

# Van Meter News

## ROCK THE BLOCK GRANT

The City partners with Dallas County Habitat for Humanity to do housing rehabilitation projects in Van Meter. If you qualify for Habitat’s program the City will pay for exterior home repairs, safety and accessibility improvements, weatherization, and other qualifying projects that preserve and/or improve property valuations and homeownership in Van Meter. To qualify you must own your home and your family must earn less than 60% of the median family income (MFI) for Dallas County based on the number of individuals in your household. Here are the income thresholds based on the number of people in your household:

1 person 60% MFI	2 person 60% MFI	3 person 60% MFI	4 person 60% MFI	5 person 60% MFI	6 person 60% MFI	7 person 60% MFI	8 person 60% MFI
\$32,340	\$36,960	\$41,580	\$46,140	\$49,860	\$53,580	\$57,240	\$60,960

If you qualify fill out an application and submit it **confidentially** to Dallas County Habitat for Humanity 2200 East Euclid Ave, PO Box 716, Des Moines IA 50303.

The application can be found on our website at [www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov); documents tab; applications—Rock the Block Grant.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Provided by Waste Connections  
515-265-7374

Trees will be picked up on Friday, December 29  
and Friday, January 5

**Garbage and recycling will be delayed one day due to Christmas and the New Year holiday falling on Monday. Collection will be Tuesday following the holiday.**

### City Information:

PH: 515-996-2644

E-mail: [info@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:info@vanmeteria.gov)

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

### Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

### Council Members—

-Kim Sacker

Mayor Pro Tem

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Lyn Lyon

-Steven Meyer

### City Staff:

Jake Anderson-City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

David Herman-Public Works Director

Michael Abbott-Public Works

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Craig Greer-Police Officer

Suzane Lindaman-Library Director



Non-Emergency-515-993-4567

Emergency-911

Post Office-515-996-2458

Veterans Reception Center-  
515-996-9166

# JOIN US

January 5, 2018

We celebrate Van Meter's 150th birthday!!



**5:00 - 7:00 pm Soup Supper**

Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup

\* free will offering \*

**7:00 pm BINGO - 8:30 FIREWORKS**

**Karaoke in the 403 Lounge**



The **BLACKOUT** game will be played AFTER fireworks.

**Blackout prize is now up to \$900!!!**

All activities will be at the Veterans Reception Center  
910 Main Street, Van Meter

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Happy New Year!



**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 by 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. 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.



**Everyday Dads  
and  
Everyday Moms  
become  
Van Meter Fires  
Everyday  
Heroes.**



**JOIN OUR TEAM**

The Van Meter Fire Department is actively recruiting community members to help us protect the community. We have positions for firefighter, EMT and Emergency Service Specialist. ESS personnel work with the Red Cross to help families after a fire and support the members of the department during operations. This position is open to anyone in the community who just wants to help.

**[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov) to become an everyday hero.**

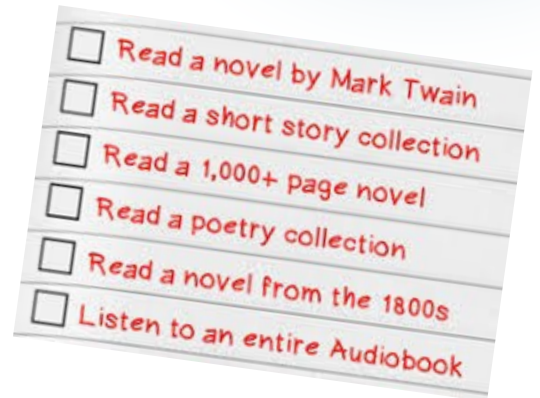
# VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## A New Year's Resolution

We all make resolutions for the new year. Some are easy to keep, and others are not. **Here is a resolution that will be very easy to keep—visit your public library!** Using a "Library Value Calculator", it is a real thing, you can see what the library can save you. [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/library\\_calculator](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/library_calculator)

For example, a family checking out 2 adult books, 1 children's book, and 5 picture books would save \$136.00. By attending 2 children's programs and checking out 3 movies, you would save \$33.00. To save money this year, join us at the library for programming, books, audiobooks, e-books, movies, magazines, and the list goes on.

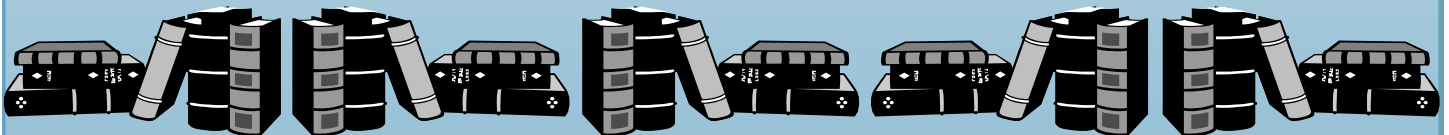
Another way to make a difference in the new year is to give back. The Van Meter Public Library is always looking for volunteers. There is always lots to do, from helping process new books, assist during a program, organize, and more. Your volunteer activities will be crafted to fit you and what you want out of your time here! If you are interested, please call the library at **515-996-2435**.



# Happy New Year!

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday.....10a—5p  
Tuesday.....10a—7p  
Wednesday.....10a—5p  
Thursday.....10a—7p  
Friday.....10a—5p  
Saturday.....10a—1p





## 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

**310 Grant Street  
PO Box 160  
Van Meter, IA 50261**

**Phone: 515-996-2264**

**Email: [info@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:info@vanmeteria.gov)**



Winter has arrived! The Van Meter Postmaster reminds customers that in order to receive mail delivery it is necessary to keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox, fifteen feet on either side, free of snow, trash cans and vehicles. Customers in Crestview Estates that receive their mail in NDCBU's are asked to be good neighbors and help keep the unit where you receive your mail free of snow and ice as many of the units stand on vacant lots at this time.

Your cooperation in the matter is sincerely appreciated.

Please contact the Post Office with any questions or concerns, (515) 996-2458.

Thank you from your Postmaster and Mail Carriers!

## SNOW REMINDERS

**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,

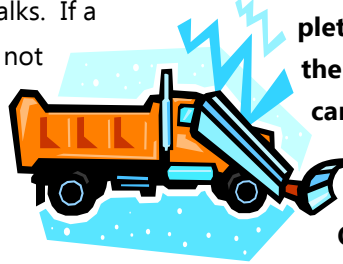
sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impeded the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary 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 ordinance 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 municipal infraction punishable by civil penalty as provided herein.

**Please visit our website for the complete Code of Ordinances for the city of Van Meter. They can be found at:**  
**[www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov); under the section titled Ordinances.**



**Visit our website at [www.vanmeteria.gov](http://www.vanmeteria.gov)**