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New name, amenities, programs and more

Victoria Recreation Center Grand Re-Opening

What's new at the Victoria Field House? There's a new name and more ice. New meeting rooms and more recreational programs. A new lobby area and more locker rooms. Free Wi-Fi and more.

With construction and improvements complete, it's time to join the City of Victoria and the Eastern Carver County Schools (District 112) to celebrate the Victoria Recreation Center's Grand Re-Opening on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m.

of ice will be the "home ice" for the Chanhassen High Schools boys' hockey teams. The arena has seating for 514 spectators, has varsity and junior varsity locker rooms, and additional locker rooms for visiting teams and youth associations. The Holy Family Catholic High School and local youth hockey associations will use both the existing and new ice rink.

Victoria residents will also enjoy the redesigned lobby area and the use of the Recreation Center's free Wi-Fi and new Wii gaming system, which is available for daily use or to reserve for birthday parties at the Center. With the addition of two new rooms, the Park and Recreation Department is able to offer additional recreation programs on-site (check out the program offerings in the Fall/Winter Park and Recreation Brochure or online at www.ci.victoria.mn.us). The two rooms are also available for rent and are great for birthday parties, meetings and family gatherings. For reservation information, call the Victoria Recreation Center's front desk at (952) 443-4255.



The Arena's second sheet of ice will be the "home ice" for the Chanhassen High School Storm boys' hockey teams.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR FITNESS!
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There are two new rooms at the Victoria Recreation Center. They will be used for park and rec programming and available to rent.

Grand Re-Opening When: Tuesday, Sept. 29 5 to 8 p.m.
Where: Victoria Recreation Center (formerly Victoria Field House) 8475 Kochia Lane

Several grand re-opening activities are planned at the Victoria Recreation Center (formerly the Victoria Field House), including open gym, open skate, tours and prize drawings — plus food and refreshments. There also will be an intersquad scrimmage with the Chaska/Chanhassen "Stormhawks." Following the scrimmage, people of all ages are welcome to skate with the team on the new ice rink.

Bigger and better
In 2008, the City of Victoria and District 112

partnered to expand the amenities of the Victoria Field House and add a second sheet of ice. The second sheet

Vision Victoria

City completes strategic planning process, sets priority goals

What's ahead for the City of Victoria and how will Victoria prepare for its future?

Those questions and more were addressed by the Victoria City Council and leadership team earlier this year, during a visioning and goal-setting retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to establish a five-to-eight-year vision for the community and to develop strategies to achieve that vision.

Subsequent meetings focused on reviewing the City's Vision and Mission Statements, and determining the action steps necessary to accomplish the goals.

The vision focuses on the preferred future for the City while the mission expresses current values and how Victoria approaches day-to-day business operations. Both provide the framework for the City's strategic planning efforts.

As a result of the council's visioning and goal-setting sessions, six primary goals were developed:

1. Develop short- and long-term financial plan.

2. Ensure long-term organizational effectiveness.
3. Market available land for development.
4. Initiate long-term partnerships.
5. Develop/implement public buildings plan.
6. Design/implement amenities plan with parks and trails.

Following the completion of the goal-setting process, staff developed specific action plans for each of the goals. The City's action plan specifies who (individuals/departments) is responsible, the time frame for accomplishment, needed resources (personnel, money, equipment or other resources), key milestones and the expected result(s). The action plan turns strategic planning into strategic management by describing how the goals will be implemented.

This plan is intended as a work in progress. While the mission and vision should remain constant, the goals, objectives, strategies and actions will need periodic review and refinement. The Strategic Plan is available at www.ci.victoria.mn.us.

Discover Victoria: From 'blight to beautiful'



Drive along Stieger Lake Lane and see what's missing in downtown Victoria.

The former coal storage building — owned by C.H. Carpenter Lumber — is no longer there, and in its place is now a vacant lot that is soon to be replaced with new buildings and a park.

The site, now owned by Hartman Brothers LLC, will eventually include three office/retail buildings and the Bayfront Trailhead Park. Hartman Brothers plans to complete the first building in 2010.

The buildings and park will be adjacent to

one of Victoria's prime amenities — the Lake Minnetonka Regional LRT Trail. The plans for Bayfront Trailhead Park are currently under way, with cooperation from Hennepin Regional Rail Authority and Three Rivers Park District.

Slated to be constructed in 2010, this park will offer a community gathering space as well as a beautiful entrance from Carver Park



Reserve into downtown Victoria.

Discover downtown Victoria — there is a lot to see ...and a lot more to come!

Victoria Fire Department Open House



Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Victoria Fire Department will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Victoria Fire Station, located at 1500 80th St. Event activities include:

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| Fire Safety Information | Meet your local Utility Representatives | Demonstration |
| Fire Extinguisher Demos | Ridgeview Ambulance | Inflatable Jumper and Slide |
| Fire Truck Rides | Spray House for Kids | Fire Sprinkler Demo |
| Carver County Sheriff | Red Cross Automobile Extrication | Food and Refreshments |

Sponsored by the Fire Department. Please call City Hall at (952) 443-4210 for more information.



