



Tonka Bay News

FALL 2016

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

HOLIDAY HOURS

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

Thurs, Nov 10

Thurs/Fri, Nov 24-25

Thurs, Dec. 22 at noon

Mon, Dec 26

Thurs, Dec. 29 at noon

Mon, Jan. 2

ARCTIC FEVER

Mark your calendars now for Arctic Fever the weekend of January 13. Tonka Bay's events will be held at Manitou Park on Saturday, January 14. Many of last year's events will be returning.

Volunteers are always needed. We need a fire pit stoker, human bowling staff (must skate), s'mores and cocoa servers, and general helpers. Make it a family event!

If you are interested in volunteering to help, contact us.



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CONTACT INFO

City Hall—952-474-7994

Mon-Thurs—7 am—5:30 pm

Public Works—952-474-2947

Mon-Fri—6 am—2 pm

DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS/FEEES 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 22, 2016 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.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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.

An Important Message from Republic Services:

The Annual Yard Waste Program is a weekly unlimited service (during the yard waste season...April 15 to end of November). If you are using a cart, anything outside the cart is at no additional charge but it needs to be in a compostable bag or twigs need to be bundled with twine. The bundles should be no longer than four feet in length and the individual branches should be no wider than the widest part of a baseball bat with the bundle being no wider than about a foot and less than 40 lbs.

If you would like to request a cart for yard waste at no extra charge or if you have an abundance of filled bags, please call Republic Services Customer Service at 952-941-5174.

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 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.

2016 RAKE-A-THON SCHEDULED

Leaves do fall. Improve your health while helping a senior citizen remain independent in their home! You choose the date and time to rake/clean up the yard. Perfect for individuals, groups, and families. This is a one-time fun unpaid activity available weekdays and weekends. Feel free to sign up multiple times! Exact location TBD in Minneapolis or Suburban Hennepin County, depends upon where the senior citizen resides. Contact the Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly Program's Volunteer Coordinator for more information: scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org
952-767-7894



NEW CITY ASSESSOR

As of September 1, Tonka Bay has a new assessor following the retirement of Bill Davy. Rolf Erickson of Southwest Assessing began his career working for Hennepin County before starting his own company. Rolf has been an assessor for many years and currently serves as the assessor for seven other cities, all in Hennepin County. He lived most of his life in Deephaven and even graduated from Minnetonka High School "a long, long, long, long time ago". He can be reached at 763-473-3978 or info@swassessing.com.

If you've disconnected your home phone or have new contact information, please be sure to let us know at clink@cityoftonkabay.net.



UTILITY CHANGES

Out of Town for a month or more? Call City Hall and report your departure date and estimated return date for a partial credit on your garbage services. This must be done before you leave.

Is your tenant moving? Call with your tenants' moving information and we will make arrangements for a prorated utility bill for the quarter.

Have you sold your home? Water meter inspections and a final reading need to be scheduled. This inspection is done on the inside water meter. You will need to plan for a time when someone can be there to allow Public Works access to the meter. A reading will be taken and a final bill calculated and forwarded to the closing manager. Optionally, you may pay the final bill at City Hall and get a receipt showing the property is clear of debt.

BILLING DATES

	Quarter	Billed	Due
1 st	Jan1- Mar 31	early April	May 1
2 nd	Apr1-Jun 30	early July	Aug 1
3 rd	Jul 1—Sep 30	early Oct	Nov 1
4 th	Oct1-Dec 31	early Jan	Feb 1

Contact Carol at 952-474-7994 for utility changes.

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 1 Penalties added to outstanding bill
- November 9 Notice mailed to accounts prior to certification to property taxes.



