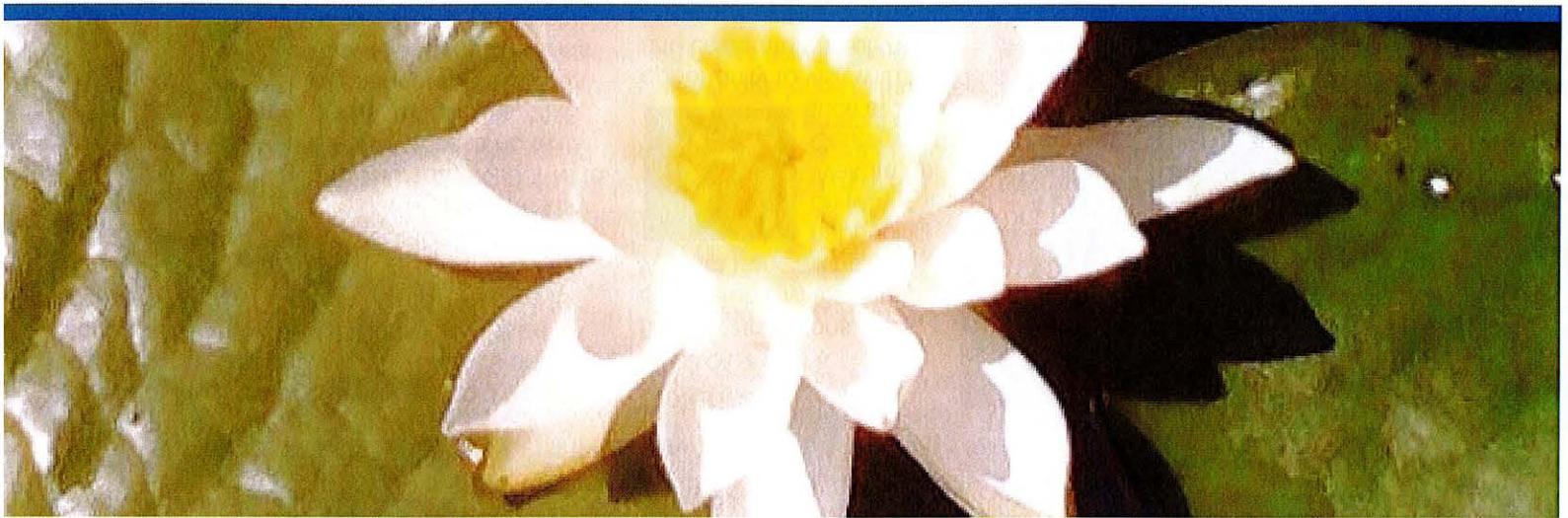


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## Property Valuation Notice

When you review your property valuation notice, please note that your property tax is determined by the following four factors:

1. The amount of money spent by local taxing jurisdictions.
2. The impact of the market value exclusion credit.
3. The taxable market value of your property.
4. Your property classification.

If you disagree with the third or fourth factor, then you may appeal your property value and/or classification with the Board of Appeal and Equalization. By law, only objections to the property value and property classifications for the 2019 values for taxes payable in 2020 will be addressed. The Board will not discuss your current property taxes.

What should you do if you believe the estimated property value or classification of your property is higher than other comparable properties?

### Step 1 – Discuss this information with the City Assessor

If you believe that the estimated market value and/or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact Rolf Erickson, City Assessor, at 763-473-3978 or [info@swassessing.com](mailto:info@swassessing.com). He may be able to answer your questions without requiring your presence at the Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting.

### Step 2 – Attend Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting

After discussing your property value and/or classification with the City Assessor and you still disagree, you have the option to present evidence in support of your appeal at the Tonka Bay Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. The Tonka Bay Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held on **Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** at Tonka Bay City Hall. Remember that the property owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the determined property value and/or classification is not fair and equitable.

Residents will be notified of the Board's decision after the meeting. The Board may decide to hold a reconvened meeting for the purpose of considering the appeals presented on April 22. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

Generally, you must appeal to the Tonka Bay Board prior to appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

## Important Public Safety Tips

Below is a list of safety tips for when you are out enjoying what Tonka Bay has to offer.

