



City of Victoria Newsletter

City of Lakes and Parks

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Smithtown Road Construction

Construction is underway on the Smithtown Road Street, Drainage and Utility Improvement Project. As part of the current project, Smithtown Road is being reconstructed from the northern City limits to the Public Lake access. Improvements include replacement of aging water lines, installation of new storm sewer, installation of concrete curb and gutter and construction of a new street section. A concrete sidewalk is also being installed on the Lake Virginia side of the street along its entire length. Due to the extent of the work, Smithtown Road is only open to local traffic. Any questions on the project may be directed to the City Engineer at (952)443-4222.

Upon completion of these street improvements, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will begin reconstruction of the existing sewer lines that run under Smithtown Road, from TH 7 up to the large culvert between Lake Virginia and Lake Minnetonka. This is the first phase of a major regional interceptor and pumping station improvements by MCES to replace aging facilities and increase regional sanitary sewer capacity needs in Victoria and surrounding communities. In order to construct new gravity sewer lines under the road, the culvert is being replaced, which will result in the road being closed to the through traffic beginning this fall and continuing through the winter. Any questions regarding this portion of work may be directed to MCES at (651)602-1269. After that work is complete, the remainder of Smithtown Road will be reconstructed from TH 7 to just north of the culvert. A sidewalk will also be installed along this segment of Smithtown Road. Work is anticipated to be completed in early spring 2008.

Other City Construction Projects

The draintile installation, reclamation and overlay of Woodstone Drive, Woodstone Court, Woodstone Lane, Woodstone Glen and Smithtown Court is scheduled to occur later this summer. Precise scheduling is not yet available. However, residents will be notified prior to work beginning. Only minor disruptions in traffic are expected as part of this project. In addition, routine maintenance of crack sealing and sealcoating was recently completed on various streets throughout the City. Any questions on these projects may be directed to the City Engineer at (952)443-4222.

2030 Comprehensive Plan

What impact will it have on you?

The Comprehensive Plan Task Force has been meeting monthly to review components of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Up to this point the Task Force has focused on land use, housing and natural resources. The Task Force has also reviewed the results of the recently completed community survey and toured future growth areas.

The Task Force will be hosting two open houses for the public to view the draft land use map and draft components of the Plan. **These open houses are currently scheduled for Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Monday, August 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Look for more draft chapters and information on the city's website under 2008 Comprehensive Plan.**

The Task Force is made up of a number of community residents who applied to be part of this group, representatives from the Planning Commission, Business Development Committee, Senior Commission, City Council and other public groups and the Victoria Planning Department.

If you are interested in learning more about the Plan, or how you can become involved, please contact Holly Kreft, Director of Planning, at (952) 443-4210.

City Administrator Returns

On Tuesday, September 4, Steve Sarvi, Victoria's City Administrator who has been serving our Country in Iraq for over a year, will be returning to work. Thank you, Steve, for your service and commitment and "Welcome Back"! At the same time, we say "good bye" to David Urbia who has been serving as Victoria's Interim City Administrator since fall 2005. Thank you, Dave, for your work on behalf of Victoria. Dave came to us with a lot of past City Administrator experience and we are thankful for your professionalism. We wish Dave the very best in his future.

Call the Victoria Field House for Membership Information and Fitness Programs at (952) 443-4255.

Public Nuisances: Did you know???

Did you know that under **City Code Section 13-35; Weeds and Brush**, residents are required to maintain their lawn, so that grass and weeds do not create a public nuisance? Basically, grass and weeds exceeding twelve inches in height would be considered a violation of this ordinance.

Did you know that **City Code Section 13-38; Environmental pollution**, has to do with your local storm drainage system? The code states that no person shall discharge into any storm drainage system any of the following examples: garbage, pop bottles/cans, rubbish, refuse, trash, construction materials and landscape trimmings, among other things.

Residents should take responsibility for cleaning up their sidewalks, driveways, storm drains, gutters and catch basins.

Anything that enters a storm drain system goes directly to a local pond, lake or river. That includes lawn fertilizers, grass clippings, pet waste and tree leaves and seeds. These are all sources of pollution.

A common cause of lake and river pollution is phosphorus runoff. Phosphorus stimulates the growth of algae in lakes and rivers which crowds out other water plants and reduces the oxygen available to fish. The result is unattractive, foul-smelling water that is bad for fish, wildlife, and humans. Fertilizers and pet waste are two common things that contain phosphorus.

Be a conscientious citizen, be aware of your surroundings help and keep Victoria beautiful.

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.

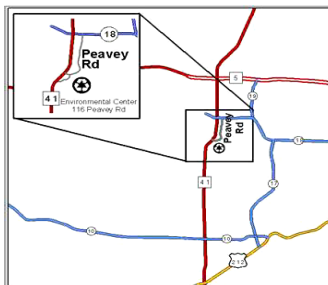
Summer Hours: April through November

- 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

The Environmental Center is conveniently located in Chaska off Highway 41.

