

# VAN METER News

NOVEMBER 2021  
Happy Veterans Day!



## VM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Van Meter Community Development Corporation's Second Annual

### Light the Town Challenge

Show off your holiday spirit by decorating your home, business or city-approved area.

Register to be in the competition no later than November 15. Or you can pick up a form at either the SalonTec (409 Wilson St) or Van Meter Public Library (505 Grant St). Or click here to print out the registration form. Return paper registration to either location.

Have your decorations complete when VMCDC judges begin their rounds on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Winners get a yard sign and bragging rights!

#### **CATEGORIES:**

##### **Best Religious Themed Display**

Recognizes a display inspired by religious themes

##### **Funniest Display**

Celebrates a jolly display that exhibits a sense of humor

##### **Best Group Effort**

Honors a display that brought a group of people together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas (i.e. Boy Scouts, three neighbors etc.)

##### **34th Street Award**

Awards the combined efforts of an entire street.

##### **The Griswold Award**

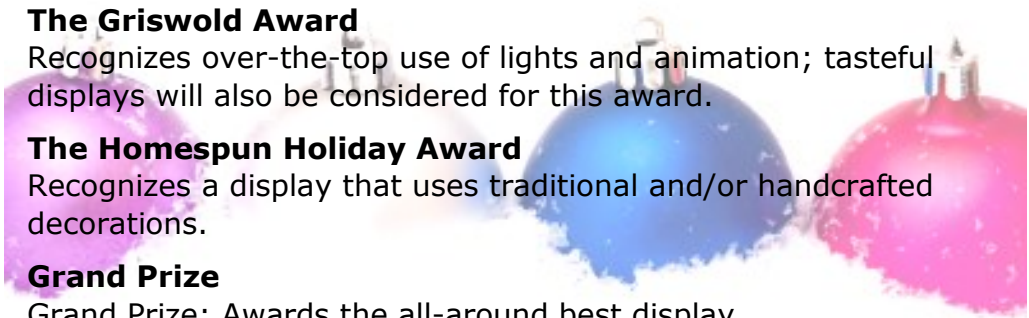
Recognizes over-the-top use of lights and animation; tasteful displays will also be considered for this award.

##### **The Homespun Holiday Award**

Recognizes a display that uses traditional and/or handcrafted decorations.

##### **Grand Prize**

Grand Prize: Awards the all-around best display.



#### **Elected Officials:**

**Mayor—**  
Allan Adams

#### **Council—**

-Lyn Lyon,  
Mayor Pro Tem

-Travis Brott

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steve Meyer

#### **City Staff:**

Kyle Michel—  
City Administrator

Liz Thompson—  
Clerk

Dave Herman—  
Public Works

Pat Alexander—  
Public Works

Bill Daggett—  
Chief of Police

Michael Brown—  
Police Officer

Emergency—911

Dallas County  
Non-emergency—  
515-993-4567

Chris Power—  
Fire Chief  
515-996-9253

Nancy Studebaker—  
Librarian  
Library—515-996-2453





BE PART OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR

# 2021 Sips and Snacks

# Holiday Cheer



**EVENT SPACE**

LEAD BY BECKY KINNEY  
**FIND, SECURE, AND LOGISTICS ALLOWING BUSINESSES AN EVENT SPACE TO PROMOTE.**

**ENTERTAINMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**

LEAD BY CINDY WINCHELL  
**BUSSES, HORSE BUGGIES AND CHRISTMAS CAROLERS.**

**LIGHT THE TOWN CHALLENGE**

LEAD BY RONA JACOBS  
**A COMMUNITY COMPETITION TO BRING JOY AND CHEER FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.**

**RAFFLES AND SILENT AUCTION ITEM**

LEAD BY VICKI LYON  
**CANT HAVE AN EVENT WITHOUT THESE ITEMS TO FUNDRAISE TO HELP AID IN THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

# Peace Love Joy

Any Businesses or Community members that would like to participate please reach out or use [www.SignUpGenius.com/2021sipsandsnacks](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/2021sipsandsnacks)

tWO day event!

The Van Meter Winter Market is a fun event where shoppers and vendors can share a love of food, art, craft and other miscellaneous items.



