

Elected Officials:

- **Mayor**-Allan Adams

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- Becca Wiederholt,
Mayor Pro Tem
- Richard Booge
- Adam Coyle
- Bob Lacy
- Kim Sacker

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- Jake Anderson-
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515-669-6396
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- Chad Gillespie-
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- Jolena Welker-
Library Director
515-996-2435
- Vickie Benson-
Assistant Director
- Gary Herrick-
Fire Chief
- Dallas County -
515-993-4567
- Emergency - 911

EXTRA! EXTRA! GARBAGE INFO

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).



Cart Delivery

We will deliver trash carts on June 25th and begin automated weekly trash collection July 2nd. If you currently have a Waste Connections trash cart, please have it out and we will exchange when delivering a new one. We will deliver 65 gallon recycle carts on July 2nd and will begin bi-weekly collection on recycling. We are offering a couple options for your current 18 gallon bins. If you do not want to keep the bin for your personal use please put it out on July 16th with your 65 gallon recycle toter and we will pick up the bin, or you can take it to City Haul anytime and we will collect them from there. Remember, your recycling will now be collected every other Monday.

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 may be purchased from Van Meter City Hall.

Extra Bag Sticker Price: \$1; Bulky Waste Sticker Price: \$5

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.

FARMERS MARKET



The Van Meter Farmers Market kicks off June 2nd, 2012 and concludes October 6th, 2012. The market is open every Saturday, from 8:30a.m. - 11:30a.m. We will be open until 1:00 p.m., on June 2nd, during Raccoon River Days.

Market Events:

Several new and exciting community events have been planned throughout the market season. A list of the each month's events will be provided in the Van Meter City Newsletter. For a full list of events **click here** or go to the City of Van Meter's Website at: www.vanmeter.govoffice2.com

June's Events:

★ **June 2** - Farmers Market Kick-off, Raccoon River Days

★ **June 9** - Live Music provided by Jim Stockberger

Pie Throw at the Mayor and/or Council Member of your choice! \$2.00 a throw
(10:00am 11:00am)

★ **June 16** - Magic Show provided by Jonathan May (10:00am) VM Public Library Open House: Library card sign-up, learn more about the Kid's Summer Reading Program and the Library's Monthly Book Club

★ **June 23** - Raccoon River Excursions Presentation and Sign-Up (10:00am-11:00am)

*(*Be sure to bring lawn chairs and make yourself comfortable!*)*

New Location:

The Farmers Market has moved and will be located downtown Van Meter, on Grant Street, by City Hall and the Public Library, rain or shine! In the event of rain, the market will be located indoors, within the Van Meter Fire Station. The Van Meter Fire Station is also located Downtown Van Meter on Wilson Street.

Kids Activities:

Activities for kids of all ages will be available, at the Public Library, every Saturday from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. In addition to the planned activities, the Public Library will also be providing a summer reading program starting June 1st and a Monthly Book Club. For more information regarding these programs stop into the library or call: **515-996-2458**.

Vendor Information:

We continue to have a variety of vendors who will be selling fresh produce, craft items, baked goods and more. If you are interested in becoming a vendor (or) Farmers Market Volunteer please contact us:

E: vmfarmersmarket@gmail.com; P: 515-996-2702 (Holly Adams); P: 515-987-4798 (Lisa Boyd)

The vendor fee is \$5.00, per vendor, and is paid on a weekly basis.

Trial Shuttle Service:

We will be trying out a new shuttle service during the month of June. This shuttle is for Van Meter residences who may need assistance getting to and from the market. If you live in the Van Meter area, and would like the shuttle to pick you up during the Farmers Market hours, call: **515-201-4597**

We look forward to seeing you this market season! We look forward to many great events, good times and lasting memories! Join us in the fun!

- The Van Meter Farmers Market Committee-

Van Meter Public Library

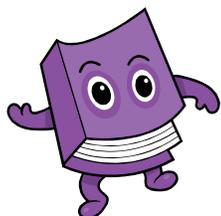


Library Phone: 996-2435

Library Email: vanmeterpl@mchsi.com

"Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes!" (Liz Thompson) kidding Jim Carrey

When you read this many new things will be happening at your library. New e-books and the Summer Reading Program. We will have had our kick-off and be reading a lot this summer.



Well our contest in April was fun. We had a lot of people reading and listening to books. Also many DVD's were watched. Vickie B. and Riley W. drew the winners names and they got their prizes. Adults – Rosemary Herman – 1st and Vickie Herrick – 2nd place. Young Adult or Juniors – Alyssa Belcourt – 1st and Madeline Beschen - 2nd place and Kids – Layne Buerckley - 1st place and Annalise Dorr – 2nd. First place prizes were gift cards to Casey's in different amounts. Second place prizes were t-shirts for the category they fell in! Congratulations!

