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## Bike race coming to Victoria

The City of Victoria will be welcoming, on Saturday, June 12, Excelcycle and the first ever Victoria Circuit Race, an on-road bicycle race open to competitors of all skill levels. The race course will be approximately nine miles in length, with different classifications of riders completing varying numbers of laps. The races are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and run through mid-afternoon. Registration, as well as the start and finish of each race, will occur at the Victoria Recreation Center.

The circuit race format used in the race allows for more strategy among racers, more potential for wind and road conditions to play a part in the outcome of the race, and requires fewer road closures than other formats. Additionally, circuit racing provides a more entertaining viewing experience for spectators by running the race through the start and finish area multiple times during each race.

The Victoria Circuit Race is being promoted by Excelcycle of Excelsior and is part of the Minnesota Cycling Federation's Rider of the Year competition. The competition brings out the top cycling talent in Minnesota, making the racing more exciting due to the series points on the line.

Details on the Victoria Circuit Race and the Rider of the Year competition can be found online at [www.mcf.net](http://www.mcf.net). Questions about the race can be directed to Excelcycle online at [www.excelcycle.com](http://www.excelcycle.com), on the phone at 952-474-3180, or in person at the Excelsior store.



## Preparing for an emergency makes sense: Here's how to do it

Emergency preparedness is no longer the sole concern of earthquake prone Californians and those who live in the part of the country known as "Tornado Alley." For Americans, preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being informed, prepared, connected and may make all the difference when seconds count.

Federal, State, Carver County and City of Victoria Governments all have Emergency Preparedness Plans. Does your family? Do you know what to do in case of a black out, extreme heat, pandemic, tornado, blizzard? Being proactive, having a plan and knowing where to get the information you need during an emergency makes sense. Part of Victoria's Emergency Preparedness Plan includes connecting residents with important contacts, links and education to help you and your family.

### 1. Develop a Family Emergency Plan

The first step in Emergency Preparedness is to develop a Family Emergency Plan, including a list of phone numbers for family contacts and other vital information. Do you or does anyone in your home have special needs? Special needs may encompass many things. These special needs should be considered and included in your Family Emergency Plan. Do you have pets? If your family includes four-legged, feathered, finned or other non-human members, make sure they are part of your planning process.

### 2. Get a Kit of Emergency Supplies

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. Consider

two kits. In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to leave.

### 3. Stay Connected

Be prepared to assess the emergency situation and know where to get emergency information to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Think about the places where you and your family members spend time: school, work and other places. Find out how you will communicate with your family if you are not together during an emergency. If you are an employer, be sure you have an emergency preparedness plan and practice it with your employees. Talk to your neighbors about how you and your neighborhood can work together.

[www.readycarver.org](http://www.readycarver.org) is a website for Carver County residents and it provides emergency preparedness information. The website includes information about emergencies that we may face in Carver County and Minnesota, provides resources and information on how to complete a Family Emergency Plan, lists information on how to assemble a kit of emergency supplies and provides residents with the resources on how to get connected and volunteer. Another website that provides a wealth of information is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

Emergencies can happen when we least expect it. Being informed and prepared for the unexpected could make a difference in the outcome. The City of Victoria encourages residents to be part of ReadyCarver.

## 2010 Spring Composting Program set

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

Date	Time
Sat., May 8	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sat., May 15	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location**  
 Victoria Public Works, 1416 Stieger 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 Hall at 443-4210.

## New primary election date for state

Gov. Tim Pawlenty signed a bill that moves the state's primary election to August 10. Previously, primary elections occurred in September.

The new date complies with new federal law designed to allow members of the military and other overseas voters enough time to get ballots in before counting begins.

## Election judges needed

The City of Victoria is seeking election judges.

Election judges are essential to our democracy. Election judges are paid and work in the polling places, administer election procedures and ensure the rights of voters are protected on Election Day.

Serving as an election judge provides an opportunity to learn about the elections process and is a great service to our community. For more information or to sign up to be an election judge, please visit the city's website at [www.ci.victoria.mn.us](http://www.ci.victoria.mn.us) or call Jennifer Kretsch, City Clerk at 952-443-4212.

