

2016 Property Tax Update

In September, the Tonka Bay City Council adopted a preliminary tax levy for 2016 of \$1,065,752. This is an increase of \$17,186.00 or 1.64% over last year's budget.

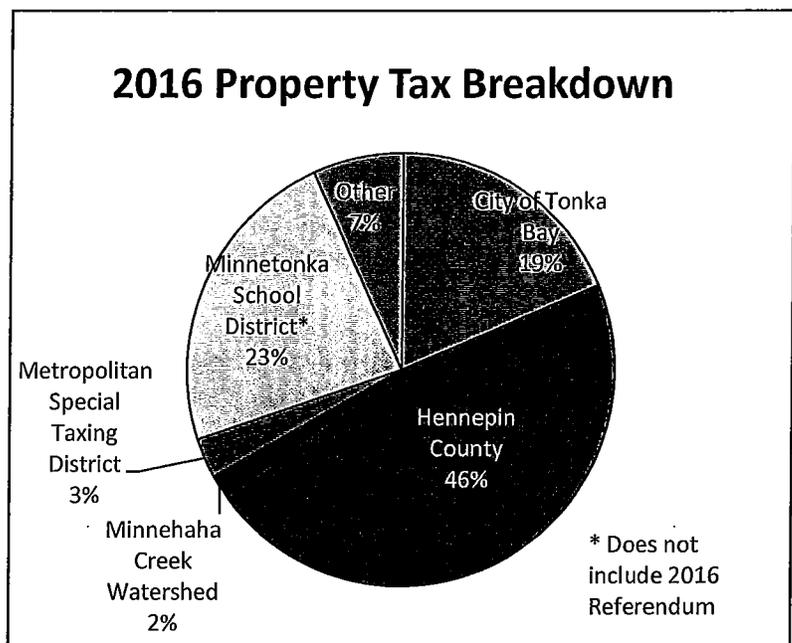
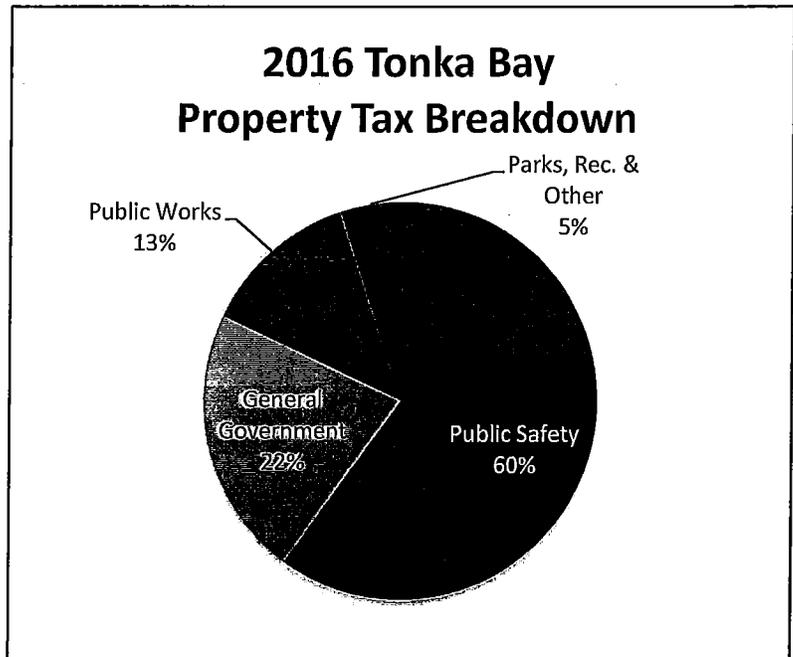
Specifically, the tax increase will pay for our share of one additional full-time police officer for the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department and pay for union employee wages previously negotiated.

The specific changes in city taxes vary from home to home and depend upon the change in a home's taxable value from 2014 to 2015.

2016 City Budget

Next year's city budget dollars also support general seal coating, striping and sealing, and street patching to our local streets, provide funds to perform needed maintenance and renovations to the aging city hall windows and Manitou Park parking lot, dedicate resources to maintain our parks and the beautification of the city, and finally update the Comprehensive Plan which is required by the Metropolitan Council.

Contact City Administrator Lindy Crawford at lcrawford@cityoftonkabay.net or 952-474-7994 with your thoughts. Your input will be collected and used to refine future budgets presented to the City Council.



2016 Water and Sewer Rates Increase

In November, the City Council discussed and approved a preliminary increase of \$9.25 to the water base rate and an increase of \$2 to the sewer base rates. The increases are the same for both residential and commercial properties.

Water Rates

Base Rate (residential and commercial) - \$15.75 to \$25.00 per quarter

This proposed increase is approximately \$37.00 annually to each household and business. The increase is necessary to fund needed maintenance, repairs and improvements to our aging water treatment plant and delivery system. Our city's water system was built in 1972 and requires increasing maintenance and repair at increasing costs. This increase will now cover the depreciation cost of the system and ensure that we are capable of providing for the continued maintenance of this community asset.

