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City of Victoria

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City of Victoria and District 112 Partnership

The Victoria City Council and Independent School District 112 are pleased to announce that they have created a Joint Powers Agreement that will give Chanhassen High School home ice for its hockey program when it opens in 2009-2010. The 25 year Agreement carries a renewal option to extend it at the end of the initial term.

The City of Victoria will continue to manage and offer recreational services such as the gymnasium, walking track, fitness center and programming at the Field House. Mayor

Mary Hershberger Thun said, "This partnership serves as an efficient and cost effective way to address the needs of both the City of Victoria and District 112. The Victoria Field House will continue to be an important part of Victoria's recreational activities far into the future."

Under the agreement, District 112 will operate the ice arena and will lease land adjacent to the Field House to build a second sheet of ice, as well. District 112 will manage the ice facilities, concession stands and retain all revenues associated

with these services in exchange for an annual rental payment of \$125,000 per year. District 112 will also pay an annual Operations Fee of \$275,000. Both of these fees will be automatically increased by 2% per year over the term of the Agreement. During 2008, the City and District 112 will be working together to implement all of the associated tasks that need to be completed prior to the Agreement starting date of January 1, 2009.

Snowmobile Operation Prohibited in CBD

At the November 8th City Council meeting, an ordinance was adopted prohibiting snowmobile operation in the Central Business District in Victoria. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any street, roadway or alley within the city at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour, except that no snowmobile may be operated on Victoria Drive between Stieger Lake Lane and Arboretum Blvd, or any street in the Central Business District of Victoria. If you have any

questions, please contact the City of Victoria at 952-443-4210.

Snowmobile operation is prohibited on the LRT Trail leading into Victoria.

Snowmobiling on the LRT Trail into Victoria has been prohibited since 2006. The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) owns these corridors and has established a policy banning snowmobiles on the trail. If you have any questions, please

contact the HCRRA at 612-348-9260.

Snowmobile operation is prohibited on the trail through the Carver Park Reserve.

The trail through the Carver Park Reserve from County Road 11 to Stieger Lake Lane is closed to snowmobile traffic by the Three Rivers Park District. Therefore, access to the Victoria downtown area via the LRT and Carver Park Trail from Chanhassen and Waconia is now prohibited.

City Properties for Sale:

The City of Victoria currently has three properties for redevelopment in downtown Victoria. The addresses of the properties are 7962 Victoria Drive, 7970 Quamoelit Street and 7984 Quamoelit Street. The properties currently have structures that would most likely need to be demolished. The City will accept proposals for these properties. If you have questions, or would like more details on the properties, please contact the Planning Department at (952) 443-4210 or email Holly Kreft, Community Development Director at hkreft@ci.victoria.mn.us.



21st Annual Fishing Contest on Stieger Lake February 3, 2008 12:30-2:30 P.M.

The Victoria Fire Relief Association will be hosting their 21st Annual Fishing Contest on Stieger Lake, on February 3, 2008 from 12:30 ~ 2:30 p.m. Attending the fishing Contest is a great way to show your support to the individuals who volunteer their time to help protect the lives and property of the community.

Victoria Field House Celebrates its 5th Anniversary!

The Victoria Field House celebrates its 5th Anniversary in March 2008!

Help us celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Victoria Field House the week of March 24th through March 30th, 2008. Mark your calendars as we will be celebrating throughout the week with special programs and events for everyone to enjoy. Stop in for coffee, a tour of the facility or sign up for one the events we have scheduled during the week. More information will be posted on the City website in February.

Become a Member of the Victoria Field House!

Get in Gear—winter is a great time to invigorate your body and set the tone for the coming months. The Victoria Field House offers memberships and daily passes for those interested in healthy choices for themselves and family memberships. The Field House offers recreation and fitness programs throughout the year, as well as use of the gymnasium, weight and fitness center, walking track and ice arena. There are a variety of membership options to suit every need. Come in for a visit and see the facilities and program offerings. We are currently offering \$5, \$10 and \$15 coupons off memberships if you join before April 30th. For more information contact the Field House at 952-443-4255.

Acorn House available for meetings, birthday parties and more.

Hold your event in the Acorn House, which is located right next to the Field House. Facilities available include a meeting room, kitchen and a large gathering area. Please visit our website at www.ci.victoria.mn.us for more information on rental costs or contact the Field House at 952-443-4255.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE FIELD HOUSE

January 21st 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Mobile

For more information or to make an appointment please call Wendy at 952-443-2531 or Kathy at 952-443-2088.