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* Offer valid through Nov. 1, 2009

From the Sheriff's Office and Victoria's Corporal Josh Baker **Close and lock doors: A home safety reminder**

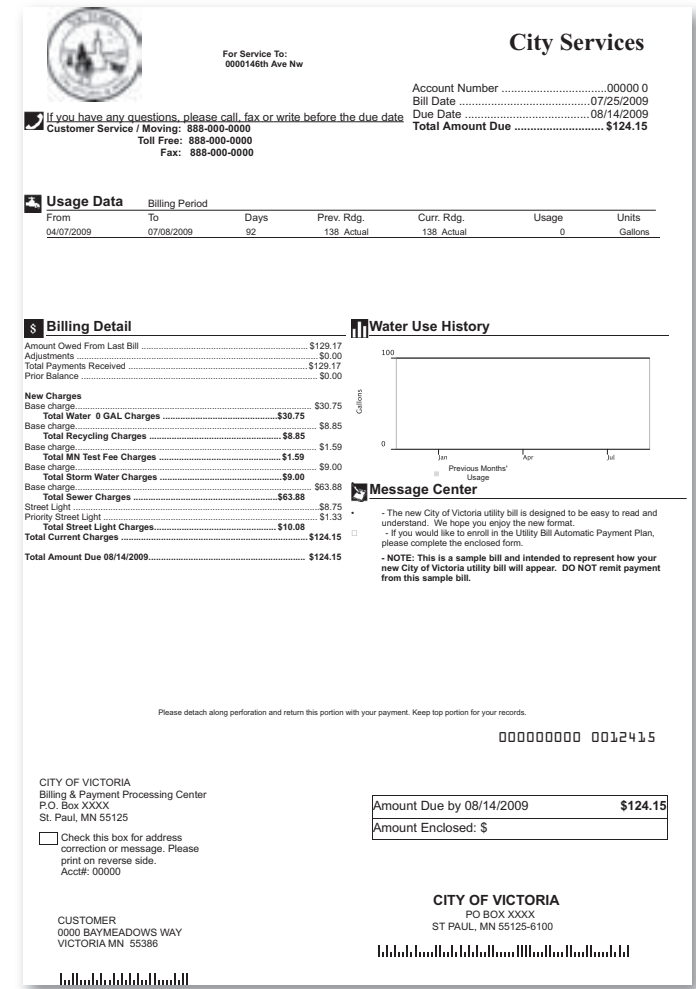
Victoria residents are reminded to keep their garage doors closed when not outside during the day and night. Garage doors that are open and unattended are potential targets for thieves and burglars. If you find open doors in the community, please call the resident or notify the Sheriff's Office if the residents are not home.

Residents are also reminded to call 911 when they see or hear something suspicious. Officers count on citizens to be an extra set of eyes and ears to help keep the community safe. The Sheriff's Office would rather check out a potential suspicious incident and determine there is no problem, rather than get a call from citizens that turns out to be a crime in progress.

Going Green New look, online access for utility bills

Beginning in October, your utility bill will have a new look. New software for utility billing will provide more options, better detail and help the City of Victoria "go green." Residents will be able to sign up for ACH direct payment and e-billing to help save time, money and support the City's "green" efforts. You will also be able to view your account online. If you choose to receive a paper billing, you

will no longer receive a postcard billing, but a full sheet billing that includes more detail, a bar graph with water usage history and return payment envelope for your convenience. Additionally, there will be a dedicated customer service phone number and extended business hours for your convenience. More details will be provided with your October utility bill. Please call City Hall at (952) 443-4210 if you have any questions.



Rake it, bag it, bring it ... 2009 Fall Composting Program

The City will offer a free compost site for Victoria residents on:

Saturday, Oct. 17
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24th
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Victoria Public Works, 1416 Stieger Lake Lane

Acceptable Materials
Grass clippings and leaves (must be removed from bags)
Brush less than 4 feet in length and less than 4 inches in diameter
Sticks and branches

For more information, call City Hall at (952) 443-4210.



Spotlight on Business

This November will mark the four-year anniversary of Emerald Crest of Victoria, located just north of County Road 18 and Bavaria Road. Emerald Crest offers Memory Care Assisted Living in two specially designed homes that accommodate 15 private suites each. Victoria is the fourth Emerald Crest location in the

Emerald Crest of Victoria
8150 Bavaria Road
Victoria (952) 856-7510
Admissions (952) 908-2215
www.emeraldcrest.com

metro area.