Gideon's Bay
Sunset

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 21 Southshore Market – Southshore Ctr.
- Oct 5 Candidate meet and greet—Southshore
- Oct 6 EFD Open House
- Oct 7 Oktoberfest—Southshore Ctr.
- Oct 15 Haz. Waste Collection—Shorewood
Public Works 9-3
- Nov 28 Giving Tree Kick off
- Dec 3 Free Movie at Dock Cinema
- Ongoing
 - Monday/Tuesday—Half priced baked goods for sale at Southshore Center
 - Tuesday—Farmers Market

ELECTION NEWS

The General Election is Tuesday, November 8

POLLING LOCATION:

Tonka Bay City Hall Polls open: 7 am – 8 pm

ABSENTEE VOTING:

General Election absentee ballots are available beginning Monday, September 26. Applications are available at City Hall or online now. From November 1-3, and 7 you will be able to vote absentee and insert your ballot into the ballot machine during regular office hours. Additionally, City Hall will be open on Saturday, November 5 from 10 am – 3 pm for absentee voting. You can also vote by mail. Allow ten mailing days if applying by mail. College students will want to pay close attention to this requirement. The application may be mailed, e-mailed to clink@cityoftonkabay.net or faxed to City Hall at 952-474-6538.

CITY COUNCIL FILINGS

Mayor

Gerry De La Vega

Councilmember (2 openings)

Elli Ansari, Adam Jennings, Dennis Richards, and Phil Roe



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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:

September 13 and September 27
October 11 and October 25
November 8 and November 22
Work session: November 8 (6 pm)



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FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

CenterPoint Energy Service	612-372-4720
City Assessor (Rolf Erickson)	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



Annual Fall Clean-up

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Starting at 7:00 a.m.

Clean up that basement, clean out the garage, and pick up the yard! The Fall Clean-up is at no additional cost to residents. Help keep the community free of junk and make it an even more enjoyable place to live. Following is the list of what will be picked up and what cannot be picked up:

Accepted

- All items must be small enough to be loaded by one person
- Miscellaneous clean-up debris
- Small furniture items
- Carpet (must be tied and bundled in less than four foot lengths)
- Small amounts of construction garbage
- Grills (*no gas grill propane tanks allowed*), toilets, sinks, etc.
- Clothing

Not Accepted During This Event

- *Large pieces of furniture* (call Republic Services for a special pickup at 952-941-5174)
- *Large appliances* (call Republic Services for a special pickup at 952-941-5174 or accepted at Hennepin County Drop Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center)
- *Fluorescent light bulbs* (may be dropped off at Hennepin County Drop-Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center)
- *Paint or other hazardous items* (may be dropped off at the Hennepin County Drop-Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center).
- *Tires* (may be dropped off at Hennepin County Drop Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center; fee)
- *Auto batteries*
- *Railroad ties, large piles of shingles, or large amounts of construction material* (check Yellow Pages for construction debris recycling sites)
- *Computers, TV's and related equipment* (call Republic Services for a special pickup or take to Hennepin County Drop Off Centers (Fee) or Carver County Environmental Center). Check with your local electronics retail location as some of them will accept at no cost.

Special Instructions

All items must be at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8
Recycling will be collected on Monday, October 10.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Watch Out for the Crew!

Please be mindful of our hard working crew as they are out this mowing, sweeping, trimming, patching, reading water meters, cleaning, spraying, weed whipping, eradicating, and inspecting.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrants will be flushed in late September or the early part of October.

Storm Response

When the threat of storms promises strong winds and possible damage, Public Works responds quickly to assess the damage. If trees or branches are blocking access to roads, they are cleared as soon as possible. Portable generators are used when electricity is out for an extended period of time to give the lift stations backup power. This is to ensure they will be operational in order to prevent sewer backups.

