

CITY OF VAN METER

Van Meter News

October 2016

BEGGAR'S NIGHT—

Happy Halloween



Halloween at Johnson Park



Monday, October 31; 5pm—6pm

Enjoy FREE hot dogs, drinks & chips

 **served prior to trick-or-treat.**

All Ghosts and Goblins along with their parents/guardians are invited.



Sponsored by the Van Meter Parks & Recreation Department

www.vanmeteria.gov

TRUNK-OR-TREAT



Monday, October 31
Van Meter United Methodist
Church Parking Lot
6pm—8pm

Decorate your trunk, put on a friendly costume, bring your candy and join us in the church parking lot. Bring the kids. Bring your friends.

It is a friendly and safe environment.

No admission fee. Donations accepted.

- Kids go from trunk to trunk to get treats
- Everyone gets hot cider, freshly made doughnuts & popcorn
- Prizes for best decorated trunk!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BY BRINGING YOUR VEHICLE,

YOU MUST REGISTER by contacting Stacy at 515-996-2572 or

speterson0403@gmail.com

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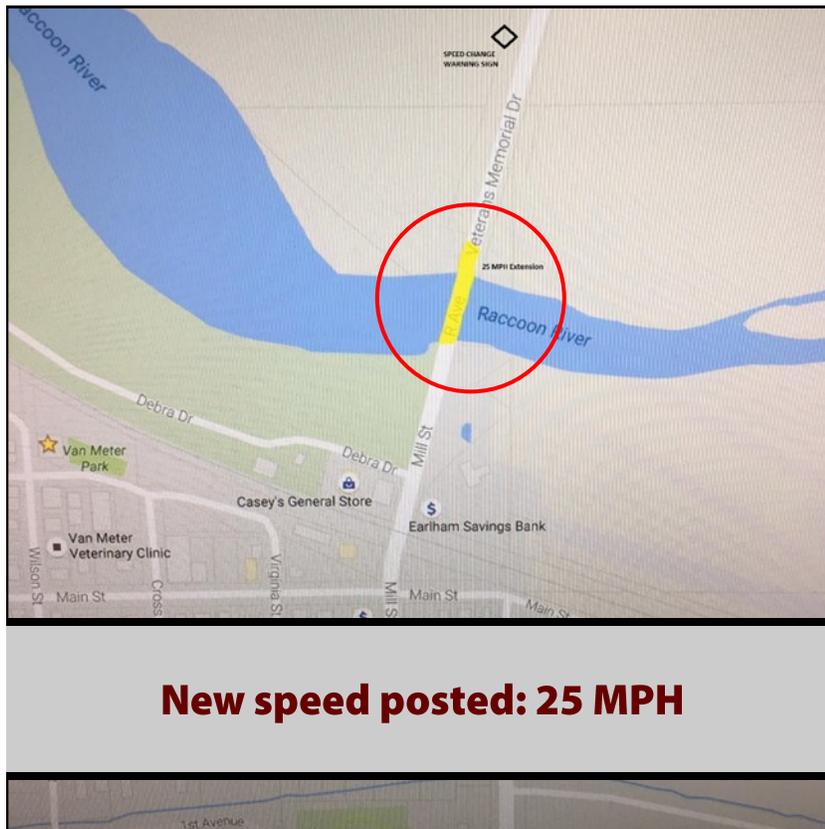
Follow these tips to help keep your children safe at Halloween.

*Stay in well lit areas * Never go out alone * Carry a flashlight * Go only to houses you know * Trick-or-Treat in your neighborhood * Make sure older kids go out with friends * Younger children should be accompanied by an adult * Set a time limit for children to Trick-or-Treat * Remind kids not to enter a strange house or car * Wear white or reflective clothing * Check out candy when you get home

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE NOTICE

The Van Meter Police Department has been working with the Dallas County Engineer to rectify an issue brought up by the Dallas County Magistrate Court. The speed limit at the south end of the river bridge will be extended to just North of the North end of the river bridge. The current limit legally extends to half way across the river bridge but the speed sign is on the South end of the bridge. In cooperation, Dallas County, is going to extend the 25 mile per hour speed limit to the North end of the bridge and install a speed change warning sign between the interstate and the speed change to give drivers warning. The goal is to create a safer environment for those exiting the Casey's parking lot.



The VM Fire Department would like to remind you to check the batteries in your smoke alarms; if necessary replace the alarms if they are 10 years old or older.

