



# Tonka Bay News

## SUMMER 2016

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.

## BEACHES ARE OPEN

City beaches will open for the season on Saturday, June 4.

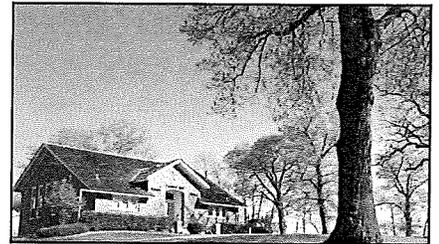
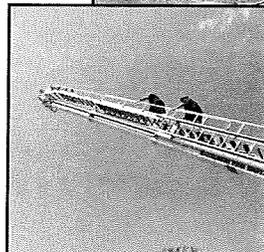
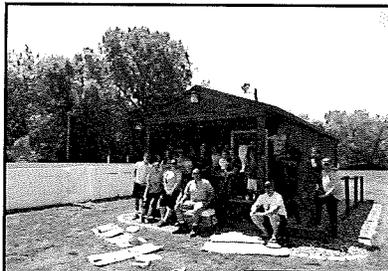


Lifeguards will be on duty at Wekota and Crescent

beaches June 4 – August 7 from 12 to 5 p.m., including weekends.

## PAINT PALOOZA

A heartfelt thanks to all the residents who helped paint the rink at Manitou Park on May 21. We appreciate your help. Check out the pictures below and on our Facebook page.



## CITY OF TONKA BAY

4901 Manitou Road  
Tonka Bay MN 55331  
Phone: 952-474-7994  
Pub. Works: 952-474-2947  
After Hours: 612-750-3600  
Contact:  
[clink@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:clink@cityoftonkabay.net)

## OUR NEW LOGO

CITY OF  
**Tonka Bay**

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**DOG OWNER ETIQUETTE**

From City Code Section 741.05, Subd. 2: *Any person having the custody or control of any dog shall have the responsibility for cleaning up any feces of the dog and disposing of said feces in a sanitary manner. It shall furthermore be the duty of any person having custody or control of any dog on a public property or on the private property of another to have in said person's possession suitable equipment for the picking up, removal and sanitary disposal of feces.*

**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. 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 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 <sup>st</sup>	Jan1-Mar31	early April	May 1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr1-Jun30	early July	Aug 1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jul1-Sep30	early Oct	Nov 1
4 <sup>th</sup>	Oct1-Dec31	early Jan	Feb 1

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

**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 4, 2016**. 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.**

**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,

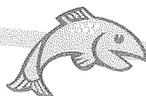
and the sign shall not be illuminated. Public Works staff regularly remove signs that are located in the public right-of-way.

**PERMITS REQUIRED**

All building projects that involve a structural change, deck, reroofing, plumbing, heating, new additions, substantial remodeling, or construction of a fence require a building permit.

The City contracts with Metro West Inspections for all building inspections. They can be reached at (763) 479-1720. Electrical inspections are handled through the State of Minnesota. The electrical inspector can be reached at (952) 233-8988.

If you are unsure whether you need a permit, call us at 952-474-7994.



## FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

Would you like to give back and be an essential part of your community? Learn more about the rewarding position of a paid-on-call firefighter at: <http://www.excelsiorfire.org/index.php/join-us>  
Accepting applications through June 30th.



Send applications by:  
Fax: 952-960-1690,  
Mail: 24100 Smithtown  
Rd, Shorewood, MN  
55331, or Email:  
[info@excelsiorfire.org](mailto:info@excelsiorfire.org)

## PROTECT OUR DRINKING SUPPLY

The following are tips on how you can help to protect our drinking supply:

- ⇒ Check vehicles for leaks and spills. Clean up spills with absorbent material such as kitty litter or sand. Don't rinse spills into a nearby storm drain.
- ⇒ Recycle used oil at participating service stations.
- ⇒ Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas.
- ⇒ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain.
- ⇒ Recycle yard waste when possible.
- ⇒ Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent them from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies.
- ⇒ Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.
- ⇒ Select native plants and grasses that are drought resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer and pesticides.
- ⇒ Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day.

## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Seal coating will be done on Friday, July 14 (weather permitting), and the following streets will be seal coated:

Circle Rd	West Point Cir
Fairhope Ave	West Point Ct
Tonka Bay Ln	West Point Dr
Tonka Bay Rd	Woodpecker Ridge Rd

With the help of our returning summer helpers, Public Works will be busy mowing parks and fire lanes, street sweeping, pothole patching, seal coating, brush removing, sewer jetting, weed treating/cutting, lift station inspecting, water meter reading, buckthorn cutting, and sewer line televising, just to name a few jobs.

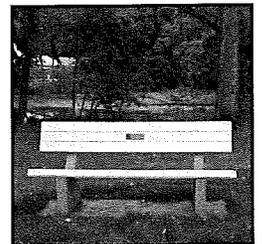
## ELECTION UPDATE

Two new bills relating to election law were signed into law by Gov. Dayton on May 22. These laws went into effect after the insert was printed.

The first establishes a presidential preference primary in Minnesota starting in March of 2020. This primary is in addition to the regular Primary Election in August. Also signed into law is the ability for absentee voters to insert their ballot into the ballot machine one week before an election. This is effective this year.

## DONATION PROGRAM

The Donation Program was established to give citizens the opportunity to assist the City 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. Call us or check out our website for more information.



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Tonka Bay, Minnesota 55331

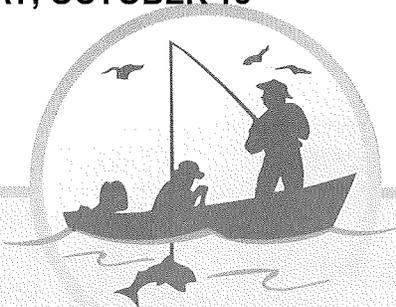
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PERMIT NO. 13  
EXCELSIOR, MN

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](http://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 afternoon before every meeting. You can also sign up to receive an e-mail version of the agenda, minutes, or entire Council packet at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), "E-mail Subscription Service".

**FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

June 14 and June 28  
July 12 and July 26  
August 10 and August 23

**FALL CLEAN UP—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**



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**FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS**

<b>CenterPoint Energy Service</b>	<b>612-372-4720</b>
<b>City Assessor (Bill Davy)</b>	<b>952-905-6832</b>
<b>Excelsior Fire District (non-emergency)</b>	<b>952-960-1650</b>
<b>Gopher One—Call Before You Dig</b>	<b>811</b>
<b>Metro West Inspections</b>	<b>763-479-1720</b>
<b>Lake Minnetonka Conservation District</b>	<b>952-745-0789</b>
<b>Mediacom Cable TV Service</b>	<b>1-800-422-1473</b>
<b>Minnehaha Creek Watershed District</b>	<b>952-471-0590</b>
<b>Minnesota Department of Natural Resources</b>	<b>651-296-6157</b>
<b>Minnetonka School District</b>	<b>952-401-5000</b>
<b>Republic Services (garbage, recycling and yard waste)</b>	<b>952-941-5174</b>
<b>South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (non-emergency)</b>	<b>952-474-3261</b>
<b>Xcel Energy Service</b>	<b>1-800-622-4677</b>



