



Tonka Bay News

SUMMER 2015

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This is our most effective way to notify all our residents in a fast and inexpensive way. Sign up at: www.cityoftonkabay.net, click on E-mail Subscription Service, and sign up for one or all of the subscriptions available.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Where will you be on Saturday, 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: **South Lake-Excelsior Chamber (SLECC), P.O. Box 32, Excelsior MN 55331**. Please mark "Fireworks Fund 2013" on your check memo. All donations will be acknowledged.

FALL CLEAN UP!

The Fall clean up will be held on Saturday, September 19. Shorewood will be sponsoring a hazardous waste collection the same day. For more information, watch for the Fall edition of the City newsletter or visit www.cityoftonkabay.net.

BEACHES ARE OPEN

City beaches will open for the season on Saturday, June 6.



Lifeguards will be on duty at Wekota and Crescent beaches June 6 – August 9 from 12 to 5 p.m., including weekends.



CITY OF TONKA BAY

4901 Manitou Road
Tonka Bay MN 55331
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Pub. Works: 952-474-2947
After Hours: 612-750-3600
Contact:
clink@cityoftonkabay.net

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SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

As soon as you know the closing date, contact Carol at 952-474-7994 or by e-mail 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 access to Public Works. Please provide contact information on who is handling your closing.

Final bills will be calculated and forwarded to the closing manager. You may also pay the final bill and get a receipt. This proves the property is clear of debt at City Hall.

DOG OWNER ETIQUETTE

From City Code: *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.*

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 prorate the utilities for the number of days actually occupied.

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, 2015**. 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.**

EXPLORE LAKE MINNETONKA

Farmers Market	Every Tuesday, 2-6 pm
Fourth of July	Saturday, July 4
Girls Night Out	Started June 4
Library Book Sale	Friday, July 17 12-4
	(Events above in Excelsior)
Tour de Tonka	Saturday, August 1
Safety Camp	Wed, August 12

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.



MEET YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR



With great energy and enthusiasm, Lindy Crawford began work as Tonka Bay City Administrator May 18.

Crawford holds a master's degree in urban and regional

studies with an emphasis in local government management and a graduate certificate in urban planning. She graduated from the Urban and Regional Studies Institute at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Prior to joining the Tonka Bay team, Crawford held internships in the cities of Excelsior, Mankato, Austin and Mound. Most recently, she completed a one-year city management fellowship with the City of Edina. She was part of a number of larger projects and initiatives, including a first-time employee engagement survey, a small area plan, a strategic community visioning process, and various organizational policies and procedures.

"I am eager to serve as your city administrator and hope to get to know all of you over my tenure here in Tonka Bay," Crawford said.

If you have any questions, please stop by City Hall or contact Lindy at lcrawford@cityoftonkabay.net or 952-474-7994.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Like us! You can also find a link on the top of our website at www.cityoftonkabay.net.

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.

COLLECTION REMINDER

If your garbage, recycling, or yard waste collections are missed, call Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste) directly at 952-941-5174. Remember to set out your items by 7 a.m. on collection day.

EFD ANNUAL DANCE

Excelsior Firefighters
Annual Fund Raising Dance
is just around the corner

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 17
from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight.

Beer, Brats, fun for the entire family
PLUS

Live Music!!!

The Music starts at 8 p.m.

Contact www.excelsiorfire.org

For additional information

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



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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 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, "E-mail Subscription Service".

FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

June 9 and June 23
July 14 and July 28
August 11 and August 25



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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

City of Tonka Bay 2014 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, 2014. 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. Also, you can view it on line at 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 2014 drinking water report are available at Tonka Bay City Hall, 4901 Manitou Road, Tonka Bay, MN 55331, on the City's website at 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 2014. 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 5 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 ($\mu\text{g/l}$).

N/A: Not Applicable (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2013)	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	1.4	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	N/A	1.04	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	.64	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2013)	Avg/ Result*	
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb) (07/21/2009)	0	80	N/A	.8	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

*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	.2-1.7	1.18	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)	1.3	1.3	.05	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb)	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 2 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.

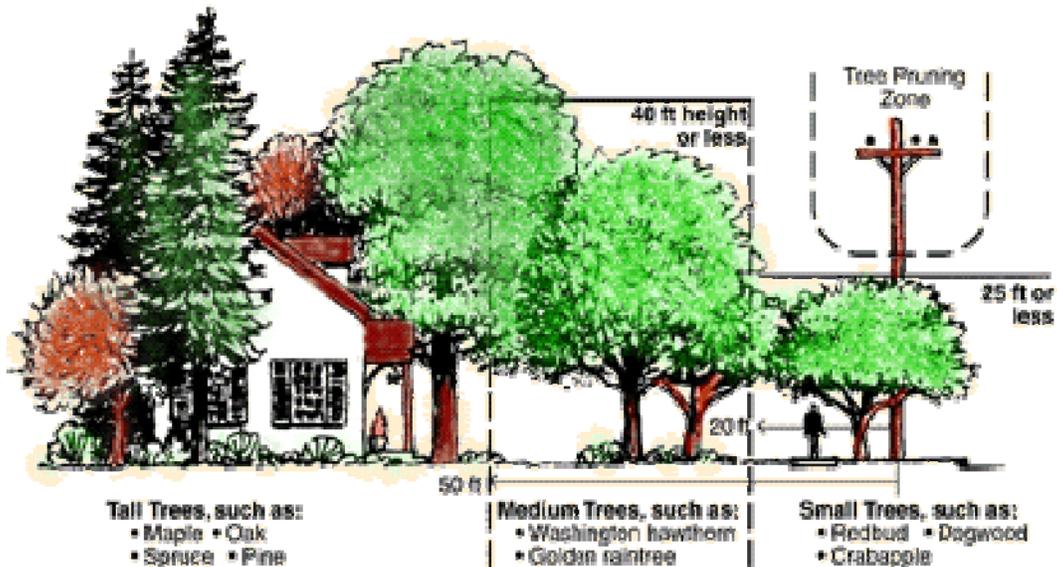
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling 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.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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 would be early spring before leaves are present or late fall after for most trees and shrubs.

SEWER LINE TELEVISION



Bay Street, Brentwood Avenue, Florence Drive, Manitou Road south of Woodlawn Avenue, Mound Ave, Northrup Ave, Woodlane St, and some at Tonka Village strip mall will have their sewer lines televised this summer. The exact date has not yet been determined. Sewer lines are routinely televised in order to identify potential problems.

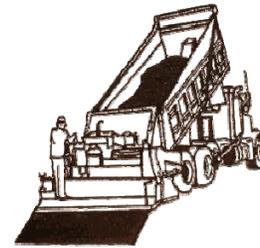
WOOD CHIPS AVAILABLE

First come, first served. Bring your wheelbarrows down to Pleasant Park (Pleasant Avenue to Pleasant Lane East) for free wood chips while supplies last.

SEAL COATING

Although the actual date has not been determined as of this printing, the following streets will be seal coated this summer:

Bay Street	Mound Avenue
Brentwood Avenue	Northrup Avenue
Florence Drive	Pleasant Lane East
Lilah Lane	Pleasant Lane West
Woodlane Street	Woodlane Drive
Manitou Park Parking Lot	



WATCH OUT FOR THE CREW!

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

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up for timely notifications of changes to any work scheduled, road closures, or notification of water main breaks at www.cityoftonkabay.net, click on “Email Subscription Service” and sign up for “Public Works News”.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

To report a street light outage or repair, please visit the following website: http://www.xcelenergy.com/Outages/Report_Outage