



Tonka Bay News

WINTER 2015

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

December 23	CLOSES AT Noon
December 24-25	CLOSED
December 30	CLOSES AT Noon
December 31	CLOSED
January 18	CLOSED
February 15	CLOSED

ICE RINK

When the snow falls, the next question is "Is the rink open yet?" Weather permitting, the rink will open the end of December through February 28. Hours: Weekdays—4 -8 p.m.; Weekends—12-8 p.m. Closed Christmas, New Year's Day.

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Join the more than 366 others who have signed up for the City's e-mail subscription service. Most of them have already read this newsletter, because they get it by e-mail one week before it is mailed.

Sign up now at the City's website at www.cityoftonkabay.net.

YOUR CONTACT INFO

Please let us know if you have disconnected your land line, changed your e-mail address, or have a different billing address. Call 952-474-7994 or email clink@cityoftonkabay.net with your new information. Changes to your e-mail subscription must be done on the City's website.

ARCTIC FEVER

Read all about the Arctic Fever celebration scheduled beginning January 15-17, 2016 on the inserts inside. Tonka Bay needs volunteers to help out at all their events on Saturday, January 16.

CITY HALL HOURS

Office:
Monday—Thursday
7 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays
Public Works:
Monday-Friday
6 a.m.—2 p.m.

RECYCLING CALENDARS

Copies of the 2016 recycling calendar will soon be available at City Hall and on the City's website. Republic Services is mailing a copy by mid-December.

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HEADING SOUTH?

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 and being charged a late fee. Let us know your return date if you will be gone more than a month. You can contact Carol at 952-474-7994 or e-mail current meter reading to cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net.

HAVE A TENANT MOVING OUT?

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.

ARE YOU SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

As soon as you know your closing date, call us at 952-474-7994 or send your e-mail to City Hall at: cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net to schedule a meter inspection and final meter reading. The inspection is done on the inside water meter. You will also need to schedule a time when someone can be there to allow Public Works to access the home. Please provide contact information on who is handling your closing (usually the title/escrow company closing manager). Final bills will be calculated and forwarded to the closing manager. The other alternative is to come in and pay the final bill and get a receipt which proves the property is clear of debt with the city.



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION



After the holidays, discard your tree properly and with respect for your neighborhood and the environment. No part of a Christmas tree or evergreen can be burned in a fireplace. The sap acts like an accelerant, and the tree can explode in flames. The sap can also build up in your chimney and increase the chances of a chimney fire in the future. Trees will be picked up with the regular Monday collections on January 4 and January 11.

ILLEGAL DUMPING ON CITY PROPERTY

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

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The City would like to encourage everyone to be a good neighbor. Think about neighbors and friends who do not have the ability to shovel snow from public sidewalks, their walkways and driveways. Let neighbors know ahead of time if you are willing to help. Check with these neighbors after a storm to be sure they are okay and ask if they need assistance.

COLD WEATHER AND PIPES

It's looking like a long winter ahead and we may see the frost go deep again this year. When it starts to get real cold, open your cupboards on the outside walls if you have pipes inside them. Also, keep your crawl space heated if your water meter is in there. We will send out an e-mail to e-mail subscription service customers if we find the water system is getting too cold and remind you to run water to prevent your lines from freezing.



SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS

The City of Tonka Bay has a three-person snow removal force. Snow removal equipment consists of one 2½ ton truck, one 1 ton truck, one front end loader, and one skid loader. This equipment is used to maintain more than eight miles of city streets. It is the policy to begin snow removal operations when snow accumulates to a depth of two inches or more. The goal of the snow removal crew is to open all of our streets as soon as possible to ensure access for emergency vehicles. This may take three to four hours following a typical 3-inch snowfall. When an overnight snowfall occurs, the crew is typically dispatched at or before 4:00 a.m. and streets are usually open for morning traffic. Second and third passes are made thereafter to widen the roadway to the full width. Snow plowing can occasionally cause property damage. Damage can occur to sod when the ground is not frozen. Damage can also occur to mailboxes and other miscellaneous structures that are installed within the street right-of-way, which usually extends 5-10 feet beyond the edge of the street pavement. The primary use for a right-of-way is to provide room for snow storage, utility installation, mailboxes and other public uses. Please report any damage to Public Works at 952-474-2947. The City will cooperate with property owners and accepts responsibility for repair of permitted structures which are clearly marked and when it is obvious that they have been struck by a plow blade, wing or other piece of equipment. Damage resulting from snow is the responsibility of the property owner. Mailboxes, lights, and other permitted landscape amenities should be constructed sturdily enough to withstand snow rolling off of a wing plow.



Following are several tips and reminders that will help us during our snow removal efforts:

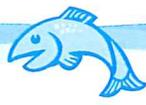
- Remain a safe distance behind snow plows or sanding trucks, they stop and back up frequently.
- Do not allow children to play, make forts or tunnels in snow banks close to the street. This is a very dangerous activity.
- Shovel or blow snow to your right (as you face the street). This will lessen the amount of snow thrown back into the driveway by the plows.
- Remove snow around fire hydrants in your neighborhood.
- Refrain from installing lawn irrigation systems within the boulevard area, or at a minimum, ensure that sprinkler heads are sufficiently recessed in the ground during the snow plow season.
- Be patient. The snow removal crews will get to your street as soon as they can.



Cut and mail with \$20 payment and proof of rabies vaccination.



CITY OF TONKA BAY 2016 DOG LICENSE 4901 MANITOU ROAD TONKA BAY MN 55331 www.cityoftonkabay.net							
OWNER'S NAME				PHONE			
ADDRESS					E-MAIL		
DOG'S NAME			AGE		COLOR		
SEX	M	F	WEIGHT	BREED			
RABIES VACCINE BY							
DATE OF VACCINE		RABIES TAG NO.			TAG EXP. DATE		



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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:

January 12 and 26
February 9 and 23
March 8 and 22



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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