**2016 is an Election Year**  
**State Primary – Tuesday, August 9**  
**General Election – Tuesday, November 8**

**POLLING LOCATION:**  
 Tonka Bay City Hall, 4901 Manitou Road  
 Polls open: 7 am – 8 pm

<b>VOTER REGISTRATION</b>	<p><u>In order to register to vote, you must be:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A U.S. citizen</li> <li>-At least 18 years old</li> <li>-A Minnesota resident for at least 30 days</li> </ul> <p>You must re-register if your name or address changes or you haven't voted in four years.</p> <p>Forms are available at city hall, online at <a href="http://www.cityoftonkabay.net">www.cityoftonkabay.net</a>, or at <a href="http://www.mnvotes.org">www.mnvotes.org</a>.</p>
<b>ABSENTEE VOTING</b>	<p>Absentee voting begins forty-six days prior to an election:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Primary Election ballots available beginning Friday, June 24          General Election ballots available beginning Friday, September 23</p> <p>You can now vote absentee without having a reason to do so. Applications are available at city hall or online at <a href="http://www.cityoftonkabay.net">www.cityoftonkabay.net</a> or at <a href="http://www.mnvotes.org">www.mnvotes.org</a>. City hall will be open on the Saturday before both elections and until 5:30 pm the day before both elections. See "Important Dates to Remember" for the specific dates/hours. 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 <a href="mailto:clink@cityoftonkabay.net">clink@cityoftonkabay.net</a> or faxed to city hall. Fax number is 952-474-6538.</p>
<b>CANDIDATE FILINGS</b>	<p><b>CITY COUNCIL OPENINGS:</b>  <b>Mayor</b> – Two-year term                      <b>Two Council seats</b> – Four-year terms</p> <hr/> <p><b>FILING DATES/FEE:</b>          Filing opens Tues., August 2, 2016. Filing closes Tues., Aug. 16, 2016 (5:00 pm). Fee is \$2. You <u>must</u> file in person at City Hall during regular office hours (Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Candidates will receive a packet of information upon filing.</p> <hr/> <p><b>CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• registered voter</li> <li>• resident of Tonka Bay for at least 30 days prior to the General Election</li> <li>• at least 21-years-old when assuming office</li> </ul>

PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES		
EVENT	PRIMARY	GENERAL
Absentee ballots available	June 24	September 23
Last day to pre-register to vote	July 19	October 18
City hall open for absentee voting 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	August 6	November 5
Election Day – don't forget to vote	August 9	November 8

**YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY**

***Proof of residence is required:***

- valid MN driver's license, driver's permit, MN I.D., or receipt of one with current address
- registered voter can vouch for you
- registration in the same precinct indicating a previous address
- mailed notice from the County indicating ineffective registration
- students can show a current fee statement and school ID card
- tribal ID with name, address, signature, and picture

A voter may also register and use a combination of one approved photo ID (list one) and one approved utility bill (list two):

LIST ONE	LIST TWO
(licenses and ID's from other states are not acceptable): MN driver's license with current name MN state ID card US Military ID US passport MN tribal ID	Electric, gas, water, sewer, solid waste, cable television, or phone bill with a due date thirty days before or after the election.



**NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT:** New this year is computerized poll book equipment which will replace the paper rosters used when you vote in person. They will also be used should you need to register to vote.

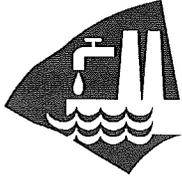


**VOTER ASSIST TERMINALS:** Beginning Monday, June 27, the unit will be on display for demonstration at Tonka Bay City Hall during regular office hours.

**ARMED FORCES RESIDENTS:** A Federal post card application is required which can be found on the Hennepin County website: [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us) (look in Your County Government – Voting and Elections – External Links). The voting assistance officer in the voter's military unit also has forms. The parent, spouse, brother, sister or child (18 years or older) may also request a ballot by completing the same form.

# City of Tonka Bay 2015 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, 2015. 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 (and press 5) during normal business hours or 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 2015 drinking water report are available at City Hall, on the City's website 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 in 2015. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled, 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 five 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 (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2015)	Avg/ Result*	
Barium (ppm) (08/08/2012)	2	2	N/A	.02	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (pCi/l) (2/13/2012)	0	5.4	N/A	1.2	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.54 – 1.1	1.03	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.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.4	10.4	N/A	.05	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

\*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.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.1-1.7	1.07	Water additive used to control microbes.

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

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

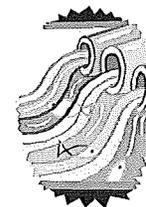
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (9/17/2014)	1.3	1.3	.05	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (9/17/2014)	0	15	3.3	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural 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 two 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>.