## National Night Out: Save the date

Let's make this year's National Night Out Event a huge success!

Neighborhoods that register their block party with the City of Victoria have the opportunity of having the Fire Department, Sheriff and Carver County Mounted Posse stop by their event.

This year, National Night Out will occur Tuesday, August 3. Watch for more information on registering your block party.

## Severe weather season reminder

This is the time of year for severe weather. A reminder to all, "outdoor warning sirens" are intended to alert people who are outside of approaching severe weather. These sirens are not intended to alert people who are indoors. Residents are encouraged to purchase a "Weather Alert Radio" for detailed information on weather and listen to television and radio broadcasts for up to date weather information. Outdoor warning sirens will be sounded if severe weather approaches. Please practice emergency plans with your family members to ensure their safety in the event of severe weather.

# Concerts in the Park

This summer's Concerts in the Park Series will feature the best music and entertainment we have ever had. Please join us on six Wednesday nights in July and August for great music and family fun!

Bring your family, lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic!

**July 14**  
**Minnesota Valley Community Band**  
*Variety*  
 In conjunction with the Community Senior Picnic  
 (Call City Hall for picnic information: (952)443-4210.)  
[www.mvcb.org](http://www.mvcb.org)

**July 21**  
**Minneapolis Commodores**  
*Men's a capella Choir*  
 FREE Party Pizza (locally made) available starting at 6:30 p.m. until it's gone.  
[www.minneapoliscommodores.com](http://www.minneapoliscommodores.com)

**6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays**  
**July and August**  
**Lions Community Park**

**July 28**  
**Alison Scott Band**  
*Rock/Pop/Soul*  
 Alison Scott is the strongest new voice to come out of the Minneapolis music scene in years. Recently, she was opening act for Bon Jovi at the Xcel Energy Center. She headlines on week-ends at The Fine Line, The Varsity Theater, The Guthrie Theater and many other venues. With her soulful voice, this is one concert not to miss this summer!  
[www.alisonscott.com](http://www.alisonscott.com)

**August 4**  
**Teddy Bear Band - Kids Day**  
*Children's Music*  
 FREE hot dogs for the first 100 kids, FREE balloons by ABC Chiropractic and Face Painting by Sneaky the Clown.  
[www.teddybearband.com](http://www.teddybearband.com)

**August 11**  
**Galactic Cowboy Orchestra**  
*Blue grass w/ Jazz*  
 GCO is a unique and powerful ensemble that mixes bluegrass with jazz.  
[www.galacticcowboyorchestra.com](http://www.galacticcowboyorchestra.com)

**August 18**  
**Brady's Big Band**  
*Musical mosaics from the '30s to '80s*  
 FREE popsicles for the first 100 concert-goers.  
[www.bradysbigband.com](http://www.bradysbigband.com)  
*Seeking sponsorships/donations for concerts in the park. Please call Ann or Holly if interested at 952-443-4255.*

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## Watering restrictions in effect May 1 through September 30

Do you know that less than one percent of Earth's water can be used by humans? The rest is salt water or permanently frozen and we can't drink it, wash with it or use it to water plants.

With that statistic in mind, consider this: Running a sprinkler for two hours can use up to 500 gallons of water, according to the Minnesota Rural Water Association.

The hot dry days of spring and summer will soon be here, and the City of Victoria supports and encourages water conservation. The odd/even and time of day watering restrictions are in effect from May 1 through September 30. Below is a summary of the watering restrictions:

- **Odd/Even Conservation.** If your property address is an even number, irrigation can take place on even numbered days. If your property address is an odd number, irrigation can take place on odd numbered days.
- **Time of Day Conservation.** No person shall irrigate using the public water supply between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Water evaporation occurs the most during the hottest hours of the day.
- **Rain Sensors.** All new commercial, industrial, institutional and residential irrigation systems must install rain sensors. The rain sensors will prohibit the irrigation system from running during times of adequate rainfall and ground moisture.
- **Watering ban.** The City may issue a total watering ban if it is determined that a shortage of water threatens the City's water supply system.
- **Exceptions to water conservation measures.** In addition to exceptions, the City will issue a special permit for property owners with new seed or sod to



allow them to water for two weeks every day before 10 a.m. or after 5 p.m. Sod specialists indicate that new sod or seed needs to be watered every day for two weeks for the lawn to take hold and then less in order for the roots to become established.

