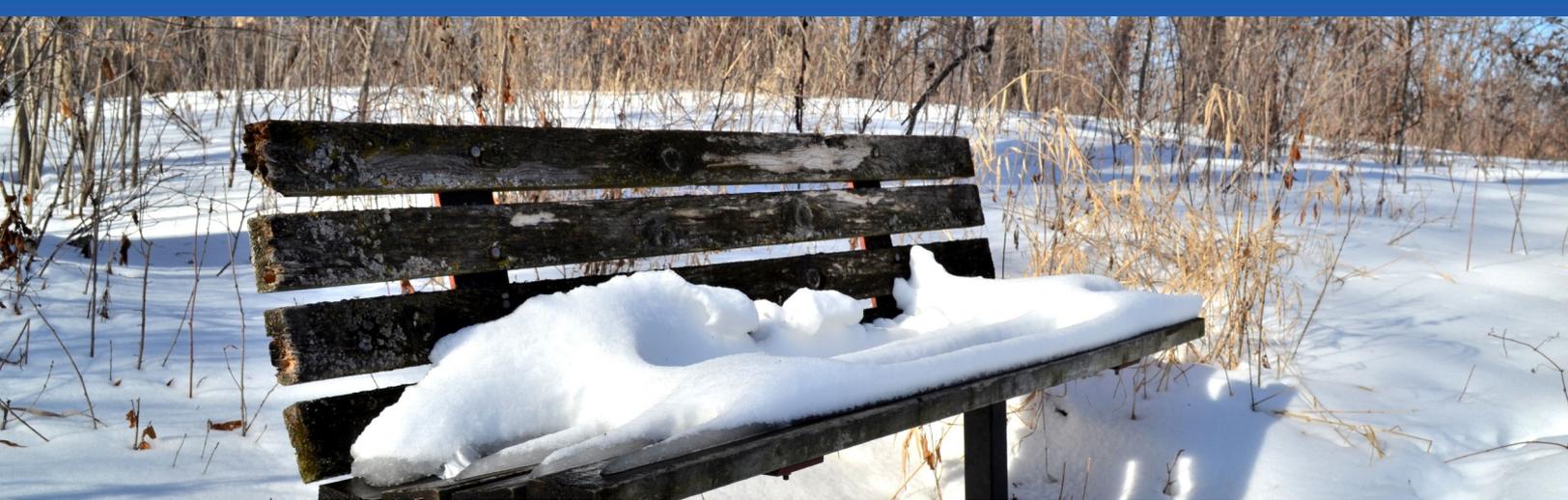


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Winter 2020



## Catching the Arctic Fever!

The weekend of January 17-19, 2020 the cities of Shorewood, Tonka Bay and Excelsior will celebrate Arctic Fever! What began on a Saturday in January as a day of sleigh rides and ice rink games in three parks has grown to a 4-day Winter Festival for the entire family.

Tonka Bay's activities will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2019 at Manitou Park. Stop by to roast a marshmallow, skate around the rink and meet your neighbors.

### Manitou Park Schedule

Saturday, January 18th from 1- 4pm or as noted

- Human Bowling, Skating, Photo Board
  - Bonfire and S'mores
  - SLMPD ATV demo 1-2 p.m.
  - Snowshoeing 2-3:30 p.m.
  - HCSO k9 team 2:30-3:30 p.m.
  - Arctic Bowling, 1:30-6 p.m

Country Club Lanes, Reservations: 952.474.5959;  
Free massages. ICA food donations accepted.

To learn more, go to [www.arcticfever.net](http://www.arcticfever.net). There are rumors that Olaf will even visit!

Are you interested in helping with Arctic Fever? This is a great opportunity for those looking to become active in Tonka Bay or to fulfill volunteer hours. *Please contact Oksana at 952-474-7994 or [omaher@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:omaher@cityoftonkabay.net) to volunteer or for more information.*

Thank you to our sponsors!



## Elections



### Important Election Dates:

Presidential Primary: March 3

Primary Election: August 11

General Election: November 3

\*AB voting begins 46 days prior to each election.

### Am I registered to vote?

Visit this Secretary of State web-site to find out:

[mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx](http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx).

### Where do I vote?

Tonka Bay City Hall, 4901 Manitou Road between 7am and 8pm on election days.

### Where can I request an absentee ballot to be mailed to me?

<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting>

## Recycling Tips

Can you find the 5 recycling tips hidden (seriously, we hid them) throughout the newsletter?

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## Public Works News

### Need to Know Snow Operations

- Snow removal operations begin when accumulated snow measures 2 inches or more.
- A typical 3 inch snowfall may take up to 3 to 4 hours to plow.
  - Although our crews are careful, snow plowing may occasionally cause property damage. *Please report any damage to the Public Works Department at 952-474-2947.*



### Put Snow in its Place

Tonka Bay's Public Works crew would like to remind everyone that it is against the law to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street. This also includes the ditch and right-of-way (ROW).

Violations are punishable as a misdemeanor. If the snow creates a hazard, the civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who moved the snow.

### Snow Fort Alert

Parents, please make sure your child's snow fort is set well back from the street and driveway. It is dangerous to build snow forts in the mound of snow left by plowing, since plow drivers cannot see the children in the fort.

#RecyclingTip: Many products are made out of a combination of materials, and although that's good for some things, it isn't good for recycling. In fact, one common reason items can't be recycled is because they are "mixed" materials. In order for the recycling process to work effectively and affordably, items need to be separated at home so they can be properly sorted at the facility.

