

VMCDC

VAN METER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

What is VMCDC?

In 2014 the Van Meter City Council recognized there was no local chamber of commerce or similar organization to help the businesses and community collaborate on promoting growth and improving the quality of life in our town. As a result of this void in our community and since the local business community was so small City Council and local business owners decided to form a hybrid model of a chamber and invite everyone in the community to join including the school, other non-profits and individuals.

Thus the Van Meter Community Development Corporation was born. We are a 501c(3) non-profit organization with an executive board consisting of 7 members. We currently have over 30 members who are made up of local individuals, businesses, and other non-profit groups in town. Please note, we are not a part of the City of Van Meter, and we are not funded through any taxpayer money.

What is VMCDC involved in?

So many things!! Annual Raccoon River Days, Iowa Architectural Foundation Community Design Program, Way Finding Signage, Community Visioning, Annual Sips & Snacks, Annual Light the Town Challenge, New Business Ribbon Cuttings, Local sponsorships, Grant research & applications, Collaboration with the City of Van Meter on city projects, Legend's Night and so much MORE!

Flags of Van Meter is relatively new fundraiser for VMCDC. All proceeds go towards building trails, increasing connectivity around town, down revitalization, and benefiting local groups including but not limited to Van Meter FFA, 4-H, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

What is the best way to contact VMCDC?

Visit www.vanmeterlife.com or email vmcd1877@gmail.com

How do I join VMCDC?

Membership is free! Please join us at one of our quarterly meetings. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Law Shop.**

Elected Officials:

MAYOR

Joe Herman

MAYOR PRO TEM

Travis Brott

COUNCILMAN

Joel Akers

COUNCILMAN

Blake Grolmus

COUNCILMAN

Quin Pelz

COUNCILWOMAN

Penny Westfall

City Staff:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Liz Faust

CITY CLERK

Jess Drake

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Larain Climer

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Drew McCombs

PUBLIC WORKS

Shane Luvaas

PUBLIC WORKS

Spencer Leonard

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jonatha Basye

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Joan Von Ruden Kruger

PARKS & REC DIRECTOR

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Mike Brown

FIRE CHIEF

Mark Schmitt

DALLAS COUNTY DISPATCH

515-993-4567

EMERGENCY

911

MEETING SCHEDULE

September 9, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting 7pm

- Public Hearing - Legislative Code Changes
- Public Hearing - Planning & Zoning Committee 5 to 7
- Public Hearing - Lighting Standards
- Public Hearing - Trindle Ridge 2 Development Agreement
- Public Hearing - Voluntary, Non-Consenting Annexation
- Public Hearing - Park Rules

September 23, 2024 - Workshop 6pm

- CIP Update & Street Repair Plan

SEPTEMBER RECYCLING SCHEDULE



REMINDER

Garbage Service is delayed to Tuesday, Sept. 3 due to Labor Day

FUTURE HOME OF THE



601 MAIN STREET, VAN METER, IA 50261

The City of Van Meter is excited to announce the purchase of the former Dahl building and adjacent parcels located at 601 Main Street. This is the future home of the Van Meter Public Library, Van Meter Fire Department and Van Meter Police Department.

There is a lot of work to do! The first step we are taking is to go out with a Request for Proposal for Architects. We are excited to get some initial, high level visuals for the community to see!

Celebrating
— 20 YEARS —

Van Meter
tradition with a vision

Happy 20 year work anniversary to our City Administrator, Liz Faust! Thank you for reminding us all that hard work and dedication pay off. From starting as a part-time City Clerk to City Administrator and all the roles in between, you have shown time and time again that you are dedicated to the success of the City of Van Meter. You embody the values of the City's moto of "Tradition with a Vision." We are so grateful for all you have done here and look forward to coming years - of service and of the tree planted at City Hall in your honor!



NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



On May 13, 2024, the Van Meter City Council set the date for a public hearing regarding a proposal to amend Section 63.04 - Special Speed Zone by adding a 45 MPH zone within the city limits of Van Meter along County Highway F90. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on June 4, 2024 and the Dallas County News on June 6, 2024. Notices were also posted at Van Meter City Hall, the Van Meter Post Office, and the Van Meter Library on Friday, June 7, 2024.

The Public Hearing was held on June 10, 2024 at the regular Council Meeting at 7:10pm. No public comments were received prior to or at the hearing. Council voted to adopt Ordinance #2024-13 to amend Section 63.04 creating a special speed zone of 45mph within the city limits along F90 with a vote of 3-2.

The ordinance was published in the Dallas County News on June 27 making the change effective.

New Speed Limit signs were installed on on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Please watch your speed. The attached map shows a redline that designates the entirety of the 45MPH speed zone.

