

April 2024

Van Meter

tradition with a vision

City Hall - 310 Mill Street, PO BOX 160, Van Meter, IA 50261
515-996-2644 info@vanmeteria.gov www.vanmeteria.gov

Local Business Features



How long have you been in Van Meter?

We have been in Van Meter since 1978. We purchased our current location at 311 DeSoto Road and built in 1982.

What services do you provide?

All American Turf Beauty, Inc. started out as a program based lawn care business that included four applications of fertilizer, lawn insect control and broadleaf weed control every 5 to 7 weeks, for residential and commercial properties, in the Des Moines area. We have added the following additional services:

- 6 applications of lawn care plus grub control, aeration and seeding
- Perimeter insect control 4 times per year
- Total Vegetation Control for rock areas
- Irrigation System Annual Maintenance Packages
- Christmas Décor - Seasonal Christmas Lighting
- Permanent Holiday Lighting with changing colors & patterns - Residential and Commercial with maintenance packages available
- Landscape and Architectural Lighting Installation - maintenance packages available
- Snow & Ice Clearing

What is the best way for people to reach you?

You may reach us through our website at www.allamericanturf.com or (515) 996-2261.

Join Our Team!!

Keep an eye on the City website at www.vanmeteria.gov for upcoming job openings!

We will be hiring for the following Full Time Positions:

- Parks & Rec Director
- Public Works Laborer
- Administrative Clerk

Elected Officials:

MAYOR

Joe Herman

MAYOR PRO TEM

Travis Brott

COUNCILMAN

Joel Akers

COUNCILMAN

Blake Grolmus

COUNCILMAN

Quin Pelz

COUNCILWOMAN

Penny Westfall

City Staff:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Liz Faust

CITY CLERK

Jess Drake

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

vacant

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Drew McCombs

PUBLIC WORKS

Shane Luvaas

PUBLIC WORKS

TBD

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jonatha Basye

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

TBD

PARKS & REC COORDINATOR

Tyler Beving

POLICE CHIEF

Mike Brown

FIRE CHIEF

Mark Schmitt

DALLAS COUNTY DISPATCH

515-993-4567

EMERGENCY

911



MORE NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	54,499,150	55,750,527	55,750,527
Consolidated General Fund	456,158	456,158	453,040
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	65,295	65,295	65,696
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & PERS (if at General Fund Limit)	53,923	53,923	104,969
Other Employee Benefits	33,334	33,334	148,705
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	60,758,727	69,150,981	69,150,981
Debt Service	187,538	187,538	28,688
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	796,348	796,348	801,009
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	14.25742	13.51911	14.26803
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	1,902,675	1,689,639	1,689,639
Ag Land	5.716	5.716	5.075
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	3.38297	3.00360

On April 1, 2024, the City of Van Meter City Council will be holding the Proposed FY25 Property Tax Levy Hearing at 6:00pm at the Van Meter United Methodist Church.

The current FY24 Property Tax Levy is \$14.25742 per \$1000 in valuation and the proposed FY25 Property Tax Levy is \$14.26803 per \$1000 in valuation.

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

The City Council is no longer meeting at the Veterans Reception Center.

The City Council now meets at the United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall located at 100 S. Hazel Street, Van Meter, IA 50261.



Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at <https://vanmeteria.gov/AgendasandMinutes.aspx>

MEETING SCHEDULE

April 1, 2024 - Proposed FY25 Property Tax Levy Hearing 6pm

April 8, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting 7pm
 • Public Hearing on amending the Van Meter Urban Revitalization Plan

April 22, 2024 - Council Workshop 6pm
 • Proposed Revised Employee Handbook Review

NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS APRIL RECYCLING SCHEDULE



YARD WASTE

Yard Waste Collection will resume on April 4, 2024. Every Thursday between April 4 and the end of November Waste Connections will pick up yard waste. Please use a 30-gallon paper bag for effective and eco-friendly yard waste removal. Make sure to only include leaves, yard clippings, or grass clippings in these bags. For items such as long sticks, branches, or limbs, please create separate bundles. Each bundle should be up to 4 feet long and weigh no more than 40 pounds.

