



# VICTORIA SPIRIT

**Capture Victoria Photography Contest**  
 The City of Victoria Parks and Recreation invites residents of Victoria to enter the 2011 Capture Victoria Photography Contest. The 2011 theme is to showcase Victoria's quality of life, spaces and places.  
 Contest Deadline: July 15, 2011  
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Every year we like to present the community with what we consider the "highlights" of our work efforts. These efforts are generally focused on providing the most effective public services possible and improving the quality of life for Victoria residents. Throughout the list of accomplishments, you will find some interesting facts that we believe will give you an idea of how well Victoria is doing.

**2010 Census**

The 2010 census was completed. In 2000 Victoria's population was 4,025. In 2010, the city had grown to 7,345 in population which represents an 82.5 percent growth rate in 10 years. Additional census details will be provided in future newsletters.

**2010 Elections and City Council**

Jim Crowley and Tom Strigel replaced outgoing Council Members Tim Amundsen and Jim Paulsen.

- The 2010 City Council and its Committees and Commissions conducted more than 100 regularly scheduled meetings.
- The City council reviewed 231 agenda items, 127 resolutions and adopted three new ordinances.

**Building and Construction**

• 56 new-home permits were issued in 2010 with a total estimated value of \$14,462,928.

• The City partnered with the City of Minnetrista to provide cost-effective building permit review and inspections while fully utilizing Victoria building inspections staff.

• Street improvements were completed in the Auburn neighborhood including the replacement of Lift Station 14 and elimination of Lift Station 12.

• The Thornberry Curve extension was completed that connected Thornberry Curve to Virginia Drive creating a neighborhood loop.

• The City was awarded a Mn/DOT Construction Cooperative Agreement Grant in the amount of \$362,900 for safety and pavement improvements to Highway 5 at County Road 11 by the Dairy Queen to be completed in conjunction with the Highway 5 improvement project in 2012.

**Events**

- The Volksfest and Art Fair were huge successes.
- Hundreds of residents attended the Fire Department Open House in October.
- Many neighborhoods registered their block party for National Night Out and had the Fire Department, Sheriff and Carver County Mounted Posse make an appearance at their event.



**Central Business District and Development**

• The Central Business District is thriving with 100 percent occupancy. The Central Business District welcomed many new businesses such as Crossroads

Liquor and the expansion of Alphabet Junction.

- The City acquired 7975 Rose Street adjacent to City Hall. The building was demolished to provide for additional parking in the downtown area. The City is working on a new parking plan with business owners which will add more paved spaces in downtown this summer.



**Awards**



- The City of Victoria was named a Governor's Fit City in recognition of continued commitment to active living and worksite wellness.
- The City received a Blue Star Award for Excellence in Stormwater Management - one of the first five communities in Minnesota to receive the award. The City also ranked third in planning and preservation.
- The City received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.



**Wellness, Parks and Recreation**

- The Victoria Recreation Center added a Health Partners Frequent

Fitness program in which members that utilize the facility may receive money back on their membership costs.

- Installation of the playground equipment for both toddlers and youth at the Rhapsody Park was completed.
- Trail connections from 82nd Street to Rhoys and parking lot improvements were completed at Lions Park.

**Communication and Technology**

• Carver County is proposing to build a fiber ring throughout Carver County. Upon completion in 2012, the City will be able to connect City Hall, the Fire Department and the Recreation Center to the ring which will provide many new technology-related opportunities.

• The City did an analysis of its phone systems, upgraded its copier/printer/scanner/fax machine and postage machine resulting in savings of more than \$15,000 per year.

**Finance**

- The City refunded Water Revenue Bonds with a savings of \$221,000.
- Standard and Poor reaffirmed the City's AA+ bond rating.

**Looking Ahead**

Looking forward, 2011 will be a year of preparation for us. Of critical importance for Victoria is the Highway 5 safety and pavement improvement project scheduled to begin in the spring of 2012. In preparation for this, the City is planning on repaving the entire length of Steiger Lake Lane to facilitate traffic flow and access to downtown businesses during construction. Many activities are planned for downtown this summer along Steiger Lake Lane and residents are encouraged to participate. Although it may seem premature, the goal in 2013 is to report that one of our major accomplishments for 2012 is that the Highway 5 project went as planned and that all of our locally owned businesses thrived. Let's plan today to make this a reality!

