

# TONKA BAY LINK

Summer 2019



## NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

### Utility Bill Online Payments

View and/or pay your utility bill ONLINE for the first time! There are three ways to pay:



- Visit [www.CityofTonkaBay.net](http://www.CityofTonkaBay.net) and click Utility Payments
- Download PSN payments from App Store™ or Google Play™
- Call 877-885-7968 (toll free)

Once you create an online account, automatic payments can be set up and bills can be printed. You can also call 1-877-885-7968 to pay bills and hear balance due. Payment convenience fees are \$1.00 for checks/savings, 2.75% for cards (+.50 cents if under \$100).

Second quarter utilities will be billed in early July and due August 1st.

### Tonka Village Redevelopment Project

Doran Companies re-submitted plans for the Tonka Village Redevelopment Project. The plans include 86 units of town homes and apartments, split between two residential buildings, along with a stand-alone clubhouse for amenities and on-site management. The City Council will review the plan on June 11th at 7pm at Tonka Bay City Hall. If the updated concept is approved, the project will move to the General Plan of Development stage.



DOBAN ARCHITECTURE  
TONKA VILLAGE TOWN HOMES  
MANITOU RD & SMITHTOWN RD  
EXTERIOR RENDERING  
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## Public Safety Events



### 35<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Firefighters Dance

Friday, July 19, 2019

5 PM to Midnight

EFD Station 1, Shorewood

FREE admission!

5:30 PM to 7 PM -

Hi Hats Polka Band

8:30 PM to 11 PM—Ragtown

Mega Sized Silent Auction, Kids'

Activities, Food, Fun, Friends,

Family and Neighbors

[www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org).

### South Lake Safety Camp

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

8:15 AM to 3:30 PM

South Lake Public Safety Building

For kids in 3rd, 4th and 5th

Grades. Fee is \$20 and limited to

40 kids. Includes t-shirt, lunch,

water bottle, water & safety items.

Register online at

[www.ci.shorewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us).

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## Public Works News

### Public Works Department Summer Hours

Starting Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Public Works Department hours are as follows:

Monday through Thursday: 6:00 AM—3:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 AM—10:00 AM

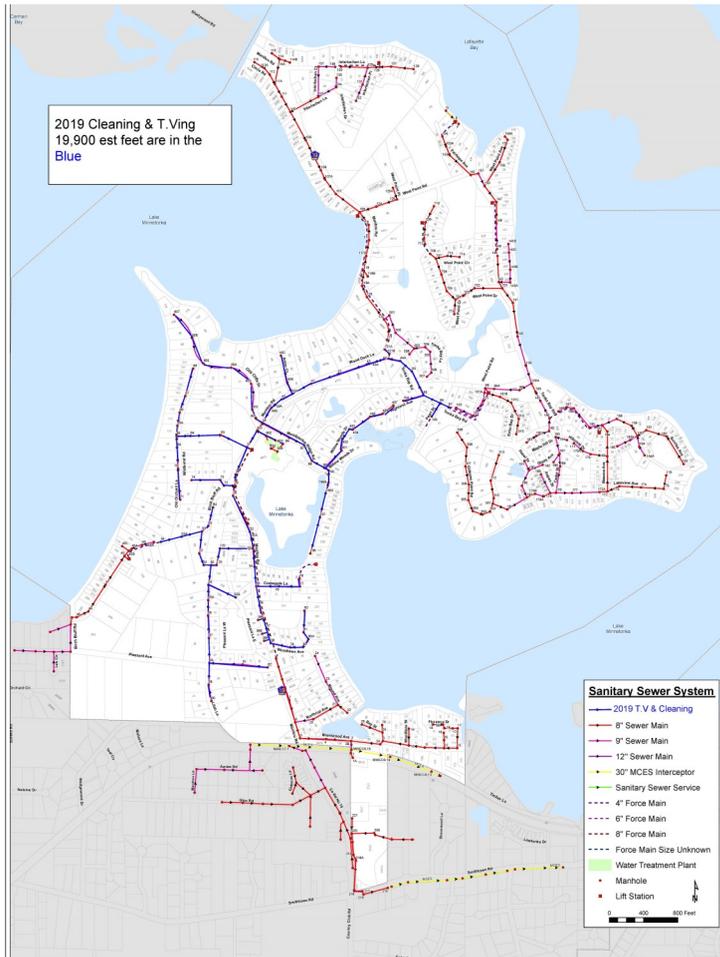
If there is a public works emergency after hours, please call 612-750-3600.

### Projects

The Public Works Department will be completing a variety of tasks this summer including: patching potholes; brush removal; lift station inspections and sewer jetting. The following is a list of scheduled projects:

- Reading water meters in June;
- Spraying for submerged weeds at City beaches and docks in the beginning of June;
- Street sweeping at the end of June;
- Treating weeds at Old Orchard shoreline at the end of July;
- Cutting weeds on road sides in July and August;
- Closing beaches on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> (last day beaches will have a lifeguard).