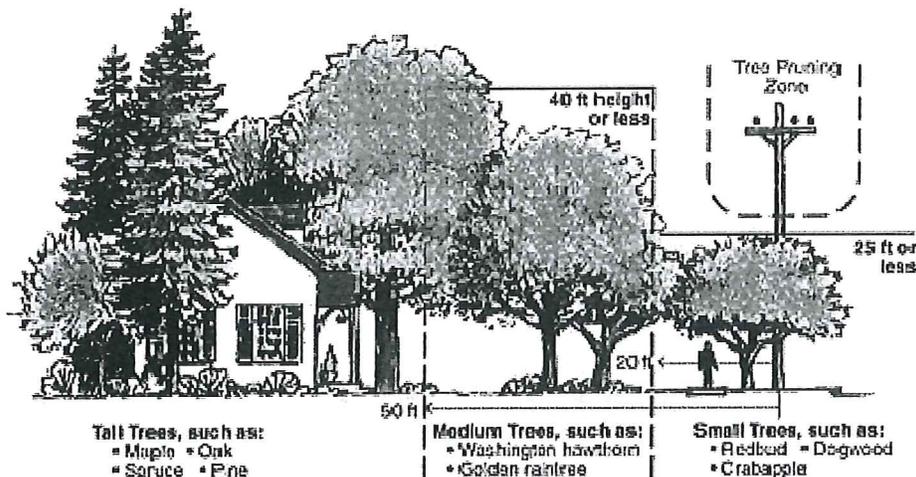
No Dumping Allowed

It is illegal to dump or dispose of yard waste in City parks or public rights-of-way. Please find alternate locations for your leaves and other yard waste such as the weekly collection.

Please Take Care of Trees Along City Streets

Management of these trees is shared between property owners and City personnel. Property owners should be aware that trees and shrubs encroaching public streets need to be maintained for traffic and pedestrian safety.

Streets should be clear of vegetation to a height of sixteen feet. Residents should also maintain vegetation in a manner that reduces risk along public streets. Deadwood above these areas or other branches with potential for failure or large enough to pose a public safety threat must be removed. The best time to trim trees and shrubs is early spring before leaves are present or late fall after for most trees and shrubs.



Street Signs for Sale!

We are in the process of replacing our street signs in order to comply with federal requirements which require larger lettering and increased night time reflectivity. Below is a listing of the current signs that are now available to purchase, condition, and number available. Please note not all street names are available at this time but might be in the future. Sign costs are based on the condition of the sign. Faded signs are \$5.36 and good signs are \$37.55. Prices include sales tax. Contact us at 952-474-7994 or clink@cityoftonkabay.net if you have questions. Use application on other side to place an order and arrange for pickup, or put yourself on a waiting list for the future.

STREET	WITH LOGO		WITHOUT LOGO		EMBOSSSED (VERY OLD)	
	FADED	GOOD	FADED	GOOD	FADED	GOOD
Arbor Ct				4		
Bay St						2
Birch Bluff Rd				2		
Brentwood Ave	2					
Circle Rd	2	2	4	2		
Crabapple Ln						
Echo Bay Rd				4		
Fairhope Dr				2		
Florence Dr				2		
Gideons Point Rd				2		
Interlachen Dr.						2
Interlachen Ln.				2		
Interlachen Pl.						2
Manitou Rd.	4			12		
Maple Hill Dr.				2		
Mound Ave.				2		
Pearl St.				2		
Pleasant Ave.				4		
Pleasant Lane E.						1
Pleasant Lane W.						1
Pleasant Lane						2
Tonka Bay Ln.				2		
Tonka Bay Rd.		2		9		
Waseca Ave.				2		
West Point Ave.						2
West Point Cir.						2
West Point Dr.						4
West Point Rd.		2		6		2
Wildhurst Rd.			2	2		
Woodlane St.						2
Woodlawn Ave.						9

SAMPLES OF SIGN CONDITIONS:

Embossed Sign, Good Condition: raised lettering



Example of Fair Condition Sign
(Great for Craft Projects!):



With Logo, Good Condition:



Without Logo, Good Condition:



1. Fill in application with your choice of sign(s), include check with payment and mail or drop off at City Hall.
2. We will contact you when your sign(s) is ready to be picked up. Please allow three working days.



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**STREET SIGN
ORDER FORM**

NAME		PHONE		
ADDRESS		E-MAIL		
STREET SIGN NAME		QUANTITY	CONDITION	PRICE
			TAX (7.275%)	
			TOTAL	