## Lineup set for summer Concerts in the Park series

The City of Victoria Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite you to the "Concerts in the Park" series. The concerts occur at the Lions Community Park located at 8339 Victoria Drive. Gates open at 6 p.m. and music will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The concerts are a free and fun event for all ages! The 2011 Concerts in the Park Series will feature different styles of music and entertainment.

**JULY 13**  
**Redpath** is a dynamic trio of sisters whose music is described as country/pop and is influenced by the



Eagles, Shania Twain and Allison Krauss. To get a preview of their music, go to [www.redpathonline.com](http://www.redpathonline.com)

**JULY 20**  
**The Jack Brass Band** drives crowds to their feet with the crack of their snare drum, blast of the sousaphone and brass with an attitude. Their New Orleans style brass music can be previewed at [www.jackbrassband.com](http://www.jackbrassband.com)

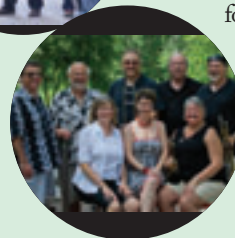
**JULY 27**  
**Thru City** is an up and coming pop music group. This is one concert you don't want to miss!

**AUGUST 3**  
**Wondercure** is entertainment for all ages, providing classic rock, blues, soul,

country crossover and much more. Check them out on the web at [www.thewondercure.com](http://www.thewondercure.com).



**AUGUST 10**  
**The Splatter Sisters** will get you movin' and shakin' to lively classic and kids songs. Check out the energetic multi-talented musicians and sisters at [www.splattersisters.com](http://www.splattersisters.com).



**AUGUST 17 (in Downtown Victoria)**  
 From the eras of the 1930s to the 1980s, **7 Cats Swing** provides a variety of traditional jazz, blues, swing, Latin, ballads and

the elegance of the big band era. 7 Cats Swing dynamic sound can be listened to at [www.bradysbigband.com](http://www.bradysbigband.com).

There is also a wonderful opportunity for individuals and businesses to make tax deductible donations to support the concerts. For more information on the concert series and tax deductible donations, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 952-443-4255.

In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held in the Victoria Recreation Center Gymnasium.

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Please Recycle

## Facelift for 5: Resurfacing planned for Highway 5

Why go to Valleyfair when you can experience thrills and chills just driving on Highway 5?

In 2012, Highway 5 will be resurfaced from Highway 41 in Chanhassen (by the Arboretum entrance) to County Road 11 North in Victoria (by the Dairy Queen). As part of the project, the roller coaster ride on the east side of downtown will be fixed and the 1958 bridge on the west side of downtown will be replaced. Highway 5 in the two locations noted above, will be closed from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Mn-DOT is currently completing the final design of



the project, so more details will be available later this year.

Steiger Lake Lane in downtown will remain open as a local detour. Knowing this is a vital link for businesses and residents during the construction, the City Council has approved resurfacing of this street in 2011.

On September 24, the City will host an informational open house and business expo at the Victoria Recreation Center. This will give you the opportunity to learn more about the project as well as meet local business owners in a fun, family-friendly setting. Look for more details in an upcoming City newsletter.



# 2010 Drinking Water Report

The City of Victoria is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2010. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.



## Source of Water

The City of Victoria provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: three wells ranging from 429 to 450 feet deep, that draws water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has determined that the source(s) used to supply your drinking water is not particularly susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

Call 952-443-4210 if you have questions about the City of Victoria drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

## Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2010. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

## Key to abbreviations:

**MCLG**—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL**—Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MRDL**—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

**MRDLG**—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

**AL**—Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**90th Percentile Level**—This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

**pCi/l**—PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

**ppm**—Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

**ppb**—Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

**nd**—No Detection.

**N/A**—Not Applicable (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2010)	Average/Result*	
Barium (ppm)	2	2	N/A	.03	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (pCi/l) (11/06/2007)	0	5.4	N/A	1.8	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.71-1.1	.95	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb) (09/15/2008)	0	60	N/A	6	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.4	10.4	N/A	.38	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
THM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb) (09/15/2008)	0	80	N/A	17.9	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.01-1.21	.59	Water additive used to control microbes.

