

TONKA BAY LINK

Summer 2020



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Governor Walz issues Stay Safe MN Plan

In order to minimize the damage of COVID-19, the Stay Safe MN Plan gradually reopens Minnesota's economy through four phases. The third phase began on June 10th and includes the limited reopening of businesses and allows for small gatherings. Social distancing and proper safety practices should be followed during all phases. More information can be found on the Minnesota Department of Health's website mn.gov/covid19.

City Hall has reopened

City Hall is open to the public with a limit of one person in the lobby at a time to practice social distancing. City officials will communicate any significant City-related status updates as they happen on the City of Tonka Bay website. Please stay healthy.

Election Updates

The 2020 primary and general elections are approaching, and you have options to exercise your right to vote during the pandemic. Hennepin County is encouraging residents to vote via absentee balloting to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect our voters and election judges. Absentee ballot applications can be found on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>. Polling places will be open as normal and voters are asked to practice social distancing on election day.

Running for City Council

We encourage you to get involved in your city by running for City Council. Candidate filing opens July 28. For more information, visit cityoftonkabay.net/elections. This year the Mayor and two Councilmember positions are being voted on.

Important Recycling & Waste Updates

Trash pickup is every Monday and recycling is every other week, also on Mondays (accepting cart contents only at the moment). Yard waste is every week through November, weather pending. Please have your carts out by 7am.

Call Republic Services at 952-941-5174 for bulk pickup for a fee. You will have to set up a personal account with Republic Services because it is not part of your regular service.

Census 2020

You count: Take the census in order to secure accurate funding for Minnesota and our community. 2020census.gov or 844-330-2020.

Dog Park

The dog park is back for year two. We hope to see you and your dog there this summer at the Manitou Park ice rink. Please remember to clean up after your dog and have a great time.

Beaches

Crescent Beach and Wekota Beach are open to the public! Lifeguards are on duty from 12pm-5pm every day until August 16.

Tree Trimming

If trees in the right of way near your yard are blocking signs or traffic visibility, please trim, especially the low hanging branches.

Fire Permits

Do you have your required Recreational Fire Permit for 2020? Download an application at cityoftonkabay.net and email to info@cityoftonkabay.net.

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Public Works Reminders

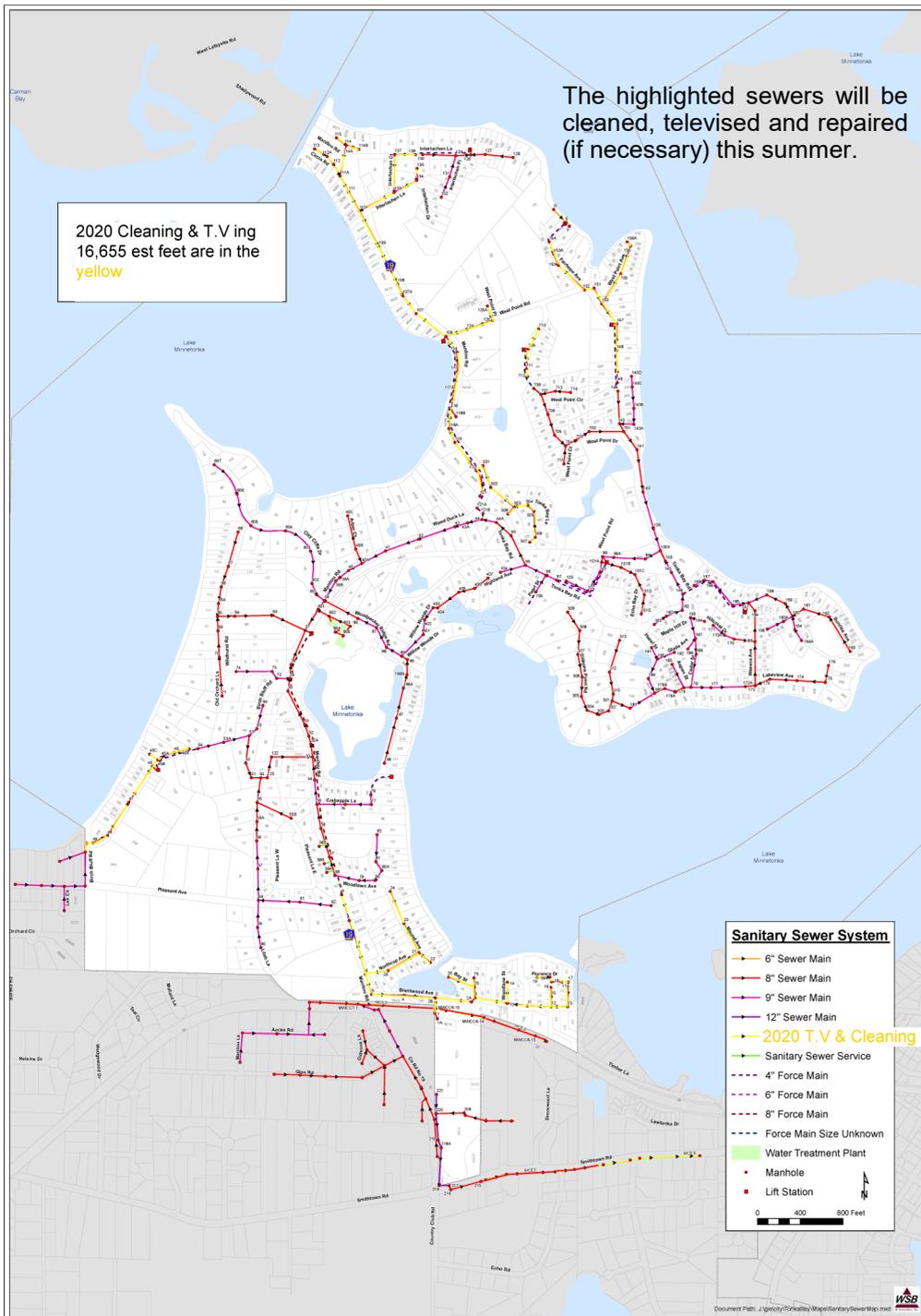
Public Works Department Summer Hours

Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Public Works Department hours are Monday through Thursday: 6am—3pm and Friday: 6am—10am. If there is a public works emergency after hours, please call 612-750-3600.