The highlighted sewers will be cleaned, televised and repaired (if necessary) this summer. Notifications of the scheduled work on specific streets will be sent by email. Check out the website at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net) to sign up for email notifications.



## Boat Slides Available

While dock slips are full this year, we do have slides available for boats 16 feet or less. The Resident fee is \$120 and Non-Resident fee is \$240. Applications can be found at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net).

## Watch out for Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB) has been discovered in neighboring communities.

Follow these tips to combat the spread of EAB:

- Remove ash trees smaller than 10-inches in diameter and those with poor structure or decaying wounds.
- Gradually replace removed trees with diverse species.
- Inspect healthy, structurally sound large ash trees to protect them over time.

Contact Public Works if your ash trees show any of the following symptoms; increase in woodpecker activity, blonde-colored patches on the bark, or dying leaves in the upper third of the tree's crown.



Emerald Ash Borers are smaller than the size of a penny.

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## Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project

Throughout much of 2019, the City of Tonka Bay will be making improvements to its water treatment plant.

The City's water treatment plant was originally constructed in 1972, making it 47 years old. Much of the plant's equipment and structures are aged, dysfunctional, or obsolete. The project 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 improvements modernize the plant, improve operational efficiency and ultimately provides higher quality water to the residents of Tonka Bay.

The contractor's preliminary schedule has the 45-day plant bypass scheduled for July 17 to August 30. Barring any unforeseen delays, water users can expect to see reduced water treatment from mid-July through the end of August.

During the offline period, water leaving the plant and entering the water distribution system will be harder than usual. Hard water has higher concentrations of minerals like calcium and/or magnesium. It is not harmful to your health, but over time may cause mineral buildup (scaling) in household plumbing, appliances, and dishware and can prevent soap from foaming. Water service throughout Tonka Bay will be maintained at all times – at no point during the project is it anticipated that residents will be without water.

Notifications of when various functions will be taken offline will be sent by email. Check out the website at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net) and sign up for email notifications.

## Utility Updates

**Want a discount?** If you are over the age of 65, stop by City Hall with your drivers license to receive the senior discount on trash & recycling. The normal base charges are \$37.20 and the discounted rate is \$34.75.

**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.

## Reminders

### **Own a Dog?**

- Be sure to clean up after your dog.
- Bring your dog to the Temporary Dog Park opening July 1st within the Manitou Park Ice Rink!
- Dog licenses are required each year for dogs over 6 months of age. Stop by City Hall with your application, fee of \$20 and proof of rabies vaccination to apply for a dog license and tag! Applications can be found at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net).
- If your dog gets lost, contact South Lake Minnetonka Police Department at 952-258-5321 and City Hall at 952-474-7994.

### **Have you applied for a Recreational Fire Permit?**

Each year, residents are required to apply for a Recreational Fire Permit. Stop in at City Hall or download an application at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net).

## Events in the Community

### **Go For a Swim**

Lifeguards will be on duty at Wekota and Crescent Beaches from June 8th through Sunday, August 11th from 12-5pm, 7 days a week.



### **Temporary Dog Park**

July 1st—September 30th  
Manitou Park Ice Rink  
Tonka Bay

### **Music in the Park**

Thursday, July 25  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
Shalo Lee Band  
Country music, all ages, concession available.  
Freeman Park, 6000 Eureka Rd.  
Shorewood

### **Excelsior Farmers' Market**

Water Street downtown Excelsior  
Every Tuesday 2 PM—6 PM  
May 21—Sept. 24

### **Friends of the Excelsior Library—Book Sale**

Saturday, June 15 9 AM—5 PM  
Monday, June 17 9 AM—4 PM  
Proceeds benefit Hennepin County Library.

### **Fall Clean Up**

The annual Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 21. There is no additional cost for residents to participate.

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4901 Manitou Road  
Tonka Bay, MN 55331

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Tonka Bay residents are encouraged to participate in their city government. City Council meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. Sign up to receive an e-mail with a link to the Council packet at [www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net), "E-mail Subscription Service".

**City Council meeting dates:**

June 11 and 25  
July 9 and 23  
August 13 and 27

**Sign up for e-mail subscriptions on our website and get updates and future newsletters electronically. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CityofTonkaBay/](http://www.facebook.com/CityofTonkaBay/).**

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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)                 | 952.960.1650   |
| 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 |

**Contact Us:**

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|--------------|--------------|
| City Hall    | 952.474.7994 |
| Public Works | 952.474.2947 |
| After Hours  | 612.750.3600 |

**Website**

[www.cityoftonkabay.net](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net)

**Questions?**

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