



Talk of the Town

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Message from your Mayor...

Well, it's been a fast and furious first couple of months as Mayor!

As many of you know, the City was inundated with stray animals that were causing problems for property owners by using their yards as **litter boxes and getting into people's trash**. We seem to be getting a handle on this, but if you are still having problems, please let us know. I want to remind citizens to be responsible pet owners by tagging their pets (tags must be worn by the animal to be legal) and not allowing them to run at large, which is a city ordinance.

The other issue we have been spending a lot of time on is to find water options for the future of the City. We have been working with some local water professionals to explore our options. The effort to conserve water by individuals is appreciated and our wells are holding at this time. From the paperwork, it looks like the newest city well was drilled in the 80s and the others way before that. For the future, I feel we need to explore some options to ensure that our children and grandchildren will have water when they are the leaders of the community. Many of you have asked about outside watering, but the City Council felt it best to stay in Stage 3 at this time, believing that household use is more important than green grass.

As I have said before, please let me or other Council members know of concerns you may have. I also encourage any of you to come to a Council meeting to be better informed about what is going on within the City.
The Honorable Jerry Kanzenbach

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The public is invited to a Town Hall meeting to be held August 9 at 1:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, trash pickup will be on Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

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33rd Annual Herzogfest



Calendar of Events

August



- 2—International Friendship Day
- 10—School Board Meeting
- 14-15—Herzogfest
- 17—City Council Meeting



September

- 7— Labor Day-- City Hall Closed
- 13—National Grandparents Day
- 14—School Board Meeting
- 17—Constitution Day
- 21—City Council Meeting

October



- 12—School Board Meeting
- 12— Columbus Day
- 19—City Council Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

- 5:00 pm—Grounds, vendors open
- 5:00 pm—Free swimming (sponsored by Hays Med)
- 5:00 pm— Fun Cycles, Banana Bikes
- 6:30 pm—Welcome Ceremony
- 7:30 pm—Courtney Sue Irwin, Buckner Creek Band Concert
- 9:30 pm—Charlie Worsham Concert

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- 8:00 am—5K Run/Walk (sponsored by Nex-Tech & VHS)
- 8:00 am—2:30 pm—Herzogfest 6th Annual Rod, Custom & Cycle Show (sponsored by Weber Body Shop)
- 9:00 am—3-on-3 basketball, soccer, & tennis (registration at 8:30) Location: west of Victoria Elementary School (sponsored by D & L Body Shop)

- 10:00 am—Grounds, vendors open
- 10:00-1:00—Free cancer screening at K of C Hall (sponsored by Ronald J. Wasinger Melanoma Research Fund, Midwest Cancer Alliance, & Univ. of KS Cancer Center)

- 10:30 am—Horseshoes
- 11:30 am—Inflatables
- 12:00 pm—Bingo

- 1:00 pm —Eagle Radio Kids Pedal Pull (registration at 12:30)

Free swimming (sponsored by Hays Med)

- 2:30 pm—Awards for Rod, Custom & Cycle Show
- 4:00 pm—Polka Mass
- 5:00 pm—Fun Cycles & Banana Bikes
- 5:15 pm—Wes Windholz Band
- 7:00 pm—Karaoke (sponsored by Top Notch Guttering & Aleck & Sandy McAlonan)

- 7:30 pm—Pinochle
- 9:00 pm—Free Concert—Paramount

“It’s too much FUN!”

NEW POLICY: Effective following the June City Council meeting, any household whose water is shut off for non-payment by the late date, will not be reconnected on the weekend. Service will be withheld until the following Monday pending payment of the outstanding bill and the \$25 reconnect fee.

Lunch is served!

The parish of St. Fidelis sponsored a new project this summer providing free lunches for children of the community. Funded by proceeds from the thrift store and private donations, lunch was provided on weekdays for any who showed up. Cooking was done by Fr. John, Jan Brungardt and their assistants. All children from the community or any visiting family here (regardless of income) were welcome. Numbers varied by the day but all were fed a healthy meal, regardless of the headcount. The program will continue through August 14.

The City plans to hold a fall clean-up sometime in October, but the date has yet to be determined. Watch for details on our Facebook page and on your October bill.



Sister City representatives visit Victoria



Ilona Patterson translates the greetings extended by Heinrich Gotz on behalf of the people of Kubelstein for Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach and the audience at the reception.

The City Of Victoria commemorated 25 years of international friendship when citizens from its sister city of Kubelstein, Germany, paid a visit in June.

