

# CITY OF VAN METER



# Van Meter News

January 2020

## WELCOME TRAVIS BROTT

Travis Brott was elected to the City Council in November at the city/school election. He will assume his role as a council member on January 2, 2020. He will serve a 4 year term.

**A little about Travis by Travis:** I was born and raised in Van Meter and graduated from Van Meter Senior High School, as a member of the Class of '99. After some uncertainty in what I wanted to do with my life, I ultimately attended Iowa Central Community College, where I received my degree in Radio Broadcasting. After realizing radio paid in peanuts and the hours were brutal, I decided it was time to get a "big boy" job. Currently, I work at Nationwide, where I am a Manager in Workforce Management.



I have a son, Zaiden, who is 12 and attends Waukee Community schools. My wife (Dala) and I moved back to "home" to Van Meter in October of 2017 with our 2 dogs, and were lucky enough to purchase a house that I had always considered one of my favorites in town, when I was growing up.

Some of my hobbies include cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes and Chicago Cubs, if you couldn't tell by the flags flying outside the front of the house! I also enjoy bowling during the winter months, and golfing during the summer.

I look forward to serving on City Council, and am excited to help shape the future of our great community! GO DAWGS!

### **City Information:**

PH: 515-996-2644

E-mail: [info@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:info@vanmeteria.gov)

[www.cityofvanmeteria.gov](http://www.cityofvanmeteria.gov)

### **Elected Officials:**

-Allan Adams, Mayor

### **Council Members—**

-Travis Brott

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Lyn Lyon

-Steven Meyer

### **City Staff:**

Kyle Michel-City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

David Herman-Public Works Director

Pat Alexander-Public Works

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Mike Brown-Police Officer

Kathleen Nubel-Library Director



Non-Emergency-515-993-4567

Emergency-911

Post Office-515-996-2458

Veterans Reception Center-  
515-996-9166



*Happy New Year!*

## **HELP US HELP YOU**

**EMERGENCY dial 911**

**NON-EMERGENCIES dial 515-993-4567**

It is awesome that as the Police Chief I am so connected to the community and that you feel comfortable reporting needs for police service via cellphone or social media to me, but I need your help. The police department has grown and there are times in which I am off duty and unable to answer calls, texts

or social media contacts in a timely manner. I feel bad when all you want is help and you have to wait. So please use these two numbers to request police services. It will help us help you. Dispatch knows who is available to respond immediately.



**2-0-2-0-6  
3-4-1-1-1**

**Interested in being an Emergency Medical Technician?**

**Interested in being a Firefighter?**

**Interested in just being part of the team and helping the community?**

**Please consider serving the City of Van Meter as a firefighter or a medic or as a non-certified emergency services specialist.**

**WE PAY FOR TRAINING**

**Apply at [www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov)**

# VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Happy New Year!



Did you resolve to read more in 2020? Let the library help! Stop by the library on January 9th from 6-8 to learn how to get access to thousands of books, audiobooks, and magazines on your phone or tablet—free with your library card!

If you haven't stopped by the library to get your new card, your card number will expire in January and you will no longer be able to use it without updating to the new plastic library cards. Not sure if you have a new card or an old card? If your card doesn't start with 25012, you will need to get a new card.

## WEEKLY PROGRAMING

### Tech Tuesdays

- \* Drop by with your questions about technology or make an appointment for a more involved issue.

**Story Time** on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

- \* There will be stories, rhymes, and songs. We will end with a craft!

**Tween/Teen Time** on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

- \* 1st week of the month: Craft
- \* 2nd week of the month: Dallas County Conservationist (Nov.-Mar.)
- \* 3rd week of the month: Tabletop Game
- \* 4th week of the month: Activity
- \* 5th week of the month: Surprise!

**Inside the Lines, Outside the Box** on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

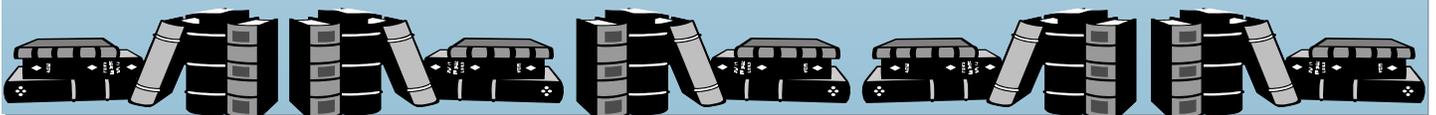
- \* Indoor recess for adults at the library! Bring a project you are working on or join us for coloring and conversation Thursday night.

**Toddler Time** on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

- \* Just for babies and toddlers with play time, stories, and songs.

**Movie Matinee** on Fridays at 1:45 p.m.

- \* Join us for a family-friendly (G or PG rated) movie every Friday.



# COMMUNITY PAGE



## 2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN PARENTS MEETING

Mark your calendar for the kindergarten  
parents information night.

**WHEN:** Monday, January 13

**WHERE:** Van Meter School Cafeteria

**WHO:** Parents of 2020/21 Kindergarteners

We ask that you attend **WITHOUT** your child; he/she  
will experience school at the  
kindergarten orientation in May.

Please contact Kris Koster at  
[Kris.koster@vmbulldogs.com](mailto:Kris.koster@vmbulldogs.com) for registration.



## After Prom:

The After Prom committee for Van Meter School would like to thank the community for your support. From car washes to driveway painting to pie auctions, you have supported our group for the purchase of items to make After Prom a success. We are blessed to have such a supportive community. April will be here before we know it, and your help will help make After Prom memorable. Thanks again!

## Kids Shopping Day:

The Van Meter Baptist and Methodist churches would like to thank the community for your support of our Annual Kids Shopping Day. Many thanks to those who gave donated items for the kids to purchase, those who volunteered, & especially those who brought their kids to shop. We had over \$2,300 to purchase gift cards for local families in need. The remaining donated physical items were given to the city of Stuart for their community Kids Day and other organizations, so we shared your treasures.

**Thank you for your support!**





## **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.

**NAME(s) (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*You will receive your water bill on or near the first of the month as usual.  
The amount due will be deducted from the above assigned account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.\*\*\*\***  
The city also offers you the opportunity to pay your bill online. You can even view your account information. To take advantage of this opportunity, visit our website: [www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov); click on the "Pay Bill" tab.

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**WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.**  
*Connect with the Future®*

**515-265-7374**

**Recycling Schedule—  
January 6 & 20**

**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.

## SNOW ORDINANCES REMINDERS

**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 at:**  
**[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov); under the section titled Ordinances.**



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