

TALK OF THE TOWN

FEBRUARY 1, 2013

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Dog Tag Reminder

REMINDER: Victoria City Code requires all owners of any dog over 6 months of age to have their dog immunized against rabies and to obtain a city dog tag **BEFORE** March 1st. The fee for a dog tag is \$2.00 for each neutered or spayed dog. It is \$5.00 for each dog that is not spayed or neutered. A current rabies immunization certificate must be presented before a dog tag can be obtained. Owners failing to purchase dog tags before March 1st will be charged a late registration fee of \$1.00 per month (including the months of January and February) and also risk the chance of receiving a \$50.00 fine plus \$50.00 court costs should your dog get loose and picked up with out a tag. You can get your 2013 dog tags at City Hall.



Water Rates Increase

You will notice on this month's bill that the water rates have increased. The new rates are as follows:

A minimum charge of \$26.00 for the first 2,000 gallons each month. In addition to the above charge, the charge for water usage in excess of 2,000 gallons per month shall be as follows: 2,001-5,000 gallons will be \$3.00 per thousand gallons; 5,001-10,000 gallons will be \$4.00 per thousand gallons; 10,001 gallons and above will be \$6.00 per thousand gallons.

CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR

CURTIS UNREIN

CITY COUNCIL

JERRY BRUNGARDT

ERICA DINGES

KENNETH PFEIFER

JAN PIESKER

LEROY SCHMIDTBERGER

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JULIUS WINDHOLZ

PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANTS

TERRY RIEDEL

ROBERT SCHMIDT

POLICE CHIEF




COLE DINKEL

PATROL OFFICER



RYAN MAUCH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2 GROUND HOG DAY 
- 3 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
- 8 NO SCHOOL
- 11 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
- 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY 
- 18 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
- 18 NO SCHOOL
- 18 PRESIDENT'S DAY 
- 22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

MARCH

- 10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS—TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR
- 11 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 
- 18 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
- 18-22 SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL
- 20 SPRING BEGINS
- 29 CITY HALL CLOSED
- 29 NO SCHOOL
- 31 EASTER 

APRIL

- 1 NO SCHOOL 
- 1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- 8 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
- 11 JR. HIGH INVITATIONAL TRACK MEET
- 13 PROM 
- 15 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
- 20 COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE
- 21 EARTH DAY

The issue of city wide curbside trash pickup was discussed at the December City Council meeting. Due to the fact that over 60% of the city already has curbside trash pickup and that the alleys have stayed much cleaner, it was decided that curbside trash pickup will remain permanent for ALL residents of the City of Victoria.

*City Hall will be closed
Friday, March 29th.*



The Annual Community Wide Garage Sale is right around the corner. It will be held **Saturday, April 20th**. If you would like to be on the list, please call City Hall at 735-2259 or drop of a **SHORT** list of items and the address where the sale will be held by April 1st. Due to the increasing cost of advertising, the charge will be \$7.



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Jan Piesker— I am originally from Russell. My husband Terry and I have been residents of Ellis County for 20 years and Victoria about 11 years. Terry is employed by Dreiling Oil. We have 3 grown sons and 10 wonderful grandchildren.

I am very impressed with this community and we have enjoyed becoming a part of it. I feel there is so much potential here and would like to be more active in the future of it by running for city council. I have seen first hand the tourist aspect and also the need for more businesses to address the needs of these and the community. Thank you for your consideration. I have served and enjoy serving on the council.

Jan Piesker

Ken Pfeifer—My name is Ken Pfeifer. I am looking for votes to be a city council member. I was born and married in Victoria and have raised my 3 sons here. I have a love for this community and want to help where I can. Just finishing 2 1/2 terms on the City Council, I am anxious to serve again. I will try to make the best and right decisions to help the people of Victoria, I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Ken Pfeifer

Leroy Schmidtberger—I have lived in Victoria all my life. My wife LeeAnn and I have three children: Megan (Scott) Wellbrock, Chad and Colin. LeeAnn and I are involved with the church in many ministries. We have also served as leaders in both Girls and Cub Scouts for many years. I am involved in City Government because I hope that I can make a difference in the quality of life for the citizens of Victoria.

MAYOR CANDIDATE

Curt Unrein—Two years ago when I ran for mayor we had many items within the city that needed attention ranging from aging infrastructure to a need for additional housing. All of the issues that we have been faced with have been difficult ones to deal with. We have, however, made some very strong progress in solving some of these issues. We were able to complete a major upgrade to our water system and were very fortunate to receive a \$500,000.00 grant from the State of Kansas to help fund that project. Although we still have more work to do on the water system, we made a huge step forward in upgrades. We also have been able to work with USD 432 and a housing developer to open up 17 housing lots called the “Knights Addition” and as last count 9 of those lots have been sold with 5 houses having been built or are in the process of being built. With these issues, we have made great progress. One very serious issue that we are still faced with is the drought. Unfortunately, we cannot make it rain, however, we can use our water wisely. To that end, we have been forced to put into effect water restrictions to help conserve water. Unless the current weather pattern changes for the better we will be forced to continue these restrictions and more than likely make them even more stringent.

I would appreciate being able to continue working on these issues that affect the city along with City Council and would be honored to have your vote in the upcoming election. Thank you.



In March of 2012 the city purchased the property at 1007 Hickory. The house that was built in 1914 and one of the garages on the property were demolished by city employees. The pictures on the right show city employee Terry Riedel loading some of the material into a dumpster.



When dropping off recyclables, please make sure they are being deposited in the correct bins. Styrofoam can no longer be recycled, so do not put it in the bins or lay it next to them, take it back home with you and throw it in your regular trash containers to be picked up on Monday. The city is having a problem with items placed in wrong bins or items that cannot be recycled dumped in the recycling trailers. Also, as some of you may have noticed, the burn pile is currently closed. In order to burn, the city is required to obtain a permit from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment. Once the permit is obtained, the burn pile will be reopened, but the only items that will be allowed to be dumped there will be tree branches and shrubs. **No other wood items or lumber will be allowed on the burn pile.** If residents do not comply with the dumping regulations or recycling items these services may have to be discontinued. The city does monitor these areas with cameras and residents may be fined for violations. If anyone sees someone violating these regulations, please call city hall or the police so the city can continue to offer this service.

Fire Department Awards



At the January 21, 2013 City Council meeting, Tom Geist was presented with an award for 25 years of service to the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department. Also receiving service award pins was Bill Geist for 30 years and Darin Engel for 5 years. A big thanks for to all the department members who volunteer their time to the department. Pictured are Assistant Fire Chief Leon Wellbrock, Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt, Tom Geist and Mayor Curt Unrein presenting the award.