

Gratitude makes everyone a winner

I competed last weekend in a Toastmasters speech contest. I was the first of nine speakers, so once I was done with my speech, I was able to relax and enjoy myself and really listen to the other speakers.

I didn't win, by the way, and I'm grateful. That doesn't mean I didn't want to win, or that I wasn't disappointed that I lost. What it means is that I was, indeed, listening to the other speakers.

One of them gave a speech about being grateful. She talked about a number of things that had gone wrong in her life, and how upset she was about them until she realized that she still had a lot of things to be grateful for.

This is the kind of thing we usually think about—and I often write about—around Thanksgiving, when we're reminded to count our blessings and to be grateful for everything we have. So it might seem "out of season" to talk about or reflect on it right now, but that's probably all the more reason to do so.

Gratitude isn't just for when we're thinking about family and friends, parades and football games, or a big holiday dinner with our loved ones. And it's not just for when we win the



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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

contests we enter. It's also for when we lose. It's for when we have problems to solve, bills to pay, and boring, tedious work to do. It's for when our car breaks down, when our backs are sore from shoveling snow, and when another round of layoffs looms ahead at our workplace. These are the times when we may have to look a little harder, and dig a little deeper, to find things to be grateful for.

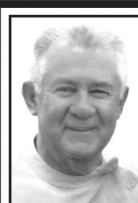
I thought about this after the speech contest on Saturday, and tried to come up with a list of things to be grateful for. It really wasn't that difficult. I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to take part in the contest in the first place, and that no matter what the outcome of the contest was,

I know I did my best. I'm grateful for the information and entertainment that came from the other speakers in the contest, and for the chance to meet some new and interesting people. Although I love competing, I'm grateful that the time it would take to practice and prepare for the next level of competition is time I can now devote to other things that are also very important to me. And I'm grateful I have people in my life who made sure I remembered that.

It seems to me that we can get more benefit from feeling grateful for the things that go wrong in our lives than for the things that go well. It's easy to be grateful when we win, but it's when we lose that gratitude helps pull us out of our slump. It allows us to learn from our mistakes and misfortunes, to see the bigger picture, and to take positive action to improve the situation instead of sitting around feeling sorry for ourselves.

Thinking about it that way makes me realize that gratitude is actually a tool. And whenever we experience a defeat, delay, or disappointment in our lives, it's the very first one we should reach for in order to fix the problem.

No contest.



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by James Holm, R.Ph.

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Public Notices

DOCUMENT 00030 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud by representatives of the City of Victoria, Minnesota, at the City Hall, 7951 Rose Street, P.O. Box 36, Victoria, Minnesota 55386, in said City at 2:00 PM, on April 3, 2007, for furnishing all work and materials for the construction of 2007 Street and Drainage Improvements, consisting of the following approximate quantities:

18079	SY	RECLAIM EX BIT. AND BASE MATERIALS, 10-INCH DEPTH
2311	CY	COMMON EXCAVATION
57	RS	SUBGRADE PREPARATION OF RECLAIMED SURFACE
21	EA	REBUILD GATE VALVE
10	LF	12" RCP CL. 5 STORM SEWER PIPE
1	EA	CATCH BASIN, TYPE 404
10689	LF	4" PERFORATED PVC EDGE DRAIN W/BACKFILL & WRAP
314	LF	SURMOUNTABLE CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER
2154	TN	2350 TYPE LV 3 BITUMINOUS NON-WEARING COURSE
1632	TN	2350 TYPE LV 4 BITUMINOUS WEARING COURSE
32	EA	ADJUST MANHOLE CASTING
1744	SY	SODDING

Proposal forms, contract documents, drawings and specifications as prepared by TKDA, are on file for inspection in the office of the City Clerk and in the office of the Engineers, whose address is 444 Cedar Street, Suite 1500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2140.

Contractors desiring drawings, specifications and related documents for the purpose of submitting a bid may secure them from the Engineers upon deposit of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75) for each set. The deposit will not be refunded.

No bid will be considered unless it is securely sealed in an envelope and filed with the City Clerk prior to the time noted above for the closing of bids.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or cashier's check payable to the City of Victoria in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract with the Owner for the work described in the proposal. This deposit will be subject to forfeiture as provided by law. The deposits for the three lowest bidders will be retained by the Owner until the contract has been awarded and executed but not longer than sixty (60) days. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days following the bid opening.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in the best interest of the Owner.

The City Council will consider award of contracts at a regular meeting to be held at 6:30 PM, April 12, 2007.

Dated: February 22, 2007

(Published in the Chanhassen Villager on Thursday, March 8 and 15, 2007; No. 4841)

City Administrator

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2007 KOEHNEN AREA IMPROVEMENTS CITY OF CHANHASSEN CHANHASSEN, MN

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Sealed proposals for the work described below and labeled "Bid Proposal for 2007 Koehnen Area Improvements" will be received by the Engineering Division, City of Chanhassen, 7700 Market Boulevard, P.O. Box 147, Chanhassen, MN 55317-0147 until 10:00 A.M. on March 16, 2007, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

- 19,372 SY Remove Bituminous Street Pavement
- 11,740 CY Common Excavation
- 7,800 CY Pond Excavation
- 20,180 TON Aggregate Base, Class 5
- 4,113 TON Bituminous Pavement
- 3,815 SF Modular Block Retaining Wall
- 4,707 LF 12"-36" RC Storm Sewer (or HDPE Alternate)
- 2,144 LF 6"-10" PVC Sanitary Sewer
- 6,500 LF 6"-8" DIP Watermain
- 11,802 LF Concrete Curb and Gutter
- 624 SY Concrete Driveway Pavement
- 380 LF 3 - C a b l e Guardrail
- 422 LF Chain Link Fence
- 14,590 SY Sodding
- 3 AC Seeding
- 12,302 SY Erosion Control Blanket together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications.

PLANHOLDERS LIST,

ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The planholders list, addendums list and bid tabulation will be available on-line at www.bolton-menk.com. Any addendums will be mailed or faxed to all planholders.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Plans, specifications and all contract documents may be obtained at the office of Bolton & Menk, Inc., 12224 Nicollet Avenue, Burnsville, MN, 55337, 952-890-0509, FAX 952-890-8065, by payment of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for each set obtained. Bid documents may also be ordered on-line at www.bolton-menk.com.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5% of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Chanhassen, shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

Mr. Paul Oehme, P.E., Public Works Director (Published in the Chanhassen Villager on Thursday, February 22 and March 1, 8, 2007; No. 4837)

CITY OF CHANHASSEN CARVER & HENNEPIN COUNTIES, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DOGWOOD ROAD/TANADOONA DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 06-06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Chanhassen City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 7700 Market Boulevard on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible for a public hearing on the feasibility study for street, utility, and storm drainage improvements on the following streets:

Dogwood Road
Tanadoona Drive

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$2,337.6 Million. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. This project is proposed to be paid for with a combination of assessments and City funds.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place.

Todd Gerhardt, City Clerk (Published in the Chanhassen Villager on Thursday, March 1 and 8, 2007; No. 4838)

CITY OF VICTORIA ORDINANCE NO. 346 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30, Article I. In General; Section 30-2. Definitions.

That section Chapter 30, Article I In General, Section 30-2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Victoria, Minnesota, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec.30-2. *Impervious surface area* means any material that substantially reduces or prevents the infiltration of stormwater. Impervious surface area shall include the footprint of any structure, sidewalks, driveways and parking areas (ex. bituminous, concrete) and water surface area of a swimming pool. Decks shall not be included if they are not covered and if pervious surface is located below. Pavers shall not be included as impervious surface if the substrate is pervious.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Passed and adopted this 22nd day of February, 2007 by the Victoria City Council.

Mary Hershberger-Thun, Mayor ATTEST: Jennifer Kretsch, City Clerk (Published in the Chanhassen Villager on Thursday, March 8, 2007; No. 4840)

City of Victoria NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW A REQUEST FOR A REPLAT FOR LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 5 OF THE KREY LAKES SUBDIVISION AND TO ALSO VACATE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS AND ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

TUESDAY, March 20th, 2007 6:30 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Victoria Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 20th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the City Council Chambers located at 7951 Rose Street.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review and possibly recommend approval of a replat for Lots 1 and 2 of Block 5 of the Krey Lakes subdivision and to also vacate drainage and utility easements and road right-of-way associated with the replat of these lots, within the City of Victoria, Carver County, Minnesota.

All those interested are encouraged to attend or contact the City of Victoria offices at (952) 443-2363 for further information.

Date: February 26, 2007 BY ORDER OF THE VICTORIA ASSISTANT PLANNER Angie M. Perera, Assistant Planner

(Published in the Chanhassen Villager on Thursday, March 8 and 15, 2007; No. 4842)

City of Victoria NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW A REQUEST FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE VETERINARIAN CLINICS AS A CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

THURSDAY, March 22nd, 2007 6:30 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Victoria City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 22nd, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the City Council Chambers located at 7951 Rose Street.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review and possibly adopt an ordinance amendment to include veterinarian clinics as a conditional use within the Central Business District, within the City of Victoria, Carver County, Minnesota.