NEWS FROM PARKS & REC

**SATURDAY
MAY 11, 2024**

**GARAGE
sale**

The Parks and Rec Board is excited to announce that the City Wide Garage Sales are BACK! If you would like to have your garage sale location listed on the City map, the fee is \$5 to be paid at City Hall prior to April 17, 2024. Please send an email to jdrake@vanmeteria.gov with your name, address, description of items & time of sale if you would like to be included on the map.

The map will be available prior to the garage sales at City Hall, Casey's, the Library & included in the May City Newsletter as well as available on the City's website and Facebook pages.



MORE FROM PARKS & REC

Saturday, May 11 from 8:00am - 2:00pm

SPRING IS COMING ... VAN METER ANNUAL PLANT SALE IS, TOO!

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

SPONSORED BY VAN METER PARKS & RECREATION

LOCATION: CITY MAINTENANCE SHED

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Silly Chick	2	3	4 	5 Game On @ VMPL 1:30-3:30PM	6 Craft & Chat 10:00AM
7	8 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Handprint Cactus	9 Stories, Songs & Snacks 10:00AM	10	11 Stories, Songs & Snacks 10:30AM	12 Wonders of Nature 2PM	13
14	15 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Pom Pom Caterpillar	16 Poetry Terrariums 6-7PM	17	18 Cookies & Coloring 6-7PM	19	20 Craft & Chat 10:00AM
21 	22 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Donut Magnet	23 Stories, Songs & Snacks 10:00AM Books & Banter 7-8PM	24 Chick-Fil-A Food Truck 11-2PM	25 Stories, Songs & Snacks 10:30AM Books & Banter 7-8PM	26 Game On @ VMPL 1:30-3:30PM	27
28	29 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Bumblebee Heart	30	Spring Themed Scavenger Hunts--All Month Long			

Library Hours
 Monday 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Tuesday Noon - 7:00pm
 Wednesday 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Thursday Noon - 7:00pm
 Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm

VMPL Amazon Wish List

Stories, Songs & Snacks--story time for ages 0-7. We will have two sessions, every other Tuesday at 10:00am and every other Thursday at 10:30am.

Gettin' Crafty @ the Library--every week, the library will debut a new craft for everyone to enjoy! Materials will be available all week and registration will not be required.

Craft & Chat--Adults, do you have a craft you are currently working on? Bring your quilting, crocheting, stitching, etc. to the library, grab a snack/drink, and chat with your friends! We will also have crafts available if you aren't currently working on a project.

Wonders of Nature--We are partnering with the Dallas County ISU Extension Office to bring you STEAM programming! The program is limited to 12 participants, so please register early to secure your spot! This program is suitable for grades K-5.

Game On @ VMPL--Join us on early-out Fridays for Game On @ the library! We will have games, Legos, snacks, etc.! Suitable for grades 2-8! Registration is required!

Books & Banter--Library Grown-Ups, this book club is for you! Join us for food, drinks, and book discussion! We will meet, in person, at Pots and Shots in Waukee, on April 23rd & 25th at 7PM. Registration is required and limited to 20 participants.

Cookies & Coloring--Adults! This coloring program is for you! Coloring has been proven to help lower stress levels! We will provide all of the coloring supplies AND the cookies! Registration is required for this activity!

Poetry Terrariums-- Because April is National Poetry Month, we invite you to make your own Poetry Terrarium! Just what is a Poetry Terrarium? It combines snips of words and poetry in a small, clear box with tiny found objects (like keys or lego pieces). We supply the box, tiny objects and images, along with some selections of poetry (or you can write your own). All you need is your imagination! Registration is required for this activity! Suitable for grades 5 and up!

Chick-Fil-A Food Truck--Chick-Fil-A will be set up in the library parking lot for lunch on April 24th! Grab a meal between 11-2PM!

