

# CITY OF VAN METER

## Van Meter News

October 2017



### **Beggar's Night** **Tuesday, October 31** **6p - 8p**



*Sponsored by the Van Meter Parks & Recreation Board*

[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov)

# TRUNK-OR-TREAT

# Trunk or Treat



**Tuesday, 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 the church at 515-996-2572**

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**H A L L O W E E N**

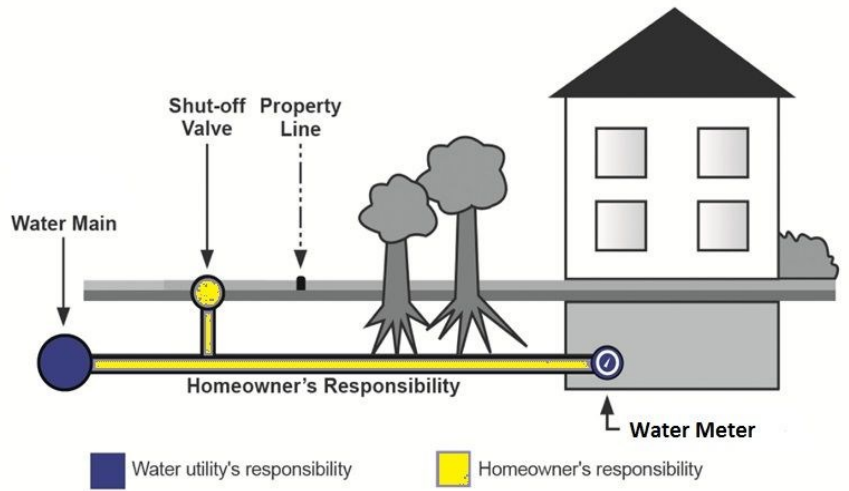


**Follow these tips to help keep your children safe at Halloween.**

\*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

# WATER/SEWER LINE INSURANCE

Did you know as a property owner you are responsible for your water and sewer service line all the way to the City's main? Repairs can cost thousands of dollars so the City recently partnered with Utility Service Partners to offer optional insurance policies for as little as \$75.96/year. In the coming weeks you will receive more information in the mail from Utility Service Partners that will include the City's letterhead and the Mayor's signature. Please consider the information and make a decision about the coverage that is right for you.



# LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

On November 7, 2017 an election will be held in Dallas County to vote on the question of imposition of a local sales and service tax (LOSST) at the rate of 1%. This election will be held in conjunction with the Regular City Election. All eligible electors of Dallas County will vote (rural & city). The proposal to be voted upon at that election will include the following information:

Type of tax: 1% Local Sales and Service Tax

The following information will appear on the ballot for the City of Van Meter:

In the **City of Van Meter**, revenue is to be used: 25% for property tax relief. The specific purpose for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended is 75% for any lawful purpose of the City, including but not lim-

ited to: Water, sewer, and street infrastructure. Curb, gutter and other storm water projects. Parks and Trails. Recreation, library, and public safety facilities to be effective on July 1, 2018.

Also on the ballot:

## Candidate Listing By Office

### November 7, 2017 Dallas County City Election

Van Meter:

Office: 3 At-Large City Council Member (4 year term)

Jonathan M. Bruen

Adam Coyle

Joe Herman

Robert A. Lacy

Steven Meyer

Michael Peterson

# VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY



## What is happening at your Van Meter Public Library?

Since May, we have increased programming and are in the process of updating library materials. We are also working on plans for a new library building. To help us better meet your needs and expectations please fill out this survey - <http://tinyurl.com/vanmeterlibrary>. If you do not have internet access, we will have paper copies at the library or you can fill it out at a library computer.

### Programing



Every week –

### Tech Tuesdays

Drop by with your questions about technology or make an appointment for a more involved issue. If we cannot answer it that day, we will find the answer! If there is interest, we will schedule classes on e-books, Facebook, or Microsoft programs. Let us know what you need.

**Story Time on Wednesdays** at 10:30 a.m.

There will be stories, puppets, rhymes and songs. We will end with a craft! Starting in September, we will focus on the five senses and opposites.

**Tween/Teen Crafting on Wednesdays** at 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun craft, all supplies will be provided.

**Movie Matinee on Fridays** at 1:45 p.m.

A child friendly movie will be shown after the early school dismissal.

**Special programming** – October 3<sup>rd</sup> Author Mike Flinn

6:30 pm. Mike will be talking about the Adel bank robbery and his book Most Exciting Day. Mike has written several books about the area and would love to visit with you. About Mike - I came to the writing game late, after spending the greater part of my life in other pursuits. I have a great interest in the history of our little corner of the world. I wrote my first book after retiring and running out of things to do quicker than I, or my dear wife, thought. I spent a cold Iowa winter at my

computer researching and writing "Most Exciting Day, the story of an actual 1895 bank robbery in my hometown of Adel, Iowa.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** Author Rebecca Fjelland Davis 6:30pm. Join Rebecca Fjelland Davis, originally from Huxley, as she discusses her new book. Slider's Son, a young adult novel, features Bob Feller as a character!

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** Dallas County Conservationist Program 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Beginning in November, and continuing until March, a Dallas County Conservationist will visit the library every month. She will bring experiments, activities, and artifacts for you to explore! This month's theme is stars.

