Van Meter News

FEBRUARY 2016

SNOW ORDINANCES

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 ordiance 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 numicipal infraction punishable by cival penalty as provided herein.

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 under the section titled Ordinances.

Elected Officials:
Mayor-Allan Adams

Council-
-Kim Sacker, Mayor Pro Tem

-Lyndon Lyon

-Mike Peterson

-Owen Stump

-Beth Tweed

City Staff:
Jake Anderson-
City Administrator
515-996-2644

Liz Thompson-Clerk
515-996-2644

Dave Herman-Public Works
515-240-9280

Chad Gillespie--
Public Works
515-371-9933

Alex Brayton -
Parks & Rec Coordinator
515-996-2644

Dorothy Knight-Librarian
515-996-2435

Bill Daggett-
Chief of Police
515-202-4154

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief
515-996-9253

Dallas County
Non-emergency -
515-993-4567

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Parks & Recreation

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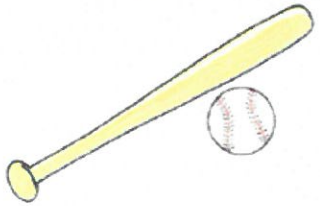
Little League Registration Open

Registration for Little League Softball and Baseball is now open for 5-12 year olds. All registration will be online using the City's Jevin site. Instructions for registering using Jevin have been provided for you. Registration will be open until Friday, February 19, 2016 at 11:59pm. Late registrations will be subject to a $20.00 late fee. Registration for the first enrolled child in Majors, Minors, or Rookie cost $70.00 with each additional child being $60.00. T-Ball will cost $55.00 per participant.

There will be a Registration Day at City Hall Saturday, February 13 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon for anyone with additional questions. You can also stop by City Hall (310 Mill Street) Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm or call (515) 518-5734 for assistance.

Lastly, we are always in need of volunteers to serve as coaches and umpires. Adults will be able to register for either of these roles through the Jevin site. Coaches must be 18 years old and will need to complete a volunteer form for a background check and attend a coaches meeting. Umpires must be at least 16 years old and will need to complete a volunteer form for a background check and attend umpire training. Plate umpires are paid $30.00 per game and base umps will receive a free meal at the concession stand at the conclusion of their game.



JEVIN REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Go to: https://www2.jevin.net/goto/5ua.go
- Select "Create New" option
- Enter information for yourself (spouses/partners/additional guardians come later)
- Email addresses and cell phone numbers with text enabled will allow for communication regarding rainouts, rescheduled games, reminders, and other important updates so taking advantage of this tool is highly recommended
- Save your profile and continue
- Repeat the registration process for any additional household heads (spouse/partner/additional guardian) and all children to complete the family profile (even if they are not interested in or eligible for baseball or softball, this online registration software will be used for any City Sponsored Parks and Rec program)
- Enter any applicable emergency contact information
- Green NEXT takes you to register for any program currently open for registration – Little League Softball and Baseball
- For parents, deselect NONE in STEP 2 if you wish to umpire, coach, or assistant coach
    - You can then select which role you wish to play for each sport. Volunteers are needed to assist with the program
    - Any coach should select a jersey size
- For children eligible, you can select which league and sport they would like to play in. There is a section for additional comments or requests along with jersey size.
- Next, a waiver must be signed using electronic signature (a tool with flaws) and code of conduct for non-coaching adults
- Review your payment page and establish a method of payment for your registrations
    - Credit Card and Debit Card are preferred methods of payment

CONTACT ALEX BRAYTON WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT:

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REGISTRATION DAY AT CITY HALL
SATURDAY, FEBRURARY 13 9:00am-12:00

PARKS & REC

VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPECIAL E-BOOK EDITION: **Seraphina and the Black Cloak** by Robert Beaty

Serafina has never had a reason to disobey her pa and venture beyond the grounds of the Biltmore estate. But when children at the estate start disappearing, Serafina risks everything and goes on a hunt that leads her into the very forest that she has been taught to fear. There she discovers a forgotten legacy of magic, one that is bound to her own identity. To save the children of Biltmore, Serafina must seek the answers that will

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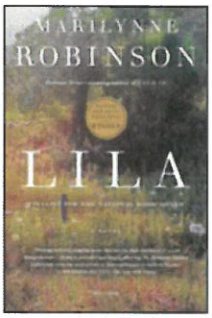
The 2016 All Iowa Reads selection is "*Lila*" by Marilynne Robinson!



Although ***Lila*** is part of the ***Gilead*** trilogy, the novel stands on its own as a powerful story of a woman who, homeless and unschooled, nevertheless leads those around her from "doubt and sorrow" to compassion and understanding.

Marilynne Robinson is the author of the novels, ***Lila***, ***Home***, ***Gilead***, and ***Housekeeping***, and four books of nonfiction, ***When I Was a Child I Read Books***, ***Mother Country***, ***The Death of Adam***, and ***Absence of Mind***. She is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, National Book Critics Circle Award, National Book Critics Circle Award Prize, and the recipient of a 2012 National Humanities Medal, awarded by President Barack Obama.

For more information on this year's selection, visit:
http://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/

Blind Date with a Book

Visit the Library in February and take a chance on a mystery book! Each cover will reveal a little about the book, but you only get to find out what it is when you check it out!

Book Clubs

February 16th, 2016

Adults: "The Boy on the Porch @ 7:00 PM

Teens : "City of Fallen Angels" @ 5:00 PM

Kids : "The Boy on the Porch" @ 4:00 PM

Contact the library to reserve your copy!

Hours

Monday : 9—5 PM

Tuesday : 12—8 PM

Wednesday : 9—5 PM

Thursday : 12—8 PM

Friday : 9—5 PM

Saturday : 9—12 PM

Early-out Movies

Every Friday @ 1:45 PM the library will be showing a different movie and serving popcorn!

505 Grant Street, Van Meter, IA 50261 | (515) 996-2435 | vanmeteria.gov/library

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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 reason- able 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.******