

Talk of the Town



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City participates

In First Impressions

Members of the community are invited to a town hall meeting on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. to learn what an outside team of visitors' impressions were when visiting Victoria recently. This is the outcome of a new program sponsored by the K-State Research and Extension Department and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The place for the meeting is yet to be determined but will be listed on the city website and Facebook page.

Nadine Sigle, an extension associate with K-State, will have a PowerPoint presentation presenting the findings from the visit. Through this information, the City receives ideas for betterment opportunities, which can then be utilized in future community planning and improvement.

Called First Impressions, the program trains a volunteer team to explore a community's residential, retail and industrial areas, as well as local government entities, schools and points of interest. Teams are trained to follow clear guidelines as they evaluate appearances, access to services, friendliness and other attributes. The Victoria team comprised of Jane Wagner, Jan Brungardt and Jerry Schmidtberger will visit another community and in turn, a team will visit Victoria, following the same process.

Water



Reminders

The Victoria City Council and City crew want to provide some reminders of the City's current water regulations as adopted last June.

1. **Outside watering IS permitted for hand watering of trees, flowers and gardens as well as for home maintenance, washing of cars, etc.; no unattended hoses. The watering end of all hoses needs to have a mechanism to enable the turning off of the flow when not in use.**
2. **Watering must be done before 10:00 a.m and after 5:00 p.m.**
3. **Filling of swimming pools or hot tubs is not allowed.**
4. **Filling of water storage containers is not allowed.**
5. **Wasting of water is prohibited.**

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Due to the observance of Memorial Day on May 28, trash pick will be on Tuesday, May 29.

POOL NEWS

THE VICTORIA RECREATION COMMISSION

HERZOGFEST

**OPENING DAY
MAY 27**

The Victoria City Pool Managers announce rates for the new season as follows:

Single Child Pass \$25

Adult Pass \$30

Family Pass \$75

Pool Party \$50 per hour

Daily rates: ages 0-3 free with paid adult

Ages 4-17 \$1.00

18 & up \$2.00

Swimming Lessons \$15 per session

Plans are to have adult aerobics on Wednesday evenings and for Thursday swims until 10:00

**Daily Hours
1:00-7:00**

is looking for a committed candidate for the volunteer position of Board of Commissioner. The Commissioner shall hold office for a term of four years. Meetings are held every other month. If interested or have questions, please contact Marla Robben @ 785.735.8073 or Sharon Bleske @ 785.735.4081.

We are also looking for volunteers to teach a craft or skill through the Rec Commission. If you would be interested in donating your time for something like this, please contact Marla or Sharon at the above numbers.

The Victoria Housing Authority "The Elms" is looking for a committed candidate for the volunteer position of Board of Commissioner. The Elms is a low-income public housing facility. The development consists of seven one-bedroom duplexes, one two-bedroom handicapped duplex and a community building. The mission of the FHA's Board of Commissioners and staff is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing to low-income individuals or family. If interested please stop by the office at 612 Grant St. Terr. or call Marla Robben, Executive Director at 785.735.2620 or 785.735.8073

The Committee has been busy and has numerous good things to report. The annual **golf tournament** which had to be cancelled due to weather is set for **July 21**.

Tanganyika, the wildlife park in Goddard that helps endangered species and provides education about the animals they care for, will be at this summer's event and will be bringing some of their exotic animals for the community to observe and possibly pet.

The Committee has purchased a **new trailer** that will be used as a small stage, which can be used for announcements and as a place for the polka band to perform. Due to a family obligation the Wes Windholz Band will not be performing this year, but the community is promised a fun replacement.

Ongoing planning and work to make the festival **more handicapped accessible** is another priority of the Committee including parking, ramps on curbs, and restroom access. According to Chairman Dace Winkelman, "It is in our interest that everyone have a fun and safe time and can enjoy all the activities."

Attention Pet Owners:
City officials want to remind you that you are responsible for appropriately disposing of pet feces. They are to be picked up, bagged and included with other trash. Failure to do this can result in a fine for violating a city ordinance.