### Tree Pruning

November - March is a great time to prune trees that are growing along the road right-of-way (ROW). We request that you regularly trim shrubs/hedges near the road to maintain aesthetics and help keep the ROW cleared. Doing this will help ensure that natural areas alongside the road do not block intersection sightlines or signs.

### Winter Access to Lake Minnetonka using the Fire Lanes

All accessible fire lanes in the City of Tonka Bay allow pedestrian access.

Snowmobiles may access the lake by using the following fire lanes; Interlachen (Manitou Rd), North Waseca (Lakeview Ave), South Waseca (Lakeview Ave), Woodpecker Ridge Rd. (north end) and Bay St.

Vehicles may access the lake by using the North Waseca (Lakeview Ave), Woodpecker Ridge Rd. (north end) and Bay St. fire lanes.

Parking on or adjacent to any fire lane is prohibited. Fire lanes may be used from 7am. to 11pm. The speed limit through fire lanes is 10mph.

Check out the website for more information and a map of all the fire lanes.

### Tree Sale

Tonka Bay is participating in a tree sale program where residents can purchase trees at reduced rates! This is the inaugural year and there are only 25 trees available. Want to purchase a tree?

Email [info@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:info@cityoftonkabay.net) and we will send you the options. Tree prices range from approx. \$80 to \$120.

### Manitou Park Ice Rink

Weather permitting, the rink will open December 28 and go through February 24. Hours: weekdays 4-8pm; weekends 12-8pm. Closed New Year's Day.



### Fire Hydrants

The Public Works Department and the Excelsior Fire Department ask residents to help keep fire hydrants clear of ice and snow. It's important to clear a minimum of three feet around the hydrant to give the Fire Department room to work. If a hydrant is lost or buried in snow, firefighters can lose valuable time trying to locate it when they first arrive at a fire.

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#RecyclingTip: Keep your recyclables dry—less than a teaspoon of liquid.

## Utilities

**Billing:** Utilities will be billed in early January and due February 1.

### 2020 Rates

Rates for water, garbage/recycling and storm drain will stay constant in 2020. Rates can be reviewed on [cityof-tonkabay.net](http://cityof-tonkabay.net) under Government/Utilities.

Due to Met Council raising sewer flow rates, Council is changing the Tonka Bay sewer rates to the following. ➡

Sewer Rates	
Residential & Commercial Standard Flat Rate	\$137.50
Residential Usage Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)	
0-9,999 gallons	\$0.50
10,000-30,999 gallons	\$1.25
31,000-45,999 gallons	\$2.00
46,000+ gallons	\$2.75
Commercial Usage Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)	
0-9,999 gallons	\$0.50
10,000+ gallons	\$5.00

### Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) brings together 14 different cities, two counties, and many state and local agencies to protect, preserve and enhance Lake Minnetonka's environment, economy and vitality. We are one, uniform, coordinating body that cares for and regulates one of Minnesota's most important resources in a way that is consistent across all jurisdictions, representing all stakeholders. Lake Minnetonka is a unique asset requiring unique governance.

The LMCD is currently focusing on the development of a plan to address Lake Minnetonka Vegetation and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). This plan will address dynamic lake management activities needed to preserve and enhance the lake's ecological balance, recreational experience, and economic value. Another current initiative is to look at ways to reduce the risk of illnesses at mass gatherings, such as the July 4, 2019 illness outbreak at Big Island. The LMCD is working with Hennepin County to review public health and safety measures.

Look for the LMCD's Summer and Winter Rules brochures to help keep the lake safe whether you are on the water or the ice.

For more information or to download the Winter Rules, visit: [www.lmcd.org](http://www.lmcd.org) or call 952-745-0789.

### Did you know?

Never recycle anything smaller than a credit card as it may jam the sorting equipment. #RecyclingTip



### Street Light Out?

Report it to Excel Energy on their website at [xcelenergy.com/outages\\_and\\_emergencies](http://xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies). (Public works does not fix these.)

## Reminders

### 2020 Census

We are entering a census year. You may wonder, is the census important? Yes! The census guides federal spending in local communities and data helps plan roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers and emergency services. It also determines state seat numbers in the U.S. House of Representatives and districts for state government.

**Want to be part of the action?** U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting Census Takers. Find more information at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).

### Book Sale

Friends of the Excelsior Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, March 14 from 9am to 5pm and Monday, March 16 from 9am to 4pm. Donations will be accepted March 2 through March 12 at the Excelsior Library during normal library hours; Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm, and Tuesday and Thursday 12pm to 8pm. Please no textbooks, magazines, VHS or phonograph records. Proceeds benefit the Excelsior Library.



## Local Government

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 7pm. 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 Council packets are available at City Hall or found on the website the Thursday before every meeting. Also, #RecyclingTip: If you can push your finger through plastic, it can't be recycled as it would get tangled in the sorting machinery.

**City Council meeting dates:** January 14 & 28  
February 11 & 25  
March 10 & 24

**City Hall will be closed on:**  
January 20  
February 17

### Hosting an Airbnb?

Tonka Bay Ordinance Section 425 requires a short term license to rent your property IF the rentals are for less than 30 consecutive days at a time. Events are not allowed to be hosted by transient guests on the premises. The licenses are non-transferrable and valid for two years, expiring Dec. 31 of odd numbered years. Visit [cityoftonkabay.net/str](http://cityoftonkabay.net/str) to fill out an application and review the ordinance.



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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
#RecyclingTip: If your recycling container smells, it's contaminated. Remove the waste and rinse out the bin.	
South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (non-emergency)	952.250.5321
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](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net)

### Questions?

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