

## Employee Spotlight

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME MADDIE LAVALLEE, VAN METER'S DEPUTY CITY CLERK! MADDIE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT BEHIND-THE-SCENES ROLE IN HELPING KEEP CITY HALL RUNNING SMOOTHLY, FROM SUPPORTING MEETINGS TO MANAGING RECORDS AND ASSISTING RESIDENTS. SHE BRINGS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, STRONG WORK ETHIC, AND A GENUINE COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE VAN METER COMMUNITY. WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE MADDIE AS PART OF OUR TEAM AND APPRECIATE ALL SHE DOES FOR THE CITY EACH DAY.

## Elected Officials:

- MAYOR** Joe Herman
- MAYOR PRO TEM** Travis Brott
- COUNCILMAN** Joel Akers
- COUNCILMAN** Jarin Young
- COUNCILMAN** Joe Lake
- COUNCILMAN** Jason Barney

## City Staff:

- INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR-CITY CLERK** Travis Cooke
- DEPUTY CLERK** Madeline Lavallee
- PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** Drew McCombs
- PUBLIC WORKS** Shane Luvaas
- PUBLIC WORKS** Spencer Leonard
- LIBRARY DIRECTOR** Jonatha Basye
- LIBRARY ASSISTANT** Annie Atkins
- PARKS & REC DIRECTOR** Sam Chia
- POLICE CHIEF** Mike Brown
- FIRE CHIEF** Mark Schmitt
- DALLAS COUNTY DISPATCH (non emergency)** 515-993-4567
- EMERGENCY** 911



JOIN THE VAN METER PARKS AND REC FOR A FUN FILLED EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 13 - City Council Meeting 7pm

Monday, April 27 - Special Meeting FY 2027 Budget





**APRIL  
RECYCLING  
SCHEDULE**



Warmer weather is here.  
Kids are playing outside.  
Please keep an eye out  
as you approach stop  
signs and crosswalks.



# BINGO AT LEGION 403



SATURDAY,  
APRIL 18TH -  
**7:00 TO 9:00PM**  
910 MAIN ST., VAN  
METER, IA 50261  
ON THE MENU IS  
HOAGIES CHIPS  
AND PASTA SALAD!



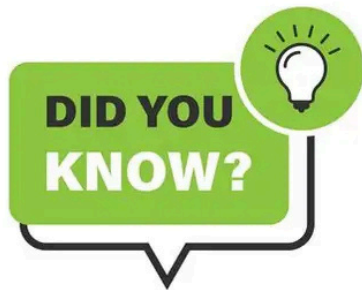
JOIN THE LEGION  
FOR A FUN  
NIGHT OF BINGO  
AND FOOD WITH  
FRIENDS!



**Yard waste** — Yard waste is picked up every Friday, Starting Friday April 3rd. Yard waste must be placed in compostable brown bags. Sticks must be bundled, up to 4 feet long and no more than 40 lbs. Your bags should be placed on the curb by 6 a.m. on Thursdays to ensure they are picked up. **Burning** — The City does permit the burning of yard waste within city limits. Please restrict your burning to the backyard. City Code Chapter 135.07 prohibits any person from burning any trash, leaves, rubbish, or other combustible material in any curb and gutter or on any paved or surfaced street or alley.



April 22 is Earth Day. Enjoy time outside, breathe deeply, and notice the small signs of spring. Try a City walking trail to spot early wildflowers and bright green moss. No matter the weather, take a moment to care for the planet by reducing, reusing, and recycling. What began in 1970 is now celebrated in more than 190 countries. Wishing you a wonderful 55th Earth Day!



### CODE 53.02 MOWING OF PROPERTIES

Any property within the City, other than property used and taxed as agricultural, whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to be mowed prior to the vegetation reaching a height of 10 inches.

Keep this code in mind as the weather gets nicer and grass starts to grow!



## Utility Bill Payment Methods

Residents may pay utility bills online, by mail, or in person. We are unable to take payments over the phone. We accept cash, checks, cards, and money orders.

