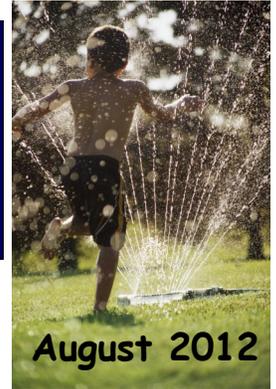


Van Meter News



City of Van Meter

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council

-Becca Wiederholt,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Richard Booge

-Adam Coyle

-Bob Lacy

-Kim Sacker

City Staff:

Jake Anderson-
City Administrator
515-954-6094

Liz Thompson-
Deputy Clerk
515-669-6396

Dave Herman-
Public Works
515-240-9280

Chad Gillespie-
Asst. Public Works
515-371-9933

Chuck Mash-
Police Chief



Jolena Welker-
Library Director
(vanmeterpl@mchsi.com)

-Library-996-2435

-Post Office-996-2458

-Non-Emergency-
993-4567

-Emergency-911

Water Quality Improvement Plan— Potential Rate Increase?

In August the Cities of Van Meter and DeSoto will jointly commission a study to examine alternative methods for improving the quality of the water that is delivered to your tap and the taps of those who live in DeSoto.

The two cities have developed a joint committee comprised of the Mayors, two councilmembers from each town, two community members from each town, and a staff member from each town. Representing Van Meter are Mayor Allan Adams, Councilmember Becca Wiederholt, Councilmember Adam Coyle, Deron Durflinger, Jesse Leckband, and Jake Anderson.

The Committee invited four engineering firms to present their qualifications and experience on projects of similar scope and complexity. The Committee heard from Snyder and Associates, Bartlett and West, Veenstra and Kimm, and McClure Engineering. After review, the Committee expressed a desire to build a team from

among both Bartlett and West and Veenstra and Kimm. The two engineering firms agreed and will be presenting a scope of services agreement at an August 1st meeting of the Committee.

Within the next three to four months the study will develop a recommendation and detailed information that will give each City clear direction for actually improving water quality. We anticipate being able to project the impact the recommended alternative will have on water rates and/or property taxes. An extensive public relations campaign will then be undertaken to seek your input on the concept.

Please look forward to more information as it comes available. The cost of improving our water will be eye-opening; however research has time and again clearly shown that better water is strongly related to lower health care costs and longer life expectancy.

“Like” us on Facebook—City of Van Meter!

3RD ANNUAL
VAN METER FIRE AND
RESCUE GOLF OUTING

AUGUST 25TH 8:00 SHOTGUN START

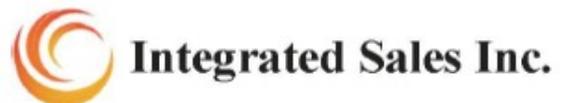
RIVER VALLEY GOLF COURSE

4 PERSON BEST BALL

*COST IS \$65.00 PER PERSON IF PAID BY AUGUST
25TH \$70.00 DAY OF*

*COME AND SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE HOME THE
TRAVELING HELMET HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.*

*PLEASE CALL DAN 515-402-9909 TO SCHEDULE YOUR
TEAM*



**Van Meter
Veterinary
Clinic**

**Bulldog Electric
515-402-9909**

**Rhodes
Trucking
Inc.**

AUGUST

State Fair * school starting * summer ending * camping * fishing
 LIZ THOMPSON and CHAD GILLESPIES's Birth Month (celebrate)



"What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance!" Jane Austen

By the time you are reading this the Summer Reading Program will be over. Vickie and I will be sporting new colors of hair. The kids went well over the goal of 500 books this summer. So in the September newsletter we will let you know how well the reading went and who won the prizes. It was an awesome summer and I want to say a **BIG Thank You** to the whole community. August is the month I will be going to school too! I will be working on my certification as a librarian. It will help our libraries' funding and I know I will learn a lot. So ,if I look a little bleary eyed, you will know why! :) When school starts we will go back to having after school activities for the kids. If you want to volunteer or donate snack items just let me or Vickie know. The after school activities include games, outdoor time, stories, activities with others and snacks. In September, we will do a lot on the theme of Fall. The kids also know I love to give prizes so watch the newsletter.

