



Talk of the Town



City of Victoria

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Santa's Coming!



Santa's annual visit to see the boys and girls in Victoria will happen after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7th. He'll have goodies to distribute and may arrive by firetruck rather than by his sleigh, conditions permitting. He's looking forward to seeing lots of his favorite people there. It is hoped that this change of time will enable more parents and children to be present.

New Employee Joins City

Effective in late July, Brad Schmidtberger began employment with the City as a public works assistant. Brad is a native of Victoria. He and his wife Lori have three grown children and two grandchildren. He formerly worked for EnerSys in Hays as a maintenance supervisor. Welcome, Brad!

Thrift 'n Gift Hosts

Holiday Open House

Victoria residents are invited to visit the thrift store for their upcoming holiday events designed to express appreciation for the support they have shown during the past year.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 10:00-2:00 visitors will be treated to coffee and cookies. In addition, Bess McCarty, a local masseuse, will be offering hand, neck, and shoulder massages for \$1.00 per minute with proceeds being donated to the store.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, from 10:00—2:00 Father John will be in charge of cooking up some treats for all who stop in.

Jan Brungardt, project director, stated that besides thanking the citizens, she would like to extend a special thank you to all of the many volunteers who have given their time to the store as well as to Frank Brungardt for the use of the buildings that house their operation.

The concerted efforts have made for a very successful first year.

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City Officials

Mayor

Curtis Unrein

City Council

Jerry Brungardt

Erica Dinges

Kenneth Pfeifer

Jan Piesker

Leroy Schmidtberger

City Clerk

Mary Pfeifer

Utilities Clerk

Nancy Piatt

City Superintendent/

Building Inspector

Jacob Nuss

Public Works Assts.

Brad Schmidtberger

Scott Zimmerman

Police Chief

Cole Dinkel

Patrol Officer

Ryan Mauch



In honor of Veterans' Day

City Hall will be closed

Tuesday, November 11



Tom Tholen, Verlin Hammerschmidt



Kevin Klein, Leon Wellbrock, Austin Gagnon, Cole Dreiling



Connor Gagnon, Austin Gagnon, Dave Gagnon



Kami Wellbrock



Scott Wellbrock, Chris Brungardt

Calendar of Events

November



- 2—Daylight Savings Ends
- 4— Election Day
- 10—School Board Meeting
- 11—Veterans’ Day—City Hall closed
- 17—City Council Meeting
- 27—Thanksgiving Day—City Hall closed



December

- 8—School Board Meeting
- 17—City Council Meeting
- 22—Winter Break begins
- 24—Christmas Eve—City Hall closed
- 25—Christmas Day—City Hall closed

January



- 1—New Year’s Day—City Hall closed
- 5—School resumes
- 12—School Board Meeting
- 19—City Council Meeting
- 19—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

School District Recognizes City’s Employees

“I have wanted to recognize our volunteer fire department for several years. They do an absolutely amazing job with our elementary students every year when they sponsor our Fire Safety Day., stated USD 432 Superintendent David Ottley recently. From that thought, with the help of his staff and all the students pre-K-6th grade, grew the idea of having a Public Employee Appreciation Day.

So, at an all-school assembly, city workers were recognized with applause, a song in their honor, and a reception of coffee and donuts. Each class also made and delivered individual cards expressing their appreciation for the various jobs

the employees do for the public good.

Following the event, the annual Fire Safety activities were conducted for the students. These included a video and then the opportunity for an up-close look at the city’s fire equipment and ambulance. Fire fighters also demonstrated the department’s thermal imagine camera, which is used to detect heat both in structures and in people.

Each year the City purchases fire safety materials including coloring and activity pages for the students to go along with the education provided by the fire department.

October is Fire Prevention Month and a great time to say thank you to the members of the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department for their DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY.

CHRIS BRUNGARDT

COLE DREILING

DARIN ENGEL

AUSTIN GAGNON

CONNOR GAGNON

DAVE GAGNON

VERLIN HAMMERSCHMIDT, CHIEF

BRENTON HOFFMAN

JERRY KANZENBACH

KEVIN KLEIN, ASST. CHIEF



DOUG KUHN

JARED PFEIFER

TERRY RIEDEL

ROBERT SCHMIDT

DAVID THOLEN

TOM THOLEN

JOHN WEBER

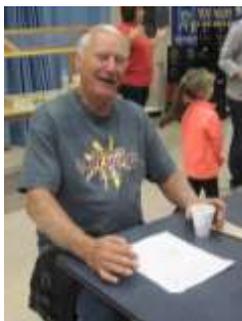
KAMI WEBER

DALE WEIGEL

LEON WELLBROCK

SCOTT WELLBROCK

More Employees Honored



EMS personnel Elea Durr, Emma Moore, Donita Schroeder, Police Chief Cole Dinkel with School Secretary Tammy Dreiling, City Clerk Mary Pfeifer with students Eleanor Stoffel and Leah Dinkel, Fireman Doug Kuhn with Superintendent David Ottley, City Councilman Jerry Brungardt

