

February 2026

# Van Meter

tradition with a vision

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Thank  
you

With the new year just beginning, city staff and officials wanted to take a moment and thank all of the volunteers that serve on all of the various boards. Their commitment to serving our community is greatly appreciated. The time they take out of their days to attend meetings and/ or events is entirely volunteer based. Community events and community betterment would not be possible without their dedication to serving the community and the donation of their time.

**Board of Adjustment:** Dennis Carter, Brian Anderson, David Lyons, John Jungman, Nathan Hansen

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**Parks and Recreation:** Janice Miller, Lisa Benton, Rhonda Baldwin, Rona Jacobs, Amber Bowen, Brooks Newton, Nate Weigl

**Library Board:** Tabitha Slaughter, Shannon McClintock Miller, Lisa Oelke, Stephanie Finnegan, Natasha Watson

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Travis Brott

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### COUNCILMAN

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### COUNCILMAN

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### COUNCILMAN

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### DALLAS COUNTY DISPATCH

(non emergency) 515-993-4567

### EMERGENCY

911

## MEETING SCHEDULE

February 9, 2026 - City Council Meeting 7pm

February 23, 2025 - Workshop 6:15pm

## FEB RECYCLING SCHEDULE



## Support Your Community – Join the Parks & Rec 2026 Banner Sponsorship Program!

The Van Meter Parks and Recreation Department is excited to invite local businesses and organizations to participate in our 2026 Banner Sponsorship Program. This is your chance to promote your business while helping us enhance parks, programs, and events for the entire community.

### Program Highlights

- Cost: \$500 per banner
- Size: 4 ft x 6 ft (full color)
- Display: March – November 2026
- Location: Van Meter Recreation Complex (Soccer, Baseball & Softball fields)
- Design: Submit print-ready artwork; we'll handle printing and installation for a professional look.



### Why Sponsor?

- Reach hundreds of families and visitors throughout the season.
- Support youth and adult programs, community events, and facility improvements.
- Show your commitment to local quality of life and community engagement.

### How to Get Started

Complete the Sponsorship Commitment Form (using the below link or scan the QR code shown to the right):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSct7dSw6gcpGMuZJZEBjg6RqwF\\_wJ3E5r5WkY7cKPj5thdFQA/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSct7dSw6gcpGMuZJZEBjg6RqwF_wJ3E5r5WkY7cKPj5thdFQA/viewform?usp=publish-editor)



Submit \$500 payment to the City of Van Meter (memo: Parks & Rec Banner Sponsorship). Email high-resolution artwork (PDF, PNG, or EPS) to [schia@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:schia@vanmeteria.gov) by **February 28, 2026**.

We'll take care of printing and installation!

**Questions?** Contact us at [schia@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:schia@vanmeteria.gov). Let's work together to make 2026 an amazing year for Van Meter Parks and Recreation!

**Get ready for another great season of Little League Baseball & Softball in Van Meter!** ⚾️⚾️  
Registration is currently open but will close March 2. Whether your child is new to the game or returning for another season, this is a great opportunity to get involved.

➡️ **Sign up before the deadline to secure your spot!**

**Registration Link:**

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=376389>

**Contact [schia@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:schia@vanmeteria.gov) with any questions!**



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We are excited to announce that we are ready to get started planning for Raccoon River Days 2026!

Keeping with tradition RRD 2026 will be held the first weekend in June, with Saturday, June 6th being the main day of celebration.

We would like to invite you and anyone else who might be interested in helping plan this year to attend our first planning meeting on Tuesday evening February 3rd at the new Van Meter Health Clinic located at 527 Main St. at 7:00 P.M.

**VMCDC**  
VAN METER COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



*Community Events:*

RACCOON RIVER DAYS  
HOLIDAYS ARE SWEETER IN VAN METER  
FLAGS FUNDRAISER  
SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

**Get Involved with  
the FUN in Your  
Community**

VAN METER  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

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Interested in Van Meter's  
Economic Development?  
It's time to Get Involved!  
Fill out the application now.

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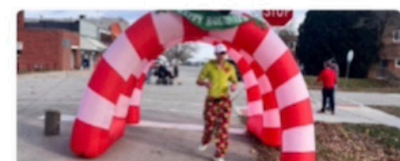
Business District →

Fire/Police →

Public Library →

City/Johnson Parks →

Internet →




## 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.**

# FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 <b>Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Hippo)</b>	3	4	5 <b>Stories, Songs &amp; Snacks 12:30 PM</b>	6	7 <b>Saturday Storytime 10:30 AM</b>	<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
8	9 <b>Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Valentines Cards)</b>	10 <b>Crafternoon For Adults 6PM</b>	11	12 <b>University Kids 9:30 AM</b> <u>Stories, Songs &amp; Snacks 10AM</u>	13 <b>Kids Care 8:30 AM</b> <u>Inspired Kids 9:15 AM</u> Ricochet Academy 2 PM	14 <b>Winter Reading Ends</b> <u>Bingo Cards Due</u>	
15	16 <b>Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Gnome)</b>	17	18	19 <b>Stories, Songs &amp; Snacks 12:30 PM</b>	20 <b>Graphic Novel Book Club 2:00 PM</b>	21 <b>Dallas County Silent Book Club @ The Morning Grind (Adel), 9-11AM</b>	
22	23 <b>Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Coloring)</b> <u>Fundraiser Start</u>	24 <b>Stories, Songs &amp; Snacks 10AM</b> <u>Books &amp; Banter 6 PM</u>	25	26 <b>Valentine STEM Challenges 4 PM</b>	27	28 <b>Fundraiser Ends</b>	
<b>Valentine's Scavenger Hunt - All Month Long</b> <b>Valentine's I Spy - All Month Long</b> <b>Blind Date With a Book Fundraiser - February 23rd-28th</b>							