Conservation Rate Tiers

2015 Tiers	2016 Tiers	2015 and 2016 Rates
0 - 18,999 gal	0 - 15,999 gal	\$4.44 for every 1,000 gal
19,000 - 36,999 gal	16,000 - 30,999 gal	\$4.65 for every 1,000 gal
37,000 - 71,999 gal	31,000 - 45,999 gal	\$5.13 for every 1,000 gal
72,000 gal and above	46,000 gal and above	\$6.41 for every 1,000 gal

The proposed 2016 water rates per 1,000 gal. did not change from 2015; the conservation water tiers were compressed to more closely reflect the surrounding communities water conservation tiers.

Sewer Rates

Beginning in January 2016, all residential and commercial sewer base rates will increase from the current quarterly rate of \$130.50 to \$132.50 per quarter. Water usage over 10,000 gallons, per every 1,000 gallons *will not* see an increase. The current rate is \$4.58.

Though the out-of-sight, out-of-mind nature of utility infrastructure makes it easy to take these systems for granted, having reliable sewer and water service is critical to our city's quality of life and public health. The city is committed to ensuring that these systems are well maintained for all current and future residents.

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Arctic Fever 2016

Celebrating 10 years of winter fun!

www.arcticfever.net

Friday, January 15; 5:30-7:30 pm Snow Sculpting & Pizza

Enjoy ice skating on the Badger Rink, snow sculpting tour and voting, free pizza from Joey Nova's (while supply lasts), beer tasting from Excelsior Brewing, fire eater and artist and cocoa. An event for all ages--with kids crafts by New Horizon. Applications now being accepted for snow sculpting! Call 952.960.7900 or see the website. Meet at Southshore Center, 5735 Country Club Rd, Shorewood.

Saturday, January 16

Shorewood

Freeman Park, 6000 Eureka Rd

Sleigh Rides	10 am-3 pm
Bonfire	10 am-2 pm
Dog Sled Rides	10 am-2 pm
Sledding	10 am-3 pm
Ice carving	11 am-1 pm
Llamas	11 am-1 pm
Snowshoeing	11 am-1 pm
Geocaching	11 am-1 pm

Schedule subject to change.

Check us out on
Facebook!

Tonka Bay

Manitou Park, 5418 Manitou Rd

SLMPD ATV Demo	12:30-1:30 pm
Bonfire	12:30-3:30 pm
S'mores and cocoa	12:30-3:30 pm
Ice Skating	12-3:30 pm
Arctic Fever Photos	12-3:30 pm
Snowshoeing	2-3:30 pm
UofMN Raptor Show	1:30-2:30 pm
Human bowling	2:30-3:30 pm
Penquin & Frosty	12:30-3:30 pm
Photo board	12:30-3:30 pm

Arctic Bowling

(reservations required)

Country Club Lanes 4-6 pm

Coat Drive by Virginia Lord Real Estate
Country Club Lanes 4-6 pm

Excelsior

Commons and downtown

Magic Show*	10:30 am
Wagon Rides	11 am-3 pm
Kiteboarding demo	11 am-3 pm
Kids Ice Fishing**	12-4 pm
Coloring Contest @ the Library	
Fat Bike Race	2 pm
Cabin Fever Party at Excelsior Brewing	3-11 pm

* Excelsior Library, 337 Water St

** Sponsored by American
Legion 259.

Don't miss event updates and weather notices. Sign up for Arctic Fever eNews. Email tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

Sunday, January 17, 11-1:30 pm

Lord Fletcher's

Princess Brunch

Enjoy brunch at Lord Fletcher's with your Princess, followed by crafts, face painting, a great prize drawing and more! RSVP your reservation by Tuesday, January 12, 952.471-8513.

Adults: \$19.99
Princess: \$9.99

Watch for event updates and more information at www.arcticfever.net!

COUNTRY CLUB LANES

Arctic Fever Family Bowling

Saturday, January 16

4pm-6pm

All you can Glow bowl,
shoe rental and a small pop
\$12.99* a person.

**Save \$3.00 when you bring in a
donation for the Coat Drive.**

New or gently used children's and
adult's winter coats, mittens, gloves,
hats and snow pants are accepted.

Call 952-474-5959 to make a
reservation.

*Price does not include tax

Bowlers may be added to lanes with less than 5 bowlers
Bumpers, ramps and light weight bowling balls available.

Country Club Lanes
5601 Manitou Road (County Rd. 19)
Tonka Bay, MN 55331
952-474-5959
bowling@countryclublanesmn.com



Additional copies of this form are available at Shorewood City Hall or online at www.arcticfever.net.



Arctic Fever Snow Sculpture Registration Form

Public Works will fill the cube with snow in locations at Badger Park (5745 Country Club Road). Teams can begin their sculpture the weekend of January 10th and work all week. There is no driving allowed on the field. Lights will be on in the field at night until 10 p.m. so that teams can work on their sculpture. Sculptures are to be completed by 5:30 p.m., Friday, January 15th.

Attendees will vote and prizes will be awarded Friday evening, January 15th at the Southshore Community Center, 5735 Country Club Rd.

Yes! I would like to register for a snow cube.

