

— City of Van Meter —

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022



ASSISTANT CHIEF BROWN WAS NOMINATED AND HONORED BY THE IOWA CUBS FOR HIS SERVICE AS A FIREFIGHTER, EMT, POLICE OFFICER, AND MEMBER OF THE ARMY RESERVE. IF YOU SEE HIM, PLEASE THANK HIM FOR ALL HE DOES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.



GARBAGE REMINDER

Placement for safety and efficiency reasons—please place your Waste Connections of Iowa cart out the night before your service day or no later than 6 AM on your service day. And please remove your Waste Connections containers from the street as soon after collection as possible.

- Bag all trash before placing it in the container
- Place carts 3 feet apart. Carts must be at least 6 feet from cars, trees, mailboxes, and fences
- Cart wheels should be as close to the curb as possible
- Cart lids must be CLOSED COMPLETELY at all times.
- Residents are allowed ONE extra trash bag at no charge.

Extra trash or bulk item tags can be purchased at City Hall. You must call Waste Connections at 515-265-7374 to make arrangements to remove the bulk items and appliances.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY; TRASH DELAYS PLANNED

All City of Van Meter offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day. There will be no garbage, recycling, or yard waste collection on Labor Day. Garbage and recycling collection will be on Tuesday, September 6.

Fall 2022

Youth Programs

September 2 - November 18th

Fall Toddler Time

Ages: 2-5

Monday Nights 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday Mornings 10am - 11am

September 12 & 13: Llamas

September 19 & 20: Police

September 26 & 27: Apples

Fall Laugh and Learn

1st - 3rd Grades

Tuesday Nights 5:30pm - 6:30pm

September 13: Reader's Theater

September 20: Fingerprinting

September 27: Johnny Appleseed

Tween Scene

4th - 6th Grades

Friday Afternoons 2-4pm

Registration is Required!

September 2: Icebreaker Games

September 9: Movie & Popcorn

September 16: Book Talk

September 23: School Spirit Crafts

September 30: Movie & Popcorn

Beanstack

Reading Challenges

For All Ages

Reading logs are kept virtually by registering for the Beanstack App.

Visit the VMPL website and click the Beanstack tile to register.

Get to Know the VMPL Challenge

Ages 12 and Up

Learn to use the Beanstack App by navigating the new VMPL website, accessing online resources, and completing activities.

Back to School Challenge

September 12 - November 18

Toddlers to Teens

Read and log five non-fiction titles to win a book and small prize!

1000 Book Challenge

All Ages

Log the number of books read each day. Earn a virtual badge for every 10 books. Win a book for every 100 books logged!



CODE REMINDER



As a friendly reminder, it is illegal to discharge grass clippings and yard waste into the public streets while mowing. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding.

135.03 PLACING DEBRIS ON:

It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, refuse, leaves, grass, or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)

Localized Flooding:

Grass clipping and other yard waste blown in the street can cause localized flooding by clogging curb inlets and pipes.

Water Quality:

- Grass clipping and other yard waste in the streets can cause high levels of nutrients in local creeks and streams, resulting in algae blooms.
- Keeping grass clippings in your yard can save money on fertilizer by returning nutrients into the soil and saving money on watering by building organic matter in your soil.

Some solutions are...

- If your mower shoots grass clippings out of the side, mow a couple of passes with your mower blowing towards your yard and not the street before mowing the rest of your yard.
- If you bag grass with your mower, keep the clippings out of the street, curb inlet, ditch, or creek.
- If you mulch mow, your mower will not blow grass out the side; you shouldn't have to worry about grass blowing into the street.

Yard waste is collected on Thursdays. Waste Connections allows unlimited bags of yard waste as long as they are in the biodegradable compost/yard waste bags less than 50 lbs.

Twigs and small branches may be securely tied in bundles no more than 4 feet or wider than 18 inches. Yard waste collection runs through November each year.



WE WANT TO REMIND YOU OF CITY HALL'S HOURS TO BETTER SERVE OUR RESIDENTS. WE HOPE THIS ALLOWS YOU TO STOP IN AND SEE US. CITY HALL HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY:
9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

WE ALSO HAVE USEFUL INFO ON OUR WEBSITE. DUE TO STAFF SCHEDULES, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CALL TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR ANY BUSINESS THAT MIGHT REQUIRE MORE TIME.

WELCOME BACK BULLDOGS!

Did you notice that things seem a lot busier around town? Students are back!

The fall semester at Van Meter started last month. Welcome back, students!!

Motorists: be extra mindful as you're traveling near the school -- there's a LOT more pedestrian traffic. Everyone be safe and have a fantastic fall!



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.******