Cookies for sale! Members of the Victoria Girl Scouts took advantage of nice weather and a good location in front of Sunflower Bank to peddle their wares. Pictured here are Lexus Werth, Kinley Nuss, Calli Werth, Emersyn Brown, and Rylee Leiker.



Postmistress DJ Kuhn designated Valentine's Day as Customer Appreciation Day as well. Visitors to the post office were treated to homemade goodies as well as the usual welcome they always receive!

Adopt-a-Pot? In years past, the flower pots around the City were tended by retired ladies. However, that practice has changed. Last year, two of the pots were tended by families and one by a gentleman with a green thumb. This year the City has a few 'orphan' pots waiting for someone to claim them. The City allows the owner to choose the flowers while the City foots the bill. The adopter then pots them and dispenses the water and TLC to make them grow. If you would be interested in being one of the volunteers, please contact City Hall. 735-2259



Post 1751 would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped sell the raffle tickets for our Stars and Stripes Breakfast. Without you, the breakfast would not have been the great success that it was. We can't thank you enough for all of your hard work to sell tickets along with the VFW members. The number of tickets sold helped the Post tremendously. The funds received will go a long ways in helping the Post.

Good News

For Homeowners

Effective June 1, the City of Victoria's ISO rating has been changed from a 5 to a 4. This means that homeowners may receive a reduction in their insurance rates. It is the homeowner's responsibility to investigate this with his insurer.

The rating is based on a number of factors including the following: response time, hydrant testing, radio systems, the number of firefighters, extra training attended by firefighters, and more. At the March City Council meeting, Councilman Dustin Schumacher expressed his appreciation to the members of the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department for their dedication and service to the City.

THE FACTS ON LEAKS

10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 or more gallons or more per day.



A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drop per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.



A shower leaking 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year.



Replace old toilets with a conservation model and save 13,000 gallons for the average family.

FYI Discussion is currently underway about ways to update City Hall after more than 20 years. Matters of concern are flaking plaster, rotting flooring, inadequate storage, lack of meeting space conducive to audience being able to hear and see all Council members. The current bathroom is not ADA approved. Citizens are invited to stop in and take a look.



Victoria Council 1867 is extremely grateful for the community's support during their Lenten Fish Fries. The funds raised from these events will be a great help to many of the charitable organizations that they give to.



We head into April with a sense of excitement for the many changes that spring brings. We have a lot of our students involved in track and baseball. Our seniors are busy with scholarship applications and the anticipation of opportunities after high school.

USD #432 continues to plan for the future of our students. With the KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation) process we continue to explore new ideas to improve our district and student outcomes. Our areas of focus are enhancing relationships with the community and keeping our curriculum relevant and up-to-date to meet the needs for a statewide school redesign. The ultimate goal continues to be to ensure that our students are college and career ready. As we prepare for next year, the district is considering an expanded Veteran's Day celebration and a German Heritage Day. We would love to bring the community into our school to be a part of both celebrations and to add their time and talent to both occasions.

A significant improvement has been made to our district website. I appreciate the hard work of students to complete this upgrade. The site is much more welcoming, informative and interactive. Please sign on to usd432.org and check-it-out!

As always, I want to recognize the value of a community that is so proud of its past, yet so excited about its future. Our students are our very best advertisement and our future.



Participating in a focus group as a step in the search for the new school superintendent, Jason Robben, Karen Nowak, Kori Braun and Jerry Brungardt were part of the conversation with Dr. Brian Jordan, a representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards, who is overseeing the process. Ottley will complete his service to the District on June 30.

St. Fidelis continues food programs

The summer lunch program at the St. Fidelis Parish Activity Center will begin June 4 and run until the end of July. This is for any youngsters and caregivers. If your grandchildren or any friends or family come to visit, they are invited to join us. The hours are from 11:00-11:30. There is no fee for this program and no need to call ahead. Everyone who shows up is welcome.

St. Fidelis also has a very well-stocked food pantry. If you or anyone you know in the Tri-Parish area would like to benefit from this program, contact Jan at the parish office at 735-2777. To take advantage of the pantry no fee is charged, but consumers do need to call ahead.



Thanks are extended to the Knights of Columbus whose Lenten food drive, as well as the generosity of some parishioners makes this service available.