- **To pay online**, visit the City's online bill pay service at [vanmeteria.ourcommunityconnect.com](http://vanmeteria.ourcommunityconnect.com)
- **To pay in person**, visit City Hall Monday-Thursday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or Fridays between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. or leave a cash or check payment in the lock box located on the front door.
- **To pay by mail**, send your payment to **City of Van Meter, PO Box 160, Van Meter, IA 50261.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Library Hours
STEM Take & Make - Hopping Grasshopper Spring Scavenger Hunt - All Month Long Spring I Spy - All Month Long			1	2	3	4 Saturday Storytime 10:30 AM	<b>Library Hours</b> <b>Monday</b> 10am - 5pm <b>Tuesday</b> 10am - 7pm <b>Wednesday</b> 10am - 5pm <b>Thursday</b> 10am - 7pm <b>Friday</b> 10am - 5pm <b>Saturday</b> 8am - 1pm <b>Sunday</b> Closed
5	6 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Bunny Nose)	7	8	9 University Kids 9:30 AM Stories, Songs & Snacks 12:30pm	10 Kids Care 8:30 AM <u>Inspired Kids</u> 9:15 AM Ricochet Academy 2 PM	11	
12	13 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Puddle Coloring)	14 Stories, Songs & Snacks 10AM <u>Crafternoon</u> with Ms. J 4 PM	15	16	17	18	
19	20 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Rocking Paper Bird)	21	22	23 Stories, Songs & Snacks 12:30pm Dallas County SBC @ The Coffeesmith 4-6PM	24	25	
26	27 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (3D Umbrella)	28 Books & Banter 6 PM <u>Stories, Songs &amp; Snacks 10AM</u>	29	30			



**Event Details**

- **Gettin' Crafty @ the Library** - Each week, the library will debut a brand-new craft for everyone to enjoy! Materials will be available all week, and no registration is required. Crafts are first come first serve!
- **Stories, Songs & Snacks** - Storytime for ages 0-7! Join us once a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays. See Calendar for exact dates!
- **Saturday Storytime** - Saturday Storytime takes place on the first Saturday of each month. Stop by for stories, songs, and snacks with Ms. J!
- **Crafternoon for Adults** - It's Crafternoon time with Ms. J! Sign up to create your own butterfly suncatcher! We have 15 slots available!
- **Silent Book Club at The Coffeesmith** - Enjoy a relaxed evening of silent reading at The Coffeesmith in Waukee on April 23rd from 4:00-6:00 PM. No assigned reading—just bring yourself, a friend, and whatever you're currently reading! Registration is required and available on the Van Meter Public Library website.
- **Books & Banter** - Calling all library grown-ups! This book club is just for you. Enjoy food, drinks, and lively book discussion at the library on April 28th at 6:00 PM. Registration is available on our website.
- **Spring Scavenger Hunt** - Can you find all of the spring themed items in this month's scavenger hunt? Turn in your completed sheet at the circulation desk and choose a prize!
- **STEM Take & Make** - Grab a kit to bring home and build a hopping grasshopper! While supplies last, all month long!

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**Saturday**  
8am - 1pm  
**Sunday**  
Closed



## Planning on doing some renovations, and wondering where you can find a permit?

- Permits can be found on our website ([www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov))
- Or you can stop into City Hall and pickup a paper copy

## Wondering if you need a permit?

- Building permits are generally needed for new construction, new additions, remodels, electrical work, HVAC work, new roof, new siding, sheds & other accessory structures, decks, water heaters, pools, solar installation and signs.
- All inspections are performed by Veenstra & Kimm they can help with permit questions as well. To reach them please call [515-850-2980](tel:515-850-2980).



