

# VAN METER

## News

NOVEMBER 2019  
Happy Veterans Day!



## SNOW ORDINANCES



### Elected Officials:

**Mayor**-Allan Adams

### Council-

-Kim Sacker,  
Mayor Pro Tem

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Lyn Lyon

-Steve Meyer

### City Staff:

Kyle Michel-  
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

Dave Herman-  
Public Works

Pat Alexander -  
Public Works

Jay Olson-Parks  
jolson@vanmeteria.gov

Bill Daggett-  
Chief of Police

Michael Brown-  
Police Officer

Dallas County  
Non-emergency -  
515-993-4567

Kathleen Nubel -  
Librarian

Library—515-996-2453

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



**Regular City/School Election Day**  
**Vote at the Veterans Reception Center**  
**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**  
 Polls will be open on  
**Tuesday, November 5th,**  
**7A—9P**

**Candidate Listing By Office: City of Van Meter**

Office: Mayor – (4 year term):

Allan B. Adams, 2480 Winston Circle, Van Meter, IA 50261, 515-996-2702, aadams.vanmeteria@gmail.com

Office: 2 At-Large City Council Member (4 year term):

Travis Brott, 317 Main St., Van Meter, IA 50261, 515-208-4321, travis.brott@gmail.com

Lyndon Lyon, 5175 Kelsey Dr., Van Meter, IA 50261, 515-314-5914, lyn@afjohnsonmillwork.com



## Eagle Scout Project

Van Meter student, Chris Coffie completed his service project to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the scouts program.

The scout must plan, develop and complete a project that benefits his community, school or any religious institution. It is an opportunity for the scout to demonstrate leadership and commitment to duty.

Chris contacted the City of Van Meter with his

proposal to construct bat houses at the rec complex. The bat houses will help control the mosquito population. A single bat can capture 500-1,000 mosquitoes in an hour. Bats are also great plant pollinators (in some states) and guano is a rich source of fertilization.

Congratulations Chris on achieving this distinguished rank. The City will benefit for many years to come from your hard work on this community project.

## Police Grant

The Van Meter Police Department was awarded a grant from the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau. The money will allow us to purchase a sign dolly from Trafficlogix for \$3,000. The dolly, like a trailer, can be placed around the community. It will remind drivers to slow down. It also records traffic flow in a given area.

It will be placed on Elm Street first due to complaints of speed in that area. It will be moved throughout the city.



Please slow down. The community loves our children.



**two day event!**

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



## 2019 VAN METER WINTER MARKET!

**Save the Date(s):**

\* Friday, December 6 (5—8P)

\* Saturday, December 7 (9A—1P)

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

**LOCATION:** Veteran's Reception Center

We are now accepting applications for the Van Meter Winter Market! Many vendors have expressed interest and spaces will be first come first serve.

\*\*Registration is open to direct sales vendors Monday, November 19th.

Do not delay if you wish to have a space this year for this market!

<https://tinyurl.com/2019vmwintermarket>

## FIREHOUSE CHILI FEED

Saturday, December 7th 11:30A—1:30P

Veterans Reception Center

**Chili • corn bread • dessert • drinks**

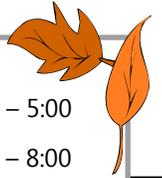
\$5 per person



*Van Meter Fire & Rescue appreciates your support!*



# HOURS



Monday	10:00 – 5:00
Tuesday	12:00 – 8:00
Wednesday	10:00 – 5:00
Thursday	12:00 – 8:00
Friday	10:00 – 5:00
Saturday	10:00 – 3:00
Sunday	Closed



## Holiday Closures

The library will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

The library will also close at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> for a library board planning meeting. The public is welcome to attend the meeting, but library services will not be available. The regularly scheduled library board meeting will still take place on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.



We have a new schedule for Wednesday teen programs! All programs are open to grades 6-12. Dallas County Conservationist visits are open to all ages, but children under 10 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult or responsible older sibling.

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

**REMINDER:** the library's policy for checking out books is changing. Beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>, library users must present a valid library card or a picture of the entire back of their library card in order to check out items. The account holder may also present their own government-issued photo identification to check items out.

# 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:**

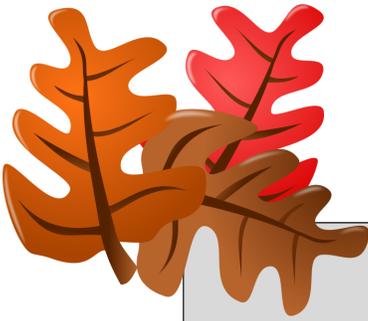
Friday, December 6, 2019  
Tours may be started any time between 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.  
After party to start around 8:00 p.m.

**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



## 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 also 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.

# CITY OF VAN METER

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Phone: 515-996-2644

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## Fall Back November 3rd



### **CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

Monday, November 11TH for Veterans Day.

Thursday, November 28TH and

Friday, November 29TH—

for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please leave any messages or payments in  
the mail slot in the front door.

Visit our website for general information  
[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov).



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afety Tip:

"Remember to change the  
batteries in your smoke alarms  
when you set your clocks  
back on November 3rd."



To veterans everywhere, we are grateful for  
your service today and everyday!

**Happy Veterans Day!**

**Sidewalks/Walkways**—For the safety of walkers, joggers, and bikers, please keep your sidewalks free of debris and other potential hazards such as snow/ice, branches, leaves, weeds, toys, and vehicles. It is greatly appreciated!

**Irrigation Meters**—Residents with an outside irrigation meter are reminded to bring your meter indoors out of the freezing temperatures. They can become damaged if left in the elements.

Also disconnect hoses from your outside faucets to prevent your water lines from freezing and cracking.



WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.  
*Connect with the Future®*



**515-265-7374**

**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.

**Recycling  
Schedule—**

November 11 & 25

**YARD WASTE  
COLLECTION**

**Last Day**

**November 29**

