

NEW IN 2024! Local Business Features

We are excited to showcase local Van Meter business in our 2024 newsletters! Each month you will get a glimpse into the businesses of Van Meter. These are the businesses that employ our residents, provide services & help keep Van Meter thriving!

How long has EBank been in Van Meter?

EBANK first opened for business in Van Meter at the end of 2010 and have been in our current location since the end of 2011.



What services does EBank provide?

EBANK offers a wide range of banking products and services to meet everyone's needs. Our services include checking accounts, savings accounts, CDs, mortgage loans, auto loans, business loans and farm loans. Most importantly, we offer personal service that you can depend on.

What is the best way for people to reach EBank?

In Van Meter you can give us a call at 515-996-2244 or stop in and see us. You can also visit us at any of our 9 Central Iowa locations or visit our website at www.earlhambank.com.

What community events does EBank participate in?

Community is important to us at all of our locations but in Van Meter, the EBANK Express Train has been a fixture in the Racoon River Days Parade since 2009, you can also find out dedicated employees helping with the Raccoon River Days Community Meal. Another one of our favorite events is Sips and Snacks where we welcome the community in for some hot chocolate and snacks. We are proud that our employees spend hundreds of hours each year serving on various community boards and volunteering at local community events.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



You can have your water bill & newsletters emailed to you! Just send a request to have your bill emailed to info@vanmeteria.gov.

To pay online, visit the City's online bill pay service. Enter the account number and customer ID number to pay. For easy navigation, click on the pay online icon on the city's website homepage.

To pay in person, stop by City Hall, 310 Mill St., Van Meter, IA 50261. We accept cash, checks, most major credit cards and money orders.

To pay by mail, send your payment and utility invoice stub to 310 Mill Street, PO Box 160, Van Meter, IA 50261.

For questions regarding billing or general utility questions, please call 515-996-2644 opt 1. The City of Van Meter is not able to take payments over the phone.

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

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

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

February 12, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting

- Public Hearing on amending Section 63.04 of the Van Meter Code of Ordinances - Special Speed Zone
- Public Hearings regarding amendments to Chapter 55 Animal Protection & Control of the Van Meter Code of Ordinances
- Public Hearing on amending Section 135.13 Exemptions of Chapter 135 Street Use and Maintenance of the Van Meter Code of Ordinances

February 26, 2024 - Council Workshop

- Goal Setting

NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

FEBRUARY RECYCLING SCHEDULE



SNOW REMINDERS

69.10 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 the shorter. Vehicles shall be removed immediately once it begins to snow. The Public Works Director 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 Public Works Director shall notify the Police Chief when the parking prohibition has ended.

135.11 DUMPING OF SNOW.

It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or 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 impede 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.

136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND ACCUMULATIONS.

The abutting property owner shall remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within 48 hours after such accumulation, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from the sidewalk.

February 2024





Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday




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



<p>Winter Reading Ends February 12th</p> <p>Blind Date With A Book--all month long</p>		<p>1 STORIES, SONGS, & SNACKS 10:30AM <i>Chick-Fil-A Food Truck</i> 11-2PM</p>	<p>2 Game On @ VMPL 1:30-3:30PM</p>	<p>3 CRAFT & CHAT 10AM</p>		
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Gettin' Crafty at the Library Love Bug</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 OUTREACH 10:00AM</p>	<p>9 OUTREACH 9:15AM MISTAKES TO MASTERPIECE 2PM</p>	<p>10 </p>
<p>11 </p>	<p>12 Gettin' Crafty at the Library Love Monster</p>	<p>13 STORIES, SONGS, & SNACKS 10:00AM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 STORIES, SONGS, & SNACKS 10:30AM OUTREACH 9:30AM</p>	<p>16 Game On @ VMPL 1:30-3:30PM</p>	<p>17 CRAFT & CHAT 10AM</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 CLOSED</p>	<p>20 <i>Dallas County Conservation StoryTime</i> 10AM Books & Banter 7:00-8:00PM <i>Gettin' Crafty at the Library</i> Paper Heart</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22 Books & Banter 7:00-8:00PM</p>	<p>23 Game On @ VMPL 1:30-3:30PM</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Gettin' Crafty at the Library Rocket</p>	<p>27 STORIES, SONGS, & SNACKS 10:00AM</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 STORIES, SONGS, & SNACKS 10:30AM <i>Chick-Fil-A Food Truck</i> 11-2PM</p>	<p>30 </p>	

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 at 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. 