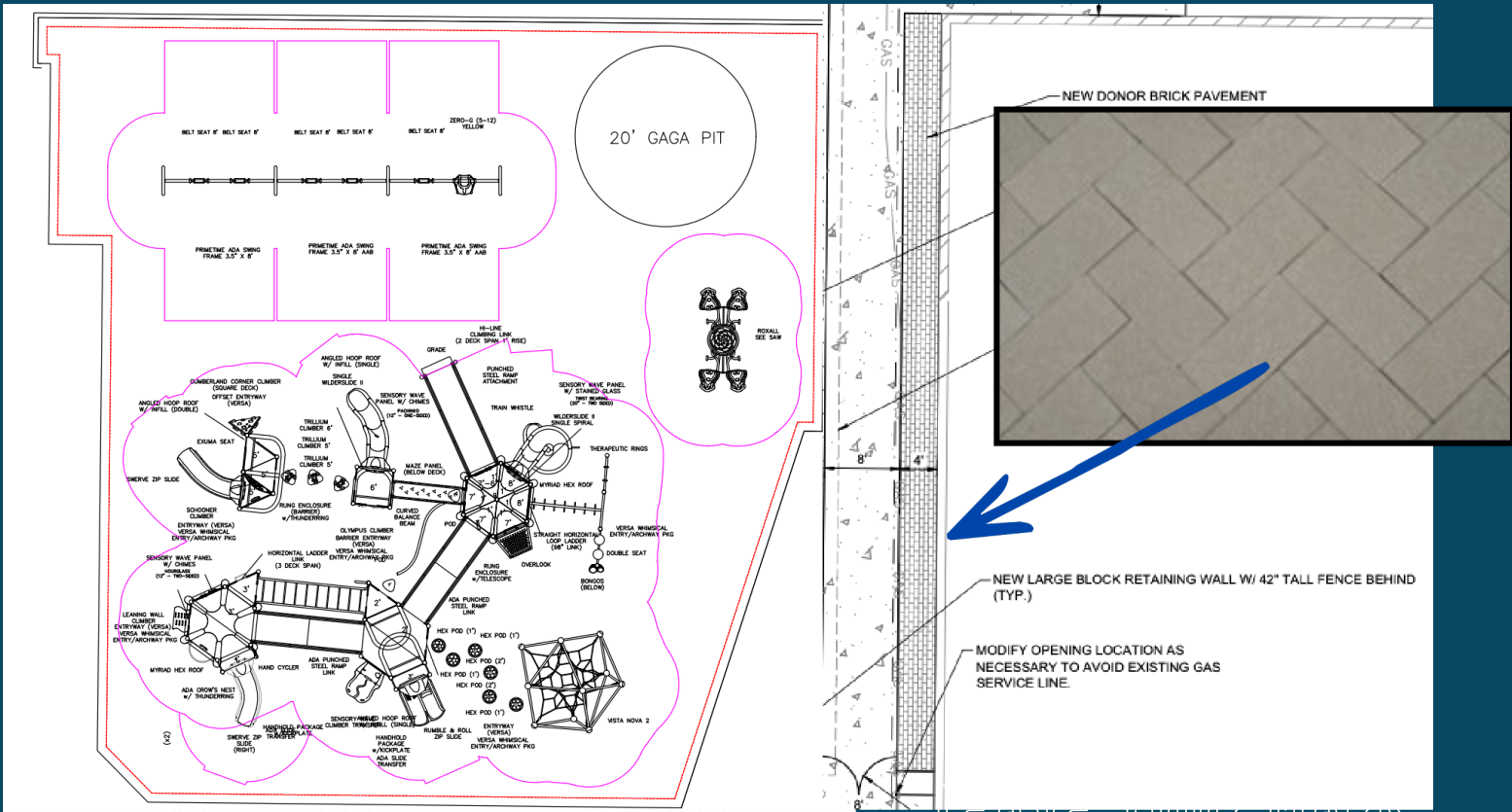
**Save The Date**

**SPRING IS COMING, VAN  
METER ANNUAL PLANT**

**SALE IS, TOO!**

**THE PLANT SALE WILL BE  
HERE MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**





LEAVE YOUR MARK  
PAVER IDEAS

# Bulldog Blvd

The VMEPC is creating Bulldog Boulevard, a commemorative pathway alongside the new playground. This pathway will be made up of engraved pavers that permanently recognize those who helped make the playground possible. Each paver will serve as a lasting tribute to the generosity and pride of our school community—creating a walkway that students will pass by and enjoy for years to come. When you purchase a personalized paver, you're not only supporting the playground project—you're leaving a permanent piece of your family, business, or Bulldog pride at our school.



A LASTING LEGACY



BY 5/11/26