COMMUNITY NEWS

DO YOU NEED FOOD?

Food pantry and rescued food room available.
Walk-ins welcome.

Open Hours:

- Mondays: 12:00 - 6:00PM
- Tuesdays: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
- Wednesdays: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
- Thursdays: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
- Saturdays: 9:00 - 11:00AM

515-987-5523 | 1155 SE Boone Drive, Waukee IA 50323

WaukeeChristianServices.org



Located in lower level of Westview Church

DO YOU NEED MEDICAL CARE?

Free health clinic services available to everyone.

Health Clinic Open Hours:

Mondays: 5:30 - 7:00PM

Physical Therapy Hours:

2nd Monday of the Month: 5:30 - 7:00PM

Chiropractic Services Hours:

4th Monday of the Month: 5:30 - 7:00PM

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 403



Thursday, April 18, 2024

DINNER

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM

FREE WILL DONATION

DINNER: CAVATELLI, SALAD,
GARLIC BREAD

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE



Saturday, April 13, 2024

DINNER

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM

FREE WILL DONATION

DINNER: NACHOS

BINGO

STARTS AT 7:00PM

COST \$1.00 PER CARD

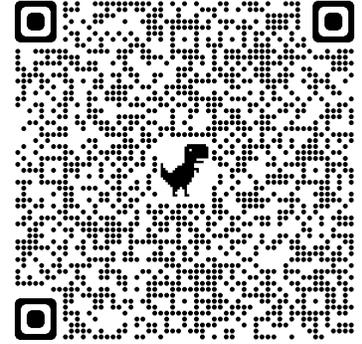
10 REGULAR GAMES PLUS

\$800 PROGRESSIVE BLACKOUT

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS



MEMBER DINNER
WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION, POST 403
910 MAIN STREET, VAN METER, IA



The Dallas County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is one of the top chapters and one of the fastest growing chapters in the state of Iowa. Please join us on April 20 for our annual membership dinner, live auction and silent auction. Visit www.ducks.org or scan the QR code for more information.

Ticket costs: Single \$50, Couple \$70, Green Wing \$25. A \$275 sponsorship includes 2 dinner tickets, 3 raffle packs, and one chance at the sponsorship gun. Table of 8 is \$450.00 which includes 8 memberships.



VMCDC

VAN METER COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Van Meter Flag Program

Flags of Van Meter

After a very successful inaugural year with our new Flag Fundraiser, The Van Meter Community Development Corporation and the Van Meter FFA would like to invite the citizens of Van Meter to participate in our flag fundraiser for 2024! All funds raised will go towards building trails, increasing connectivity around town, downtown revitalization, and to benefit the Van Meter FFA Chapter.

Program Details:

1. Full Year (5 Flags) for \$50.00
2. Volunteers will install, remove, and store the flags. During times when a flag is not displayed, a durable yard insert will be placed in your yard that will be hidden from view to keep the spot marked.
3. Feel confident that your donation is tax-deductible through the Van Meter Community Development Corporation - a non-profit 501(c) 3

Contact vanmeterflag@gmail.com for registration details or scan the attached QR Code.



Holidays Included:

1. Memorial Day
2. Flag Day
3. Independence Day
4. Labor Day
5. Veterans Day

Pork Smoking Contest is back!
RRD is back in Downtown VM!!
New Kids Activities!!!

RACCOON RIVER DAYS
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

Visit www.vanmeterlife.com for additional information.



AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, please complete the form below and attach a copy of a **VOIDED CHECK** from your financial institution. Please mail or bring the completed form to City Hall, 310 Mill Street, PO BOX 160, Van Meter, IA 50261.

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

DEPOSITORY NAME _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

TRANSIT ABA # _____ **ACCOUNT #** _____

Transit ABA (Routing) Number is the first set of nine (9) numbers from the left 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 (us) of its termination in such time and in such a 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 _____

SERVICE ADDRESS _____

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.