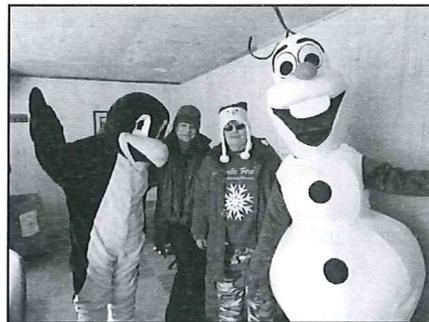
ARCTIC FEVER 2016



City staff spent time after work and braved the cold weather to create this amazing snow sculpture as part of the Arctic Fever festivities:

Thank you to all the residents and businesses who donated their time and talents to help make this year's Arctic Fever a success: Elli Ansari, Gary Molumby, Virginia Lord, Joey Nova's, Kristin Viger, Country Club Lanes, and Matthew and Jill Maki.

We collected 159 pieces of winter wear, more than in 2015! Snowshoeing was a big hit, so it will return next year.



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CONTACT INFORMATION:

City Hall: Phone: 952-474-7994
Public Works Phone: 952-474-2947
After Hours Emergency: 612-750-3600

HOURS:

Office: 7:00 am—5:30 M-TH, Closed Fridays
Public Works: 6:00 am—2:00 pm, M-F



ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Road restrictions went into effect on February 29 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 State of Minnesota website to find out if road restrictions have been put into place or lifted. If you have any questions about the restrictions, please call Robin Bowman at 952-474-2947.

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.

BOARD OF APPEALS

The annual Board of Appeals meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend and comment on their property valuations.

HAVE A TENANT MOVING OUT?

Utility billings are done quarterly. The cutoff dates 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Over the years, we have been unable to contact a resident during an emergency (frozen pipes, fire, property damage) because the phone number or e-mail address we have on file has changed, and we have not been notified.

Please contact City Hall at 952-474-7994 or clink@cityoftonkabay.net with your updated information.

SNOW PLOWING ADVENTURE



In February, the City Administrator rode along with Public Works to get a better understanding of what all goes into plowing snow and learn exactly how the equipment works. Many of you stopped to wave and smile as you passed and that says something about the level of customer service our public works provides and the respect you have for our staff. Thanks for your patience this snow plowing season!

**YARD WASTE COLLECTION
RESUMES
MONDAY, APRIL 11
WEATHER PERMITTING**



2016 SEWER AND WATER RATES INCREASE

In November 2015, the City Council approved utility increases to the water and sewer base rates. The increases are the same for residential and commercial properties.

Water Rates—Base Rate—\$15.75 to \$25 per quarter

Conservation Rate Tiers

2015 Tiers	2016 Tiers	2015 <u>and</u> 2016 Tiers
0—18,999 gallons	0-15,999 gallons	\$4.44 for every 1,000 gallons
19,000—36,999 gallons	16,000—30,999 gallons	\$4.65 for every 1,000 gallons
37,000—71,999 gallons	31,000—45,999 gallons	\$5.13 for every 1,000 gallons
72,000 gallons and above	46,000 gallons and above	\$6.41 for every 1,000 gallons

Sewer Rates—Base Rate—\$130.50 to \$132.50 per quarter

The new rates will be reflected on your utility bill in April. Contact the City Administrator with your thoughts at lcrawford@cityoftonkabay.net or 952-474-7994.

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 also 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.

SEAL COATING

The following streets will be seal coated this summer:

Circle Rd, Fairhope Ave, Tonka Bay Lane, Tonka Bay Rd, West Point Ave, West Point Cir, West Point Ct, and West Point Dr.

More information will be provided when the actual date is determined.

2016 IS AN ELECTION YEAR!

New this year—Tonka Bay will be using electronic poll books which replaces the current paper voter check-in process. This will help speed up lines, assist judges with registration, and capture accurate polling place activity data.

The Mayor and two Council members terms are open for re-election. Now is the time to think about serving on the City Council. Filing begins in June. More information will be available in the June newsletter.

MISC. NEWS FROM CITY HALL

All of the dock spaces and slides have been rented for the year as of February 18.

Streets will be swept in April and hydrants will be flushed.

Utility bills will be mailed around April 10 and are due by May 1.



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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, 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, "E-mail Subscription Service".

FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

March 8 and 22
April 12 and 26
May 10 and 24

BOARD OF APPEALS AND ASSESSMENTS

April 13—7:30 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

TONKA BAY'S FABULOUS PARKS

Old Orchard Park –

Adjacent to 4901 Manitou Road
Park Amenities: Trail, fishing pier, grill, playground, picnic table, dock spaces, slides, and canoe/kayak rack.

Wekota Beach and Park –

Adjacent to 310 West Point Road
Park Amenities: Beach, seasonal life-guards, trail, picnic tables, grill, playground equipment, parking lot, tennis court, and half-court basketball.

Crescent Beach –

Adjacent to 230 Birch Bluff Road.
Park Amenities: Beach, seasonal life-guards, and parking lot.



Pleasant Park –

located between Pleasant Lane East and Pleasant Lane West
Park Amenities: Playground equipment, picnic tables, and volleyball court.

Manitou Park –

Adjacent to 5420 Manitou Road
Park Amenities: Basketball court, baseball fields, hockey/ pleasure rink, soccer field, warming house, playground equipment, park shelter, trail access, and parking lot.

RAPTOR SHOW PLANNED FOR APRIL 16

Following two cancellations due to cold weather, the long awaited Raptor Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 at Wekota Park from 1:30—2:30 pm. Make a day of it—walk, bike, or jog to the event with your family, check out our beautiful park, and bring a picnic lunch. The event is still in the planning stages, but our hope is to have environmental information available from local organizations.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Pet waste is a significant source of water pollution in urban areas. Section 741.05 of the City Code states it is unlawful to allow dogs in school grounds, parks or public beaches. Last year the City received many complaints of animal waste and E coli alerts leading to our beaches being closed. Please be considerate of those around you and choose a different location as it is illegal for your pet to frequent those public areas.

Don't forget to license your dog. License applications are available on our website or in person at City Hall. Licenses cost \$20.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS AVAILABLE

Special event permits are now available if you are thinking of holding an event at one of our many parks. Forms and instructions are available at www.cityoftonkabay.net, Forms and Permits, Special Events. The forms can also be mailed to you by calling us at 952-474-7994. Don't delay! Many dates have already been booked.

CITYSCAPE/ PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Last fall the city partnered with Minnesota State University, Mankato graduate students to complete a strategic Cityscape/ Parks Improvement Plan. City Council approved the Plan as a guideline for the Parks Committee and City Council to follow in January. You can view the Plan on our website.

Late last year we were awarded a 2016 Public Spaces Recycling grant from Hennepin County. This will allow us to offer recycling in all of our parks starting this summer!

DONATION PROGRAM

Whether you want to celebrate a special occasion, remember a loved one or help a park in need, there is an opportunity to do so through one of the donations listed in this guide.

The Donation Program was established to give citizens the opportunity to assist the City of Tonka Bay in replacing or adding to park amenities through donations. In return, citizens have the opportunity to recognize someone or thing through installation of a plaque. Check it out on the City's website.