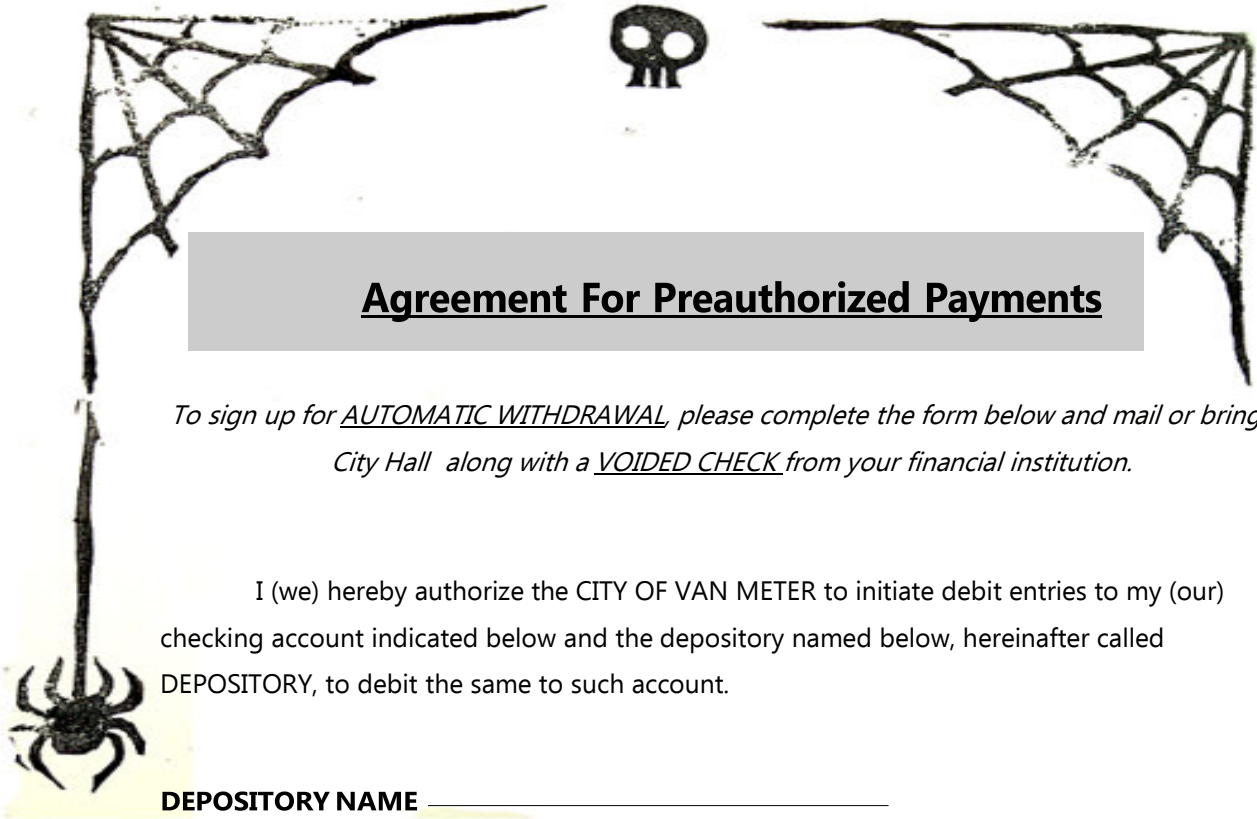
### Share Your Ideas

The Van Meter Public Library is always searching for ways to grow and serve the community. If you have an idea for a program, let us know!



<u>Hours</u>	
Monday	10-5
Tuesday	10-7
Wednesday	10-5
Thursday	10-7
Friday	10-5
Saturday	10-1

505 Grant Street / (515) 996-2435



## 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.\*\*\*\*

The city also offers you the opportunity to pay your bill online. You can even view your account information. To take advantage of this opportunity, visit our website: [www.vanmeteria.gov/](http://www.vanmeteria.gov/); click on the "Pay Bill" tab.

CITY OF VAN METER

PO Box 160  
310 Mill Street  
Van Meter, IA 50261  
Ph: 515-996-2644  
email: info@vanmeteria.gov

**Elected Officials:**

Mayor

-Allan Adams

Mayor Pro Tem,

-Kim Sacker

**Council**

-Adam Lamoureux

-Lyn Lyon

-Mike Peterson

-Owen Stump

**City Staff:**

Jake Anderson—

City Administrator

Liz Thompson—City Clerk

Dave Herman—Public Works

Michael Abbott—Public Works

Bill Daggett -Chief of Police

Craig Greer-Police

Suzanne Lindaman-

Library Director

Dallas Co. Dispatch-  
(515)993-4567

-Emergency-911

Other Requested Numbers:

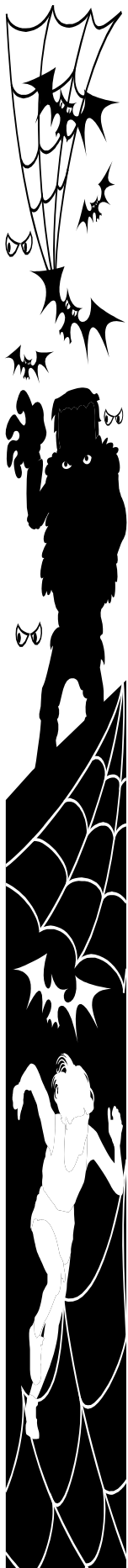
-Fire Department-(515) 996-9253

-Post Office-(515) 996-2458

-Veterans Reception Center-  
(515) 996-9166

-IA Veterans Cemetery-  
(515) 996-9048

 FACEBOOK—City of Van Meter



**NOTICE:**



**SEWER CLEANING**

Please be notified that the City of Van Meter will be **cleaning the sewer mains north of Elm Street** on Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13, 2017. If your sewer connection is not properly vented it is recommended that you place a towel over the toilet bowl and put the lid down.

**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

**2017 Recycling Schedule**

October 2, 16 and 30

November 13 and 27

December 11 and 26