## 2021 VAN METER WINTER MARKET!

### Save the Date(s):

- \* Friday, December 3 (5—8P)
- \* Saturday, December 4 (9A—1P)

**FEATURING:** homemade crafters, bakers, jewelers, pottery, metal work, hand crafted wood items, and many unique gift ideas.

**LOCATION:** Veteran's Reception Center

**The Market is specifically seeking Local Homemade and Hand-Crafted items.**

**Application:** <https://www.dropbox.com/s/u04ui4avtzawfth/Van%20Meter%20Winter%20Market%202021%20Application.pdf?dl=0>

Monitor our website or Facebook page for more information!

<https://vanmeteria.gov/FarmersMarket.aspx>  
<https://www.facebook.com/vanmeterfarmersmarket/>







# VAN METER Public Library Focus Groups

Please help us make the library better! Van Meter Public Library is working with Kaylyn Maher, a graduate student at Drake University, to conduct focus groups. The library is seeking to better understand the needs and desires of the community regarding current and future library facilities and services. The meetings will be 60-90 minutes.

While registration isn't required, it is appreciated. We'd hate to run out of donuts! Or pizza if you're coming on Wednesday November 10th!

Register by going to our website [vanmeter.lib.ia.us](http://vanmeter.lib.ia.us) and click on the big green bar.

**505 Grant Street, Van Meter**  
**(515) 996-2435**  
**[vanmeteria.gov/library](http://vanmeteria.gov/library)**

# HOURS

<https://www.vanmeteria.lib.ia.us/>

**M, W, F 10A–5P**

**T, Th 12P–8P S 10A–3P**

# HELP NOW

**Connect with experts who love to teach through one of the nation's leading online tutoring providers. Visit the library website and select "Online Resources" to find the link.**

Get homework  
**HelpNow**

Free online tutoring for all learners.

Live tutoring from professionals

Online study groups

Language lab

Writing lab

Standardized test prep

# SNOW ORDINANCES



**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.

**REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND ACCUMULATIONS.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within 48-hours after such accumulations, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

**MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS.** A violation of this Code of Ordinances or any ordinance or code herein adopted by reference or the omission or failure to perform any act or duty required by the same, with the exception of those provisions specifically provided under State law as a felony, an aggravated misdemeanor, or a serious misdemeanor, or a simple misdemeanor under Chapters 687 through 747 of the Code of Iowa, is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalty as provided herein.



**Please visit our website for the complete Code of Ordinances for the City of Van Meter. They can be found on our website at [www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov) under the section titled Ordinances.**



**Sidewalks/Walkways**—For the safety of walkers, joggers, and bikers, please keep your sidewalks free of debris and other potential hazards such as snow/ice, branches, leaves, weeds, toys, and vehicles. It is greatly appreciated!



**Irrigation Meters**—Residents with an outside irrigation meter are reminded to bring your meter indoors out of the freezing temperatures. They can become damaged if left in the elements.

Also disconnect hoses from your outside faucets to prevent your water lines from freezing and cracking.

# CITY OF VAN METER

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Email: [info@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:info@vanmeteria.gov)



## Fall Back November 7th



### CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, November 11th for Veterans Day,

Thursday, November 25th and

Friday, November 26th—

for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please leave any messages or payments in  
the mail slot in the front door.

Visit our website for general information  
[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov).

# EVERY VOTE COUNTS

## VOTE AMERICA

Voting Location:

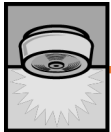
Veterans Reception Center

910 Main St, Van Meter

Polls will be open on

Tuesday, November 2nd,

7A—8P



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afety Tip:

"Remember to change  
the batteries in your  
smoke alarms when you  
set your clocks back  
on November 7th."



To veterans everywhere, we are grateful  
for your service today and everyday!

**Happy Veterans Day!**



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*Connect with the Future®*

515-265-7374



**Waste Connections does not pick up on the following holidays:** Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. If any of these holidays fall on a Monday, the pickup service will be one day late.

## Recycling Schedule— November 8 & 22

**YARD WASTE  
COLLECTION**  
compost it!  
**Last Day  
November  
26**

