

July 2021

City of Van Meter

VAN METER NEWS

UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Annual rate increases passed by the City Council in 2014 continue to be in effect.

Your city utility bill will reflect a 5% increase for in-town rates and a 10% increase for out-of-town rates. The utility bill you receive in August bill will reflect these changes.

	IN TOWN		WATER		OUT OF TOWN	
	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000
Current	\$22.29	\$5.08	Current	\$61.75	\$14.09	
7/1/2021	\$23.40	\$5.33	7/1/2021	\$67.93	\$15.50	

	IN TOWN		SEWER		OUT OF TOWN	
	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000
Current	\$22.04	\$6.47	Current	\$58.25	\$17.11	
7/1/2021	\$23.14	\$6.80	7/1/2021	\$64.07	\$18.82	

SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION

Dallas County has been in a drought for most of the past year. The abnormally low rainfall has lead to a shortage of water. The City of Van Meter does not have regulatory water conservation laws and practices. However, we encourage residents to please be conscientious about water usage in extreme heat.

Best practices for summer irrigating include running your sprinkler systems during pre-dawn hours. The lawn will lose less moisture to evaporation from the sun and heat. The same applies to any new plantings or flower beds. Water them early to allow for water to soak into the root system before the day gets too warm.

It is especially critical in areas of town that already experience water pressure issues. Increased usage during peak hours can cause even lower pressure and water discoloration.

Lets work together to prevent a bumper summer caused by a water shortage.

Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

Council Members—

-Lyndon Lyon,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Travis Brott

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steve Meyer

City Staff:

City Hall-
515-996-2644

Kyle Michel-
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

David Herman-
Public Works

Bill Daggett-
Police Chief

Mike Brown-
Police Officer

Chris Power-
Fire Chief
515-996-9253

Dispatch:
515-993-4567
Emergency—911

Nancy Studebaker-
Library Director
515-996-2435

Waste Connections
515-265-7374



City offices will be closed Monday, July 5 for Independence Day

The City of Van Meter follows the Iowa State law regarding the times, dates and locations fireworks can be discharged. We require that anyone under 18 year of age be supervised by an adult.

The general rules are as follows:

- Dates and hours: 9A to 10P from June 1 to July 8; and from December 10 to January 3.
- Special July 4th hours: 9A to 11P and the preceding and post Saturday and Sunday.
- Special NYE hours: 9A to 12:30A on NYE and 9A to 11P on the Saturdays and Sundays preceding and following NYE

Private Property: You are only authorized to shoot fireworks on your property or on the property of someone who has given you permission to shoot on their land.

Please contact the dispatch center at **515-993-4567** if you have an issue.

Please keep in mind that if the fireworks are being properly used between the dates and times listed, the police department cannot take action.

2021 RACCOON RIVER DAYS RECAP

The **2021 Raccoon River Days Committee** would like to thank the City of Van Meter, Van Meter Parks and Rec, Van Meter Fire and Rescue Department, Van Meter Police Department, Van Meter Library, Van Meter City Council, The Van Meter American Legion, the Van Meter American Legion Auxiliary, Sponsors, Donors, Vendors, and all the volunteers, for making this year's event a **SUCCESS!**

There are so many wonderful vendors, generous sponsors and amazing volunteers to recognize and to thank! Visit their **Facebook page—Van Meter Raccoon River Days** to find a complete list, including pie contest and auction winners and the many photos from the day.

2021 Committee Members: Juli Smith, Lisa Hulscher, Rona Jacobs, Stacy Kuehler, and Vicki Lyon.



*** \$3,000 Raised to Fund 2022 RRD! * Over 100 Volunteers! * Fun TIMES! ***




VAN METER Public Library




**Jason
Kollum
Professional
Juggler**

**Tuesday, July 20th
1:30 pm
Van Meter Public Library**

Take the kids to the Zoo—
right here in Van Meter!

**BLANK PARK
ZOO**



To You

Tuesday, August 3, 1:00 pm
Van Meter Public Library
505 Grant St, Van Meter, IA

505 GRANT ST;

PH: (515) 996-2435;

EMAIL: library@vanmeteria.gov

WASTE CONNECTIONS

515-265-7374

Helpful Trash Day Tips for Safety and Efficiency:

- Place your cart out the night before your service day or no later than 6AM on your service day.
- Bag all trash that is placed in the garbage cart.
- Place carts 3 feet apart.
- Carts must be at least 6 feet from other objects.
- Cart lids must be closed completely at all times.



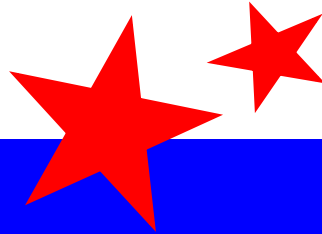
Recycling Schedule

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**2021
 Food & Music Schedule
 Fridays July 9 - August 13
 5 - 8 PM**

Sabores De Mexico & Des Moines Sno	July 9	Jesse Jaspers
Street Eats DSM	July 16	Dustin Baird
515 Pi & The Outside Scoop	July 23	Patresa Hartman
Karam's Mediterranean Grill	July 30	Ryne Doughty
Snappy's Sitck Fire BBQ	Aug 6	Todd Partridge
Rescue Burgers & Q & Totally Rolled Ice Cream	Aug 13	V Ellesbury

PARKS & RECREATION

Van Meter Parks and Recreation and Van Meter Community Development would like to thank everyone who came out for the 1st Annual Park2Park 5K. Thanks to our amazing sponsors, volunteers and the 86 registered runners, we raised over \$5,000 for the new Pocket Park. We cant wait to see everyone again next year!



2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR VAN METER MUNICIPAL WATER WORK

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	12.00	09/30/2020	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	0.00 (ND - 7)	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.35 (0.04 - 0.38)	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.7 (0.8 – 1.7)	03/31/2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	RAA	1.5 (0.3-1.5)	5/2020	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
02 - WELLS #2 ('68) AND #3('04) AFTER TRTMNT						
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	23	08/19/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	1.977	2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result

- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. VAN METER MUNICIPAL WATER WORK is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the sand and gravel of the Alluvial aquifer. The Alluvial aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide little protection from contamination at the land surface. The Alluvial wells will be highly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 515-996-2644.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact VAN METER MUNICIPAL WATER WORK at 515-996-2644.

Decisions are made at the city council meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each month.