

VAN METER News

August 2020

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council-

-Lyn Lyon,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Travis Brott

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steven Meyer

City Staff:

310 Mill St;
PO BOX 160
Van Meter, IA 50261
515-996-2644

Kyle Michel-
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

Dave Herman-
Public Works

Pat Alexander-
Public Works

Kathleen Nubel-
Librarian
515-996-2435

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Mike Brown-Police Of-
ficer

Chris Power-Fire Chief
515-996-9253

Dallas County Dispatch -
515-993-4567

Emergency—911

RATE CHANGES

WATER & SEWER RATE CHANGE REFLECTED ON BILL DUE 8/15

The rate increases passed by the City Council in 2014 still apply. Your city utility bill reflects a 5% increase for in-town rates and a 10% increase for out-of-town rates. Your current utility bill reflect these changes.

		WATER				
		IN TOWN		OUT OF TOWN		
		First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000 per 1,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000 per 1,000	
7/1/2019	\$21.23	\$4.84		7/1/2019	\$56.14	\$12.81
7/1/2020	\$22.29	\$5.08		7/1/2020	\$61.75	\$14.09

		SEWER				
		IN TOWN		OUT OF TOWN		
		First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000 per 1,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000 per 1,000	
7/1/2019	\$20.99	\$6.16		7/1/2019	\$52.95	\$15.56
7/1/2020	\$22.04	\$6.47		7/1/2020	\$58.25	\$17.11

On June 16, 2016 the City Council enacted Ordinance 253 which established water and sewer capital improvement fees to construct a water treatment plant. Due to the delay in the construction of the water treatment plant, the finance committee recommended to council that the rate be decreased. **Effective July 1, 2020 the capital improvement fee for each gallon of water will decrease from six tenths of one cent to two tenths of one cent.** The capital improvement fee for sewer will remain five hundredths of a cent per gallon for capital improvements. The sewer fee does not escalate until the Code of Ordinances is amended again in the future.

LIBRARY NEWS



Summer reading ends soon, so make sure to have all your reading logs turned in at the library to be eligible for the drawing in mid-August! Each completed reading log turned in is an entry for a grand prize.

It's not too late to participate in the 2020 Summer Library Program: Imagine Your Story! To sign up or turn in reading logs, go to <https://vanmeteria.gov/SummerLibraryProgram.aspx>. Each person who registers will get a free book (yes, adults too!) and the first 50 youth participants (grade 12 or younger in the fall) to turn in three or more reading logs will get coupons for free frozen treats at Casey's! In addition, every reading log turned in earns you an entry to the prize drawing of your choice. If you've forgotten to turn in reading logs (or have been reading but forgot to register), don't worry! We'll be accepting reading logs for all weeks now through 8/9. To get help registering or get paper reading logs, call the library at 515-996-2435 or email library@vanmeteria.gov.

The Van Meter Public Library is now open for browsing and checkout appointments! For more details or to reserve your time slot, go to <https://forms.gle/UFNAtmADR9nQ1sFy9>, or call 515-996-2435 during contactless pickup hours (Mondays 3-6 and Wednesdays 11-2).



Look stylish while supporting your community!

The Van Meter Public Library Foundation is selling kids & adult masks.

Contact a member for your mask:

Alicia Penton

Barb T Phillips

Jamie Champion

Jody Simpson

Joe Herman

Kathleen Nubel

Megan Alexander

Sara Heeley

Shannon Jones

100% proceeds to the Van Meter Library and Community Room.

AUGUST 2020



Over the last few months, the Park Board and Rec Coordinator Jay Olson have been working with ABCreative to evaluate Johnson Park and opportunities to upgrade aged equipment. At the July Council meeting, the City Council approved the purchase of a great new piece of equipment. It is ADA compliant and is expected to last up to twenty years.

An additional feature of this upgrade is the play surface. Johnson Park will be transitioning from a mulch bed to a grass playmat. This surface provides fall protection for children using the equipment while giving the park a more natural look and feel. Additionally, this playmat will reduce seasonal maintenance typically seen with mulch bedded playgrounds. This upgrade will be funded primarily using Local Option Sales and Service Tax dollars with some additional funding and support coming from the fundraising efforts of the Park Board. The Park Board is



also is also hoping to acquire grant funding to help offset some of the costs associated with this upgrade project and assist with any other costs associated with this project. Please visit our Facebook page to track the progress on this project. We anticipate installation to be completed by mid-September 2020.



We've hidden the Van Meter rocks again! Follow the Van Meter Parks and Rec on Facebook (@VanMeterParks) for the latest updates and clues on where to find the rock. Bring it to city hall to receive a 2 lb jar of freshly harvested honey produced right here in Van Meter at Whippletree Apiary. We plan on hiding the rock a couple more times this summer! **Happy Hunting!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Stop by the Van Meter Veterans Reception Center to support your favorite vendors in addition to welcoming an exciting mix of new vendors. Each week will showcase a different local food truck and live music, so bring your family for a meal and entertainment! We invite everyone to take advantage of the fresh weekly offerings such as seasonal produce, baked goods, handmade items and more.

2020
Food & Music Schedule
Fridays July 10 - August 14
5 - 8 PM

Charlotte's Kitchen	July 10	Todd Partridge
Roadside Tacos	July 17	Jesse Jaspers
515 Pi	July 24	Dustin Baird
Street Eats DSM	July 31	J. Jeffrey Messerole
Sabores De Mexico & The Outside Scoop	Aug 7	New Mexicos
Rescue Burgers & Q & The Outside Scoop	Aug 14	Ryne Doughty

Buy a T-Shirt Support 2021 Raccoon River Days

T-Shirts for sale at the Veterans Reception Center every Friday night.



T-SHIRTS
\$15

PROCEEDS GO TO
 VAN METER
 RACCOON RIVER DAYS

Looking for volunteers who would like to work on committee to plan and execute 2021 Raccoon River Days.



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WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.
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YARD WASTE

Curbside collection of yard waste will resume on Thursday, August 6.

Yard waste **MUST** be in compost bags.

You may no longer use your own personal containers.

Residential Yard Waste: Collection service runs from the first Thursday in April through the last Thursday in November.

Acceptable Residential Yard Waste – Bagged

- Compostable bags
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Soft plant material
- Weeds

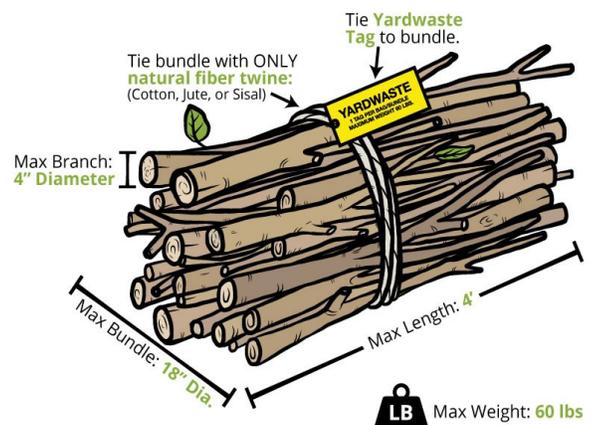


Unacceptable Residential Yard Waste

- Any item not listed above
- Animal waste or litter
- Dead animals
- Dirt, gravel, rock
- Plant pots
- Plastic bags

Please see the link below for more information regarding this service. Yard waste will not be accepted unless properly bagged and sorted. Tags are NOT required, but it needs to be in compostable bags or bundled appropriately. Yard waste will be picked up on Thursdays.

<https://www.wcdesmoines.com/residential#YardWaste>



Waste Connections # (515) 265-7374

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.*****