The City of Van Meter and the Van Meter Community School District are excited to start off another year of partnership providing for a School Resource Officer (SRO).

SROs are local law enforcement officers who work closely with administrators in order to create safe learning environments for students and staff.

Officer Delic is a familiar face in the halls of the school and is excited for the 2024-2025 school year!



NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

FENIX

Public Works has had very good success in replacing residential water meter with the new technology throughout town. There are still meters in need of replacement. Be on the lookout for notices if you are impacted. Please contact Public Works as soon as possible to replace your meter.

The strip of land between the street and sidewalk is called the public right of way and is technically City property. This area may contain water, sewer, gas, and other utilities below the surface. It is important to maintain easy access to these utilities and to keep it clear of visual clutter that can distract drivers or hinder those using sidewalks. Property owners are still required to maintain that land, and it is important to keep it free of signs and other encumbrances.

Dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush or other vegetation in the City can constitute a health, safety, or fire hazard. Brush piles should not be placed in the City Right of Way. No burning of brush/leaves/weeds is allowed on any sidewalk, any area between the street and the sidewalk, any area between the street and where the sidewalk would be, culverts or the street.



NEWS FROM PARKS & REC

Thank you to everyone who participated in our summer programming! Keep your eye out for more announcements of programming offered by Parks & Rec!



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

September 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 CLOSED	3 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Caramel Apple	4	5 Stories, Songs & Snacks 12:30PM	6 Turing Tumble 2PM	7	
8 	9 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Tree	10	11 	12	13 Shape-O-Saurus Take Home Kits ISU Extension	14	
15	16 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Corn	17 Stories, Songs & Snacks 10:00AM	18	19 University Kids Outreach 9:30AM Puppet Making 4PM	20 Tails & Tales 2PM	21 	
22	23 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Snowy Owl	24 Books & Banter 7:00PM	25 	26 Stories, Songs & Snacks 12:30PM Books & Banter 7:00PM	27 Kids Care Outreach 8:30AM Inspired Kids Outreach 9:15AM	28	
29	30 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library Acorn	Back to School Scavenger Hunt--all month long					

Gettin' Crafty at the Library--every week, the library will debut a new craft for everyone to enjoy! Materials will be available all week and registration will not be required.

Stories, Songs & Snacks--story time for ages 0-7. AM Storytime will be on Tuesdays at 10:00AM; PM Storytime will be on Thursdays at 12:30PM. Please check the calendar for specific dates.

Books & Banter--Library Grown-Ups, this book club is for you! Join us for food, drinks, and book discussion! We will meet, in person, at The Law Shop in Van Meter on September 24th & 26th at 7PM. Registration is required and limited to 20 participants.

Turing Tumble--Join Ms. J to learn about the Turing Tumble, a new type of game where players build mechanical computers powered by marbles to solve logic puzzles. Registration is required for this event and is limited to 12 participants. Suitable for students in grades 2 through 8!

Puppet Making--Sign up to make your own puppet with Ms. J! Registration is required and limited to 18 participants! All supplies provided! Suitable for ages 2 and up!

Tails & Tales--Every third Friday of the month, the ARL will have a volunteer come to the library with a Therapet! Register for a time slot to read to a furry friend! Slots will be limited to 10 minutes. Parents must accompany children during this program.

Back to School Scavenger Hunt--complete the new scavenger hunt for the month of September! A small prize will be given for completed scavenger hunt cards!



September 2024

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Trick
or
Treat

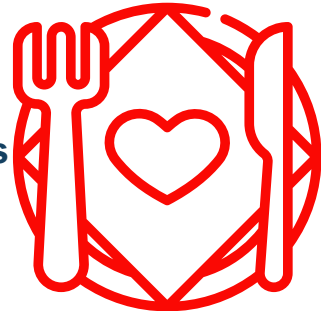
CITY OF VAN METER TRICK OR TREAT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Check back next month for details on more
Halloween activities!!

COMMUNITY MEAL IS BACK!!



Thursday, September 19, 2024
Serving Begins at 5:30pm
Ham Balls, Cheesy Potatoes, and Green Beans
Free Will Donations
Take Out Available



Enjoy DINNER and BINGO at the Veteran's Reception Center in
Van Meter, IA



10 Regular Games & Progressive Blackout
PROGRESSIVE BLACKOUT JACKPOT IS \$1200
PULLED PORK SANDWICHES & SALAD
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30
FREE WILL DONATION

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
7:00 P.M.

403 LOUNGE WILL BE OPEN



Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024

- ★ City Hall - CLOSED
- ★ Public Works - CLOSED
- ★ Library - CLOSED
- ★ Trash pick up delayed by one day to Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - Yard Waste Pick Up will be delayed until Friday, September 6, 2024



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.