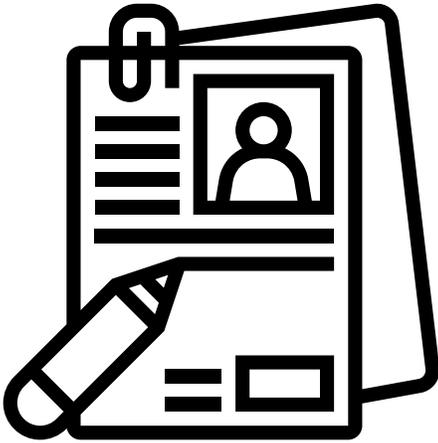


City Boards - Applicants Needed



From time to time, the City finds itself with vacancies on the various volunteer boards and commissions that assist with carrying out the business of the City and direction of the City Council. Please use the form found on our 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 a vacancy exist, applicants will be contacted for consideration.

<https://vanmeteria.gov/Applications.aspx>

Upcoming Vacancies (All terms start effective July 1, 2023):

Planning & Zoning Commission - 1
Board of Adjustment - up to 4
Library Board - up to 3

NOW HIRING! Parks & Rec Coordinator

The City of Van Meter is seeking applicants for the position of a part-time Parks and Rec Coordinator. Qualified applicants should possess an education or experience in Recreation, Leisure Services, Sports Management, Marketing, Public or Business Administration, or a closely related field.

The successful candidate must be a self-starter, collegial, and able to demonstrate strong leadership skills. The position will require both strong organizational and administrative abilities as well as a willingness to be very hands on with the maintenance, upkeep, improvement, and manicuring of the City's recreation facilities.

Evenings and weekends will be required. Starting salary is \$24,000 per year; no additional benefits. This position will be a temporary, part-time position with a contract term from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. During that time frame, the City of Van Meter will continue to evaluate the structure of this position. Those qualified are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to lfaust@vanmeteria.gov.

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Police Assistance

The growth of the City of Van Meter means there has also been growth in the number of calls for police service. In the past, community members have called City Hall or the officers' cellular telephones.

Calling City Hall or the officers directly could cause a delay in services.

Please call Dallas County Dispatch at 515-993-4567 for non-emergency services. If the call is emergent, please call 911.



Pet Reminders

Did you know that it is a violation of City Code to not pick up after your dog if they leave their mess in your neighbor's yard? Please remember to be courteous of your neighbors and bring a bag on your next walk.

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/vanmeteria/latest/vanmeter_ia/0-0-0-2276#JD_95.04

City of Van Meter Code of Ordinances - Chapter 95.04 Prohibited Acts

It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within City Limits. Please use a leash when walking your pet.

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/vanmeteria/latest/vanmeter_ia/0-0-0-1375#JD_55.06

City of Van Meter Code of Ordinances - Chapter 55.06 Animal Protection and Control - At Large Prohibited

Weeds and Brush

Dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush or other vegetation in the City can constitute a health, safety, or fire hazard. Unless a variance is allowed by resolution of the Council pursuant to Section 53.06, weeds, brush, or other uncultivated plants, except trees, shall be cut, mowed, and maintained so as to not exceed the heights set forth specifically in this chapter. Once the vegetation has reached the height of 10 inches to 24 inches, the City will arrange to mow the property at the property owner's expense. Property used and taxed as agricultural is exempt from this chapter's height and mowing requirements.

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/vanmeteria/latest/vanmeter_ia/0-0-0-5958#JD_53.02

City of Van Meter Code of Ordinances - Chapter 53 - Weeds and Brush



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Property Tax

Legislative Updates

On May 4, 2023, Governor Reynolds signed [House File 718](#), establishing a homestead tax exemption for claimants 65 years of age or older. In addition to the homestead tax credit, eligible claimants who own the home they live in and are 65 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the assessment year are now eligible for a homestead tax exemption. For the assessment year beginning on January 1, 2023, the exemption is for \$3,250 of taxable value. For assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, the exemption is for \$6,500 of taxable value. An exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay. Applications are due July 1 to your local assessor. If the exemption is granted, the exemption will be allowed for future years without future filing as long as the claimant continues to qualify. The application can be found on the City website under Live -

<https://vanmeteria.gov/ResidentialPropertyTax.aspx> or the Dallas County Assessor website.