Mistakes to Masterpiece--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.

Blind Date With A Book--During the month of February, take a chance on your next read! You won't be able to judge these books by their covers! Ask Ms. J or Ms. Spencer for more details!

Winter Reading--Our Winter Reading program ends February 12th! Make sure to log your minutes and spend those electronic tickets before the program is over!

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! 

Dallas County Conservation StoryTime--Join Ms. Erica for stories and activities to learn more about animals! Created for ages 3+ and their caregivers!

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 February 20th & 22nd at 7PM. Registration is required and limited to 20 participants.

Chick-Fil-A Food Truck--Chick-Fil-A will be set up in the library parking lot for lunch on February 1st & 29th! Grab a meal between 11-2PM!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids Shopping Day was a **HUGE** success, thanks to you wonderful people!

Over **\$5,000** was collected for Kids Shopping Day, a new donation record. This money was spent on gift cards (Aldi, Casey's, Fareway & Walmart), allowing us to help over **40** families in the community during the holiday season and beyond. This wouldn't be possible without the generosity of this incredible community. Thank you all so much, we look forward to providing this shopping opportunity to you all next year. We are grateful for your donations of treasures, as well as the gift bags, tissue paper, etc.

Thanks again,
The Van Meter Baptist and United Methodist Churches



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AMERICAN LEGION POST 403

BINGO

Saturday, February 17, 2024

ENJOY DINNER AND BINGO AT THE VAN METER VETERAN'S RECEPTION CENTER!

DINNER

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM

FREE WILL DONATION

DINNER: CHILI DOGS & MAID RITES

BINGO

STARTS AT 7:00PM - COST \$1.00 PER CARD

10 REGULAR GAMES PLUS \$600

PROGRESSIVE BLACKOUT



Van Meter Veterans Reception Center
2024 Fish Fry
Free Will Donation



Friday Nights Through Lent

- Friday, February 16
- Friday, February 23
- Friday, March 1
- Friday, March 8
- Friday, March 15
- Friday, March 22
- Friday, March 29

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Van Meter Legion Post 403

910 Main Street
Van Meter, IA 50261

*Dinner includes:
Fish, French Fries,
Hush Puppies and
Coleslaw*

Dine In ONLY

VMCDC
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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Save the Date!
RACCOON RIVER DAYS
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
Back Downtown!!



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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.

NEW THIS YEAR

If you would like to add a flag to the school property along East St. between the school and ballfields. If you would like to choose this option simply check School Flag Donation below. FYI, you can do both your home and the school.

We are actively seeking three more groups to partner/profit share with for this fundraiser. We need help with putting flags up and taking them down each holiday. It takes about a little over an hour for set up and another hour for takedown. Depending on the number of flags we get this next year, and how many volunteers you have, I would estimate your group could probably earn around \$1000. If you belong to a group that could use some extra funds, please email us at vanmeterflag@gmail.com and we can tell you more about how this works.

Holidays Included:

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

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



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Text Messaging: Yes _____ No _____

Email: _____

Number of Flags: _____ \$50.00 per set of flags

Add School Flag Donation (\$50.00) Yes _____ No _____ # of School Flags _____ (\$50 per flag)

1. Scan the QR code to complete the online form.
2. Mail this form with payment to: VMCDC - PO BOX 155, Van Meter
3. Email the completed form to vanmeterflag@gmail.com - Invoices will be sent via email after subscription form is received. Please allow 15 days for processing.



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.