116 Peavey Road, Chaska, MN 55318.

Phone: 952-361-1835 or 952-361-1800



Water Conservation Notice

The City of Victoria Water Department would like to remind residents of the City's Odd/Even Watering Ordinance. Every year from May 1st through September 30th the use of the City's water supply system for lawn and garden sprinkling, irrigation, car washing and other non-essential uses is limited to an odd/even schedule corresponding to property addresses. This means that homes with even numbered addresses are allowed to water only on even number calendar days and odd numbered addresses are allowed to water only on odd number calendar days.

The City will be issuing citations for property owners found violating the watering restrictions. For the first violation a warning will be issued, for the second and all subsequent violations, a fine of \$100 per said day of violation will be added to the property owner's quarterly utility bill. Special watering permits will be issued to residents with new seed or sod. Please call City Hall for more information at 952-443-4210.

Water Conservation measures are necessary to protect our natural resources and remain within the City's DNR water usage allocation. Failure to conserve water will result in higher costs for all our residents, so please water responsibly.

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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Weather Watch

Reminder: Outdoor warning sirens are intended to alert people who are outside of approaching severe weather. Indoors, residents are encouraged to listen to TV and radio broadcasts. Outdoor warning sirens will be sounded if severe weather approaches. Please practice emergency plans with your family to ensure their safety in the event of severe weather!

Recreational Fires

Many Residents enjoy backyard campfires. For your safety and that of your neighbors, the following guidelines have been established:

- The fire pit may be no larger than 3 feet x 3 feet x 3 feet.
- A fire pit may be located no closer than 15 feet from any structure.
- Noxious or irritating smoke is not permitted. Fires must be extinguished immediately if this occurs.
- Rubbish may not be burned. Rubbish includes, but is not limited to: hazardous material, household garbage, leaves and vegetation.
- Recreational fires must be attended 100% of the time. Be sure to extinguish fires completely.
- Be aware of burning bans.

Burning permits for fires, other than campfires, must be applied for and approved by the City of Victoria Fire Department. For more information on burning permits, call City Hall at 952-443-4210.

How walkable is your neighborhood?

The City of Victoria is partnering with Carver County Public Health to conduct neighborhood walkability assessments. A walkable community focuses on a safe and convenient environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. The City and County will be training neighborhood representatives on the walking assessments. If you would like to get involved, contact your Homeowner's Association representative or Holly Kreft at City Hall at (952) 443-4210.

National Night Out - August 7th

August 7, 2007 is National Associations of Town Watch (NATW) 24th Annual National Night Out crime prevention event. Over 34 million people, and more than 10,000 communities, will join forces on August 7th to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; safety; and neighborhood unity.

Sign up your neighborhood for a block party now! The City of Victoria's Fire Department and the Carver County Sheriff's Office will be visiting neighborhoods registered to have a block party. Registration forms can be obtained at the Victoria Field House or by calling 952-443-4255. Registration forms are due by July 25, 2007.

Upcoming Events

The **Lions Club Golf Tournament** will be teeing off with a scramble on August 27, 2007 at the Deer Run Golf Course. You can support the Lions' many important causes by playing or sponsoring a hole. You are also invited to get involved with this fine service organization that has done so much for Victoria. For more information, call (952)443-9882.

The **Victoria Chamber of Commerce Volksfest** is coming up on September 22nd. The Volksfest is a daylong, multi-activity community party for residents to gather, and enjoy being part of Victoria. Meet your neighbors—or better yet, bring them with you! Watch for a brochure describing the day's activities. We encourage you to make it a family fun day in downtown Victoria. The Volksfest will start with a 5 K Run plus a Children's Race in the morning and end with dinner and live music in the evening. The day is packed with music, activities, food and fun. All the Chamber needs is for you and your neighbors to make it all come together. For more information, call (952)334-7135 or go to www.victoria-chamber.org.

The two groups listed above have one thing in common: Victoria residents, they are the heart and soul of our community. There are many wonderful opportunities for you to become involved in the various groups and activities found in Victoria. In fact, representatives from the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, School District 112, the City of Victoria's Park and Recreation Department, Fire Department, Business Development Committee and Senior Commission have been working together to come up with a plan to increase the cohesiveness in our community. One thought they have come up with is to develop a community calendar. However, they are looking for thoughts, comments and suggestions on how to make this happen. Please share your thoughts, comments and suggestions with Linda McNulty at City Hall at lmcnulty@ci.victoria.mn.us or call her at (952) 443-4210.

Make your fitness dreams a reality!

At a great price.

Watch for Field House membership coupons in the Fall 2007 Parks & Recreation Brochure. The brochure will be out to all Victoria homes in early August.



Call the Victoria Field House for Membership Information and Fitness Programs at (952) 443-4255.



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Jim Paulsen (952) 443-4210
Kim Roden (952) 443-1866
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City Information

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday
E-mail: info@ci.victoria.mn.us
David Urbia, City Administrator (952) 443-4210
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Victoria Field House (952) 443-4255
5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Monday—Friday
6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Meeting Schedules

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| 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. |
| Comprehensive Plan Task Force | 2nd Wednesday of each month | 6:30 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant |