

Van Meter News

CITY OF VAN METER

April 2016

VAN METER POLICE RECEIVE FEDERAL COPS HIRING GRANT



The Van Meter Police Department was awarded a three year grant under the federal COPS Hiring program to hire a second full-time officer. In December of 2015 Officer Erik Faust was hired to serve in this position. Officer Faust is a life-long resident of central Iowa. He is a combat veteran with two tours in Iraq. He is married with two children. If you see Officer Faust, please welcome him to our community.



2016 RACCOON RIVER DAYS



Theme—**Get In The Game!**

Grand Marshals this year are from the 1946 Van Meter School Championship team. Sam Walters, second baseman and Bill Lieneman, pitcher/outfielder.

Things to look forward to this year—

- Sand volleyball, 3 on 3 basketball, softball
- The parade, inflatables, fun and games!
- BBQ cook-off, LIVE music, FIREWORKS!

Feel free to email raccoonriverdays@gmail.com or call Becca Wiederholt at 515-210-2848 if you are interested in helping with the planning of the event.

VISIT THE CITY WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES!

Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

Council Members—

-Kim Sacker,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Lyndon Lyon

-Michael Peterson

-Owen Stump

-Elizabeth Tweed

City Staff:

City Hall -
515-996-2644

Jake Anderson-
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

David Herman-
Public Works
515-240-9280

Chad Gillespie-
Public Works
515-371-9933

Dorothy Knight-Librarian
515-996-2435

Bill Daggett-Police Chief
515-202-4154
Dispatch: 515-993-4567

Officer Erik Faust
515-705-8657

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief
515-996-9253

Emergency—911
Dispatch—non emergency
515-993-4567

VAN METER PARKS AND RECREATION

Garage Sale Day

SPRING IS COMING!! Why not start your spring cleaning by having a Garage Sale? Move out some of those "treasures" in the garage, basement and closets!!! The Annual Community Garage Sale Day will be **Saturday, May 7 from 8am to 2pm**. To register and have your items listed on the map, fill out the form below and return it along with your \$5.00 to City Hall or to a Park Board member by May 2!!! We ask that **all** sites register and pay \$5.00 which helps defray the cost of advertising and printing maps. All registered will be entered into a drawing for a free floral hanging basket.



Van Meter Garage Sale Registration...

Items you'll have for sale:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

___ \$5.00 Cash or Check Attached. Make checks payable to the VM Park and Rec Board.

For those that ordered plants from the park board, they will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 7 between 8am and 2pm. If you did not order in advance, there will be extras available for purchase the day of the sale. Pickup at the City Maintenance Building (just west of Casey's) Just in time for Mother's Day!!!

2016 EASTER EGG HUNT



WAYS TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

- ◇ **Plant a tree or three.** With Arbor Day (April 27th) just after Earth Day this is your chance to practice planting a fruit tree or any other kind of tree! Why? Trees remove CO2 from the air and help fight global warming. They produce oxygen, give us shade in the summer, and provide a home for your neighborhood birds. Need another reason? Plant a fruit-bearing tree and you'll have a yummy reward for doing so!
- ◇ **Turn off lights and unplug cell phone chargers.** This one couldn't be simpler. Walk around your house, notice any unnecessary lights that are on and turn them off. Don't forget to unplug cell phone chargers, mp3 player chargers, etc. Your chargers are using electricity even though your electronic devices are not connected to them.
- ◇ **Carry your own water bottle.** Reduce the amount of plastic water bottle waste in the world by carrying your own. Stainless steel and polycarbonate drinking bottles are both non-toxic and super-durable.
- ◇ **Drive the speed limit.** This one may be the hardest one. Driving the speed limit increases your miles per gallon, in turn saving you dollars at the pump. You can also minimize unnecessary miles by stacking errands in one trip. This just takes a little bit of planning, but with unpredictable gas prices your wallet will thank you!
- ◇ **Buy Mom a green gift for Mother's Day.** Go native! Plants thrive when they're natural to your area. There has been a decline in the Monarch Butterfly population due to herbicides, habitat loss, and extreme weather. Growing a butterfly garden is easy! Milkweed is the cornerstone of a successful butterfly garden and planting a mix of both native and non-invasive annuals will entice more monarchs to your garden gates. Google how to start a butterfly garden to get more tips.



The observance of Earth Day always falls on April 22. On Earth day, enjoy the tonic of fresh air, contact with the soil, and companionship with nature! Walk through the woods in search of emerging wildflowers and green moss. Go outside, no matter what the weather!

APRIL RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 4

Monday, April 18



Yard Waste—will be collected the same day as your trash. Kraft-style biodegradable wet strength paper bags less than 50lbs. NO PLASTIC BAGS. Twigs and small branches may be in securely tied bundles. Yard waste collection will run April 1—November 30.

If a garage sale isn't your "thing" or others don't buy your "treasure," the City sells bulk waste stickers and stickers for extra bags.. Bulk stickers are \$5 and extra bag stickers are \$1. One extra 30 gallon bag per resident will be accepted each week. Bulky waste items are those items utilized in a normal household setting that is other than normal household trash. These items are generally too large either by weight or volume to fit in a normal trash container. Examples are sofas, chairs, tables, mattresses, boxed items not weighing more than 50lbs. Carpet and construction debris must be cut and tied in 4ft sections not to exceed 50lbs in weight.

Bulk items with one sticker per item will be collected with a different type of truck and will be collected at a different time of day than your normal trash.

Residents wishing to dispose of appliances need to call and pre-pay Waste Connections prior to having the appliance picked up. Appliance will be picked up on Wednesdays of each week. A trip fee of \$35 dollars and \$15 per appliance is charged.

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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 reasonable opportunity to act on it.

NAME(s) *(print)* _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____