February 23rd 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Victoria Community Expo

For more information, please visit the Victoria's Chamber of Commerce website at www.victoria-chamber.org.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS IN THE FIELD HOUSE

Hockey games are open to the public and are a fun and exciting event for the whole family!

Admission Prices:

Adults \$5.00 Students (6-18) \$3.00 Senior (62 & over) \$3.00 Children 3 and under are free

Holy Family Boys Hockey Game times; JV—5:00 p.m. Varsity—7:00 p.m.

January 25th vs. Litchfield Dragons

February 4th vs. Minnehaha Academy Red Hawks

February 5th vs. St. Cloud Cathedral Crusaders

February 15th vs. New Ulm Eagles

February 16th vs. Owatonna Huskies

Holy Family Girls Hockey

January 18th vs. Mound Westonka White Hawks 5:00 p.m.

February 1st vs. Spring Lake Park Panthers 5:00 p.m.

Victoria Field House



New Water and Sewer Rate Structures

On December 3, 2007, the City Council adopted a Resolution adjusting the water rate structure. The purpose of the water rate adjustment is to promote water conservation. A “seasonal” or progressive rate structure such as this encourages water conservation, as required by the Department of Natural Resources, of growing communities. Note that water rates have not been increased since 2005. The water rates will have an Off-Season rate structure (October 1st thru March 31st) which will have a minimum charge of \$32.16 per quarter, up to 3,000 gallons of water usage, with a charge of \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons of water over 3,000 gallons. The In-Season rate structure (April 1st thru September 30th) will be \$32.16 per quarter up to 3,000 gallons of water usage, plus the additional usage charges listed on the chart below.

Minimum Usage*	Maximum Usage*	Minimum Quarterly Bill*	Cost per 1000 gallons*
3,000	19,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 2.60
20,000	29,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 2.86
30,000	39,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 3.12
40,000	49,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 3.38
50,000	59,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 3.64
60,000	69,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 3.90
70,000	79,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 4.16
80,000	89,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 4.42
90,000	99,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 4.68
100,000	9,999,999	\$ 32.16	\$ 4.94

On December 3, 2007, the City Council adopted a resolution adjusting the sewer rate structure as well. The base rate for sewer charges will be \$25.99 per quarter plus \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons of water usage based on an average of your 4th quarter and 1st quarter water usage.

These changes in the water and sewer rate structures are effective January 1, 2008 and will appear on your next billing that you receive in early April. Please visit our website at www.ci.victoria.mn.us for further information on how you can conserve water.

City Property Taxes Fund a Variety of Services

As a property owner in the City of Victoria, approximately 37.2% of your local property tax payment in 2008 will go to the City of Victoria to fund the many services. For example, a home with an assessed value of \$400,000 will pay in 2008 approximately \$1,488, or \$124 per month, for the following array of services:

- 24 hour fire and police protection;
- Prompt snowplowing of all city streets;
- Street maintenance, including street sweeping and street lighting;
- Approximately 250 acres of designated park space throughout 27 parks within the present city limits;
- Field House, a recreation facility that includes an ice arena, gymnasium, and fitness center with walking track;
- Park trails and trail maintenance;
- Public tree maintenance;
- Building and zoning code enforcement;
- Dedicated office staff to assist residents and answer questions.

Market Valuation Notices

Concerned about your market value on which your property taxes will be based? Watch for the Market Valuation Notices that will be mailed in March. This notice will reflect the assessed market value in which your property taxes will be based

for the following year, 2009. If you have questions on the market value of your property or how the market value is determined, contact the Carver County Assessor’s office at 952-361-1960.

Walkability Report

Results of the 2007 Walkability Report will be placed on the City’s website. Look for a two-page flyer in your mailbox coming soon. The City was excited to partner with Carver County Public Health to complete this assessment.



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Jim Paulsen (952) 443-2363
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Field House

Field House (952) 443-4255
Hours: 5:30 a.m. ~ 10 p.m. Mon. ~ Fri.
6:00 a.m. ~ 10 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Meeting Schedules

City Council 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
Business Development 5:00 p.m.
4th Wednesday of each month
Finance Committee 7:00 a.m.
4th Tuesday of each month
Park and Recreation 6:30 p.m.
1st Thursday of each month
Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
Senior Commission 8:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday of each month
Comprehensive Plan Task Force
2nd Wednesday of each month at
6:30 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant

City Hall

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