\*\*\*\*Highest and Lowest Monthly Average.

\*\*\*\*\*Highest Quarterly Average.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (08/19/2008)	1.3	1.3	.83	1 out of 20	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (08/19/2008)	0	15	nd	0 out of 20	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Victoria is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels established for them. These unregulated contaminants are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. In the table that follows are the unregulated contaminants that were detected:

Contaminant (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range (2010)	Average/Result	
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	11	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	12.3	Erosion of natural deposits.

## Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

### Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.



## Victoria's drinking water: Facts

**W**hat has 45.5 miles of pipeline, 3 wells, 1 water treatment plant and 2,203 connections? The City of Victoria's water system.

The city provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source. Three wells ranging in depths of 429 to 450 feet draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifer. Water is pumped to the water treatment plant where it is aerated, filtered to remove manganese and iron, and disinfected with chlorine. The city adds fluoride to the water, which helps fight tooth decay. The water treatment plant provides 612,000 gallons of storage within the plant. From there, the water is pumped to the distribution system for use by the city's customers and for storage in the city's 500,000-gallon water tower. The water treatment plant is operated by Victoria's Public Works Department staff who are Minnesota Department of Health Certified operators.

The city's water treatment plant was constructed in 2006 for approximately \$10 million. The plant is currently running at 44 percent capacity and will accommodate the City's population growth to approximately 17,000 residents. On average, 632,000 gallons of water are treated daily.

Why have the water rates been increasing? Water rates have been increasing for two reasons: (1) the Department of Natural Resources' mandate to implement rates that promote conservation; and (2) to provide adequate resources for operating expenses, capital replacement, and payment of the annual debt service for the water treatment plant.

Why is the water treated? The city treats the water to remove chemicals that corrode the water system's infrastructure, limiting its useful life, and requiring more frequent maintenance and replacement. Water treatment prolongs the useful life of the water meters that are used to monitor the water inflows.

In 2010, the city pumped and treated, on average, approximately 409,500 gallons per day during the fall and winter months, and 854,000 gallons per day during the spring and summer months. The highest daily usage recorded was 1,600,000 gallons in one day. An estimated 35 percent of the water pumped and treated was used for external purposes. Water consumption decreased 18 percent in 2010 as compared to 2009, showing the residents commitment to water conservation.

The 2010 Drinking Water Report, which appears on page two in this issue of the newsletter, includes the monitoring results of the City of Victoria's drinking water for the period of January 1 through December 31 2010, as required by the Minnesota Department of Health. The purpose of the report is to advance consumer understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

## Grants available from Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

**A**s property owners make plans for their gardens and landscaping this spring, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is lending a helping hand. It is kicking off a program that offers grants for projects that protect water resources by stabilizing shorelines and streambanks or utilizing stormwater best management practices (BMPs).

Polluted stormwater runoff is the biggest water quality problem in Minnesota and the country. In a natural environment, most rainwater soaks into the ground or is captured by trees or other plants. In developed areas, rainwater runs off roads, parking lots and rooftops, carrying dirt, fertilizer, pesticides and other harmful material into lakes, streams and wetlands.

"There is a real need to capture this runoff before it pollutes our valuable natural resources," said Aldis Kurmis, MCWD Cost Share Specialist. "We're hoping these new grants will be an incentive for people to take action right in their own backyard."

The MCWD's Cost Share programs help property owners make improvements that prevent this runoff from occurring. Eligible

projects for Stormwater BMP Cost Share grants include rain gardens, which infiltrate stormwater, and pervious pavement, which allows rain to pass through the material to a drainage system below. Eligible projects for Shoreline and Stream Bank Stabilization Cost Share grants include native plant borders. There are many benefits of using native plants along stream banks and shorelines. Their roots filter and absorb polluted runoff, they prevent erosion by anchoring the soil and they beautify the shoreline. Their natural height and density also discourage geese, which are attracted to turf adjacent to water.