Parking Reminders

No one shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control device, in any of the following spaces:

- Crosswalk
- Center Parkway
- Within 20 ft of a mailbox
- Sidewalks
- In front of a driveway
- Within an intersection
- Within 5 ft of a fire hydrant
- Double Parking
- Hazardous Locations
- Within 10 ft upon the approach of a stop sign
- Within 50 ft of the nearest railroad crossing
- Within 20 ft of the entrance to a fire station
- Along side or opposite any street excavation
- In front of a curb cut or ramp
- Within an alley leaving less than 10 ft available
- Area between Lot Line & Curb Line
- In more than one space

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/vanmeteria/latest/vanmeteria/0-0-0-1793>

City of Van Meter Code of Ordinances - Chapter 69.07 - Parking Prohibited

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News from the Veteran's Reception Center!

Bingo will be held on June 17 in the Banquet room at the Veteran's Reception Center.

Meal to be served, starting at 5:30pm. Free will offering.

BINGO starts at 7:00pm. \$1 per card. \$11 for a packet of cards to play each game for the evening- This includes 10 games of BINGO plus the BLACKOUT.



BLACKOUT JACKPOT - \$800

News from the Library!

Summer Reading kicks off June 4th at the Van Meter Public Library! Please make sure to pre-register on our website through the Beanstack button. It is located on the Library website's home page. You can also download the Beanstack app to register and log your books! We have some great prizes available. You won't want to miss this! Be sure to stop by Raccoon River Days on June 2nd to meet Ms. J from the Library! She will have lots of fun things, including a summer BINGO card, bookmarks and crafts!



News from Parks & Recreation!

Youth Basketball Camp: This is for students that will be 1st through 8th grade next year. Dates: June 5th - June 8th Register Here: <https://vmbulldogs.revtrak.net/basketball/>

Youth Wrestling Camp: Van Meter Youth Wrestling will be hosting a camp this summer at the school for students going into PreK through 6th grade. Dates: July 10-12th from 9 to 10:30. Register Here: <https://bit.ly/vmrec2023>

FREE YOGA IN THE PARK - Legion Shelter House

8:30am - Bring your own mat. All skill levels & ages welcome!

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July 1, 2023

June 10, 2023

July 15, 2023

June 17, 2023

July 29, 2023





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Raccoon River Days - June 2nd & 3rd

Visit www.vanmeterlife.com for more details or scan the QR code.

Friday - June 2, 2023

The fun begins at 5:00pm at the Veteran's Reception Center.



- Little Mr. & Miss Van Meter Contest - 5:30pm registration; 6:00 contest
- Hot Dog Dinner (free will donation)
- Treats from local churches
- Beverage Garden (alcoholic & non-alcoholic)
- DJ Tim Cox
- Free Activities for Kids
 - Spin Art
 - Bounce Houses
 - Football Toss
 - Cupcake Walk
 - Face Painting / Tattoos

Saturday Morning - June 3, 2023

- 7:00am - Pancake Breakfast (free will donation benefiting the Van Meter Fire Association - Veteran's Reception Center)
- 7:00am - Registration starts for the Park2Park 5K - Veteran's Reception Center
- 7:00-10:00am - Farmer's Market - Veteran's Reception Center
- 8:00am - Park2Park 5K to start
- 9:30am - Parade Line Up Starts - Van Meter Community School
- 10:30am - Parade
- 11:00am-1:00pm - 60th Class Reunion - Legion Post 403



Saturday Afternoon & Evening - June 3, 2023

- 2:00pm - Bags Tournament at 5th Quarter
- 2:00pm - Van Meter All Class Reunion - Lounge at the Veteran's Reception Center
- 2:00 Free BINGO - Banquet Room of the Veteran's Reception Center
- 5:30pm - Food Trucks and Beer Garden - Veteran's Reception Center
- 7:00 - LIVE Music from Final Mix
- 8:15 - Pie Auction
- 8:45pm - LIVE Music from Final Mix
- 10:00pm - Fireworks Show



Agreement for Pre-Authorized 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

Depository Name _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Transit ABA Number _____ **Account Number** _____

(Transit ABA Number is the first 9 digits from the left of 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) _____

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. ******