



NEWS FROM CITY HALL
CITY/SCHOOL ELECTIONS



The regular city/school election will be held on November 7, 2023. The filing period for the city/school election candidates begins on Monday, August 28, 2023 and closes on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 5:00pm. Nomination papers must be filed with the Dallas County Auditor during the filing period. They cannot be filed before or after the filling period.

The City of Van Meter has 4 positions to fill this election cycle: three (3) council seats and the Mayor's seat. All candidates must be residents of the City of Van Meter. All candidates for City vacancies must complete and submit an Affidavit of Candidacy and nomination petition with at least 10 signatures to the Dallas County Auditor by the deadline.

The Van Meter School Board has 2 seats up for election this year. Please contact the school for more information.

Additional information is available by scanning the QR Code, by visiting the [Dallas Co Auditor - Election Information](#) webpage or stopping at City Hall.

CODE REMINDER

As a friendly reminder, it is illegal to discharge grass clippings and yard waste into the public streets or sidewalks while mowing. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain were they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding.

CHAPTER 135.03 - STREETS - 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*)

CHAPTER 136.17 - SIDEWALKS - DEBRIS.

It is unlawful for a person to throw or deposit on any sidewalk any glass, nails, glass bottles, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, or any debris or substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2]*)

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.



Please do not burn anything in the street culverts including but not limited to yard waste, tree trimmings, leaves, etc.

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

NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

WATER METER REPLACEMENT

Public Works is working on replacing all water meters within the City of Van Meter. This is at no additional cost to the resident but may require installation. Please be on the lookout for a door hanger with more information. Installation of the new meters will improve operational efficiency, increase consumer visibility through a customer facing portal, allows for high usage or continuous usage alarms to be set and decrease the amount of time staff needs to perform monthly utility billing operations.



CONSTRUCTION REMINDERS

There are several construction sites throughout the town which may contain areas of safety hazards. Please steer clear of the new construction sites and remember that entering a construction zone is not only a potential safety hazard but also may be considered trespassing.

Please be aware of construction traffic and staff in both construction areas and along the roadways.

There are several projects slated to begin this fall in the City Right-Of-Ways including tree removal, fire hydrant repair & maintenance, service line maintenance, etc. There will be City Staff and contractors working in the City Right-Of-Ways.



WATER BOOSTER STATION

The Van Meter City Council awarded the construction bid for the Water Booster Station project in early 2023. The installation of the Water Booster Station is necessary to increase pressure in the distribution system.

The Water Booster Station will be located on the East side of Richland Road.

During construction, there may be service areas within the City that experience disruptions to their water service. The City will provide notice prior to disruption.

Construction is set to begin this fall.



NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC CONTROL UPDATES

On June 12, 2023, the Van Meter City Council discussed a proposed special speed zone of 35pmh on Mill Street/R16/Veteran's Parkway from North of the Raccoon River Bridge to 340th Trail. They set a public hearing for July 10, 2023 at the Veteran's Reception Center at 7:00pm.

The Public Hearing was held on July 10, 2023. No comments were received prior to the hearing and 1 question was raised by the public during the hearing. The Van Meter City Council passed the ordinance creating a new special speed zone on Mill Street from the North side of the Raccoon River Bridge to 340th Trail for both North and South bound traffic.

The new speed signs were recently installed.

Please watch your speed.



On May 22, 2023, the Van Meter City Council discussed traffic control signage at Main Street and Wilson Street stopping North-bound traffic and South-bound traffic on Wilson Street, creating a four (4) way stop at that intersection.

Resolution #2023-49 was adopted with a vote of 5-0.

Public Works recently installed the stop signs and will be painting the crosswalks in coming weeks.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

63.02 STATE CODE SPEED LIMITS
THE FOLLOWING SPEED LIMITS ARE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 321.285 OF THE CODE OF IOWA AND ANY SPEED IN EXCESS THEREOF IS UNLAWFUL UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED OTHERWISE IN THIS CHAPTER AS A SPECIAL SPEED ZONE.

SCHOOL DISTRICT – 25 MILES PER HOUR



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Thank you!

Hi Friends! Thank you SO MUCH for making Summer Reading 2023 so great! We ended the program with 183 readers and over 86,000 minutes logged in Beanstack! If Ms. J or Ms. Spencer took your picture during our Summer Reading activities, please stop by the library to pick them up!

Fall programming is in full swing. Story Time will return Tuesday, September 19th, and will continue every other week. There will be two sessions: one at 10:00am and one at 4:00pm. Story Time will include stories, songs, and crafts, and should last between 30-45 minutes. Make sure to check the events page on our website and our Facebook page for updates!

Tween Scene will also be returning some time in September! Our focus will be on STEM/STEAM activities. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

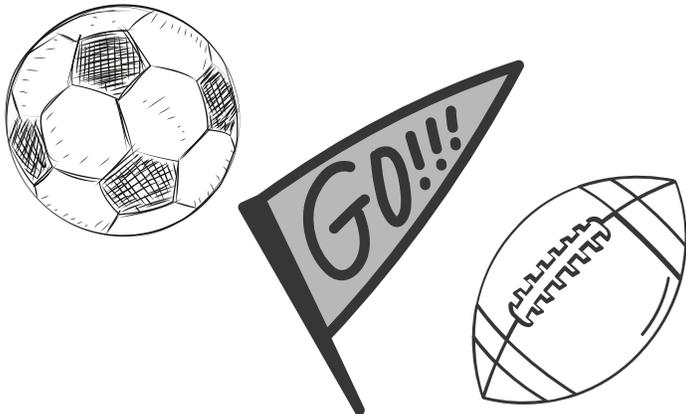


If you would like to support your library, we do have an Amazon wish list filled with books that we would love to add to our collection! Many of them can and will be used during story time. You can find the link on our Facebook page or simply scan the QR code! Thank you for your continued support of our library!

NEWS FROM PARKS & REC

We officially have lighting at memorial park!! Thank you to the generous sponsors who helped make the lights happen, we know the kids are especially thankful that they can play a little longer!

Make sure to watch for the hand washing station that is coming soon, and be sure to enjoy the park as much as we do!



The start of the school year brings the start of fall sports and they are in full swing!

Good luck and have fun to all of our Youth soccer, flag football and football teams!

COMMUNITY NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION - POST 403

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

ENJOY DINNER AND BINGO AT THE VAN METER VETERAN'S RECEPTION CENTER!



DINNER

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM - FREE WILL DONATION
PULLED PORK SANDWICHES AND SALAD

BINGO

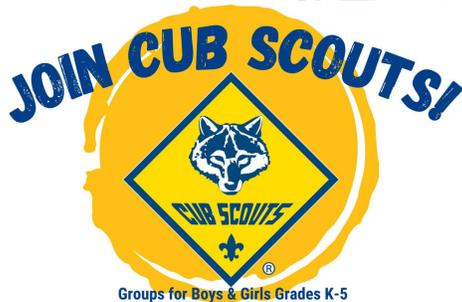
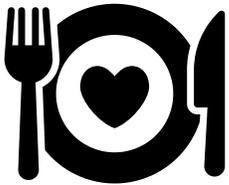
STARTS AT 7:00PM - COST \$1.00 PER CARD
10 REGULAR GAMES PLUS PROGRESSIVE BLACKOUT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

COMMUNITY MEAL IS BACK!

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM
FREE WILL DONATION

HAM BALLS, CHEESY POTATOES & GREEN BEANS



CUB SCOUT PACK 120

Cub Scout Pack 120 will be hosting their first Pack meeting of the new year on September 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Trindle Park in Van Meter. If your son or daughter is interested, please join us for information about Scouting, fun, and s'mores.

LABOR DAY 2023

Garbage collection will be one day late due to the Labor Day holiday. Collection will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

City offices will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 4, 2023. Please leave any messages or payments in the drop box in the front door of City Hall.



SEPTEMBER RECYCLING SCHEDULE



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AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWL, 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.