Name of Team: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check which size snow cube you would like:

- We would like the small 4' x 6' snow cube
 We would like the tall 6' x 4' snow cube
 We would like to volunteer: Day _____ ; Time _____
Number of volunteers: _____

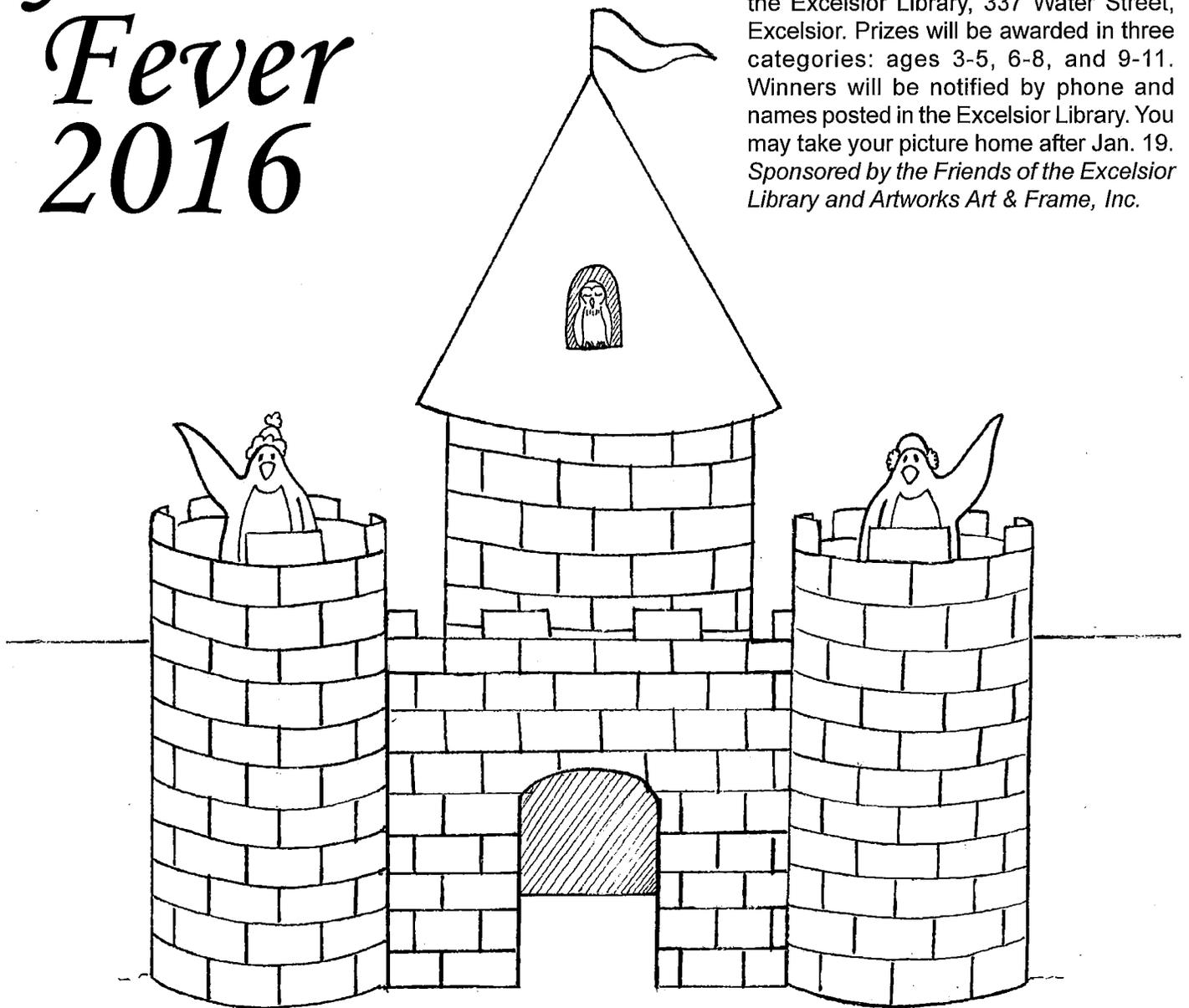
I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE ARCTIC FEVER COMMITTEE, THE CITY OF SHOREWOOD, INCLUDING STAFF AND PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONS AND CITY COUNCIL, FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, INJURY, VANDALISM, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH SNOW SCULPTURE EVENT LOCATED AT BADGER PARK 5745 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD.

Signature _____ Date _____

***Please forward completed form to:
City of Shorewood, c/o Twila Grout, 5755 Country Club Road, Shorewood, MN 55331
Or Fax to 952-474-0128, or email to tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us***

Arctic Fever 2016

Hey kids ages 3-11: enter the Arctic Fever 2016 Coloring Contest! Color and drop off by Saturday, January 16 at 5:00 p.m. to the Excelsior Library, 337 Water Street, Excelsior. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Winners will be notified by phone and names posted in the Excelsior Library. You may take your picture home after Jan. 19. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Excelsior Library and Artworks Art & Frame, Inc.*



Megan Russell 2015



First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____
Phone _____ (This will be cut off before hanging)