



Tonka Bay News

SPRING 2014

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

The annual Board of Appeals meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend and comment on their property valuations.

OFFICE HOURS

City hall has changed their office hours. The new hours are:

Mon—Thurs 7 am—5:30 pm
Friday CLOSED

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 Co. 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 notify our subscribers.

**DOCK SLIPS
AVAILABLE
SEE INSERT**

E-MAIL SERVICE

Join the 300 friends and neighbors who have already signed up for the City's e-mail subscription service. They've already read this newsletter electronically! Go to www.cityoftonkabay.net and click on E-mail Subscription Service to pick the e-mail you want to receive.



Have you ever seen our mural?
Stop by City Hall

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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



FRIENDS OF EXCELSIOR LIBRARY

Used Book Sale ~~April 5~~ → April 19
Saturday, April 5, 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.

EXCELSIOR FIRE DISTRICT WANTS YOU!

The Excelsior Fire District is looking for a few good men and women to serve as volunteer fire fighters. This is a paid position.

If you are interested, check out the EFD website at www.excelsiorfire.org.

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. Several years ago, we were unable to contact a resident whose pipes had frozen inside their home due to an incorrect phone number.

Please let us know if you have a new phone number by calling us at 952-474-7994 or send an e-mail to clink@cityoftonkabay.net.

SLMPD RESERVE OFFICERS

Volunteer reserve officers are needed. As a reserve officer, you provide support services to the licensed officers and assist with calls and traffic stops. They also assist with routine patrol, traffic and crowd control, residential and business checks, bike patrol, and emergency call-outs for disasters and crisis situations.

This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who is considering becoming a police officer.

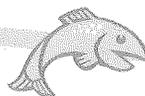
If you think this is something you might be interested in pursuing, contact Officer Dennis Hansen at 952-960-1617 or leave a message for members of the Reserve Unit at 952-960-1675.

ARCTIC FEVER 2014



Thank you to all who donated to help make this year's Arctic Fever a success:

Ansari and Marceau families, Jeff Anderson, Lindbo Landing, and Joey Nova's.



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.

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 Robin Bowman at 952-474-2947.

SEAL COATING

Beginning in 2014, Public Works will change from a three to a five-year seal coating schedule.

The following streets will be seal coated in late summer: Birch Bluff Road, Crabapple Lane, Old Orchard Lane, Pleasant Avenue, and Wildhurst Road. Others areas included are: City Hall and frontage road, Crescent Beach parking lot, and Old Orchard parking lot.

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

FROZEN PIPE INFORMATION

This has been an especially brutal winter to our infrastructure. There have been many instances of frozen pipes throughout the City.

Here are some helpful tips to keep your home's pipes from freezing:

- Leave the cupboard doors open under your kitchen and bathroom sinks.
- Do not turn your furnace below 55 ° F.
- Shut off and drain pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Wrap foam insulation around pipes most susceptible to freezing.
- Seal air leaks in your home and garage.
- Do not leave garage door open if there is a water source inside.
- Have someone check your home regularly if you are away.

It is important to contact City Hall if you think your service line is frozen. Run the water—if it is not flowing properly, call. If the temperature is in the low 30's, call. If it is after hours, call the emergency Public Works number at 612-750-3600.

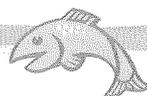
For more information, check out the City's website under the Public Works link.

2014 IS AN ELECTION YEAR

This is an election year in Tonka Bay. The offices of Mayor De La Vega and Councilmembers Anderson and Grothe will be up for re-election. Voters can now vote absentee without providing a reason for their request to do so.



Our ballot machine has been replaced with a computerized model. More detailed information on the voting process will be on our website and in the June newsletter.



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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. 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.

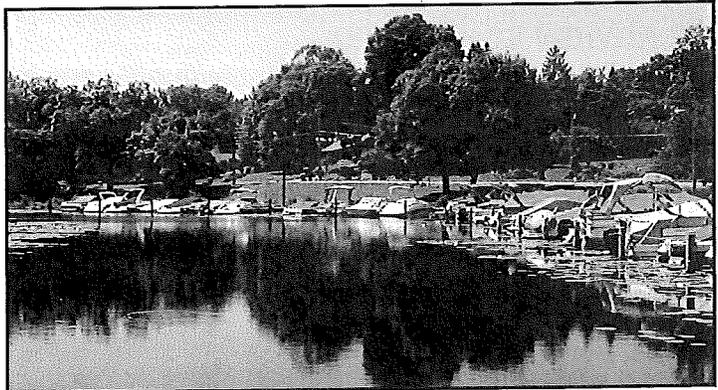
MONTH	FIRST MEETING	SPECIAL MEETING	SECOND MEETING	KIND OF MEETING
April 2014	April 8	April 8—Board of Appeals 6:30 p.m.	April 22	City Council
May 2013	May 13		May 27	City Council
June 2013	June 10		June 24	City Council

CITY OF TONKA BAY DOCK SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE

We currently have municipal dock slips available for rent. Following are some frequently asked questions about the City's Marina:

How big of a boat can the City's marina accommodate?

"Length of Boat" means the horizontal measurement from tip to bow to pulpit to end of swim platform or furthest point away from tip of bow, whichever is longer. Boat length cannot exceed the designated size limitations for the slip. Size limitations will be designated by the City. In most cases, the City can accommodate up to 27 ft.



When is the start and termination of the marina season?

The City of Tonka Bay allows boats to be in the slips immediately following ice out or May 1st, whichever occurs first. All boats or other watercraft shall be removed from the water and from the municipal dockage and all slips must be vacated prior to freeze-up and, in any event on or before November 1st of each year.

How do I get priority to rent a boat slip with the City of Tonka Bay?

The City rents spaces to residents and non-residents. Residents are given priority over non-residents. Also, if you are a resident and secure a slip for this upcoming boating season, you will be given priority over other residents for the subsequent boating season.

How do I find out more details about renting a boat slip with the City of Tonka Bay?

Contact Clare Link at City Hall to find out more information on available boat slips: (952) 474-7994 or clink@cityoftonkabay.net.

Environmentally Speaking...

YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES

You can begin setting out yard waste again when pickup resumes on **Monday, April 21**. 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.

SWPPP REVIEW SCHEDULED

Environmental impacts to water quantity/quality are important considerations 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. The annual review of the plan will be held at the council meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, and your input is welcome.

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" Hennepin County residents can also drop off items at the Carver County site at 116 Peavey Circle in Chaska just off Hwy 41. Contact 952-361-1835 for more information.

TONKA BAY RECYCLES! RECYCLING COLLECTION HISTORY

2013.....	218 tons
2012.....	221 tons
2011.....	232 tons
2010.....	218 tons
2009.....	578 tons

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 need or you are establishing a new lawn. When buying fertilizer, look for the bags that have a zero as the middle number.

RECYCLING

Recycling collection is down again for another year in Tonka Bay. Shown below are pictures of some of the items you can now recycle. Recycle information is available on the City's website. Stop by City Hall for a list of what can be recycled. If it is more convenient, it is available on the website or a copy can be mailed to you. Call us at 952-474-7994 or send an e-mail to: clink@cityoftonkabay.net.



ALLIED WASTE IS NOW REPUBLIC SERVICES

Allied Waste is now Republic Services.

Phone number to contact for missed collections remains the same: 952-941-5174.

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 Robin Bowman at 952-474-2947.