This Winter we will have a Reading Program for the adults. This will be for those 19 and older. Watch for more details to be coming. We will have fun and enjoy reading.

Don't forget the Farmer's Market will continue to run through October 6th. We will continue to have stories, crafts and games for the kids from 10-11. It is so convenient being downtown in front of the park and the library. I love to get the produce, baked goods, crafts, pottery and many other items. It is a great time to get to know others in Van Meter, get outside, use the library and enjoy the fun.

We have 20 new Large Print Westerns in the library. These were bought with money from the Gene Albert memorial. Be sure to check them out!

We have a lot of new Young Adult titles. Also many new DVD's have been donated. We now have all 3 Matrix movies, Sky High, Jesus, Alice in Wonderland, Spy Games and many more. We also offer the New Testament on CD.

We have new magazines subscriptions being donated: Golf Digest and Men's Journal. We have more card games, puzzles and craft items for your enjoyment.

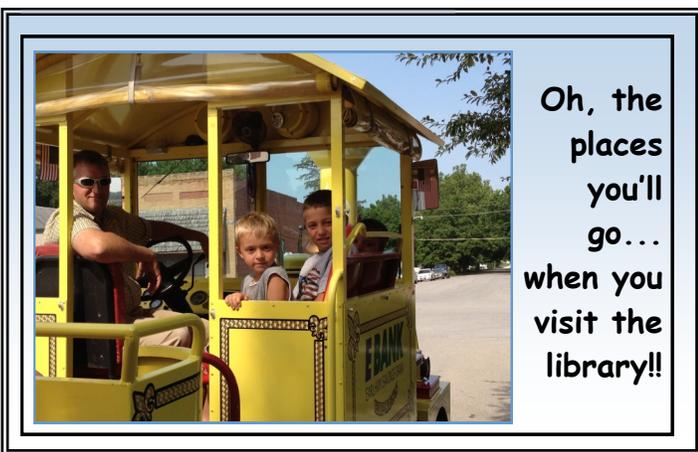
Fresh coffee is always on!



"Nobody ever drowned in his own sweat!" Ann Landers

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." Warren Buffet

"To read is to burn calories!" Jolena Welker



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Library Hours

Monday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Tuesday 4 p.m.—8 p.m.
 Wednesday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Thursday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Friday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m.—noon

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RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE SERVICE IS ON MONDAY. PLACE YOUR CART AT THE CURB BY 7:00 A.M. IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON MONDAY, THE DISPOSAL SERVICE WILL BE ON TUESDAY OF THE SAME WEEK. HOLIDAYS OBSERVED BY OUR CONTRACTOR AS NON-COLLECTION DAYS ARE: Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

Trash, Yard Waste and Recycle Program

Services

We will be converting from the traditional unlimited household type service, to volume based automated service. Each resident will receive a 96 gallon cart for weekly trash collection, and a 65 gallon cart for bi-weekly recycling (every two weeks).

Extra Bags

One extra 30 gallon bag per resident will be accepted each week.

Any additional bags will require a Waste Connections sticker.

Bulky Waste

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 of Bulky Waste items are couches, hide-a-beds, chairs, tables, mattress and springs, beds, waterbed frames, and small boxed do-it-yourself remodeling projects weighing no more than 50lbs. Carpet and construction debris must be cut and tied in 4ft sections not to exceed 50lbs in weight.

Bulky Waste 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.

Stickers for Extra Bags and Bulky Waste

Stickers may be purchased from Van Meter City Hall.

