

Van Meter News

August 2016

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council-

-Kim Sacker,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Lyndon Lyon

-Mike Peterson

-Owen Stump

-Elizabeth Tweed

City Staff:

Jake Anderson-
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

Dave Herman-
Public Works

Chad Gillespie-
Public Works

Alex Brayton -
Parks & Rec Coordinator

Dorothy Knight-
Librarian

Bill Daggett-Chief of Police

Erik Faust-Police Officer

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief

Dallas County Dispatch -
515-993-4567

Emergency—911

VAN METER PUBLIC SAFETY— HELP US HELP YOU

We need your help. We need you to dial 911 for emergencies and for non-emergencies call 515-993-4567 for the Dallas County Dispatch. We love being connected to the community with our cellular telephones but with the update in technology and the expansion of the police department we need your help in reporting emergencies and calls for service directly to the Dallas County Dispatch. Sheriff Leonard and his communications team are invaluable in assuring you get the best assistance and the correct assistance in your time of need. Starting August 1, 2016 officers will not be using their cellular telephones to receive calls for service. The voice messages will direct you to call 911 for emergencies and 515-993-4567 for non-emergencies. Dispatch knows who is on, who is on-call and are trained to gather all the information they need to best help you. We love our community and need your help to assure you get the best services.



To Register

- Go to www.nixle.com
- Click "Sign Up Now!"
- Create an account by choosing a User Name and Password
- Enter an e-mail address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages
- Enter your address (or a nearby intersection)
- Click "Sign Me Up"

The Van Meter Department of Public Safety uses Nixle to keep the community informed. Sign up and know when weather alerts have been broadcast, the snow ordinance is in place or we need your help in solving a crime. Stay instantly informed of trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information. You choose the information you want, for the addresses you want, all delivered at no cost by text message, email and web.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Day at the Dallas County Fair

The Van Meter, Waukee, Adel, Granger, and Perry Parks and Recreation Departments joined forces to offer programming during the Dallas County Fair during the month of July. Come out and see Parks and Recreation professionals from all across the state at the Iowa State Fair on August 18 for a pie eating contest, bubble gum blowing, and more!



Tickets to Adventureland Park and Blank Park Zoo are still available at City Hall! Check out the special rates for a reduced price day of fun before you need to head back to school!

Quantities for Blank Park Zoo are limited.

Pass	VM P&R Price	Gate Price
Adventureland		
Adult Day Pass	\$34.00	\$42.00
Blank Park Zoo		
Adult	\$10.00	\$13.00
Youth	\$7.00	\$8.00

DON'T MISS REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registration is still open for several fall youth recreation leagues! Check out the information below on programs available within the community! Contact Alex Brayton at City Hall, by phone at (515) 996-4353, via email at abrayment@vanmeteria.gov, or check out the Van Meter website for more information on any of these programs!

Flag Football

Van Meter Parks and Recreation is offering a flag football league for boys and girls in K-3rd grade during the upcoming school year. Games will be played Tuesday nights in the outfield of the baseball and softball fields and practices will be determined by the Coach's schedule. Games start September 12 and run for six weeks. Program fee is \$30.00.

U6 Soccer

Anyone born in 2011 or 2012 is eligible for U6 soccer this fall and registration is open until August 27. The program starts with a clinic on September 10 and runs through October 22. Games will be played every Saturday with no practices. Program fee is \$55.

Tackle Football

Van Meter Youth Football is offering tackle football for 3rd-6th grade children. Contact Eric Trudo for information about late registration. Program fee is \$80.

Become a Friend of the Library! The Friends' Foundation is 501c3 nonprofit that supports the library by fundraising to help purchase items for the collection, materials for programs - like Summer Reading and the programs you see here - and more!

Annual Membership:

*Give \$10 or Pledge 10 Hours - You choose!

Contact the library today to find out

how to become a

Friend!

Hours

Monday: 10 AM—5 PM

Tue./Wed./Thur. : 10 AM—7 PM

Friday: 10 AM—5 PM



School starts again August 23rd and so do our after school programs!

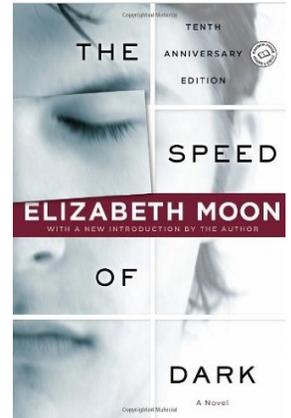
Wednesdays: Join us every Wednesday afterschool for fun activities like story time, games, crafts and more!

