



**RACCOON
RIVER
DAYS
RETURNS
ON
SATURDAY
JUNE 6TH
AT THE REC
PLEX**

- 8:00 - PARK2PARK 5K AND FUN RUN**
- 8:30 - 11:00 PANCAKE BREAKFAST SERVED BY CHRIS'S CAKES. ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, AND DRINK.**
- 11:00 - WATER PARADE: LINE UP AT THE WEST PARKING LOT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STARTING AT 10:15**
- 12:00 - 3:00 KICKBALL TOURNAMENT - HELD AT LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL COMPLEX**
- 3:00 - BAGS TOURNAMENT**
- 3:00 - BEER GARDEN & FOOD TRUCKS OPEN**
- 4:30 - LITTLE MR. AND MRS VAN METER CONTEST**
- 4:30 - 9:30 - CARNIVAL**
- 7:00 - 10:00 - BAND**
- 8:00 - CHICKEN POOP BINGO**
- 8:15 - DESSERT CONTEST/AUCTION**

MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, May 11th - City Council Meeting 7pm



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



ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Display Something Beautiful!

Saturday, May 9th ~ 8 AM – 2 PM

City Maintenance Building – 700 Debra Drive
(behind Casey's)

Sponsored by the Van Meter Parks & Rec Dept

🌸 Variety of Hanging Baskets

🌸 Vegetables

🌸 Vegetables

🌸 Bedding Plants

Reminder it's Mother's Day weekend!

Come and shop for mom!

Planning on holding a **GARAGE or YARD SALE** on this date? Be sure to advertise on the **Van Meter Online Garage Sale Facebook** page to help spread the word!





**MAY
2026**



TRASH & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4 th Trash & Recycle	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 th Trash Only	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 th Trash & Recycle	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 th Trash Only	27	28	29	30
31						

TRASH PICKUP WILL BE MOVED TO
THE 26th DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY!



**MEMORIAL
DAY
2026**

MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day, honors U.S. military personnel who died in service. Originally called Decoration Day, it began after the Civil War to decorate soldiers' graves. Now, it commemorates all fallen service members and includes ceremonies, parades, and moments of silence to remember their sacrifice. This Memorial Day remember their courage, honor, and bravery.

VM
Congrats! 
**CLASS OF
2026**

*Thank you to every mother for
all that you do—today and
always. You are truly
appreciated. Happy Mother's
Day.*

**Happy
Mother's
Day!**

May 10th



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 30th to July 25th - Summer Reading 2026! STEM Take & Make - Binary Code Necklace May Scavenger Hunt - All Month Long Bugs I Spy - All Month Long					1	2 Saturday Storytime 10:30 AM
3	4 May the 4 th be with you! Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Twig: Stick Bug)	5	6	7 University Kids 9:30 AM Stories, Songs & Snacks 12:30pm	8 Kids Care 8:30 AM Inspired Kids 9:15 AM Ricochet Academy 2 PM	9
10	11 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Worm on a Leaf)	12 Stories, Songs & Snacks 10 AM	13	14	15	16
17	18 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Rocking Snail)	19 Books & Banter 6:00 PM	20	21 Stories, Songs & Snacks 12:30 PM	22 End of Year Social 1-4PM	23
24	25 CLOSED	26 Gettin' Crafty @ the Library (Vegetable Roots)	27	28	29	30 Summer Reading Kick-Off 8-1PM

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!
- **May the 4th be with you!** - Make your own tiny lightsaber card at the library!
- **Summer Reading** - Summer Reading begins on May 30th and ends on July 25th
- **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 May 19th at 6:00 PM. Registration is available on our website.
- **End of Year Social** - On May 22nd between 1-4pm enjoy local community groups and summer reading registration on the VMPL lawn!
- **Memorial Day** - The library will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Summer Reading Kick-Off** - On May 30th between 8am-1pm, celebrate with us at the library as we kick off summer reading!
- **May Scavenger Hunt** - Can you find all of the spring garden themed items in this month's scavenger hunt? Turn in your completed sheet at the circulation desk and choose a prize!

Library Hours

Monday
10am - 5pm

Tuesday
10am - 7pm

Wednesday
10am - 5pm

Thursday
10am - 7pm

Friday
10am - 5pm

Saturday
8am - 1pm

Sunday
Closed

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Closed

YARD WASTE

IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

- Yard waste pickup is on Fridays.
- Yard waste pickup is available to every customer; this excludes any apartments or townhomes that don't pay through the city utility bill.
- Use a 30-gallon paper bag for effective and eco-friendly yard waste removal.
- 30-gallon bags can be found at hardware stores and online
- Stickers are not required for yard waste pickup
- What Can You Put in a Yard Waste Bag?
 - Include leaves, grass clippings, and yard trimmings.
 - Exclude dirt, rocks, or food waste from our residential yard waste removal bags.

Limited irrigation is allowed on the following schedule:

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

YOGA IN THE PARK

STARTING SATURDAY,
MAY 30

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY

LOCATED AT JOHNSON PARK





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.

BANK NAME _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

ROUTING # _____ **ACCOUNT #** _____

TransitABA(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.