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

### **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 storm water 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 storm water 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 storm water 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.*

# EXPLORE LAKE MINNETONKA THIS SUMMER!



**Check out any or all of the events shown below:**

DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
June 10	Music in the Park – Badger Park in Shorewood	<a href="http://ci.shorewood.mn.us">ci.shorewood.mn.us</a>
June 11-12	Art on the Lake – Excelsior	<a href="http://excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com">excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com</a>
July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – Excelsior	<a href="http://excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com">excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com</a>
August 10	Safety Camp – Badger Park in Shorewood	<a href="mailto:tgrou@ci.shorewood.mn.us">tgrou@ci.shorewood.mn.us</a>
August 13	Lake Minnetonka BBQ/Beer Fest – Manitou Park	<a href="http://excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com">excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com</a>
Sept. 10	EFD 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	<a href="http://www.excelsiorfire.org">www.excelsiorfire.org</a>
Sept. 12	Tapping History – EFD History - Excelsior Brewing	<a href="http://www.excelsiorfire.org">www.excelsiorfire.org</a>
Tuesdays	Farmers Market – Excelsior	<a href="http://excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com">excelsior-lakeminnetonkachamber.com</a>



Where will you be on Monday, July 4? Help fund the fireworks with a donation. Even the smallest amount helps, and all donations go to the fireworks fund. Send a check made out to: **Excelsior Lake-Minnetonka Chamber, 37 Water Street, Excelsior MN 55331**. Please mark "Fireworks Fund 2016" on your check memo. All donations will be acknowledged.

## EFD ANNUAL DANCE

Excelsior Firefighters  
Annual Fund Raising Dance  
is just around the corner

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 15  
from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight.

Beer, brats, fun for the entire family  
PLUS

Live Music starting at 8 p.m.

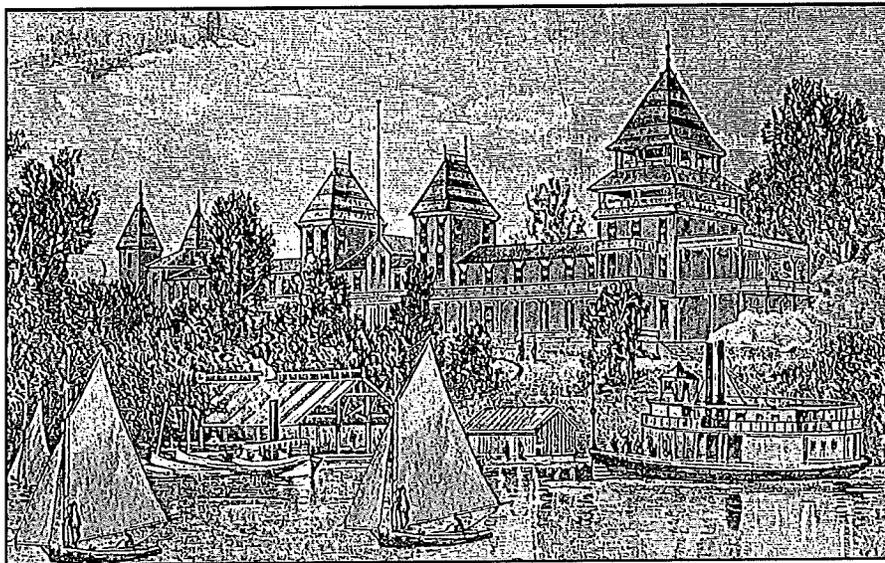
Visit [www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org)

For additional information

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

The Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka  
Historical Society Presents:  
**TAPPING HISTORY**  
*Pints & Reflections on Lake Minnetonka's Past*

**The Lake Park Hotel**  
with historian Scott D. McGinnis



**Monday, June 13th, 6:45 pm**  
**Aboard the Steamboat**  
**“Minnehaha”**

Board at Bayside Grille Docks,  
687 Excelsior Blvd., Excelsior

Purchase tickets at:  
[elmhs.eventbrite.com](http://elmhs.eventbrite.com),  
\$20 ELMHS members,  
\$35 non-members

Enjoy an evening cruise on the  
“Minnehaha” as Scott McGinnis  
discusses the history of Tonka Bay’s  
famous Lake Park Hotel. Built in  
1879 as a non-denominational  
religious endeavor, learn how it  
morphed into a commercial venture,  
the monopolistic dream of Thomas  
Lowry, and its ultimate demolition.

For more information: [info@elmhs.org](mailto:info@elmhs.org), 952-221-4766, [www.elmhs.org](http://www.elmhs.org).