BUSINESS BITS

The first year for the Victoria **Thrift 'n Gift Shop** has been a huge success, according to Jan Brungardt, coordinator. The project has expanded to three buildings and profits per month have averaged \$1,000. The store is manned by a staff of 25 volunteers. Over the year, buyers have ranged from area residents to as far away as North Carolina. The store is gearing up for the holidays and will have specials. They continue to welcome donations but will not accept TVs, appliances, or computers. Special thanks is extended to Frank Brungardt for the use of his two buildings.

Sheena Herl, owner of Color Pallet announces the addition of stylist Morgan Pfeifer to her establishment. Morgan is accepting appointments on Mondays and Saturdays by calling 735-8417. Walk-ins are also welcome.

ADMIT ONE

Everyone is invited to the Victoria High School fall production Saturday, Nov. 15 in **the auditorium. This year's performance entitled "Just Another High School Play"** features a cast of about 30 students, freshmen through seniors and is being co-directed by Kori Braun and RuthAnn Zimmer.

There will even be opportunities for audience participation and a part for the drama teacher.

Victoria Fitness, owned by Danielle Windholz and Pat Herl, officially opened its doors Oct. 25. Located at the back of Color Pallet, the facility features treadmills, ellipticals and weight machines. Monthly memberships are priced at \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. The facility is open 24/7 with access at the back through membership cards. Anyone with questions can call 735-8417 for more information.



Victoria Lumber Company has undergone a facelift in recent months. In addition to a new metal roof, the building front now features new windows and a brick facade.

Sara Boyd is once again the owner and operating stylist at Tresses Hair Salon, 405 Main. She has thirteen years experience in the beauty industry and is very happy to be home in Victoria. Tresses is now open 7-7 Monday-Saturday.

Robben Oil still offers the opportunity for vehicle detailing. If your car or truck is in need of a deep cleaning, contact Jason at 735-2846.



The City office continues to offer mailing services through UPS for the convenience of our citizens.

Reminders

Dog Tags



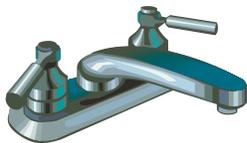
Dog tags for 2015 will be available beginning January 2nd. Victoria City Code requires all owners of dogs over six months of age to have their dog immunized against rabies and to obtain a city tag BEFORE March 1. Fee for a tag is \$2.00 for each neutered or spayed dog and \$5.00 for each dog that is not spayed or neutered. A current rabies immunization certificate must be presented before a tag can be issued. Owners failing to purchase tags before March 1 will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month (including the months of January and February). They also risk the chance of receiving a \$50 fine plus \$50 in court costs in the event that their dog gets loose and is picked up without a tag.



Citizens are reminded of several ways they can help our Victoria schools.

- ✔ Receipts from area McDonald's restaurants (Russell, Hays, WaKeeney);
- ✔ Labels from Sunny D beverages;
- ✔ Box Tops for Education;
- ✔ Pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka

Any of these can be dropped off at either school location or at City Hall



Sewer Averages

Once again, it is time for sewer averaging. The yearly sewer average will be taken between December 20 and March 20. The average is based upon your water usage and remains with you for one year. The new average will appear on the May water bill. If that average seems high, there are several factors to consider: number of persons in the household, the length of showers taken, the number of loads of laundry done, etc. Most means of water conservation are encouraged.

Automatic Payments



If you would like to avoid writing checks each month for your city bill as well as avoid the concern about late fees, the City offers the option to have your payment automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. The City Office can provide you with the form to have this done.



As the winter months approach, property owners and/ or occupants are reminded that city ordinance requires that they remove all snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property within 12 hours after a snow or ice storm to assure pedestrian safety. Your cooperation is appreciated.

STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS
REMAIN IN EFFECT!



Free gunlocks are available at City Hall. You are welcome to stop by and pick one up.