Fridays: Early-outs on Fridays means Movie Day at the Library! Join us every early out for a fun movie and popcorn.



Book Club

Every 3rd Tuesday the library hosts a book discussion. This month we will be reading "The Speed of Dark" by Elizabeth Moon.



"In the near future, disease will be a condition of the past and genetic defects will be removed at birth. Lou Arrendale, a high-functioning autistic adult, is a member of the lost generation, born at the wrong time to reap the rewards of medical science. But when he is offered a chance to try a brand-new experimental "cure" for his condition, Lou must decide if he should submit to a surgery that might completely change the way he views the world . . . and the very essence of who he is."

Join us on August 16th at 6:30 pm to discuss this exciting and thought provoking novel!

Color Club

Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month from 5 pm - 7 pm for a fun coloring session! This club is for all ages. There will be cool coloring sheets and colors for both kids and adults to enjoy!



THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING SPONSORS!

Van Meter Methodist Church

Blank Park Zoo

I-Cubs

Iowa Wild

Science Center of Iowa

Warrior Lanes

Friend's of the Van Meter Library

NEW AND COMING SOON!

Movies

Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice

Hardcore Henry

The Angry Birds Movie

The Jungle Book

Demolition

I Saw The Light

NonFiction

It Gets Worse by Dawson, Shane

Women in Science by Ignatofsky, Rachel

The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo by Schumer, Amy

Guinness World Records 2017 by Guinness World Records

The Old Farmer's Almanac 2017 by Old Farmer's Almanac

Mind = Blown by Santoro, Matthew

Children's

Night of the Ninth Dragon by Osborne, Mary Pope

Judy Moody and the Bucket List by McDonald, Megan

For Magnus Chase by Riordan, Rick

Brown Girl Dreaming by Woodson, Jacqueline

Ice Cream & Dinosaurs by Litwin, Eric

Dog Man by Pilkey, Dav

The Wizard's Wand by Stilton, Geronimo

I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980 by Tarshis, Lauren

Teen

Another Brooklyn by Woodson, Jacqueline

The Rose Society by Lu, Marie

The Infinite Sea by Yancey, Rick

The Last Star by Yancey, Rick

Fiction

You Will Know Me by Abbott, Megan

The Cavendon Luck by Bradford, Barbara Taylor

The Swarm by Card, Orson Scott

A Time of Torment by Connolly, John

Curious Minds by Evanovich, Janet

Killer Look by Fairstein, Linda A.

Deadly Fate by Graham, Heather

First Comes Love by Giffin, Emily

The One Man by Gross, Andrew

Sweet Tomorrows by Macomber, Debbie

Truly Madly Guilty by Moriarty, Liane

Damaged by Scottoline, Lisa

The Invisible Life of Ivan Isaenko by Stambach, Scott

Family Tree by Wiggs, Susan

Smooth Operator by Woods, Stuart

The Jealous Kind by Burke, James Lee

The Dream of Enlightenment by Gottlieb,

Anthony

Furthermore by Mafi, Tahereh

Always a Cowboy by Miller, Linda Lael

Where Hope Prevails by Oke, Janette

Rushing Waters by Steel, Danielle

Call or visit vanmeter.mysurpass.net to place one of these items on hold!



A G R E E M E N T F O R P R E A U T H O R I Z E D P A Y M E N T S

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 15th of each month.******

CITY OF VAN METER

310 Mill Street

PO Box 160

Van Meter, IA 50261

Phone: 515-996-2644

Email: info@vanmeteria.gov



**VM classes
resume
Tuesday,
August 23**

REMINDER

SCHOOL IS STARTING

Van Meter Police Department Personnel want to remind everyone that school starts August 23, 2016. Please be aware of our students as they walk to and from school. We are a Safe Routes to School community and the police department needs your help in keeping our children safe.



Recycling Schedule for August 2016

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.

515-265-7374

Monday, August 8

Monday, August 22

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Acceptable Items to place in your recycle cart:

All OR redemption value drink containers
Clean paper and mail
Corrugated cardboard
Cereal boxes (without the liner) / Shoe boxes
Brown paper bags
Newspaper and magazines
Shredded paper in tied clear plastic bags - No confetti
Paperback books

Catalogs, phone books
Plastic bottles, jars and jugs - No caps
Plastic dairy tubs (yogurt, margarine) - No lids
All colors of glass jars, bottles and jugs - No lids
Aluminum foil or foil baking pans
Aluminum cans
Steel or tin cans

Remember: There is no charge for collection of extra recyclables that don't fit in your bin. Put them in recycling bins, cardboard boxes (limit 2'X2'X2') or paper bags

Visit our website at www.vanmeteria.gov