"There are several options people can take to enhance their property and help the environment at the same time," Kurmis said. "Cost Share grants will be issued for up to 50% percent of a project's cost, within maximum funding limits, so we encourage property owners to check out the program."

Grants are available for improvements to private property including residential, business and private schools. Shoreline and Streambank Cost Share grants also

are available to public entities. For more information, contact MCWD Cost Share Specialist Aldis Kurmis at 952-641-4523 or [akurmis@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:akurmis@minnehahacreek.org).

### Want a beautiful lawn? Try these tips

#### Fertilizing

Fertilize your lawn with a nitrogen-based fertilizer in early spring and then again in mid-spring. Also, look for a slow-release fertilizer with a lower nitrogen content to prevent burning.

#### Watering

Water your lawn less frequently and at longer intervals to make sure that you are reaching the deep roots.

Watering in the morning is best, but if not possible, wait until late evening, when the sun is almost down.

Instead of watering your grass every other day, water it once a week for a longer amount of time.

#### Solving weed problems

Treat weed problems early with spot treatments of herbicide. Avoid using herbicides that cover the entire lawn and can cause runoff into nearby waterways.

#### Mowing/Cutting

The best height for grass is 2 to 3 inches tall. Cut your lawn with sharp blades. You should always sharpen your blades at the beginning of every mowing season. The rule for cutting your lawn is to only cut off the top third of a blade of grass; about once a week is a good frequency. Let the clippings fall back onto your lawn. Mow when the grass is dry.



## Stormwater ponds help filter pollutants

**S**tormwater ponds are located within every neighborhood in the City of Victoria. These ponds were constructed when neighborhoods were developed to accommodate rain water from streets, sidewalks, driveways and roofs. The ponds were built to capture or filter pollutants and keep them from going into our lakes and streams. Pollutants, including nutrients such as grass clippings, fertilizers and other yard waste are high in phosphorus, which increase algae production in ponds. This high phosphorus creates the green color and sometimes not so pleasant odor in the stormwater ponds.

**What can I do to keep the ponds from becoming green and smelly?**

Keep grass clippings on the yard after you mow.

Clean your driveway and sidewalk after mowing to keep the clippings from going into the street.

Never leave clippings on the street.

Pick up pet waste in your yards and on public property.

Select the correct fertilizer for your yard – one that does not contain phosphorus.

If you live on or adjacent to a pond, leave a tall grass buffer between your yard and the pond. This will deter geese and will also provide a filtering system for water.



Do not dump grass clippings in the pond or buffer.

Do your part to keep our lakes and streams clean.

## Watering restrictions in effect May 1-Sept. 30

**D**id you know that less than 1 percent of the 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.

Also, did you know that, according to the Minnesota Rural Water Association, running a sprinkler for two hours can use up to 600 gallons of water?

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

(a) **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.

(b) **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.

(c) **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.

(d) **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.

(e) **Watering Permits.** The City may issue a special permit for property owners with new seed or sod to allow them to water for two weeks every 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.

(f) **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.

## Looking Ahead: Mark your calendars

### May 7 and 14

#### City of Victoria 2011 Spring Composting Program

The City will offer a free compost site for Victoria residents at Victoria Public Works, 1416 Stieger Lake Lane. Times are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 7 and 14. Acceptable materials: Grass clippings and leaves (no bags), brush less than 4-ft. lengths and less than 4 inches in diameter, and sticks and branches. For more information, call City Hall, 952-443-4210.

### June 8, 22, July 6, 20 & August 10, 24

#### Classic Cars 5-8 p.m. downtown Victoria

See [www.victoriaboa.org](http://www.victoriaboa.org) for more information

### June 11

#### Get Outdoors in Victoria

This event is tied with National Get Outdoors Day at Carver Park Preserve). See [www.victoriaboa.org](http://www.victoriaboa.org) for more information.

### June 19

#### Concert at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

The Music Association of Minnetonka will present a joint concert of the Minnetonka Symphony and the Minnetonka Chamber Choir at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum at 2 p.m. June 19. The concert program, one of the Arboretums Summer Roots concerts, is inspired by nature and Steve Tobin's Steel Roots sculpture exhibition, which is currently displayed throughout the Arboretum grounds. The concert is free with regular Arboretum admission.