Public Works Summer Projects

The Public Works Department will be completing a variety of tasks this summer including:

- ◇ 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 | Brush Removal
- ◇ Closing beaches on Sunday, August 16 (last day beaches will have a lifeguard).
- ◇ Patching potholes | Lift station inspections



Online Utility Payments Receiving late fees? Never want to write another check?

We have the program for you. For \$4 a year, never think about utility payments again with autopay online.

How does it work? There are three ways to pay:

1. Visit www.CityofTonkaBay.net under the "Resident" tab and click Utility Payments
2. Download PSN payments from App Store™ or Google Play™
3. Call 877-885-7968 (toll free)

Once you create an online account, automatic payments can be set up (be sure to select QUARTERLY) 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).

Utility Reminder

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

2019 Annual Consumer Confidence Report

The CCR related to drinking water can be found here: <https://www.cityoftonkabay.net/ccr> or by calling City Hall at 952-474-7994.

2020 Election Updates

During this unprecedented time of a global pandemic elections may look different than regular years but the city, county and state are working hard to ensure that residents have the same resources to safely exercise their right to vote. Hennepin County is encouraging residents to vote absentee in order to limit the number of people in polling places on election day and keep both voters and election judges safe. Absentee ballots for both the primary and the general elections can be ordered now online at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>.

The same options to vote in person will be available, but lines may be longer on election day because we will be practicing social distancing. If you chose to come to the polls please wear a face covering if you are able and abide by social distancing and health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Important Dates for Election Season

- 6/26– Absentee voting period for primaries begins*
- 7/28-8/11– Candidate filing period for general elections
- 8/4-8/10– Direct Balloting period for primaries
- 8/11– Primary election day
- 9/18– Absentee voting period begins for general elections*
- 10/27-11/2– Direct Balloting period for general elections
- 11/3– General Election day



*Absentee ballots for the Primary must be postmarked by Election Day and arrive within two days of election day to Hennepin County. Make sure to give yourself enough time to complete and return the ballot. The status of your ballot can be tracked at mnvotes.org

Local Events

Looking for a local event to add to your summer schedule? The City of Shorewood is hosting several fun activities this summer:

- Movie in the Park Friday, August 28th at dusk at Freeman Park the movie is Back to the Future
- Safety Camp for kids entering grades 3-5 on Wednesday, August 12 from 8:15 to 3:30

Check ci.shorewood.mn.us/parks for COVID-19 related changes.

Neighborhood Relations

Whether a neighbor has let out their barking dog in the early morning or keeps an unsightly yard, certain issues seem to drive a wedge between otherwise friendly people. The City of Tonka Bay has ordinances to protect overall community safety and health, covering such issues as noise, weeds, junk storage, etc. However, when it comes to matters of taste or preference, there are neighborly ways to resolve it.

Be Understanding. It helps to forge good relations with neighbors before problems arise. If you think one of your neighbors has difficulty with certain tasks because of age or disability, offer resources and/or assistance.

Do not be so quick to judge your neighbors' faults that you forget to examine your own. You may have habits that irritate them. Walk around your house, garage or shed – look at your property from an outsider's perspective. You may discover unsightly items in your own yard.

Attempt to Resolve the Problem. Remember that most people do not purposely try to annoy their neighbors. When approaching a neighbor about a complaint, speak calmly and stick to the facts. Avoid making offensive, personal comments. Offer a solution. If your neighbor approaches you with a legitimate complaint – listen and be open to their concerns. If you are not able to reach an agreement, inform the City of your complaint if it is a violation of a City ordinance.

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 19, 2020**. All trash items must be at the curb before 7am (Recycling will be collected on Monday, September 21.)

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 and where to take them:

- For large pieces of furniture, large appliances, and electronics call Republic Services at 952-941-5174 for special pickup.
- Hennepin County Drop-Off Centers or Carver County Environmental Center will take: large appliances, fluorescent light bulbs, paint or other hazardous items, tires (fee), computers, TV's (call beforehand to verify availability during COVID-19).

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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City Council Meetings via Zoom

Mayor Gerry De La Vega signed a statement and declaration allowing City Meetings to be held via telephone or electronic means because it is not prudent to hold the meetings in person. The State Statute section authorizing this action is 13D.021. All regularly-scheduled meetings will be occurring via Zoom per the Mayor's declaration until further notice. Please feel free to reach out to staff with any questions.

City Council meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month with the exception of the first meeting in August which will be held on Wednesday 8/12 due to primary elections. Additional information related to any meetings that may be televised due to COVID-19 will be posted at cityoftonkabay.net.

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

July 14 & 28

August 12 & 25

September 8 & 22

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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
Hennepin County Dispatch (non-emergency)	952-258-5321
Xcel Energy Service	1.800.895.4999

Contact Us:

City Hall	952.474.7994
Public Works	952.474.2947
After Hours	612.750.3600

Website

www.cityoftonkabay.net

Questions?

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