



Tonka Bay News

SUMMER 2014

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E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Join the 314 friends/neighbors who have signed up to receive e-mail notifications. You may sign up to receive utility payment reminders, notice of crime alerts, road closures, news from city hall, and the newsletter, what is happening around the lake, garbage collection changes, recycling reminders, notification when yard waste collection starts and ends, and election news, etc.

This is our most effective way to notify all our residents in a fast and inexpensive way. Go to our website 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 Friday, July 4? Help fund the fireworks with a donation. Even the smallest amount helps, and all donations go to the fireworks fund. Please 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, October 4. Shorewood will be sponsoring a hazardous waste collection the same day. Watch for the Fall edition of the City newsletter or www.cityoftonkabay.net for more information.

BEACHES ARE OPEN

City beaches officially opened for the season on Saturday, June 7.

Lifeguards will be on duty at Wekota and Crescent beaches June 7 – August 10 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., including weekends.



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SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

As soon as you know the closing date, call Carol at 952-474-7994 or by her 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 can also come in and pay the final bill and get a receipt which proves the property is clear of debt with the city.

FIRE LANE REMINDER

A reminder for those residents who live along City fire lanes. All fire lanes are public property to be used by the public to access the lake. All fire lanes can be used for pedestrian access to the lake, fishing from shore, launching canoes and other small boats not requiring a trailer.

City hall has maps showing the location of all 21 fire lanes in Tonka Bay.

EFD ANNUAL DANCE

Excelsior Firefighters Annual Fund Raising Dance

is just around the corner

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 18 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.

SEWER LINE TELEVISION



The following areas will have their sewer lines televised beginning on or about June 23:

Circle Rd
Interlachen Ln to Manitou Rd

Interlachen Ct to Interlachen Ln
Interlachen Pl
Interlachen Ln
West Point Pl to Manitou Rd

Sewer lines are routinely televised in order to identify potential problems.

EXPLORE LAKE MINNETONKA

Farmers Market	Every Thursday, 2-6 pm
Fourth of July	Fri, July 4
Girls Night Out	Started June 5
	(Events above in Excelsior)
Safety Camp	Wed, August 13
www.ci.shorewood.mn.us	
Tour de Tonka	Sat, August 2
www.tourdetonka.org	

Websites to check out for more fun:

www.ci.shorewood.mn.us
www.dnr.state.mn.us
www.exploreminnesota.com
www.mrsm.co (fun for kids)
www.southshore-center.org
www.threeriversparks.com
www.excelsior-lakeminnetonka.com

Summer



SEAL COATING

The following streets will be seal coated this year on July 7 (weather permitting):

Arbor Court
Birch Bluff Road
City Hall and frontage road
Crabapple Lane
Crescent Beach parking lot
Old Orchard Lane
Old Orchard parking lot
Pleasant Avenue
Wildhurst Road



Sign up for timely notification of changes to any work scheduled at www.cityoftonkabay.net, click on "Email Subscription Service" and sign up for "Public Works News".

WATCH OUT FOR THE CREW!



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

MN 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 5, 2014**. 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 within 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.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

June 30—Absentee voting for Primary begins
July 25—Candidate filing begins
Aug 9 — Open 10 am—3 pm for absentee voting
Aug 12—Primary Election—7 am—8 pm
Aug 12—Candidate filing closes at 5 pm

Sept 30—Absentee voting for General Election
Nov 1—Open 10 am—3 pm for absentee voting
Nov 4—Primary Election—7 am—8 pm

Be sure to thoroughly review the Election insert with additional information. There are no rules relating to absentee voting and voter registration.



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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. You can find our meetings on your computer at www.vimeo.com and search for City of Tonka Bay, or follow the link on the City's website. Agendas are available at City Hall on the Thursday afternoon prior to the meeting or sign up to receive an e-mail version of the agenda, minutes or entire Council packet at www.cityoftonkabay.net, E-mail Subscription Service.

MONTH	FIRST MEETING	SPECIAL MEETING	SECOND MEETING	KIND OF MEETING
June 2014	June 10	None	June 24	City Council
July 2014	July 8	None	July 22	City Council
August 2014	August TBD	None	August 26	City Council

City of Tonka Bay 2013 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, 2013. 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 2013 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 for in 2013. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, 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 (µg/l).

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

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2013)	Avg/ Result*	
Barium (ppm)	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	1.08	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.
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb) (07/21/2009)	0	80	.8-1.1	1.1	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	.2-1.2	.81	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) (6/30/2011)	1.3	1.3	.22	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (6/30/2011)	0	15	4	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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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.



2014 is an Election Year
State Primary – Tuesday, August 12
General Election – Tuesday, November 4

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

VOTER REGISTRATION	<p><u>In order to vote, you must be:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A U.S. citizen -At least 18 years old -A Minnesota resident for at least 30 days -Properly registered twenty days before Election Day <p>You must re-register if your name or address changes or you haven't voted in four years. Forms are available at city hall, online at www.cityoftonkabay.net, or at the Excelsior library.</p>
ABSENTEE VOTING	<p>Absentee voting begins forty-six days prior to an election:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Primary Election ballots available beginning Monday, June 30 General Election ballots available beginning Monday, September 22</p> <p>Beginning in 2014, you can now vote absentee without having a reason to do so. Applications are available at city hall or online at www.cityoftonkabay.net. City hall will be open on the Saturday before both elections and until 5:00 pm the day before both elections. See "Important Dates to Remember" for the specific dates/hours. You can also vote by mail or in person at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis. 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. Fax number is 952-474-6538.</p>
CANDIDATE FILINGS	<p>CITY COUNCIL OPENINGS: Mayor – Two-year term Two Council seats – Four-year terms</p> <hr/> <p>FILING DATES/FEE: Filing opens Tues., July 29, 2014 Filing closes Tues., Aug. 12, 2014 (5:00 pm). Fee is \$2. You <u>must</u> file in person. Filing application and packet available at City Hall.</p> <hr/> <p>CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registered voter • resident of Tonka Bay for at least 30 days prior to the General Election at least 21-years-old when assuming office

REMEMBER: CITY HALL IS NOT OPEN ON FRIDAYS

PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES		
EVENT	PRIMARY	GENERAL
Absentee ballots available	June 30	September 22
Last day to pre-register to vote	July 22	October 14
City hall open for absentee voting 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	August 9	November 1
Open until 5 pm for absentee voting	August 11	November 3
Election Day – don't forget to vote	August 12	November 4

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
Approved photo ID (may be expired) and one approved bill that lists the voter's current address: MN driver's license or ID card US Passport US Military ID card MN tribal ID MN university, college or tech college ID	Learner's permit Out of state ID Student ID from secondary institution Utility bill (water, cable, phone) Credit card or bank statement Rent or mortgage payment Lease agreement



NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT: New this year is computerized election equipment. If you want to get a feel for how they work before the election, come to City Hall anytime beginning Monday, June 30 through Election Day or on Saturday, August 9 or Saturday, November 1 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

VOTER ASSIST TERMINALS: Beginning Monday, June 30, 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 (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.