



City of Victoria Newsletter

City of Lakes and Parks

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Victoria Field House

Dear Citizens of Victoria and Field House Members,

Over the last several weeks, there have been many comments - some rumors, some fact - about what the City of Victoria plans to do with our Field House.

It is true that Victoria is exploring partnership(s) with other groups to offer services at the Field House. It is also true that Victoria is exploring ideas for future usage of the Field House. Some of the uses discussed include using parts of the Field House for other purposes, such as for City Offices. However, it is important to remember that we are just discussing options and have made no firm decisions other than to seek out a partner(s). We believe that this is an approach that may, in the future, make our facility one that is both fiscally sound for the City while at the same time, preserve services for the groups and members that currently use the Field House facility.

We have just completed a comprehensive study of the Field House operations, including programming, services, and staffing. We made the decision to implement some of the study's recommendations immediately. One decision was to decrease the staffing level for certain functions. Another decision was to temporarily cease concession stand operations. It is our goal to

find a partner(s) to operate the concession stand by the time the hockey season gets into full swing in October.

Most importantly, classes in the Acorn House and in the Field House will continue to operate as usual. Our Parks and Recreation Department has put together a variety of offerings for winter and we hope that people will avail themselves of these opportunities. For information about these classes, call 952-443-3140.

The bottom line: Victoria continues to operate our Field House. As we define our future plans and services for the facility, we will take every opportunity to keep you informed. Continue to check our web site, www.ci.victoria.mn.us. If you have any questions, please contact David Urbia, Victoria's City Administrator, the Mayor, or any City Council Member. It is our intention to minimize disruptions for people who take part in programs at the Field House during this transition.

Sincerely,

Jerry Bohn, Mayor

David Urbia, Victoria City Administrator



Victoria Field House Fall Specials

Buy a 12-month membership

Get the 13th month FREE!

Expiration: November 15, 2006

Not valid with other offers.

ONE WEEK FREE

TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

Includes:

Fitness Classes & Child Care

Must be redeemed by Nov. 15, 2006

Existing Members :

Refer a new member receive 1-month FREE.

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New Director of Planning Hired

Holly Kreft, Victoria's new Planning Director, arrived here via Belle Plaine almost one month ago. Holly has over 5 years of experience as the Planning Director in Belle Plaine, MN and has a degree in Geology from North Dakota State University. Holly has been busy this month, learning all about Victoria and our developments already underway. One of her prime responsibilities next year will be overseeing the updates of Victoria's Comprehensive Plan. Victoria is lucky that we could attract someone of Holly's caliber! Welcome to Victoria Holly!

Downtown Feasibility Study

The City of Victoria has authorized TKDA, Inc., the City Engineering Consultant to prepare a Feasibility Report for Phase II for Downtown Redevelopment. The Feasibility Report will address street, drainage and utility improvements within the downtown area. The report will determine the feasibility and associated costs for street and utility reconstruction, storm sewer improvements, on-street parking layout, identification for off-street parking opportunities and streetscape amenities. Included in the study is the extension or reconstruction of Tower Boulevard (Victoria Drive to Quamoclit Street), Quamoclit Street, (Trunk Highway 5 to Steiger Lake Lane), Steiger Lake Lane, (Quamoclit to Trunk Highway 5), and Commercial Drive (Quamoclit Street to Trunk Highway 5). The report will also include two alternative street alignments, one with the current alignment of Steiger Lake Lane from Victoria Drive to Quamoclit Street remaining in place and one alignment with this street section removed. Two separate sights will also be evaluated to determine the feasibility of structured parking. The findings of this report will be presented to the City Council in October.

Central Business District Expansion

The City of Victoria has obtained approximately 13.5 acres of land from the Three Rivers Park District located in the northeast corner of County Road 11 and Highway 5. The City is swapping land it purchased from the former Mid-American Baptist Social Service Corporation group home site. The City has sent a Request for Qualifications to metro development firms, and conducted a walk-through of the property on September 6, 2006. The proposals are due on September 29, 2006, and the City is looking forward to partnering with a developer to carry out its vision of this property. As part of the land swap, a street and walking trail will be constructed between the development property and the remaining property to the north. For questions or concerns on the project, please contact David Urbia, City Administrator, at 952-443-2363.

2030 Comprehensive Plan

What will the City of Victoria look like in 2030? Where will the development be located, and what open spaces will be preserved? These are some of the questions the City of Victoria will be considering as we start our 2030 Comprehensive Plan. All metro communities are required to have their plans adopted by the end of 2008. The City of Victoria is in the process of selecting a planning consulting firm to assist with this project. An important component of this project will be public involvement and input. If you would be interested in serving on a Task Force, please contact Holly Kreft, Director of Planning at 952-443-2363.