- Obey all traffic signs and rules;
- Watch out for cars backing out of driveways;
- Look both ways before crossing a street;
- When crossing a street, make eye contact with driver to make sure they see you;
- Stay aware and alert of your surroundings, you have to be able to hear what's going on around you, so avoid using ear phones, turn down the volume, or only use one earpiece;
- Travel in pairs if possible and/or inform someone else of the route you'll be taking and when to expect you home;
- Wear retro-reflective attire at dawn, dusk, night, or when visibility is limited;
- If you have a medical condition wear a medical necklace or bracelet;
- Carry some form of identification.

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## Public Works News

### Information about Stormwater:

#### What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. It is critical to allow clean stormwater runoff to soak into the ground to replenish drinking water supplies. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.



#### Why is stormwater a threat to drinking water supplies?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and carry them into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

The City is working cooperatively with homeowners to implement stormwater preventive measures to help protect drinking water supplies. Treating drinking water is becoming increasingly expensive so keeping groundwater and surface waters clean saves money and keeps you safe and healthy.

#### What can you do to help protect drinking water supplies?

- Check vehicles for leaks and spills. Clean up spills with absorbent material such as kitty litter or sand. Don't rinse spills into a nearby storm drain.
- Recycle used oil at participating service stations.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas.
- Recycle yard waste when possible.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent them from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer and pesticides.
- Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day.
- Remember to pick up after your pet and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.



- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.

- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard.
- Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

For more information, check out the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's website at [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us).

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## Utility Changes

**Effective April 1, 2019, there will no longer be a part-time resident discount given for garbage and recycling services.** If you are a senior (age 65+), please provide proof of age to receive the discounted senior rate of \$34.75 for garbage. Please contact Carol Spoerner, Financial Coordinator/Utility Billing Clerk, at 952-474-7994 or [cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:cspoerner@cityoftonkabay.net) with any questions.

### Coming soon: Electronic Utility eBills/ePay!

It is anticipated that the first electronic billing will commence with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billing cycle. Prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter utility bill being sent out in the beginning of July, the City will collect names and email addresses of those who elect to electronically receive and pay their utility bill online. A fee is incurred if the utility bill is paid electronically. All future information will be posted to the website, Facebook and emailed. To signup for email, please visit [www.cityoftonkabay.net/emails](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net/emails).

### Water Rate Increase

When you receive your 2019 Quarter 1 utility bill in early April, you may notice an increase in water fees. The chart to the left lists the water fees that the City Council approved at the January 8th Council meeting.

### Tenant Moving

Call with your tenants' moving information and arrangements can be made for a prorated utility bill.

### Sold your home

Schedule a final water meter reading.

MN Water Testing Fee	\$1.59
Residential & Commercial Standard Flat Rate	\$57.00
0-15,999 gallons	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons
16,000-30,999 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons
31,000-45,999 gallons	\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons
More than 46,000 gallons	\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons

### Book Sale

Friends of the Excelsior Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, March 16, 2019 and Monday, March 18, 2019. Donations will be accepted March 1 through March 14 at the Excelsior Library during normal library hours; Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00AM to 5:00PM, and Tuesday and Thursday 12:00PM to 8:00PM. Please no textbooks, magazines, VHS or phonograph records. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Hennepin County Library.



### Celebrate Wekota Park

Eagles and falcons and osprey, oh my! Celebrate Wekota Park will be



happening on May 4 from 1 – 4 PM in Wekota Park. The Raptor Center will make an appearance at 2:00 PM. This a great opportunity to visit with friends and family and celebrate one of the City's great parks!



## Sign Regulations

Garage/yard sale signs and real estate signs are not allowed in any public right-of-way. Public Works staff will remove any sign in the public right-of-way.

Garage/yard sale signs can be no bigger



than four square feet and must be removed two days after the sale.

Real estate signs can be no bigger than six square feet, unless a permit has been issued. Only one sign is allowed per lot and the sign shall not be illuminated.

More information can be found in Ordinance Section 330: Signs and Outdoor Advertising.

## Beaches Open June 9



Lifeguards will be on duty at Wekota and Crescent beaches beginning June 9 through August 11 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, including weekends.

## Fall Clean-Up

The annual fall clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2019. Further information will follow in the Fall newsletter and in emails sent by the City. Don't receive City emails? No worries, signup at [www.cityoftonkabay.net/emails](http://www.cityoftonkabay.net/emails).

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](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:

March 12 and 26

April 9 and 23

May 14 and 28

June 11 and 25

**1st Quarter Utilities will be billed in early April and due May 1.**

**2nd Quarter Utilities will be billed in early July and due August 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)	952.250.5321
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

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### Questions?

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