- **Violation and Administrative Citations.** Upon discovery of a first violation a warning will be left at the residence informing the resident of the conservation ordinance and penalty for future violations. Additionally, staff will mail a copy of the warning with a letter informing the resident of the conservation ordinance. Second violations carry a fine of \$75 and the third and subsequent violations will carry a fine of \$250 per occurrence. Violations on record at the same location for the same residents will be forgiven after three years from the most recent violation. Residents may appeal a warning or violation to the City Administrator. The City Administrator will review the appeal and make a determination.

Visit our website at [www.ci.victoria.mn.us](http://www.ci.victoria.mn.us) for further information on how you can conserve water. To inquire about a watering permit, please call City Hall at 952-443-4210.

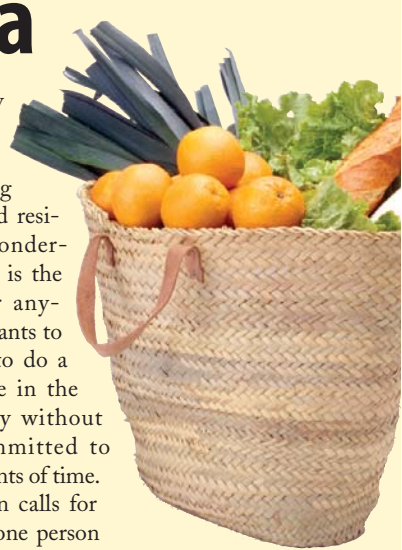
## Store-to-Door food program considered for area

For 25 years, Store-to-Door programs have operated in many areas of the country. Volunteers shop for and deliver groceries to homebound people, including the elderly and others who may need temporary services.

The Victoria Senior Commission is considering the creation of a similar program in Victoria and the Laketown Township area. Dale Riley, owner of Fresh Seasons Market, feels there is a demand for this type of service, and Fresh Seasons would be very happy to be the "go-to" store. The success of other Store-to-Door programs gives the Senior Commission a solid structure on which to base a similar program.

Program volunteers shop and deliver groceries on a planned schedule. The groceries are paid for by the homebound person. All coupons and savings at the registers will be automatically deducted from the charges. The person doing the delivery will carry groceries into the home and assist the person in putting them away.

The beauty of the program, besides giving homebound residents a wonderful service, is the ability for anyone who wants to volunteer to do a real service in the community without being committed to huge amounts of time. One person calls for the order, one person does the shopping and one person does the delivery. Is there a need here in Victoria and the outlying area? Only you can tell us! We wait for your input and comments. Please call Linda at City Hall (952) 443-4210. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Frequently Asked Questions: Stormwater ponds

**What is a stormwater pond?** Stormwater ponds are created to provide stormwater storage, ease peak stormwater discharge rates and improve water quality.

**Why is my stormwater pond green and smelly?** Stormwater ponds are designed to capture or filter many pollutants, including excess nutrients, and keep them out of our lakes and streams. These excess nutrients, often in the form of grass clippings, fertilizers or other yard waste, are high in phosphorous, which increase algae production. This leads to the green color and the sometimes not-so-pleasant odor in stormwater ponds.

**Is there anything I can do to keep it from becoming green and smelly?** There will always be a certain amount of algae-causing nutrients that enter stormwater ponds. However, the more you and your neighbors practice good water quality habits, the less green and smelly your stormwater pond will be. Some of these practices include keeping grass clippings, leaves, pet waste, fertilizers and other pollutants from enter-

ing the stormwater systems and leaving or creating a natural buffer around your pond.

**My stormwater pond is attracting a large number of geese. Is there anything I can do to deter them?** Geese like bodies of water with little vegetation surrounding them and vast stretches of turf grass to feed on. Long grass and tall vegetation deter geese because they are more susceptible to predators in these environments. Keeping a wide buffer of tall vegetation around stormwater ponds will help keep geese away and help prevent them from coming into your lawn.

