



# Van Meter News

December 2019

# City of Van Meter

**Elected Officials:**

Mayor

-Allan Adams



Council

-Kim Sacker

Mayor Pro Tem

-Adam Coyle



-Joe Herman

-Lyn Lyon



-Steven Meyer

**City Staff:**

Kyle Michel-

City Administrator



Liz Thompson-City Clerk

Dave Herman-Public Works

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Michael Brown-Police Officer

Kathleen Nubel-

Library Director

Library-515-996-2435

-Post Office-515-996-2458

-Non-Emergency-

Dallas Co. Dispatch-

515-993-4567



-Emergency-911



**2-Day event!**

The Van Meter Winter Market is an amazing event where shoppers and vendors can share a love of food, art, craft and other miscellaneous items.

**FEATURING:** homemade crafters, bakers, jewelers, pottery, metal work, hand crafted wood items, and many unique gift ideas.

**SATURDAY—The Van Meter Fire Dept will hold their Fund-raising Chili Feed, and Santa will be visiting for the kids. There will also be a cookie-walk sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.**



**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

The Van Meter Fire Department is hosting  
**SANTA CLAUS!**

**Veterans Reception Center**  
**Saturday, December 7, 2019**



**2019 FDVM**

**ANNUAL CHILI FEED**

Saturday, December 7, 2019

11:30A—2P

At Veterans Reception Center

\$5 per person

**Chili \* CORN bread \* DESSERT \* DRINKS**

*Van Meter Fire & Rescue appreciates your support!*

## SIPS & SNACKS

# Van Meter Community Development Corporation Cordially invites you to the 2019 (4th Annual)

## VMCDC HOLIDAY SIPS & SNACKS

- Who:** Van Meter Community Development Corporation (VMCDC)  
Various local businesses  
American Legion Post 403
- What:** Annual tour of local businesses  
Complimentary food & beverages provided by businesses on tour route  
Van Meter Winter Market @ Legion  
Raffle prizes provided by local businesses  
Silent auction items provided by local artisan(s)  
Holiday décor strongly encouraged at businesses on tour route
- When:** Friday, December 6, 2019  
Tours may be started any time between 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.  
After party to start around 8:00 p.m.
- Where:** All tours are self-guided w/map provided by VMCDC  
Tours start @ Legion w/payment of \$5 entry fee  
Benton bus running along tour route  
Aristocratic Wedding Carriages doing carriage rides  
After party @ Legion
- Why:** Building connections within our community  
Creating awareness about our awesome local businesses  
Raising money to support VMCDC sponsored &/or co-sponsored projects in Van Meter

# Kids Shopping Day

Hey Kids, it's time to go Christmas shopping and help support the Van Meter community at the same time!

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 7th  
**TIME:** 8A—Noon  
**WHERE:** Van Meter United Methodist Church  
 100 Hazel St, Van Meter

How does it work?

- ▶ Adults help the kids put together the list for whom to shop.
- ▶ Shopper elves will help the kids secretly shop and wrap. Prices are marked at garage sale prices.
- ▶ Adults stay back and enjoy a snack and conversation while the kids shop.

**ALL** proceeds from this shopping day go to local families in need this holiday season.

**Slightly** used or new item donations prior to the event are welcome! - no clothes please.

There is a donation box in the foyer of the Van Meter Methodist Church.

The Van Meter Baptist and Methodist Church **thank you** for your support!



**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®**

**Approaches to Curbside Mailboxes**

Dear Customer,

The Postal Service depends on you to meet postal requirements regarding delivery and collection of mail to curbside boxes. *Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox clear, as illustrated in the examples below.* Removing trash cans, snow, vehicles, and any other objects from the area allows the carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently without exiting the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you. Your Postmaster

Example: Snow Removal

Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)

Notation 38, April 2000

The USPS reminds customers with street delivery to be mindful of rules to ensure mail is delivered to your box. The approach and exit from your box needs to have a 15 foot clearance on either side. Trash cans placed in front of your box or cars parked too close to the box may make it impossible for your carrier to get to your box to deliver the mail safely. They are not required to dismount their vehicle or back up to get your mail into your box. In the snow, the approach and exit from your box also needs to be cleared.

Residents with CBU's need to keep the unit clear of snow. It is considered part of the sidewalk and therefore your responsibility.



## LIBRARY NEWS



# The Van Meter Public Library – Check it out!

**Need a break from holiday shopping? Looking for something to do to get out of the house? Stop by the library on Saturday, December 7th, for make and take crafts for all ages! Make a terra cotta reindeer, a tealight snowman, and more! Coloring sheets will also be available.**

### Weekly Programing

#### ► Tech Tuesdays:

Drop by with your questions about technology or make an appointment for a more involved issue. If we cannot answer it that day, we will find the answer!

#### ► Story Time on Tuesdays at 6:30P:

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

#### ► Tween/Teen Crafting on Wednesdays at 3:30P:

- 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 6:30P

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

Join us for a fun craft, all supplies will be provided.



#### ► Toddler Time on Friday mornings at 10:30A:

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

#### ► Movie Matinee on Fridays at 1:45P:

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



## CITY OF VAN METER



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**City offices will be closed  
December 24 and 25 to celebrate  
the Christmas Holiday.**

**Offices will also be closed on  
December 31 and January 1 to  
celebrate the New Year!**

**We wish you and yours a  
very Happy Holiday  
and all the best in 2020!**



Visit us on the web -  
[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov)



## Recycling Schedule for December 2019

**WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.**

**515-265-7374**

Monday, December 9

Monday, December 23



# SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!

**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 under the section titled "Ordinances."**