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Fall 2019

Fall Clean-Up

Fall Clean-Up is a community event for Tonka Bay residents to help keep the water free of debris and make it an even more enjoyable place to live!

The event is on Saturday, September 21, 2019. All trash items must be at the curb **before** 7:00 a.m. (Recycling will be collected on Monday, September 23.)

Accepted items include:

- Items small enough to be loaded by one person
- Miscellaneous clean-up debris
- Small furniture items
- Carpet (must be tied and bundled in less than four-foot lengths)
- Small amounts of construction garbage
- Grills *(no gas grill propane tanks allowed)*
- Toilets, sinks, etc.
- Clothing

Items not accepted during the event & where to take them:

Call Republic Services at 952-941-5174 for special pickup:

- Large pieces of furniture and large appliances

Take the following to Hennepin County Drop-Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center:

- Large appliances, Fluorescent light bulbs, Paint or other hazardous items, Tires (fee)
- Computers, TV's (Can also call Republic Services or local electronics stores)

Also not accepted:

- Railroad ties, large piles of shingles, auto batteries or large amounts of construction material (check Google for construction debris recycling sites)

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Public Works News

Parks

Stop by Wekota Park with your family to check out the brand-new playground equipment from Flagship Recreation, including multiple slides, swings and other fun additions (pictured to the right).

Please Watch Out for the Crew

Please be mindful of our hard-working Public Works crew as they're out this fall mowing, sweeping, trimming, patching, reading water meters, cleaning, spraying, weed whipping, and inspecting.

Trees

Please trim trees with limbs that over hang into the streets or we will need to trim them as needed to help visibility & prevent damage to city equipment & school buses.

Water Curb Stops

Throughout the City, the Public Works Department has been using a line locator to find water curb stops. Because of this, there may be a hole left in your yard after the water curb stop has been found. It is the homeowners responsibility to bring the curb stop to ground level. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Bowman, Public Works Superintendent, at 952-474-2947 or rbowman@cityoftonkabay.net.

Hydrant Flushing

The hydrants are expected to be flushed either late September or early October once the water plant is back up and running. This will drain some of the hard water and help put soft water back in the system.

Street Lights

To report a light out on a street light call Xcel Energy at 800-960-6235.

Delinquent Utility Bills will be Certified to Property Taxes in November

Thank you for paying any outstanding utility bills or fees by 12:00PM on November 26, 2019. Any outstanding amounts will be certified to the homeowner's property taxes. Please refer to City Code Ordinance 810.06a subd. C. Contact Carol at 952-474-7994 or cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net with any questions or concerns.

EVENTS

Excelsior Fire District Open House

Thursday, October 3rd from 5:30 to 8 PM at EFD Station 1, Shorewood. Includes activities, displays, fire truck rides, free dinner and more. SLMPD officers will be available at the crime prevention booth.

Book Sale

Friends of the Excelsior Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, September 21 from 9 AM to 5 PM & Monday, September 23 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Donations will be accepted September 6—19 at the Excelsior Library during normal library hours. Please no textbooks, magazines, VHS or phonograph records. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Excelsior Library.

Flu Shots

Friday, October 11 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m at the Shorewood Community and Event Center. All ages welcome. Call 952-474-7635 to register for your flu shot! Most insurance accepted.

Oktoberfest

Family friendly event in Shorewood on Friday, October 25th from 5:30—7:30 PM. Will include Excelsior Brewing, polka music, free food, kid crafts, photo booth, community fun! 5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood, 55331.

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Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project

As you may know, the City of Tonka Bay is in the midst of water treatment plant improvements in order to continue providing excellent public drinking water to residents. This includes upgrades to the plant's electrical facilities, rehabilitation of the plant's structures and architecture and replacement of outdated pumps, valves, and equipment. The water plant bypass will continue until mid-September and will cause hard water to enter the system. Hard water can reduce the cleaning power of soaps and can cause scale to form on cookware, fixtures, and appliances. Water hardness is an aesthetic concern, and it is not harmful to your health.

In progress filter trough

In addition, elevated levels of iron and manganese may cause discoloration or staining during this time, although the City will apply a sequestering agent to mitigate these effects. Fluoride and chlorine will continue to be applied and all water quality testing will continue as required by the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure the safety of the drinking water throughout the plant bypass. To help conserve water, residents are asked to avoid using sprinklers between late July and early September 2019. Please call City Hall at 952-474-7994 with any questions.

Moving backwash pump

Utility Reminders

Going South in the Winter? Contact City Hall before you leave. Your water can be shut off for $60 and turned on again in the spring when you return for $60, to minimize risks of water breaks in your home.

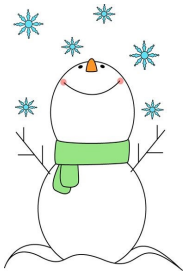
Tenant moving? Sold your home? Call with your moving information and arrangements can be made for a prorated utility bill.

Cleaning up Your Yard? Yard waste is usually collected until mid-November, but we recommend putting yard waste out by the end of October as collection can be ended early from inclement weather.

Questions & Answers

What are the dates for Artic Fever 2020?

Artic Fever is the weekend of January 17, 18 and 19. Tonka Bay's events will be held at Manitou Park on Saturday, January 18. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Oksana at 952-474-7994 or ocarlier@cityoftonkabay.net for more information.



Where can I drop off old batteries?

City Hall has a drop off for household batteries right inside the main door!

What are the helicopters doing?

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District uses helicopters to control the mosquito population. According to the MMCD, the helicopters apply a natural soil bacterium and a mosquito growth regulator to wetlands to control mosquitoes while they are still in their larval stage. These are bio-rational mosquito control materials specifically designed to control larval mosquitoes without affecting other organisms. Check here to see if they are spraying in Hennepin County: https://www.mmcd.org/helicopter-activity/

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Tonka Bay residents are encouraged to participate in their city government. City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month beginning at 7 p.m. You can find meetings online by following the link on the City's website or at www.vimeo.com and search for "City of Tonka Bay". Agendas and the Council packet are available at City Hall or found on the website the Thursday before every meeting.

Want updates on City events and happenings?
Go to CITYOFTONKABAY.NET and click E-mail Subscription Service on the left sidebar or find us on Facebook at City of Tonka Bay, MN.

City Council meeting dates:
September 10 and 24
October 8 and 22
November 12 and 26
December 10

All City Offices will be closed on:
November 11, 28, 29
December 24, 25 and 31
January 1 and 20

Utilities will be billed in early October and due November 1.

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Frequently Called Numbers

CenterPoint Energy Service	612.372.4720
CenturyLink	1.800.244.1111
City Assessor (Rolf Erickson)	763.473.3978
Excelsior Fire District (non-emergency)	952.960.8801
Gopher One—Call Before you Dig	811
Lake Minnetonka Conservation District	952.745.0789
Mediacom Cable TV Service	1.800.332.0245
Metro West Inspections	763.479.1720
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)	952.474.5321
Xcel Energy Service	1.800.895.4999

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