

CITY OF VAN METER

Van Meter

NEWS

OCTOBER 2021

Elected Officials:

Mayor
-Allan Adams



Mayor Pro Tem,
-Lyn Lyon

Council

-Travis Brott



-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steve Meyer

City Staff:

Kyle Michel—
City Administrator



Liz Thompson—City Clerk

Dave Herman—Public Works

Pat Alexander—Public Works

Bill Daggett—Chief of Police

Mike Brown—Police

Chris Power—Fire Chief



Nancy Studebaker—Librarian
(515) 996-2435

Dallas Co. Dispatch-

(515) 993-4567

-EMERGENCY-911

-Fire Dept—(515) 996-9253

-Post Office—(515) 996-2458

-Veterans Reception Center—

(515) 996-9166

-IA Veterans Cemetery—

(515) 996-9048

FACEBOOK—City of Van Meter

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



BEGGARS NIGHT—OCTOBER 30TH FROM 6PM TO 8PM

We are still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Central Iowa. At this point in time, we do not have specific guidance or guidelines for Beggars Night 2021. I ask that you take necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family. Should State or County guidance be released prior to Beggars Night, we will release follow-up guidelines for Van Meter.

As in the past, houses wishing to participate in Beggars Night should turn on their outside lights to make trick-or-treaters aware. We would ask trick-or-treaters to be especially respectful of those houses that do not turn on their outside lights. Some families may elect to not participate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be respectful of their choices.

We want everyone to have an enjoyable, safe evening. Please do your part and be respectful of others. Take necessary steps to protect yourself and others.

Please monitor Facebook for updates from the City as well as updates on Park Board sponsored Beggars Night activities.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Allan Adams, Mayor

REGULAR CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION—Tuesday, November 2, 2021

The City of Van Meter has three positions to fill on council. The council candidates are Craig Greer, Blake Grolmus, Joe Herman and Bob Lacy.

If you need information about upcoming election, visit the Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.ia.us

**Voting takes place at Veterans Reception Center 910 Main Street
7A—8P**

www.vanmeteria.gov

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Beggars Night
Saturday, October 30
6P to 8P

IT'S BACK!

**AND YOU
.....ARE INVITED!**

JOHNSON PARK

OCTOBER 30 @ 5P

HOTDOGS, CHIPS & DRINKS

Brought to you by the letters P & R—Parks and Rec Board Sponsored

In consideration of children and adults with respiratory problems, citizens are urged to refrain from open burning during late afternoon and evening on Beggar's Night.



Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

**Trunk
or
Treat**



Saturday Oct. 30th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Van Meter United Methodist

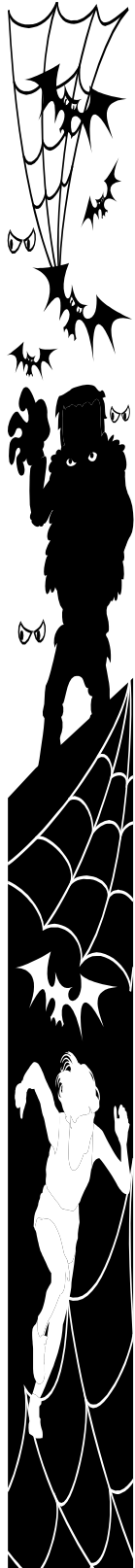
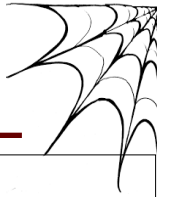
Church Parking Lot

Decorate your trunk, put on a friendly costume, bring your candy and join us in the church parking lot. Bring the kids. Bring your friends. It's a friendly and safe environment. We have a blast! No admission fee.

- Kids go from trunk to trunk to get treats
- Everyone gets our traditional doughnuts
- **No** hot cider this year

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BY BRINGING YOUR VEHICLE, **YOU MUST REGISTER** by contacting Stacy at (515) 996-2572 or speterson0403@gmail.com

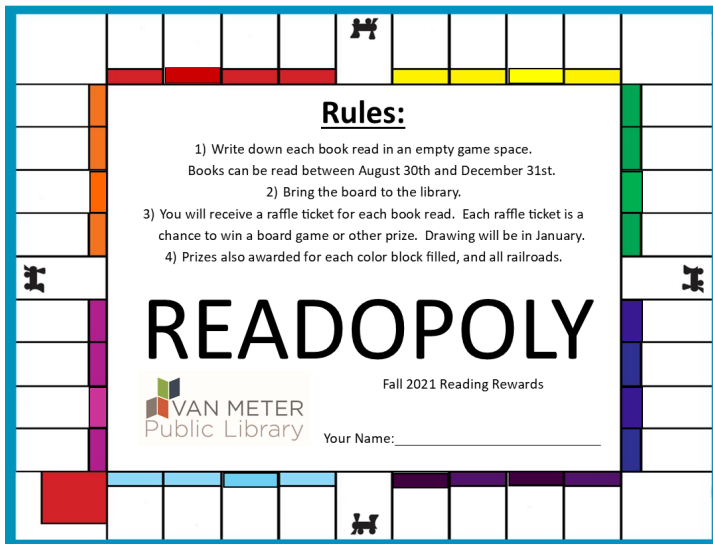
VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY



<https://www.vanmeteria.lib.ia.us/>
M, W, F 10A–5P
T, Th 12P–8P S 10A–3P

Fall 2021 Reading Rewards

Read Books. Earn Raffle Tickets.
Win Board Games and MORE!