**What is the city's role in maintaining stormwater ponds?** The city is responsible for maintaining and inspecting the stormwater system for structural and water quality functions. Occasionally, maintenance or repairs need to be made. The city discourages the installation of fountains in stormwater ponds because they may interfere with the natural quality function. The city does not treat for algae or vegetation in stormwater ponds.

(Source: City of Victoria)

## Spotlight on Business

Many long-time residents of Victoria will recall "Leo's," the anchor bar in downtown Victoria, and the ever witty and colorful long-time proprietor, Leo Schneider. It was a "destination stop" for many for years, and continues to be just that today.

Renamed "Floyd's" in October, 1997, and owned and operated by Rick and Lois Plocher, Floyd's still maintains that comfortable, friendly, small-town neighborhood atmosphere, despite the many changes that have taken place in the last 13 years. Rick and Lois have fond memories of those first few years in business, and have cultivated relationships which will no doubt last a lifetime. Those early years are reminiscent of blazing through the intersection with Viking flags on every touchdown, late nights of bingo, trivia and karaoke, and everyone's favorite, the Victoria softball tournaments.

It didn't take long before Rick and Lois quickly realized that enhancements could provide opportunities for even more enjoyment for the community, and that's exactly what they set out to do. Their first addition was completed in 2001, adding more space for customers and adding new restrooms. Beyond simply gathering to meet family and friends, the

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Boulevard  
Victoria, MN 55386  
952-443-9944  
[www.floydsbar.com](http://www.floydsbar.com)

new space also permitted a venue for entertainment, and Floyd's has quickly become a well-known music venue. Another recent addition includes a generous space for private parties and also a new kitchen, which opens at 10 a.m. daily, making great dining another bonus. Floyd's new expanded menu includes breakfast items such as omelets, biscuits & gravy and favorites such as burritos and the famous Herman the

German sandwich. While you are there, treat yourself to Floyd's signature Weekend Bloody Mary, a fine wine or over 20 draft beers. Happy Hour has remained the same for the past 13 years: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Last year featured the opening of the backyard patio, and the new second story mezzanine will open this year, both from May through September. Floyd's full-featured roster includes various specials each weekday, and on the weekends you'll just never know when the *wandering chef* will be standing in front of you making fresh guacamole, shucking oysters, grilling lobster or doling out buckets of ribs. Look for numerous events during these summer months such as Beer is Good Day, Last Blast Sweetcorn Feed, Reggae Weekend, Country Weekend, Wine and Beer Tastings and more. These events draw young and old alike year after year, enjoying the day or night while listening to local, regional and occasional national artists. Yes, families are welcome until 4 p.m. indoors and 8 p.m. on the patio.

You can check out its full website - menu, live music, calendar and special events at [floydsbar.com](http://floydsbar.com).



## Victoria Recreation Center

### Daily Admission and Membership Rates

Yearly Membership	Resident (R)	Nonresident (N/R)
Single Adult (19-59)	\$205.20	\$285.36
Single Senior (60+)	\$114.36	\$171
Single Youth (5-18)	\$114.36	\$171
Family	\$342	\$478.80

Daily Fees	Resident (R)	Nonresident (N/R)
Daily Family	\$10	\$15
Daily Fee - Adult	\$6	\$9
Daily Fee - Youth / Senior	\$3	\$5

Monthly Membership	Resident	Nonresident
Single Adult	\$26.72	\$34.20
Family	\$37.41	\$48.10
Single senior/youth (Youth ages 5-18) <i>Cash or Check only</i>	\$16.03	\$21.40

Tax will be added when purchased.

Monthly Membership Packages	Resident (R)	Nonresident (N/R)
<b>Bronze Memberships</b> <i>Includes scheduled childcare</i>		
Single Adult (19-59)	\$285.36	\$365.51
Family	\$422.16	\$558.96

Gold Memberships	Resident (R)	Nonresident (N/R)
<i>Includes fitness classes</i>		
Single Adult (19-59)	\$306.73	\$386.89
Family	\$443.53	\$580.33

Platinum Memberships	Resident (R)	Nonresident (N/R)
<i>Includes fitness classes and scheduled childcare</i>		
Single Adult (19-59)	\$491.63	\$628.43
Family	\$734.98	\$948.80

Special Membership Packages	Resident (R)	Nonresident (N/R)
<b>6 Month Senior Membership (60+)</b>		
Resident	\$80.15	\$112.21
Nonresident	\$112.21	\$150.28

3 Month Student Membership	Resident	Nonresident
Resident	\$48.09	\$64.13
Nonresident	\$64.13	\$86.17

The Victoria Recreation Center now offers a resident membership to anyone working (full or part time) or owning a business in the City of Victoria. All membership categories will apply. Proof of employment or ownership required via pay stub or other document.

