



Tonka Bay News

WINTER 2014

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

Wed, Dec 24 CLOSSES AT 11 am
Thurs, Dec 25 CLOSED
Wed, Dec 31 CLOSSES AT 11 am
Thurs, Jan 1 CLOSED
Monday, January 18 CLOSED
Monday, February 16 CLOSED

ICE RINK

When the snow falls, the next question is "Is the rink open yet?" Weather permitting, the rink will open on December 19 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 346 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.

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ARCTIC FEVER

Read all about the Arctic Fever celebration scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2015 on the insert inside. Tonka Bay's events are held at Manitou Park. Many of last year's events will return. Owl show and kick sleds are not available as indicated on flyer.

RECYCLING CALENDARS

Copies of the 2015 recycling calendar are available at City Hall. Republic is mailing a copy by mid-December. A copy is also available on-line at the City's website.

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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 card 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 your address and 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 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 raise the chances of a chimney fire in the future. Trees will be picked up with the regular Monday collections on January 6 and January 13.

THANK YOU TO ELECTION JUDGES

You've all seen some familiar faces over the years when you come to vote at City Hall. We'd like to thank our dedicated Tonka Bay election judges for making the election process run smoothly and for all their years of service:

Carolyn Fasching	36 years
Sally Schneider	34 years
Carol Lenzen	28 years
Susan Doerr	14 years
Mickey Christiansen	10 years
Linda Seierstad	2 years

ARCTIC FEVER

Check out all the fun events planned for this year's Arctic Fever at www.arcticfever.net Events at Manitou Park on Saturday, Jan. 17 include human bowling, open skating, and hot cocoa and s'mores in the warming house.



The raptor show and kick sleds are not available this time. A new photo op board will be provided for a fun family Kodak moment that can be sent by e-mail instantly. Contact clink@cityoftonkabay.net if you would like to volunteer that day. Skates not required.



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 insure access for emergency vehicles. This may take three to four hours following a typical 3” snowfall. When an overnight snowfall occurs, the crew is typically dispatched on 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 City 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.
- Don't 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, insure that sprinkler heads are sufficiently recessed in the ground surface during the snow plow season.
- Be patient. The snow removal crews will get to your street as soon as they can.

Cut out application and mail with \$16 payment and proof of rabies vaccination.

CITY OF TONKA BAY 2015 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 scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month and begin at 7 p.m. You can also watch the meeting on your home computer by clicking on link on the City's website at www.cityoftonkabay.net. Agendas are available at City Hall on the Thursday 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	SECOND MEETING	KIND OF MEETING
January, 2015	January 13	January 27	City Council
February, 2015	February 10	February 24	City Council
March, 2015	March 10	March 24	City Council