## 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 and times!
- **Saturday Storytime** - Saturday Storytime takes place on the first Saturday of each month. Stop by for stories, songs, and snacks!
- **Crafternoon for Adults** - Sign up to create your own fabric heart bouquet! We have 15 slots available! For all grown-ups!
- **Winter Reading** - Winter Reading begins on January 19<sup>th</sup> and ends on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Turn in your Bingo cards by February 14th to be eligible for a prize!
- **Silent Book Club at The Morning Grind (Adel)** - Enjoy silent reading at The Morning Grind in Adel on February 21st from 9:00-11:00 AM. 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 February 24th at 6:00 PM. Registration is available on our website.
- **STEM Hour** - Join Ms. J for STEM Hour and complete two Valentine themed STEM challenges. Space is limited to 15 participants. Suitable for children in grades K and up.
- **Valentine's Scavenger Hunt** - Can you find all of the Valentine's Day items in this month's scavenger hunt? Turn in your completed sheet at the circulation desk and choose a prize!
- **Blind Date With a Book Fundraiser** - The VM Friends of the Library is taking over Blind Date with A Book! Bookish goodies will be offered throughout the week of February 23rd. Check out the new Van Meter Friends of the Library Facebook page for more details!
- **Graphic Novel Book Club** - Love graphic novels? Then this is the book club for you! Bring your current or favorite graphic novel and talk about it with your friends! Registration is required! Snacks provided!

## Library Hours

**Monday**  
10am - 5pm  
**Tuesday**  
10am - 7pm  
**Wednesday**  
10am - 5pm  
**Thursday**  
10am - 7pm  
**Friday**  
10am - 5pm  
**Saturday**  
8am - 1pm  
**Sunday**  
Closed





February 2026



Saturday

February 21, 2026

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\$900

Dinner at 5:30

Chili Dogs and Loose Meat  
Sandwiches

BINGO at 7:00

AMERICAN  
LEGION

AUXILIARY

## Irrigation Schedule

The irrigation schedule listed below will be in effect throughout the spring & summer until improvements are made.

Odd numbered properties can irrigate on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 AM to 8 AM.

Even numbered properties can irrigate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 AM to 8 AM.

No irrigation is allowed on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.

New construction will be able to place sod on a case by case basis with watering instructions from Public Works.

Public Works will continue to monitor usage and may change these restrictions if irrigation use endangers the supply of water needed to fight fires.

## Look Out for Leaks

IN RECENT MONTHS, THE OFFICE HAS BEEN "FLOODED" WITH WATER LEAK ISSUES. MOST OF THE LEAKS STEM FROM A WATER SOFTENER THAT MALFUNCTIONS. HOWEVER, A TOILET THAT CONTINUES TO RUN WATER AFTER FLUSHING IS ANOTHER WAY TO WATCH YOUR MONEY GO DOWN THE DRAIN! THE AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY OF 4 USES 255 GALLONS OF WATER A DAY INSIDE THE HOME. ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT (LESS THAN 13 GALLONS) IS USED FOR COOKING AND DRINKING.

SHOWER: 5-10 GALLONS A MINUTE

BATHROOM SINK: 5-10 GALLONS MINUTE

TOILET: 3-7 GALLONS PER FLUSH

DISHWASHER: 5-25 GALLONS A LOAD

KITCHEN SINK: 4-5 GALLONS A MINUTE

WASHING MACHINE: 35 GALLONS A LOAD.



Hi Van Meter! My name is Tasha, and I'm excited to officially introduce The Hub, which opened downtown Van Meter just over a month ago. We're located in the same building as Salon TEC by Ro. At The Hub, we serve healthy shakes, protein options, iced coffees, healthy energy drinks, kids specials and nutritious snacks. Our mission is to bring healthy options to the Van Meter community while supporting a healthy, active lifestyle.

We also offer free one-on-one wellness profiles, where we sit down to talk about your health and fitness goals & how we can best support you- you'll also get to enjoy a shake or tea on us during your wellness profile!

📍 Hours: Monday–Friday, 6–10 AM & 2–4

PM | Saturday, 8 AM–1 PM

The Hub Van Meter Nutrition

409 Wilson St. Suite B

Van Meter, IA

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## **AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS**

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, please complete the form below and attach a copy of a **VOIDED CHECK** from your financial institution. Please mail or bring the completed form to City Hall, 310 Mill Street, PO BOX 160, Van Meter, IA 50261.

- ☐ I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below and the depository name below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

**DEPOSITORY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSIT ABA #** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACCOUNT #** \_\_\_\_\_

*Transit ABA (Routing) Number is the first set of nine (9) numbers from the left 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 (us) of its termination in such time and in such a 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.