**Blue Cross Blue Shield and UCare Membership Discounts**  
For questions about memberships please contact Doc Schmieg at (952)443-4255 Monday-Friday 10am-5pm.

### Victoria Recreation Center Summer Hours

(June 1-Aug. 31)

**Monday - Friday** 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. •  
**Saturday - Sunday** 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Visit [www.ci.victoria.mn.us](http://www.ci.victoria.mn.us) for current schedules, programs and event information.

Closed: May 31, July 4 and Sept. 6

**Child Care**  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
For children 6 months and above. Parents must be in the building at all times. See Child Care Cost chart for fees. Child Care is included in Bronze and Platinum Memberships.

**Child Care Costs**  
Member - Daily Fee \$4 per visit  
Non-Member - Daily Fee \$6 per visit  
Member Punch Card (10 Punch) \$35 per card  
Non-Member Punch Card (10 Punch) \$55 per card

**Youth Weight Training**  
Ages 13 and 14 can be in the fitness center with adult supervision and a signed waiver. Wrist bands are required and can be picked up at the front desk. Ages 15 and up can work out without adult supervision with a signed waiver.

**Walking/Running Track**  
The track is open during the Rec. Center hours and is FREE to EVERYONE. Users must be 10 years of age or older to use the track without an adult. Please sign in at the front desk.

Special Membership Packages	Drop-In Fitness Class Costs
Member - Daily Fee (per class)	\$4
Resident - Daily Fee (per class)	\$5
Non-Resident - Daily Fee (per class)	\$6
Member Punch Card (10 Punches)	\$35
Resident Punch Card (10 Punches)	\$45
Non-Res. Punch Card (10 Punches)	\$55

## Park & Rec

### City of Victoria Summer Parks & Recreation Programs

**T-ball**  
4 and 5 year olds  
Mondays, June 14 - Aug. 2

**Coach Pitch**  
6 & 7 year olds  
Tuesdays/Thursdays, June 15 - Aug. 5

**Ballin' 4 Life Basketball**  
Boys and Girls, July 12-15  
Entering grades 1-6: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Entering grades 7-12: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Ballin' 4 Life Volleyball**  
July 22-24  
Entering grades 7-12  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Lions Playground

**Colossal Kids**  
7 to 12 year olds  
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
June 15-August 5

**Mini Mights**  
4 to 6 year olds  
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 1-3pm  
June 15-August 5

**Kids Klub**  
5 to 12 year olds  
9:30-11 a.m.  
Swiss Mountain - Mondays  
Diethelm Park - Wednesdays  
Victoria Elementary - Fridays  
June 14-August 6

**Lynch Sport Camps**  
Tennis, Flag Football and Multi-Sport Camps

**Tae Kwon Do**  
Every Thursday  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
For all ages

**Camp Victoria**  
Aug. 9-13  
8 to 12 year olds  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Red Cross Babysitting**  
June 21-22  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
11 to 15 year olds

**Video Game Animation**  
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
July 19-22  
Grades 4-9

**Robotics**  
July 19-22

9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Grades 4-9

**Parents Night Out**  
June 4  
5 p.m.-10 p.m.  
4 years old and up

**Twins Game**  
July 21  
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Ages 8 to 15 year olds

**Fun with Cassie**  
May 8th  
Girls Tea Party 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Boys Olympic 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
4-12 year olds

**Concerts in the Park**  
Thursdays, July 14-Aug. 18  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Lion's Park

**Save the Date: Victoria Volksfest 5K and Kids Fun Run**  
Aug. 28, 2010  
Registration begins April 1st

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