



Tonka Bay News

FALL 2013

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

FALL CLEAN UP!!

The annual Fall clean up will be held on Saturday, September 28 beginning at 7 a.m. See the insert to find out

HOLIDAY HOURS

City hall will be closed:

Mon, Nov 11
Thurs/Fri, Nov 29-30
Tues, Dec. 24 at noon
Wed, Dec 25
Tues, Dec. 31 at noon
Wed, Jan 1

DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS/FEES 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 26, 2013 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.

GO GREEN!!

Join 286 of your friends and neighbors who have signed up for the City's e-mail subscription service and have already read this newsletter. They received it by e-mail.

Go to our website at www.cityoftonkabay.net, click on "Email Subscription Service" and sign up for several email subscriptions. You can receive your water meter reading card, receive a reminder to pay your utility bill, or be notified when the dog tags for next year arrive.



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NEW OFFICE HOURS IN EFFECT

City Hall has new hours:

Mon—Thurs.....7 am—5:30 pm

Friday.....CLOSED

Public Works still works:

Mon—Fri.....6 am—2:30 pm



COLLECTION REMINDERS

If your garbage, recycling, and yard waste were missed, there may be circumstances where your collection was delayed: truck is full, truck gears broke down, etc. Please call Allied Waste after 1 p.m. on collection day if you were missed at 952-941-5174.

Yard Waste: Allied Waste 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.**

Recycling: Recycling is collected every other Monday. Please remember to place your cart in an area where the mechanical arm can pick it up unobstructed. In other words, do not place the cart under a tree, basketball hoop, etc. The collection schedule is on the City's website.

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 their hours of operation.

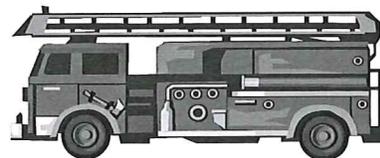
There is also a site in Chaska at 116 Peavey Circle that is open to Hennepin County residents and closer to Tonka Bay.

2013 RAKE-A-THON SCHEDULED

Fall is coming and that means loads of falling leaves! The annual Rake-A-Thon which is sponsored every year by Minnetonka Community Education will take place on Saturday, October 26. Put together a team of family, friends, and neighbors to rake the yards of some senior neighbors who may need a little help with their leaves! This is a perfect opportunity to get some fresh air while connecting with your neighbors and gaining volunteer experience. Please call 952-401-6828 to sign up to have your yard raked (senior citizens only), register your team or for more information.

EFD OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

For more info on the EFD's open house on Thursday, October 3, call the EFD Event line at 952-960-1698 or check it out on line at www.excelsiorfire.org. Information will also be available for the free Kids' Movie held the first Saturday in December closer to the date.



JOIN THE FUN!

MOVING OUT OF TONKA BAY?

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.



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September has been designated as National Preparedness Month. The goal is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies.

To learn how you can get prepared, contact Dave Hohertz at (952) 960-1619 or check out the website at: www.ready.gov/america/npm07/index.html.

HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

If you are heading south for a month or more, contact city hall with your water meter reading before you go. This will provide you with an accurate billing and prevent overestimates on water usage. Let us know your estimated return date if you will be gone for more than a month. We also need your forwarding address. The postal service charges the city to forward your utility bills while you are gone for the winter. You can e-mail your address and meter reading to: cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net, or you can contact Carol at 952-474-7994.

NEWS FROM SOUTHSHORE CENTER

Southshore Center is looking for garage sale vendors for their Appraisal Fair and 4th Annual Indoor Garage Sale. Spaces are \$30, and the event will be held Thursday, September 26, 3—7 p.m. and Friday, September 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Center at 952-474-7635 for more information.

Other information on classes, meals, and events can be seen on their website at www.southshore-center.org. Check it out—there is something for you no matter how young you are.

APPLE DAY AND FALL BOOK SALE

As part of the annual Apple Day celebration in Excelsior, the Friends of the Excelsior Library will hold their annual Fall book sale.



Bargain hunters and book lovers—take note! The Friends of the Excelsior Library hold book sales twice a year to raise money for all the library’s programs. The fall sale is held as part of the Apple Day celebration in Excelsior. This year’s sale is Saturday, September 8, 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Books and other items donated by the public or withdrawn from circulation are on sale for \$1 or less. You can also donate your new and gently used books, CDs, or DVDs to the library for the sale through September 7.

BRIDGE OVERPASS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

A pedestrian overpass will be constructed soon at the LRT trail crossing on County Road 19 (Manitou Road).

The work timetable is as follows:
Bid opening for project.....August 2014
Work begins.....September 2014
Completion.....June 2015
Opens to public.....July 2015

More information will be posted on the City’s website as it becomes available.

GET READY FOR NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT!



Beginning with the School Board election in November, all polling places will now use the new digital election equipment similar to that pictured to the left. The City’s Election Official has been trained to use the new equipment, and all election judges will be trained prior to the next election. Presentations of the new equipment will be planned prior to next year’s Primary in August.



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Tonka Bay residents are encouraged to participate in city government. Your 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 are available at City Hall on 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
September	September 10	None	September 24	City Council
October	October 8	None	October 22	City Council
November	November 12	None	November 26	City Council

City of Tonka Bay – Annual Fall Clean-up



Saturday, September 28, 2013
Starting at 7:00 a.m.

Clean up that basement, clean out the garage, and pick up the yard! The clean-up is at **no additional cost** to residents. Help keep the community free of junk and make it a 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 four foot lengths)
- Small amounts of construction garbage
- Grills (*no gas grill propane tanks allowed*), toilets, sinks, etc.
- Old clothing

Not Accepted

- **Large pieces of furniture** (call Allied Waste for a special pickup at 952-941-5174)
- **Large appliances** (call Allied Waste 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 Allied Waste for a special pickup or take to Hennepin County Drop Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center)

Special Instructions

All items must be at the curb **before** 7:00 a.m.

Recycling will be collected on Monday, September 30.

ADDITIONAL NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE – IF YOU UNSUBSCRIBE

Unless you unsubscribe from the E-mail Subscription Service, your e-mail subscriptions continue to go to the old e-mail address until the end of time. We are not notified when someone unsubscribes from the service. Please take a minute to let us know you are unsubscribing by sending an e-mail to clink@cityoftonkabay.net.

UTILITY PAYMENT INFORMATION

If you pay your utility bill through your bank, allow plenty of time for the payment to reach us. Sometimes the bank will hold onto several payments from many customers before they mail the checks. For example, we recently received payments from customers with bank-dated checks of August 5, August 7, and August 8. All checks were received after the payment due date of August 7.

CLOSINGS

If you are moving, please do not call us the day of your closing. We need more time than that to complete the final reading.

SHOREWOOD'S MOVIE IN THE PARK

Friday, September 13

Badger Park (next to Shorewood City Hall)

Movie starts at dusk but there will be food and fun prior to that

Movie being shown: The Odd Life of Timothy Green

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets