

City of Van Meter

January 2023



Welcome to the City!

Liz Faust - City Administrator

Drew McCombs - Public Works Director

Patrick Trizila - Police Officer

Snow Reminders

When you shovel your driveway and sidewalk, remember to clear the area around the fire hydrant (if there is one near your property). Heavy snowfall can cover or block these and make it difficult for firefighters to access them in an emergency.

No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain parked on a public street in the city from curb to curb (or from the time all traveled portion of the roadway for those streets which do not have curbs) or 48 hours, whichever time is shorter. Vehicles shall be removed immediately once it begins to snow. The Director of Public Works and Utilities is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking prior to the expiration of the 48-hour period if the Director determines that the streets have been cleared. The Director of Public Works and Utilities shall notify the Police Chief when the parking prohibition has ended.

Dallas County Veterans Brick Wall Update

The Dallas County Veterans Memorial Wall Committee is finally accepting orders for personalized commemorative bricks for the Veterans Memorial Wall. This wall will be located in Minburn at Freedom Park adjacent to the Dallas County Freedom Rock. These bricks can be purchased to honor any present or past Dallas County veteran for \$100. To ensure that the engraved bricks are ready for the Summer 2023 construction, the Freedom Rock Committee has established a January 15, 2023, cutoff date for the initial order of bricks. For brick applications or questions, contact Paul Snyder at 515-422-4820.

Down on the
Farm



Toddler Time

Ages 2-5

Mondays 5:30pm

Tuesday 10am

January - March

Register Today!

MEDICARE

Informational Seminar
January 12th

Thursday 6pm - 8pm

Veterans Reception Center

Registration Required

CLOSED: MLK Jr. Day, January 16th. No Toddler Time.

TWEEN SCENE

4th - 6th Graders

Friday 1:45pm - 4pm

January 13th - March 3rd

Registration Required



Laugh & Learn

1st - 3rd Graders

Tuesday 5:30pm

January - March

Register Today!

FREE SEMINAR

Welcome to Medicare

A free seminar offered by the State of Iowa's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and Van Meter Library/Veteran Reception Center

"Welcome to Medicare" will cover:

- » Medicare Parts A & B benefits
- » Prescription Drug Benefits (Part D)
- » Medicare Advantage Plans
- » Medicare Supplement Insurance

DATES

Thursday

January 12, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location

Veteran Reception Center

910 Main St

Van Meter, IA 50261

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

by January 4, 2023

Register online at

Call (515) 996-2435

**Seminar will be held in the
Main meeting room**



Free. Confidential. Objective.

SHIIP / SMP is a service of the State of Iowa. It does not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents.



From the Mayor's Desk

2022 was another busy year for the City of Van Meter and 2023 will continue to be as busy if not busier.

There are a number of new houses going up in Grand Ridge Estates, at the Southwest corner of F-90 and R-16, and there will also be a new daycare located there, Inspired Kids Academy. Trindle Ridge, west of Trindle Park off of R-16, also has houses under construction. Hudson Heights, west of Hazel Street at the southwest edge of town, should have housing starts after the first of the year.

We finalized the annexation north of the river which brought in quite a lot of ag ground, the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery and the quarry on the west side of R-16. Liberty Ready Mix is building a new concrete plant on the quarry property and should be open for business in the coming year. I am happy we were able to bring the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery into the City of Van Meter. I believe it still has an Adel Address though, so getting the address changed will be the next thing we need to work on.

You may remember from last year that I had spoken about the Water Treatment Plant and that we were looking to partner with Waukee and West Des Moines. West Des Moines eventually decided to go another direction and partner with Des Moines Water Works. At this point we are still evaluating our options that will be in the best interests of the City of Van Meter for the future. We had received proceeds for a water project, which entails putting in a new well on the north side of the river. It will have a more plentiful supply of water than what we currently have. With the project we will need to bore at least one water main under the river and depending on what our long term plan is for water treatment, we may need to do a second one. Another water project we are working on is putting in a booster station on the east side of R-16, south of Richland Circle. This will increase the pressure for Crestview Estates residents and for Grand Ridge Estates. We will be deciding on bids after the first of the year.

If you have not been to the downtown area lately, please go down and check out the new Pocket Park, located on the property where the old Chevy Garage used to be. It is really nice to have that in place. Thanks to the VMCDC and Parks and Rec for making that happen!

You may have also noticed the activity at the Boat Ramp, just north of Casey's. We were able to use grant money to pave the parking lot there. It looks really nice and I appreciate all those involved in helping that project get completed.

I want to again give a huge thanks to all of our volunteers that give of their time to serve on our Fire Department, EMS, Public Safety, Boards, Committees and Commissions. Your efforts are greatly appreciated to help us make our community one of the best places to live. Thank you!

We have an amazing City Staff that has done a great job this year, especially with all of the challenges. We started off the year with Kyle Michel resigning as City Administrator to take a similar position in Missouri. We then hired Sarah Ames to replace Kyle. Sarah went out on Maternity Leave in July, so Grace Grob and Liz Faust had to hold everything together and did a great job. Upon her return, Sarah decided that she wanted to focus more on her family and resigned her position to do that. We have now hired Liz Faust as our new City Administrator. She has been with the City for a long time and will do an excellent job. Bill Daggett resigned as Police Chief to take the same position with the City of Baxter. We then Hired Michael Brown as the new Police Chief. Chief Brown has made two hires, the full-time officer is Patrick Trizila and the second hire will be the SRO officer at the school. Dave Herman, our long-time Public Works Director retired at the end of November and we have hired Drew McCombs as the new Public Works Director. Patrick Alexander, who was our other full-time Public Works person has resigned to explore other opportunities, so we will be hiring a new person into that position. Staffing is always a challenge and as we grow, it will continue to be a challenge for us. We have great staff though that will continue to meet all challenges and serve our citizens as best we can. Thank you!

Again, it is my pleasure to serve the Citizens of Van Meter and I am looking forward to a better and brighter 2023.
Allan Adams, Mayor

Agreement For Preauthorized Payments

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, please complete the form below and mail or bring to City Hall along with a VOIDED CHECK from your financial institution.

I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

DEPOSITORY NAME _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TRANSIT ABA NO. _____ ACCOUNT NO. _____

(Transit ABA Number is the first 9 numbers from left on the bottom of your check)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Van Meter and Depository have received written notification from me (either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the City of Van Meter and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to provide billing statements electronically via email.

PREFERRED EMAIL: _____

NAME(s) *(print)* _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

******You will receive your water bill on or near the first of the month. If you choose autopay, the amount due will be deducted from the above assigned account on the 15th of each month.******