

# Van Meter News

Happy Labor Day!

September 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—Clerk

Dave Herman—

### Public Works

Nancy Studebaker—

### Library Director

-Library—515-996-2435

Police Chief Bill Daggett—

Officer Mike Brown

-Non Emergency—

515-993-4567

## ELECTION INFORMATION



### Regular City/School Election—Tuesday, November 2, 2021

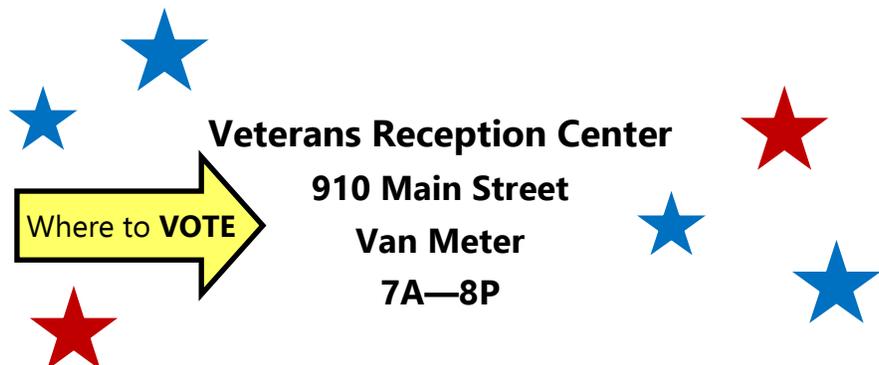
The City of Van Meter has three positions to fill on council. The council seats of Adam Coyle, Joe Herman, and Steven Meyer expire at the end of the year.

All nomination papers for City candidates must be filed in the office of the

**County Auditor located at 210 N 10th St in Adel by Thursday, September 16, 2021 by 5PM.** Signatures of at least 10 eligible electors of the City of

Van Meter are required on nomination petitions.

If you need information about upcoming election, visit the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.ia.us](http://www.sos.state.ia.us) They have the required forms and other useful information to help citizens become more civically engaged.



## CODE REMINDER

As a friendly reminder, it is illegal to discharge grass clippings and yard waste into the 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)

#### Localized Flooding:

- Grass clipping and other yard waste blown in the street can cause localized flooding by clogging curb inlets and pipes.

#### Water Quality:

- Grass clipping and other yard waste in the streets can cause high levels of nutrients in local creeks and streams, which can result in algae blooms.

- Keeping grass clippings on your yard can save money on fertilizer by returning nutrients back into the soil and save money on watering by building organic matter in your soil.

#### Some solutions are...

- If your mower shoots grass clippings out of the side, mow a couple of passes with your mower blowing towards your yard and not the street before mowing the rest of your yard.
- If you bag grass with your mower make sure you keep the clippings out of the street, curb inlet, ditch, or creek.
- If you mulch mow, your mower will not blow grass out the side and you shouldn't have to worry about grass blowing into the street.



Yard waste is collected on Thursdays. Waste Connections allows unlimited bags of yard waste as long as they are in the biodegradable compost/yard waste bags less than 50 lbs.

Twigs and small branches may be in securely tied bundles no more than 4 feet in length or wider than 18 inches in diameter.

Yard waste collection runs through **November** each year.

**VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

PH: 515-996-2435

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# Fall Reading Rewards

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**Rules:**

- 1) Write down each book read in an empty game space. Books can be read between August 30th and December 31st.
- 2) Bring the board to the library.
- 3) You will receive a raffle ticket for each book read. Each raffle ticket is a chance to win a board game or other prize. Drawing will be in January.
- 4) Prizes also awarded for each color block filled, and all railroads.

**READOPOLY**

Fall 2021 Reading Rewards

 **VAN METER Public Library**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Toddler Time

September 13 - November 16

Mondays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Tuesdays 9:00am - 11:00am

**Storytime and play  
time for ages 1-4.**

Note: the library is not open to the public during Toddler Time.

**Theme: Nature All Around Us**

### LIBRARY HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri

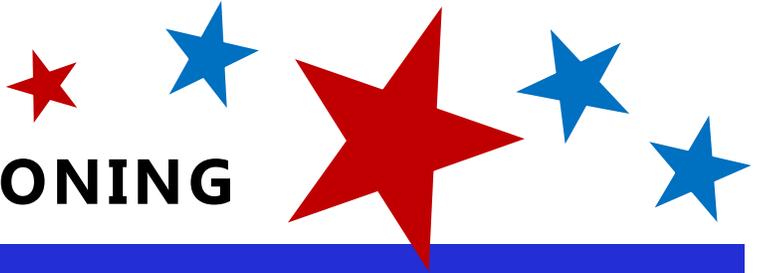
10A—5P

Tues, Thurs

Noon—8P

Sat 10A-3P

# VAN METER COMMUNITY VISIONING



**HEY VAN METER!**

Help us build new  
trails around our  
community and a  
new park  
downtown!

Buy a raffle ticket to give you a chance to win 4  
weekly cash prizes this fall for 18 weeks.

18 Weekly prizes of  
1st \$100 cash  
2nd \$75 cash  
3rd \$50 cash  
last \$25 cash

(plus a discount at 5th Quarter for everyone who  
buys a ticket)

Each ticket costs \$25.00 or you can purchase 5 for  
\$100. All purchases are tax deductible.

for more details or to purchase your tickets please  
visit 5th Quarter, SalonTEC, The Law Shop, Poppy  
Photography, or visit us at the Farmers' Market  
through out the summer.



## Change This



## Into That

**Purchase before September to be entered into a drawing for one FREE ticket!**

## CITY OF VAN METER

310 Mill Street

PO Box 160

Van Meter, IA 50261

Phone: 515-996-2644

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



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Facebook

Visit our website at  
[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov)

### GARBAGE COLLECTION NOTICE:

Garbage collection will be one day late due to the Labor Day holiday—Tuesday, September 7th.

**City offices will be CLOSED** on  
Monday, September 6th—

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

## Recycling Schedule

Waste Connections Inc.  
515-265-7374  
September 13 and 27

## ONLINE REPORTING



LIVE WORK PLAY CITY DEPARTMENTS LIBRARY VISIT **ONLINE REPORTING**



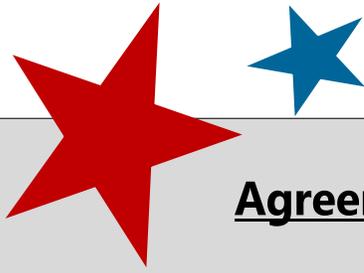
Van Meter Police Department has an online reporting system. Visit the city website at [www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov). The last tab on the home page is "Online Reporting." Follow the directions to submit a report.

Please note that this service is not designed to report a crime that is in progress. It is for such things as dogs at large, lost property, stolen property, code enforcement violations, etc.

Using the online reporting system allows you to submit a report immediately and print a copy of the police report for free.



The Farmers Market Committee would like to thank everyone for coming out to support the market this year. Thanks to all the vendors and volunteers who helped make it happen.



# 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.

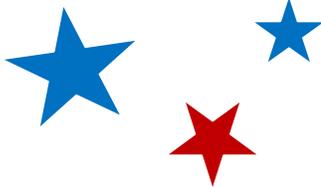
I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to provide billing statements electronically via email.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.\*\*\*\***