

December 2023



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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



As my time in office draws to a close and I reflect back over the last 18 years, 6 years on City Council and 12 years as your Mayor, we have come a long way together and I could not be more proud of our community. I would like to thank all of the City Staff during that period as you are really what makes the community go. I would also like to thank the previous Mayors and City Councilmen that I have served beside for stepping up and serving and trying to do what is best for our community. I would like to thank all of the businesses for the services you provide to our community. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the Citizens for putting your trust in me to lead our community and also for your friendship and advice over the years.

Joe Herman, born in raised in Van Meter, is ready to step into the role of Mayor and lead our great community. I have confidence that he will do a wonderful job.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve our community and am excited to see what the future holds.

With that, I bid you a farewell and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Respectfully,
Mayor Allan Adams



FROM COUNCILMAN LYON



As my time as a council member comes to an end, I'd like to thank everyone in VM for your votes and support over the last eight years.

I worked with two great councils and am proud of everything we accomplished and the framework that was laid. A special thanks my fellow council members over the years, I consider you all long term friends.

I especially look forward to watching the next council and the great things they will accomplish. The water treatment facility will be front and center, along with repairing the deteriorating infrastructure (roads, sewer, water lines). Downtown will continue to be an opportunity, as will the new businesses that will be knocking on our door.

Regards,

Lyndon Lyon

Elected Officials:

MAYOR

Allan Adams

MAYOR PRO TEM

Joe Herman

COUNCILMAN

Joel Akers

COUNCILMAN

Travis Brott

COUNCILMAN

Blake Grolmus

COUNCILMAN

Lyn Lyon

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

Bob Riederer

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jonatha Basye

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Spencer Cross

PARKS & REC COORDINATOR

Tyler Beving

POLICE CHIEF

Mike Brown

FIRE CHIEF

Mark Schmitt

DALLAS COUNTY DISPATCH

515-993-4567

EMERGENCY

911

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Van Meter buildings (City Hall, Library & Public Works) will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

City of Van Meter buildings (City Hall, Library & Public Works) will be closed on Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 in observance of New Year's Day.

CITY BOARDS - APPLICANTS NEEDED

From time to time the City finds itself with vacancies on the various volunteer boards and commissions that assist with the carrying out of business of the City and direction of the City Council. Please use the form found on our city website under the 'Boards' section to apply to any board or commission that you would be interested in serving on. The City will maintain responses for up to a year and should vacancy exist, applicants will be contacted for consideration. Please visit the website below or contact City Hall with questions.

www.vanmeteria.gov/Applications.aspx

Current Vacancies: **Residency required for all open seats**

- Board of Adjustment - 2 vacancies
5 year term
- Planning & Zoning - 1 vacancy
5 year term

NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

DECEMBER RECYCLING SCHEDULE



GARBAGE PICK UP INFORMATION

Due to Christmas & New Years, garbage pick up will be delayed from the regularly scheduled Monday pick up to Tuesday each week. Garbage will be collected on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 and Tuesday, January 2, 2024.



SNOW REMINDERS



SNOW REMOVAL. No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain parked on a public street in the City from the time it begins to snow until such time as the streets have been cleared of accumulated snow from curb to curb (or from all of the 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.

DUMPING OF SNOW. It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, place, or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impeded the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	NOTES
CHRISTMAS TREE SCAVENGER HUNT ALL MONTH LONG					1 SIPS & SNACKS 12-8PM RELAX & READ 1:30-3:30PM	2 WINTER CRAFTS 12-4:30PM STORIES WITH SANTA 4:30-5PM	 <p>VAN METER Public Library</p> <p>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</p> <p>VMPL Amazon Wish List</p> 
3	4 GETTIN' CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREE ALL WEEK	5	6	7 OUTREACH 10:00AM	8 OUTREACH 9:15AM MARVELOUS MARSHMALLOWS 2:00-3:00PM	9 CRAFT & CHAT 10-11AM	
10	11 GETTIN' CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY GRINCH ALL WEEK	12 STORIES, SONGS & SNACKS 10AM & 4PM	13	14 OUTREACH 9:30AM	15 RELAX & READ 1:30-3:30PM	16 CRAFT & CHAT 10-11AM	
17	18 GETTIN' CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY STOCKING ALL WEEK	19	20	21	22 RELAX & READ 1:30-3:30PM	23	
24/31	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27	28	29	30	

Stories, Songs & Snacks - Story Time for ages 0-7. Two sessions, every other Tuesday @ 10 & 4

Gettin' Crafty at the Library - A new craft every week! Materials available all week, no registration required.

Relax & Read - Reading 6 minutes a day reduces stress! Students can stop on early out Fridays between 1:30-3:30 to relax, read & grab a snack!

Craft & Chat - Adults! Bring your quilting, stitching, etc to the Library and chat with your friends!

Christmas Tree Scavenger Hunt - 10 Christmas Trees have been placed in community business windows around town. Can you find them all? Pick up your scavenger hunt card at the Library & return your completed card to the Library for a free book from our prize shelf!