### June 23

#### Discover Stieger Lake Lane Day & Tour de Stieger

See [www.victoriaboa.org](http://www.victoriaboa.org) for more information

### Aug. 2

#### National Night Out

Let's make this year's National Out Event was a huge success. Neighborhoods that register their block party with the City have the opportunity of having Fire Department, Sheriff and Carver County Mounted Posse representatives stop by their event. National Night Out is set for Tuesday, Aug. 2. Forms to register your neighborhood's event can be found on the City's website at [www.ci.victoria.mn.us](http://www.ci.victoria.mn.us).

### Aug. 26-27

#### Volksfest and Art Fair

See [www.victoriaboa.org](http://www.victoriaboa.org) for information.

## Recreational fires: Guidelines



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

- The fire pit must be no larger than 3 ft. by 3 ft. by 3 ft. and at least 15 ft. away from any structure.
- Rubbish may not be burned. Rubbish includes, but is not limited to: hazardous material, garbage, leaves and vegetation.
- Fires causing noxious or irritating smoke are not permitted.
- Recreational fires must not be left unattended.
- Do not allow your campfire to burn out on its own, it must be extinguished completely.

For information on burning permits for fires other than campfires, please call City Hall at 952-443-4210.

## Reminder: Warning sirens and severe weather season



It is that time of year again: severe weather season. A reminder for all that "Outdoor Warning Sirens" are intended to alert people, who are outside, of approaching severe weather. These sirens are not intended to alert people indoors. Residents are encouraged to purchase a "Weather Alert Radio" for detailed information on weather, listen to TV broadcasts, 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 to ensure their safety in the event of severe weather!

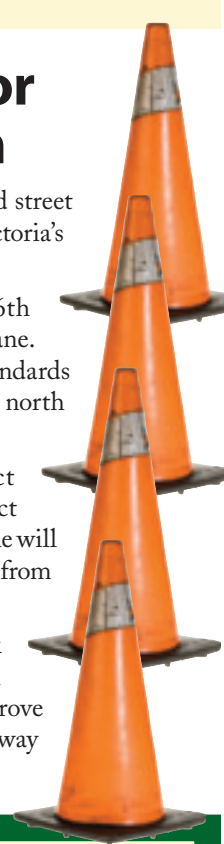
## 'Tis the Season—for street construction

April showers bring May flowers—and street construction season. The City of Victoria's 2011 projects include:

The City is considering reconstructing 86th Street from County Road 11 to Kochia Lane. The street would be improved to collector standards and include construction of a trail along the north side of the street.

In anticipation of the Highway 5 project scheduled for 2012 (see article about the project elsewhere in this newsletter), Stieger Lake Lane will be repaired from Highway 5 to the Bridge and from Quamoelit to Highway 5 this summer.

Routine maintenance consisting of crack sealing and seal coating will be completed in the following neighborhoods: Allegheny Grove 1st-3rd Additions, the Woodlands and Greenway on the Park.



## Victoria Parks & Recreation

## Victoria Recreation Center

### Park and Recreation Youth Programs

#### Playground Programs

Lions Park Playground  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
June 14 – August 4

Ages: 4 – 12



Diethelm Park  
Playground Program  
Wednesdays and  
Fridays

June 15 – August 5  
Ages: 4 – 12

#### Camp Victoria

August 8 – 12, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Ages: 7 – 12 years old  
Lions Park Playground

#### Parents Night Out

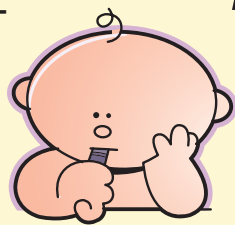
June 3  
Ages (children): 4+  
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

#### Safe at Home Alone

Session #1-Date: May 19  
Session #2-Date: June 21  
Ages: 8-12 years old  
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

#### Babysitting Training

Session #1 Date:  
May 16-17  
Session #2 Date:  
July 11-12  
Ages: 11+  
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

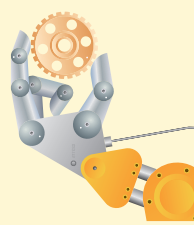


#### Video Game Animation

June 20 – June 23  
Ages: 4th-9th grades (2011-2012 school year)  
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### Rock N Roll Robotics