Extra Bag Sticker Price: \$1

Bulky Waste Sticker Price: \$5



Special Collections

Elderly and Disabled Residents that have difficulties getting their Trash and Yard Waste to the curb can contact City Hall for special provisions for pickup at a designated location at no additional charge. Proof of disability or Doctors request may be required.

Yard Waste

Yard waste will be collected the same day as your trash. Kraft-style biodegradable wet strength approved paper bags less than 50lbs. (NO PLASTIC BAGS) Twigs and small branches may be in securely tied bundles no more than 4'ft in length or wider than 18 inches in diameter. Yard waste collection will run April 1st through November 30th each year.

Appliance or White Goods

The resident will need to call and pre-pay Waste Connections prior to having the appliance picked up.

Appliances will be picked up on Wednesdays of each week. Residents will need to have the item placed on the curb before 7am Wednesday mornings. A trip fee of \$35 dollars and \$15 per appliance or white good is charged.

Clean Up Crew - August 25

household hazardous waste DROP-OFF

These items **AREN'T**
your **REGULAR TRASH**

9 am to noon
Saturday, August 25
City Hall
Van Meter



PROTECT yourself, your family & your environment by getting rid of it the **SAFE & SMART** way.

ACCEPTED

- Aerosol cleaners, paints
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Antifreeze
- Batteries (only rechargeable)
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)
- Gasoline, Kerosene
- Oil, lead-based paint
- Stains, Varnishes
- Metal polishes, rust removers
- Thermometers (mercury)
- Thermostats (mercury)
- Pesticides
- Petroleum adhesives
- Used oil filters
- Sharps or needles (must be contained)
Must be contained in detergent bottles or sharps containers (not milk jugs or pop bottles). Lids must also be taped.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Electronics
- Explosives
- Fire extinguishers
- Latex paint
- Medications
- Propane tanks, cylinders
- Radioactive materials



EVENT DETAILS

This event is free and only for residents. Waste from schools & businesses, including farms will NOT be accepted without prior approval.

The City of Van Meter has partnered with The South Central Iowa Landfill Agency and Metro Waste Authority to bring its residents the opportunity to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes – be sure to join us!

Any questions? Call 1-888-603-CREW

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Garbage Collection—
Tuesday, Sept. 4th
due to Labor Day!

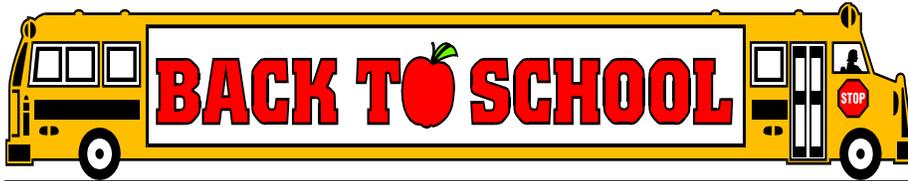
Water Leaks!

Don't let them drain your pocketbook!

Slow drips of water can add up quickly. A toilet that "keeps running" after you flush it or a dripping faucet can waste thousands of gallons of water per year!



A drip	15 gallons per day	450 gallons per month
1/32 in. leak	264 gallons per day	7,920 gallons per month
1/16 in. leak	943 gallons per day	28,300 gallons per month
1/8 in. leak	3,809 gallons per day	114,200 gallons per month
1/4 in. leak	15,226 gallons per day	456,800 gallons per month



Van Meter School resumes on August 15, 2012. In preparation for the first day back to school, the school has scheduled an open house to be held on August 13 from 5p.m.—6:30 p.m.
6th Grade Orientation 6 p.m.—7 p.m.
Students and parents can bring supplies and meet their teachers.



Pat Hunt has is a **FANTASTIC** gardener for the City of Van Meter. The City Hall Park has **NEVER** looked so good!
Thank You Pat for all of the hard work and love you put into taking care of our grounds!!



**Winner of the Post 403
Kayak Raffle -
Wayne LacoX of Van Meter**