Marvelous Marshmallows - We are partnering with the Dallas County ISU Extension Office to bring you STEM programming. The program is limited to 12 participants so please register to secure your spot. Programming is suitable for grades K-5.

NEWS FROM VMCDC



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED WITH THE COMMUNITY FLAG PROGRAM!

Keep your eye out for registration information for 2024!

HOLIDAYS IN VAN METER



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - POST 403

Remember to mark your calendars for the upcoming Community Market to be held at the Veterans Reception Center on 12/1 from 5-8 and 12/2 from 9-1.

During the Market the Auxiliary group will be having their annual cookie walk, pock up some delicious homemade cookies.

We're excited for our vendors who will be at the market and for the mix of goods available for sale. Goods available include, but are not limited to crocheted, knitted, sewed items, hand crafted wood, metal, painted items, honey products, beauty, and candle products. Come check it out and support the vendors.



VAN METER BAPTIST & METHODIST CHURCHES



KIDS SHOPPING DAY



WHEN: Saturday, December 2
9:00am - 1:00pm

QUESTIONS: lhess01@gmail.com

WHERE: VM United Methodist Church
100 Hazel Street, Van Meter

DONATIONS: Venmo: Kids-Shopping-Day-VM

- HOW:**
- + Adults help the kids put together a list of who to shop for.
 - + Shopper Elves help the kids secretly shop & wrap gifts - items are marked at garage sale prices.
 - + Adults stay back and enjoy a snack & conversation while the kids shop.

ALL proceeds from this shopping day go to support LOCAL families in need this season. During Kids Shopping Day, payment can be made with cash or Venmo. The Van Meter Baptist and Methodist churches thank you for your support during this giving season.



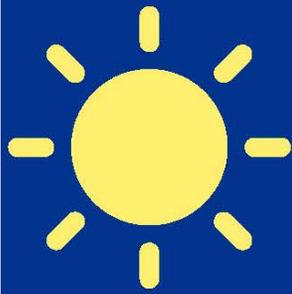
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VAN METER COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Holidays are Sweeter in Van Meter

<p>Registration ends for Light theTown Challenge</p> <p>9th Annual Sips & Snacks Tours Start at the Legion</p> <p>Community Market Hosted at the Legion</p>	<p>Nov 23rd , Register Online Challenge Begins Friday , Dec 1st @ 6pm.</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 1st tours from 4:00pm -7pm Raffle drawing from 8pm-10pm Silent Auction</p> <p>Dec. 1st 5pm-8pm / Dec. 2nd 9am-1pm</p>	<p>Ugly Sweater 5k & Kids Fun Run Downtown Memorial Park</p> <p>Stories with Santa Van Meter Public Library</p> <p>Holiday Dog Parade Start at Library</p> <p>Merry and Bright Night Memorial Park</p> <p>Tree Lighting @ Memorial Park Light the Town Winners</p>	<p>Registration begins Saturday, Dec. 2nd @ 1:30pm Run Begins at 2pm. Beverage(adult/kid) Garden 2pm-7pm.</p> <p>Crafts .Dec. 2nd, Noon-4:30pm Santa letters, Story and Caroling 4:30-5pm.</p> <p>Decorate your dog in holiday attire. Dec. 2nd, 4:30pm-5pm.</p> <p>Dec. 2nd from 5pm -7p visit Santa and the Grinch. Family fun to include a free will Hot Dog meal, tree Lighting, photos, live DJ and much more!</p> <p>Dec. 2nd, 6:50 pm Tree Lighting. Dec 16th "Fan Favorite" Announced.</p>
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www.VanMeterLife.com

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



**REGISTER FOR
4-YEAR-OLD
PRESCHOOL!**

- Available to children who will be four (4) years old by September 15, 2024
- AM/PM Sessions available on a first come, first serve basis
- Maximum of twenty (20) students per session
- Tuition-free program
- Openings filled by resident students first
- Breakfast & Hallway Supervision begins at 7:50am



! IMPORTANT:

- Non-Resident students enrolled in preschool are not guaranteed a spot in Van Meter's Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten the following school year. The school's open enrollment policy will be followed.
- Buses are available for the arrival of AM sessions and dismissal of PM sessions ONLY.
- No before or after school care is available.

REGISTER NOW



Find the link to register at www.vmbulldogs.com or email Kris Koster at kris.koster@vmbulldogs.com.

SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

AM: 8:15-11:15

PM: 12:15-3:30

No School on Fridays

**VAN METER AFTER PROM
VAN METER BASKETBALL JAMBOREE**

DATE: Saturday, February 3, 2024

ENTRY FEE: \$185.00 per team (Registration deadline: Friday, January 26, 2024)

GATE ADMISSION: \$5 Adult, \$3 Children 12 and under

AGES: 5TH - 8TH Grade Boys & Girls

WHERE: Van Meter High School, 520 1ST Avenue, Van Meter

For registration, reach out to Molly Maguire at magmolly@gmail.com or 515-975-1870. Projected schedule release date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024





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.