All those interested are encouraged to attend or contact the City of Victoria offices at (952) 443-2363 for further information.

Date: February 26, 2007 BY ORDER OF THE VICTORIA ASSISTANT PLANNER Angie M. Perera, Assistant Planner

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2007 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CITY PROJECT 07-02 CITY OF CHANHASSEN CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Chanhassen, Carver County, Minnesota, at City of Chanhassen, 7700 Market Blvd., Chanhassen, Minnesota 55317, until 2:00 PM on March 30, 2007, and will be publicly opened at said time and place by two or more designated employees or agents of the City of Chanhassen, said bids to be for the furnishing of all labor and materials for the construction complete and in place in accordance with the plans and specifications for the following:

- 1,000 CY Common Excavation
- 15,000 SY Edge Mill Bituminous Surface
- 1,000 LF Remove Concrete Curb and Gutter
- 3,500 SY Remove Bituminous Pavement
- 2,000 LF Sawcut Bituminous Pavement
- 500 CY Aggregate Base
- 5,000 Ton Bituminous Mixture
- 20 SY Concrete Driveway Pavement
- 2,000 LF Concrete Curb and Gutter
- 1 LS Turf Establishment
- 1 LS Traffic Control

The bids must be submitted on the bid forms provided in accordance with Contract Documents, as prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., 2550 University Avenue West, Suite 345N, St. Paul, Minnesota 55114, which are on file with the City Engineer of Chanhassen and may be seen at the office of the Consulting Engineer.

Copies of the plans and

specifications will be furnished upon request for the price of \$75.00 per set sent to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., 2550 University Avenue West, Suite 345N, St. Paul, Minnesota 55114. Plans and specifications, so purchased, become the property of the purchaser, and no refund will be issued for any portion of the purchase price.

Bids must be on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and no bid will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Clerk and accompanied by a cash deposit, certified check, or bidder's bond, payable to the City, for not less than 5% of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after notification of the award of contract, enter into an agreement with the City and furnish a bond for the full amount of the contract as provided by law. This deposit will be subject to forfeiture as provided by law.

Cash deposits, certified checks, and bidder's bonds of the three (3) lowest bidders may be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than 60 days from the date of opening bids. All other deposits will be refunded promptly.

All Bidders for contract amounts of \$50,000 or more shall require contractors, subcontractors and vendors which have 20 or more full-time employees to submit a copy of their Affirmative Action Certificate for the current period with their bid.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities therein. No bid may be withdrawn within 60 days from the date of opening of bids.

It is anticipated that the bids will be considered by the Chanhassen City Council at their meeting on May 14, 2007.

Dated: February 26, 2007 B y Order of the City Council (Published in the Chanhassen Villager on Thursday, March 8, 15, 22, 2007; No. 4844)

CITY OF CHANHASSEN CARVER & HENNEPIN COUNTIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING CASE NO. 07-04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Chanhassen Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Chanhassen City Hall, 7700 Market Blvd. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request for Site Plan Review and a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a 145-foot cell tower with a 4-foot lightning rod, and to allow a fence over 6 1/2 feet in height on property located west of Great Plains Boulevard, north of Creekwood Drive, south of Halla Nursery, and east of Bluff Creek Golf Course (Outlot A, Halla Maryanne Addition). Applicant: T-Mobile.

A plan showing the location of the proposal is available for public review on the City's web site at www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us/serv/plan/07-04.html or at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and express their opinions with respect to this proposal.

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CITY OF CHANHASSEN CARVER & HENNEPIN COUNTIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING CASE NO. 07-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Chanhassen Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Chanhassen City Hall, 7700 Market Blvd. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request for a two-lot Subdivision with a Variance for access off a private street on property located at 3820 Lone Cedar Lane (Lot 4, Block 1, Cedar Crest) - GAUER ADDITION. Applicant: Scott & Laurie Gauer.

A plan showing the location of the proposal is available for public review on the City's web site at www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us/serv/plan/07-07.html or at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and express their opinions with respect to this proposal.

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CITY OF CHANHASSEN CARVER & HENNEPIN COUNTIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING CASE NO. 07-08

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Chanhassen Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Chanhassen City Hall, 7700 Market Blvd. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request for a hard surface coverage variance from the maximum 20% hard surface coverage restriction in order to keep areas of existing driveway that were to be removed contingent upon approval of a building permit for a garage on property located at 731 West 96th Street. Applicant: Gary & Mary Bendick.

A plan showing the location of the proposal is available for public review on the City's web site at www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us/serv/plan/07-08.html or at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and express their opinions with respect to this proposal.

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Faxes are not accepted.