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NEWS FROM CITY HALL

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 OFF-SITE TRAINING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 CITY HOLIDAY



CITY ELECTIONS



The regular city/school election will be held on November 7, 2023. In-person absentee voting is available at the Dallas County Auditor's Office until Monday, November 6. Hours are from 8am - 4:30pm. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the VRC.

Meet the Candidates for the City of Van Meter!

POSITION: MAYOR
JOE HERMAN



POSITION: CITY COUNCIL (4 YEAR TERM)

JOEL AKERS

JESSE ADAMS

TRAVIS BROTT



POSITION: CITY COUNCIL (2 YEAR TERM TO FILL A VACANCY)

QUIN PELZ



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



LIBRARY

On August 2, 2023, the Van Meter City Council approved the language for 2 questions to be added to the City/School Election Ballot regarding the Van Meter Public Library. The Library Board of Trustees has asked that the public consider approving a proposal to change the term length for the trustees from 6 years to 4 years and to allow the composition of the Board change from 4 resident members and 1 non-resident member to a minimum of 3 residents and up to 2 non-resident members so long as they live within the Van Meter Community School District boundary.

The following 2 questions will be included on the ballot for the City/School Election on November 7, 2023.

SHALL THE CITY OF VAN METER ADOPT A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD'S MEMBERS TO BE A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM?

SHALL THE CITY OF VAN METER ADOPT A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE LIBRARY BOARD WHEREIN THERE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF THREE RESIDENT MEMBERS OF THE CITY AND UP TO TWO NON-RESIDENTS SO LONG AS THEY RESIDE WITHIN THE VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT?

NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

NOVEMBER RECYCLING SCHEDULE



YARD WASTE - LAST PICK UP OF 2023 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

As a reminder, Waste Connections will pick up yard waste on Thursday mornings from April through November. Yard waste must be in brown, compost bags. Twigs and smaller branches can be bundled into piles less than 50 pounds and tied with string to keep the bundle contained.

BULK WASTE TAGS & EXTRA BAG STICKERS

Non-toxic items CAN be thrown away in the regular trash carts. If there is more trash than the cart can hold, you can purchase extra bag and bulk stickers at City Hall during regular business hours. Bag stickers are \$1.00/sticker. Bulk waste tags are \$5.00/tag.



EXTERIOR IRRIGATION METERS & HOSES

Residents with outdoor (exterior) irrigation meters are reminded to bring your irrigation meter indoors out of the freezing temperatures. They can become damaged if left in the elements. Please remember to disconnect your hoses from outdoor faucets to prevent water lines from freezing & cracking.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT ALL MONTH			1	2	3  RELAX & READ 1:30-3:30PM	4 CRAFT & CHAT 10:00-11:00AM
5	6 GETTIN' CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY Pumpkin (all week)	7	8	9 OUTREACH 10:00AM	10 9:20AM SCURRYING SQUIRRELS 2:00-3:00PM	11 CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY
12	13 GETTIN' CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY Acorn (all week)	14 STORIES, SONGS, & SNACKS 10AM 4PM	15 	16 OUTREACH 9:30AM	17 RELAX & READ 1:30-3:30PM	18 CRAFT & CHAT 10:00-11:00AM
19	20 GETTIN' CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY Turkey (all week)	21	22	23-25 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING 		
26	27 GETTIN' CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY Apple (all week)	28 STORIES, SONGS, & SNACKS 10AM 4PM	29	30 		



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



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 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!

Library Scavenger Hunt - Grab a hunt card, find the items & win a prize!

Scurrying Squirrels - Register to secure your spot with the Dallas Co. ISU Extension Office for STEM programming! Grades K-5

VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

BRUNCH

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

BRUNCH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE AT THE IOWA VETERANS CEMETERY AT 8:00AM

THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - UNIT 403
 EVENTS AT THE VRC - 910 MAIN STREET



COMMUNITY MEAL

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM

FREE WILL DONATION

DINNER:

CHICKEN & NOODLES,
 MASHED POTATOES, CORN



TURKEY BINGO

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

DINNER

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM

FREE WILL DONATION

DINNER: SUB SANDWICHES

TURKEY BINGO

STARTS AT 7:00PM -

COST \$1.00 PER CARD

10 REGULAR GAMES PLUS

\$400 PROGRESSIVE BLACKOUT

HOLIDAYS IN VAN METER



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - POST 403

Van Meter Community Market will be held December 1st 5-8 & December 2nd 9-1 at the Veteran's Reception Center. Vendors are still being accepted (\$30 for a booth). If you, or someone you know is interested in being a vendor please reach out to Raeann Thomas at the Veteran's Reception Center at 515-996-9166 or vrciowa@gmail.com.



VAN METER BAPTIST & METHODIST CHURCHES

The annual Kids Shopping Day is Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00am-1:00pm. The Methodist & Baptist Churches host this day together so kids can come and shop garage sale-priced items to give as gifts. ALL monies gathered are used to purchase gift cards for local families in need.

Donations can be dropped off in the donation bin in the foyer of the Methodist Church (100 Hazel Street) from November 6th until November 28th. The church is open from 7:00am – 5:00pm, Monday-Friday.

What do we need donated? Clean, new or gently used items such as toys, games, puzzles for kids, knick knacks, jewelry, unopened lotions for moms/grandmas, and items for dads/grandpas such as ties, baseball hats, gloves, tools, etc. – NO CLOTHING PLEASE. We also need donations of gift bags and tissue paper, NO WRAPPING PAPER OR BOXES PLEASE. Bags of all sizes can and will be used. There is a donation container for these as well.

Monetary donations are always welcome – venmo is available, account id: Kids-Shopping-Day-VM

We thank you for your continued support with this event – because of your kindness we are able to help many local families have a happy holiday season.

Van Meter Baptist & Methodist Churches



Holidays are Sweeter in Van Meter

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

www.VanMeterLife.com

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



PLANNING FOR THE Future of Our School Facilities

On **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**, Van Meter Community School District residents will vote on a bond issue. If the measure receives at least 60% approval, the district will move ahead with two significant additions:

ADDITION #1

Addition #1 would focus on the elementary building and include:

- New classrooms
- Secure entrance suite
- New multipurpose performance space to serve district-wide needs
- New secondary science lab
- Increased restrooms & improved concessions at the stadium
- Increased parking
- Renovations to the existing building to increase secondary classrooms, seating in the cafeteria spaces, and fitness & weight room space



This first addition will be two stories between the elementary side of the building and the 1927 building. It will add both elementary and secondary classrooms, including for multipurpose performing arts, band, music, art, and science. There will also be enough elementary classrooms for up to five sections per grade level.

ADDITION #2

Addition #2 would focus on providing a new secure entrance for middle school and high school students.



Along with the additions, an approved bond would allow for renovations to the current building, including a dining space expansion and the conversion of classrooms to meet 21st century learning needs.

The district would also make site improvements to increase parking and improve vehicular and pedestrian flow.



PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

If voters approve the bond, property taxpayers will **not** see an increase in the district's tax rate. The district is committed to keeping the overall tax rate at the current rate of \$16.10 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation... or less when possible.

TARGET PROJECTS:

- New elementary classrooms
- New secure entrances
- Multipurpose performance space
- New secondary science lab
- Key renovations & expansions



BOND VOTE

Tuesday, November 7, 2023



Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting vanmeterbond.org



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.