PARKS & REC



League	Registration	League Dates
3-4 Girls	Sep 19 – Oct 21	Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17
5-6 Girls	Sep 19 – Oct 21	Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17
3-4 Boys	Sep 19 – Nov 4	Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17, Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21
5-6 Girls	Sep 19 – Nov 4	Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17, Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21

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YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION OPEN

Van Meter Parks and Recreation will be partnering with Adel Parks and Recreation to offer basketball for 3rd-6th grade girls and boys during the coming winter. Genders will be separated for the activity, but 3rd-4th and 5th-6th will be combined onto teams via draft similar to other City sponsored activities.

Girls' league will run November-December Saturday mornings. The first Saturday will be a clinic to introduce the girls to the game and help volunteer coaches and will be run with assistance from the Van Meter High School basketball program. The second Saturday will be made up of scrimmages between Van Meter teams to get all participants ready for games to start. On the final four Saturdays, teams will play 2-3 games per scheduled date in either Van Meter or Adel. A break will be taken over Thanksgiving weekend.

Boys' league will run December-January Saturday afternoons. The schedule will follow the same clinic, scrimmage, and four game week pattern as the girls' league. A break will be taken for the Holiday season on 12/24 and 1/1.

Volunteer participation keeps program costs low, so we are looking for volunteer coaches at each level. Head coaches will be allowed to select one assistant prior to the draft, but after that there will be no requests allowed for team placement.

We will also be using high school aged referees. Basketball is a very difficult game to officiate. At this level, endless calls could be made. Contact fouls will be the emphasis at this level. The participants enjoy interacting with the high school athletes they look up to and only encouragement of the officials will be tolerated from coaches, parents, and other fans attending games in Van Meter or Adel.

Score will not be kept at the 3rd-4th grade level as it is our introductory level of play. The 5th-6th grade level will keep score, but equal playing time is encouraged at both levels. Additional rules are available by request and through coaches.

CONTACT ALEX BRAYTON FOR MORE INFORMATION
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CITY HALL IS AT 310 MILL STREET



Sign up now to carve a jack-o-lantern or paint a pumpkin with the Library this Halloween! Contact the Library to register for this event!

Registration ends October 22nd

VMPL is looking for pumpkin donations for this year's event! If you would like to sponsor a pumpkin, contact the library for details!



Drop by **October 13th** from **5:00 - 7:00 pm** relax and have fun with coloring! Choose from a variety of coloring sheets, from intricate to simple, plus all kinds of markers and colored pencils. Perfect for all ages!



October 17th, 6:30 - 7:30pm

The library is hosting a book club planning event, with drinks and appetizers, while we plan out book club dates, times, and what books to read in the coming months. Bring your ideas and appetites! Haven't been to a book club event yet? Now is your chance to join!



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10 AM—5 PM
Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday: 10 AM—7 PM
Friday: 10 AM—5 PM | Saturday: 10 AM—1 PM

CITY OF VAN METER

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Elected Officials:

Mayor
-Allan Adams

Mayor Pro Tem,
-Kim Sacker

Council

-Lyn Lyon

-Mike Peterson

-Owen Stump

-Beth Tweed

City Staff:

Jake Anderson—City Administrator

Liz Thompson—City Clerk

Dave Herman—Public Works

Chad Gillespie—Public Works

Alex Brayton—Parks & Rec

Bill Daggett -Chief of Police

Erik Faust-Police

Dorothy Knight-Library Director

Dallas Co. Dispatch-993-4567
-Emergency-911

Other Requested Numbers

-Post Office-996-2458

-Veterans Recp Center-
996-9166

-IA Veterans Cemetery-
996-9048



FACEBOOK—City of Van Meter

PUBLIC SERVICE



Tomorrow's public servants:



Attracting the best and brightest to public sector service is a worthy and important goal considering (1) the impending retirement the baby-boomer generation; (2) the preference of many young people interested in public service for pursuing nonprofit jobs before considering government work; and (3) the pay disparity between the public and private sectors for top talent. It is not a foregone conclusion that moving forward we will be able to attract the talent required to manage the complexities of local governments. Further it is increasingly the case that the rhetoric used in our political discourse is disparaging toward government employees. If we want our communities to be successful in the future we need good people that are motivated to do good work. There isn't an ideological ax to grind here – there is no conservative or liberal way to fix pot-holes. It is a simple concern. What is more powerful in the work place? Motivators or de-motivators? Local government employees are simply neighbors serving neighbors. If you can, take some time to consider what, if anything, you can do to remove de-motivators for our employees and find ways to cheer on the good work that takes place in Van Meter.



In consideration of children and adults with respiratory problems, citizens are urged to refrain from open burning during late afternoon and evening on Beggar's Night. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.

515-265-7374

2015 Recycling Schedule

October 3, 17 and 31

November 14 and 28

December 12 and 26

Happy Halloween