Stop by the library for a game board today!



HelpNOW

Get homework
HelpNow

Free online tutoring for all learners.

Live tutoring from professionals

Online study groups

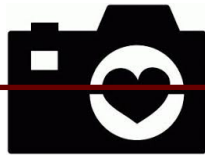
Language lab

Writing lab

Standardized test prep

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.

505 Grant Street – (515) 996-2435



FOCUS on this

The Van Meter Visioning Committee is sponsoring a photo calendar fundraiser.

Residents/participants are encouraged to submit photos of whatever embodies Van Meter to them. Pictures can be funny, memorable, old, new, sports related, etc. The possibilities are endless.

Use your imagination!

Twelve of the best photos will be selected and used to create a 2022 Van

Meter calendar that will be sold as a fundraiser.

Submissions are due by Saturday, October 23.

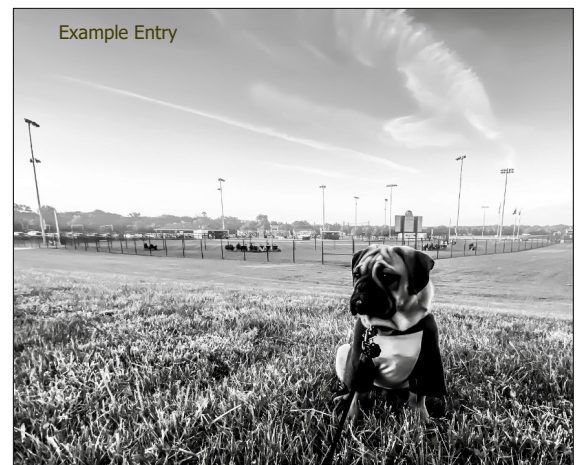
Please email digital photos to:

vmphotocontest@gmail.com

Hard copies can be mailed to: City of Van Meter
c/o VM Photo Contest
PO BOX 160
Van Meter IA 50261

Ready, set, SNAP!

Let's have some fun!



View of Van Meter Melissa Lyon Softball Field featuring the cutest minibulldog ever!
Go Bulldogs 

RACCOON RIVER DAYS 2022

Van Meter's annual celebration, **Raccoon River Days**, takes place the first full weekend of June every year.

We are meeting before the end of year to make decisions and to plan for Van Meter RRD 2022.

We would love to see more faces and new faces involved in making decisions.

Message me or email me at Raccoonriverdays@gmail.com if you are interested in being involved.

Thank you!

Vicki Lyon

Agreement For Preauthorized 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 account.

DEPOSITORY NAME _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TRANSIT ABA NO. _____ **ACCOUNT NO.** _____

(Transit ABA Number is the first 9 numbers from left on 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) (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.*****



PO Box 160
 310 Mill Street
 Van Meter, IA 50261
 Ph: 515-996-2644
 email: info@vanmeteria.gov

SECOND REMINDER: It is illegal to discharge grass clippings and yard waste into public streets while mowing. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding.



135.03 PLACING DEBRIS ON. It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)



WASTE CONNECTIONS
 OF IOWA, INC.
 Since 1977

515-265-7374

2021 Recycling Schedule

October 1 & 25

November 8 & 22

December 6 & 20

For safety and efficiency reasons, please place your Waste Connections of Iowa cart out the night before your service day or no later than 6AM on your service day. If your service is missed, **CALL WASTE CONNECTIONS DIRECTLY.** The driver will return for your cart the same day **if** he is still in town. You should not rely on city staff to prioritize this or make the call on your behalf.

Waste Connection drivers are unable to empty carts that are overfilled with items. The lid **must** close. You are allowed one extra trash bag at no charge. Extra bag tags are sold at city hall for \$1.

Bulk waste can also be discarded with a \$5 tag which are sold at city hall. Please remove your Waste Connections containers from the street as soon after collection as possible.

Yard waste is collected in compost bags ONLY on **Thursdays through the end of **November****



- Bag all trash before placing in the container
- Place carts 3 feet apart
- Carts must be at least 6 feet from cars, trees, mailboxes, fences
- Cart wheels should be as close to the curb as possible
- Cart lids must be **CLOSED COMPLETELY** at all times

Please visit their website at wcdesmoines.com for more information regarding your waste collection service.