Residents receive 'round the clock attention from caregivers on-site 24 hours a day, as

well as assistance with cares, meals, medications, laundry and housekeeping. Emerald Crest of Victoria has registered nurses on staff, and an open-ended family visiting policy. The owners Margaret Owens, Gregg Getchell and Joe Guertin each have more than 30 years of experience in the senior health care business. "We wanted to create something special and unique—something no one else has done," Getchell said. "We really wanted to get away from the institutional-type environment. We think a smaller home-like setting is better."

Emerald Crest offers daily care, activities and programs that are customized to meet the individual needs of each resident while focusing on their abilities rather than disabilities. "This is where other providers sometimes struggle

and we consistently excel," added Margaret Owens. "Our warm home-like environment — complimented with care coordinated by RNs and Occupational Therapists — is what makes us truly unique."

Calming colors, lighting and patterns for furniture, walls and carpets were chosen to suppress agitation and confusion felt by many memory care residents. Residents also find the single-story level and barrier free design easy to navigate with no elevators or steps to climb.

Emerald Crest's expertise and continued success is why they are regarded as the Twin Cities premier provider of assisted living specializing in memory care. For more information about Emerald Crest of Victoria, call Christine at (952) 908-2215.



Truth in Taxation

The Victoria City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, located at 7951 Rose St. to discuss the 2010 budget and determine the final property tax levy. All Victoria Residents are invited to attend this public hearing, and to express their opinions on the 2010 budget and on the proposed property taxes. Residents are also invited to send their written comments to: City of Victoria, P.O. Box 36, Victoria, MN 55386.

Save the date!

The Victoria Senior Commission invites our city's seniors to
Ye Olde Spirit Fest
Victoria City Hall
Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 1 to 3 p.m.
Entertainment and refreshments.

Victoria Recreation Center

Victoria Recreation Center Hours
Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Visit www.ci.victoria.mn.us for current schedules, programs and event information.

Open Gym/Skate for School Holidays

Open Gym	
Oct. 15 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Dec. 28 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 16 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Dec. 29 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 30 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Dec. 30 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 25 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Dec. 31 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Nov. 27 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Open Gym is FREE to members OR is the cost of a daily pass. Gym users under the age of 10 must be supervised by an adult.
Dec. 23 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	
Dec. 24 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	

Open Skate

Everyday (except Wednesdays) from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Additional times will be posted closer to the dates. Call the Victoria Recreation Center at (952) 443-4255 or visit www.ci.victoria.mn.us.

Additional Information:

- Child Care Available**
Punch card or daily pass
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 9 to 11 a.m.
- Youth Weight Training and Fitness**
For teens ages 13 and 14 with adult supervision and a signed release that can be picked up at the front desk.
- Walking/Running Track**
The track is open during regular Victoria Recreation Center hours. This is **FREE** to all residents and nonresidents.

Park & Rec

City of Victoria Fall Parks and Recreation Programs

YOUTH CLASSES

Mom 'n' Me Art Class
Ages 3 to 5 years
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Awesome Autumn Leaves: Sept. 22
Bats & Boos: Oct. 27
Rocking Reindeer: Nov. 30

Tae Kwon Do
All ages welcome
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Session 1 Sept. 10 - Oct. 22
Session 2 Oct. 29 - Dec. 17
(No program 11/26)

Have a Halloween HayDay
Decorate scarecrows, playspooky games, enjoy caramel apples and a costume contest.
Saturday, October 24
4 to 7 years: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
8 to 12 years, 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Share with Santa
Make Christmas cookies with Santa, assemble a top-secret present for someone special, enjoy photo

opportunities with Santa, and fun games and activities.
Saturday, Dec. 12
4 to 7 years: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
8 to 12 years: 1:15 to 4:15 p.m.

MEA Wii Party
Get a little competitive at the Victoria Recreation Center Wii Tournament. We will play Wii Baseball, Wii Bowling and Wii Mario Kart. You also get to be a little creative when we make our own Wii's.
Thursday, Oct. 15
7 to 12 years: 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Computer Explorers: Robotics Spybots
Complete daring missions using state-of-the-art software and communication systems to bring your creations to life!
Oct. 15-16
4th through 9th grade: 9 a.m. to noon

Lynch Flag Football Camp
Saturdays, Sept. 19 - Oct. 10
5 to 8 years: 9 to 11 a.m.

Lynch Basketball Camp
Saturdays, Oct. 24 - Nov. 20
(no camp on 10/31)

5 to 9 years: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
8 to 12 years: 1:15 to 4:15 p.m.

ADULT CLASSES
Hartman Tree Farm Classes for Adults Mumkins:
Make a fall center piece from a pumpkin and fresh cut mums.
Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Kissing Balls
Make a Kissing Ball using fresh cut greens and embellish with pine cones, berries and ribbons.
Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Yoga for AnyBody (adults)
6 to 7 p.m.
Session #1: Sept. 10 - Oct. 22 (no class Oct. 15)
Session #2: Nov. 5 - Dec. 17 (no class Nov. 26)

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