Truth in Taxation Hearing

The City of Victoria City Council will hold a public hearing on the City's budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2007. All Victoria Residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2007 property taxes. Residents are invited to submit written comments to City Hall.

The hearing will be held on:

Monday, December 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 7951 Rose Street, Victoria, MN 55386.

Halloween Party



HALLOWEEN PARTY

For kids, parents, and goblins



WHEN: Tuesday, October 31 6:30 P.M. To 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Victoria Field House, 8475 Kochia Lane

The event will be sponsored by the Victoria Lions Club and the Victoria Parks and Recreation Department. Activities will include: games, treats, prizes, and jumping castles. CAP Agency food donations will be accepted during the party. For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 443-3140.

Snowmobiles in Victoria

Snowmobiling will no longer be allowed on the LRT trail leading into Victoria. The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) owns these corridors and has established a policy banning snowmobiles on the trail. If you have any question, please contact the HCRRA at 612-348-9260.

2006 Fall Composting Program

The City of Victoria will offer a free compost site for Victoria residents.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, October 21, 2006	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, October 28, 2006	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LOCATION

Victoria Public Works, 1416 Steiger Lake Lane

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Grass clippings and leaves (No Bags)
- Brush less than 4-foot lengths and less than 4-inches in diameter
- Sticks and Branches

For more information, please call City Offices at 952-443-2363.

Carver County Environmental Center

The City of Victoria is offering its residents (5) five \$1.00 coupons to be used towards recycling and composting at the Carver County Environmental Center.

Hours: April through November

Wednesdays	12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays	12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

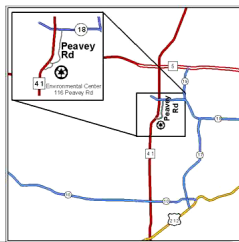
Conveniently located in Chaska off Highway 41.

116 Peavey Road

Chaska, MN 55318.

Phone: 952-361-1835

Or 952-361-1800



\$5.00 Recycling and Composting Coupons (Victoria Residents Only)

May be applied towards any fees at the Carver County Environmental Center, 116 Peavey Road, Chaska, MN 55318, Phone 952-361-1835 or 952-361-1800. Value: \$5. Limited to a total of \$5 per customer. Not redeemable for cash. No change given. For a complete listing of accepted items and fees, log onto: www.co.carver.mn.us/EnviroServices/NewBuilding.asp.

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Committee/Commission Vacancies

The City of Victoria is seeking enthusiastic residents to fill vacancies on the following Committees and Commissions:

Finance Committee	One (1) Vacancy
Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission	One (1) Vacancy
Parks and Recreation Committee	One (1) Vacancy
Planning Commission	Two (2) Vacancies
Senior Commission	Seven (7) Vacancies

Applications are available on-line at www.ci.victoria.mn.us or you can obtain an application by calling (952) 443-2363.

Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2006.

General Election - Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Residents residing north of Highway No. 5 will vote at City Hall and residents residing south of Highway No. 5 will vote at the Victoria Field House.

Winterize Your House

It's time to think about winterizing your house, no matter whether you'll be at home all winter or plan to be away for an extended period. Taking steps to winterize your home will protect your property and save you dollars in heating costs. Helpful hints in winterizing your home:

- Replace furnace filters monthly.
- Have a qualified contractor inspect and adjust the home's furnace to ensure safe and efficient operation.
- Vacuum and clean all intake ducts.
- Replace all batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test them routinely.
- Drain water from outside hose faucets.

That's a start! There may be additional winterizing duties that are important.

Watermain Flushing

Monday, October 2, 2006 through Friday, October 20, 2006

The Victoria Public Works Department will be flushing the watermains throughout the City starting on Monday, October 2, 2006 through Friday, October 20, 2006. The Public Works Department will begin the flushing on the south side of Highway 5 and will work its way to the north. Please call the City Offices at 952-443-2363 if you have any questions.



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Mary Hershberger Thun (952) 470-1212

Rick Tieden (952) 443-3191

City Information

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

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David Urbia, City Administrator (952) 443-2363

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Victoria Field House (952) 443-3140

5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Monday—Friday

6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Meeting Schedules

City Council	2nd & 4th Thursday of each month	6:30 p.m.
Business Development Committee	4th Wednesday of each month	5:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	4th Tuesday of each month	3:30 p.m.
Park & Recreation Committee	1st Thursday of each month	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month	7:00 p.m.
Senior Commission	1st Tuesday of each month	9:00 a.m.