June 20 – June 23  
Going into Kindergarten-5th grade  
10 a.m. – noon



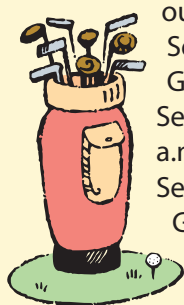
#### Sports Camps:

Tennis, Multi-Sport, Football, Soccer, Basketball – more information in the Park and Recreation brochure



#### Hooked on Golf

8 – 14-year-olds with little or no previous experience  
Session #1: June 27-30-Halla Greens 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Session #2: July 11-14-Deer Run 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Session #3: August 8-11-Halla Greens 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.



#### Archery

July 11-14  
9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. at Cabin Fever  
Ages: 4th - 12 grades (2011-2012)

### Adult/Senior Programs

#### Senior Twins Game

June 16  
Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m. from Chanhassen Rec. Center

#### Yoga

Wednesdays  
6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.  
Ages: 15 +  
Session 1: May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8 (6-week session)

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#### Recreation Center Hours thru May 31

Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. | Saturday-Sunday 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

#### Summer Hours (June 1-Aug. 31)

Monday-Friday: 5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Closed on May 30, July 4 and September 5

### Membership Information

#### Monthly Membership

	Res.	Non-Res.
Single Adult	\$27.79	\$35.27
Family	\$38.48	\$49.16
Single 60+/ Youth (5-18)	\$21.38	\$26.72

#### Daily Pass

	Res.	Non-Res.
Adult	\$6.00	\$9.00
Youth	\$3.00	\$5.00
Senior	\$3.00	\$5.00
Family	\$10.00	\$15.00

#### Yearly Membership

	Res.	Non-Res.
Single Adult	\$205.20	\$285.36
Single Senior (60+)	\$114.36	\$171.00
Single Youth (5-18)	\$114.36	\$171.00
Family	\$342.00	\$478.80

#### Special Membership Packages

	Res.	Non-Res.
Bronze Memberships <i>Includes scheduled childcare</i>		
Resident Single	\$293.91	
Non-Res. Single	\$376.20	
Resident Family	\$434.98	
Non-Res. Family	\$576.06	

#### Gold Single Membership

	Res.	Non-Res.
Gold Single Membership <i>Includes fitness classes</i>		
Resident Single	\$315.28	
Non-Res. Single	\$398.62	
Resident Family	\$456.36	
Non-Res. Family	\$598.50	

#### Platinum Single Membership

	Res.	Non-Res.
Platinum Single Membership <i>Includes fitness classes and scheduled child care</i>		
Resident Single	\$365.51	
Non-Res. Single	\$448.88	
Resident Family	\$506.59	
Non-Res. Family	\$646.59	

#### 6-Month Senior Membership (60+)

Resident	\$85.50
Non-resident	\$117.56

#### 3-Month Student Membership

Resident	\$48.09
Non-Resident	\$64.13

#### Inside the Victoria Recreation Center:

Health Reimbursements from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Partners Frequent Fitness and UCare  
Drop-In Daycare (at scheduled times)  
Drop-In Fitness Classes  
Developmental Ice  
Open Skate  
Adult Open Hockey  
Open Gym  
Free Walking Track

#### Health Reimbursement

Blue Cross Blue Shield, UCare, and Health Partners Frequent Fitness membership discounts are available for those who are eligible. For any questions about memberships call (952)443-4255 for more information.

#### Indoor Walking/Running Track

The track is open during Recreation Center hours and is FREE to everyone. Users must be 10 years of age or older to use the track without adult supervision. Please sign in at the front desk.

### How to Register:

Register online at [www.ci.victoria.mn.us](http://www.ci.victoria.mn.us) or at the Victoria Recreation Center: 8475 Kochia Lane, Victoria or by calling 952-443-4255.

### Reserve a picnic shelter today...

Do you need to plan a graduation party or family reunion? Then reserve a park shelter for 2011 today. The shelters that are available for rental are Lion's Park Shelter #1 and the NEW Rhapsody Park Shelter. If you are interested call Holly at 952-443-4259.