Heinrich and Marga Nusslein and Reinhold and Sonja Gotz and their two daughters were honored guests at a public reception organized by Cora Schulte.

At the gathering, greetings and gifts were exchanged.

This was the third time the Nussleins had visited Victoria.



Judy and Holly Rupp took advantage of the dumpsters during the spring citywide cleanup.



Girl Scouts Ashlyn Hammerschmidt and Sienna Hockersmith and their moms take a break during the citywide garage sale in April.

The City has recently changed billing software. The code on back for sewer has changed from SW to SE. Also, the amount shown for late payment is not as prominent as on our former bills. If remitting after the due date, residents are asked to note the late amount.

Blast from the Past!

Sept. 2000, Chief of Police Don Pruitt was presented with an award for 25 years of service to the City of Victoria.

May 20, 2000, Bishop George Fitzsimmons dedicated the Memorial to the Unborn at the Victoria Cemetery.

Current City Clerk Mary Pfeifer joined the City of Victoria staff as Utilities Clerk in November of 1999.

Ribbon Cutting was held for the Victoria Health and Public Safety building July 25, 1999.

Ribbon Cutting was also observed on May 4, 1999, when United Ag Service opened its new location at 305 Main St.

In the June 1999 City newsletter, Allen P. Dreiling expressed his appreciation to the community for its support during his 14 years of service as a Council member and as Mayor.

On April 3, 1999, the Victoria Fire Department held an afternoon event where residents could bring their battery-operated smoke detectors to be checked.

The December 1998 City newsletter congratulated Smoky Hill Meat Processing and Robben Insurance on their grand openings.

In September 1998, Mrs. Ruth Marcotte was presented a plaque of appreciation for her 20 years of service as **Victoria's City Treasurer.**

Also in September 1998, the Hungry Haus Café opened its doors featuring German food as well a regular menu items. Owner Darlene Braun was in charge with her husband LaVern as her **'silent partner.'**

1998 was also the year the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department celebrated 75 years of service to the community!



With school starting this month, motorists are reminded that reduced speeds will be in effect in school zones and officers will be patrolling at starting and dismissal times.



Victoria Rec Commission has forms for fall sports available at the City office as well as at the grade school. Volleyball, soccer, and flag football will be offered. **All forms must be turned in by the Aug. 6 deadline.**



A note from our City crew: **appliances such as washers, dryers, water heaters, and furniture such as mattresses, box springs, barbecue grills, etc. will not be picked up as part of weekly trash collection.** The City is charged extra for these items at the landfill. These are the responsibility of regular households to dispose of.





Provided by USD #432 Superintendent David Ottley

The students and staff at USD #432 completed another fantastic school year! I continue to be **impressed with our staff's commitment to excellence, and our students make our district like no other.** They are truly the best of the best!

While our students are hopefully enjoying a well-deserved summer break, we have multiple on-going district projects. We are currently having the boilers at the elementary school replaced. They were the original 1962 boilers, which were worn out. The new replacements will provide a high-efficiency approach to heating the building. Also, we are looking forward to replacing the stadium lights at the high school. These new lights will be a welcomed improvement, enhancing the stadium appearance, line of vision, and improved lighting on the track and football field. Seventy-five percent of the money for this project was paid for with donations from our parents, patrons, and local businesses. Donations have also helped us fund the installation of a water well that is currently being used to water the football field.

All schools in Kansas will work under the budgetary constraints of the **"Block Grant."** This means we will have the same amount of money to run the school as we did in the 2014-2015 school year. Combining the shortfall from the block grant and our considerable drop in district valuation, funding will become more burdensome on our local entities. Our drop in valuation would most likely allow us to receive tax relief in the form of state aid for the local option budget and for capital outlay. Unfortunately, with the block grants, there is no money allocated for this need. It is sad that our tax dollars have helped others and now when we need the help, the state is not in a position to reciprocate.

Going forward, we will continue to enjoy success and display great community pride! We are all fortunate to live in a community so proud of its past, yet so excited about its future. The long-standing tradition of parental and community support of our schools will enable us to continue providing for our students as needed. Our students are our best advertisement and our future. Please continue to help USD #432 build on the success of our past to ensure a bright future for all of our students.



Dear Mayor Kanzenbach and the Community of Victoria,

I would really like to thank you for the wonderful experience that I have had here with you and your community. The way that you welcomed me and made me a part of your community was so special. I will cherish the plaque and lifetime citizenship forever. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives this past year. If any of you ever decide to visit Germany, please look me up.

Sincerely,

Marie Schluchtmann, VHS German Exchange Student , 2014-15