KEEP ON READING!

This summer "**Dream Big**" for kids and "**Own the Night**" for the teens will be in session! ☺ We will offer many fun activities but I really want everyone to be reading and learning. So my (Jolena's) challenge to the kids and teens is to read a total of 500 books by July 31. These have to be recorded in your reading logs you will receive when you sign up. IF you hit the 500 I will do what three librarians did last year for their kids and teens. I will dye my hair blue and white! Vickie chimed in and she will dye her hair pink and purple. I have never dyed my hair. We will keep our hair this way for about 5 days. Please note my hair will be Bulldog colors! So the challenge is on! 500 books by July 31. Come on! I know you all can do it!

I would like to take a few lines to say thank you to my friend, library trustee and library worker, Ferne Ross. Ferne passed away at the age of 81 on April 27. Ferne loved reading and learning. **SHE WAS SO HAPPY TO HEAR HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE COMING TO THE LIBRARY.** I just want to say what a fine example she set and to say, "I will miss you Ferne."

We have new movies, magazines and books added to our collection for your enjoyment this summer.

We also have one trustee opening so please see me if you are interested. We have new trustees John Seefeld, Dan Koster, Rachel Backstrom and Lisa Boyd. I want to thank them for their willingness to serve.

"Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope." Bill Cosby

So stop in and see us, Jolena and Vickie

Have a cup of coffee, get a good book...
and then get outside and enjoy the rest of Van Meter.
We have a great place to live and grow!

Jolena Welker, Director



J u n e

Raccoon River Days

Weddings

Flag Day

Father's Day

Farmer's Market



Fun!

REC SWIMMING—TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

JUNE 5—AUGUST 9

Bus departs at 12 Noon—Returns 3:30

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Don't forget your emergency
contact form!



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The Joe and Rosemary Herman Family came together in April to construct a picnic/shelter area at the American Legion Building site. Pictured are Billy, Travis, Tom, David, Susan, Warren Brott—family friend—Jim and Joe Jr. Their efforts are appreciated by Post 403—and I am sure by all who will use the shelter. What a proud mama Ms. Rosemary must be to see her brood doing such a great community service project.



On Memorial Day—May 28, 2012—we honored our military men and women, current and past! Thank You can never be enough for your service to our country. We are forever grateful for your sacrifices!

History 101

As I was looking back through old newsletters for inspiration, I found that in June 2007 we started the Raccoon River Bridge replacement project and road repairs on R16. We spent months without direct access to the interstate. I couldn't believe that happened 5 years ago!

Also worth noting—the veterinary clinic first opened on June 2, 2007.

I was in my 30's and all of my kids were in elementary school—except the youngest who wasn't in school at all! AND I had worked for the city for nearly 2 years already. Jake graduated from Buena Vista college with his undergraduate degree.

Holy Moly time flies when you are having fun! I look forward to the next 5 years!

Happy Dads Day!

Summer CAMPS!

There are multiple camp opportunities available to local kids/students through the Van Meter Community School.

For information and forms, visit their website at www.vmbulldogs.com.

**Football, Boys Basketball
and Girls Basketball**

UPWARD Basketball Camp—sponsored by the VM Baptist Church in July—more info to come!

2011 WATER QUALITY REPORT

City of Van Meter

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our groundwater is drawn from the alluvial aquifer(s).

Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	0	6/1/09-9/30/11	NA	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG=4.0	MRDL=4.0	1.23	2011 RAA	0.4-1.8	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.41	6/1/09-9/30/11	0-0.42	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
THM (ppb) [Total trihalomethanes]	N/A	80	16	8/9/10	NA	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	19	8/1/11	NA	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10	10	1.77	2011	NA	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppb -- parts per billion.

ppm -- parts per million.

pCi/L – picocuries per liter

N/A – Not applicable

ND -- Not detected

RAA – Running Annual Average

IDSE – Initial Distribution System Evaluation

Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Van Meter is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

CONTAMINANT VIOLATIONS

None

OTHER VIOLATIONS

None

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The Van Meter water supply obtains its water from the alluvial aquifer. The alluvial aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials allow contaminants to move through the aquifer fairly quickly. The wells will be most susceptible to activities such as dry cleaners, gas stations, industrial sites, and municipal wastewater dischargers. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the IDNR, and is available from The City of Van Meter at City Hall, 505 Grant Street, Van Meter, IA 50261; 515-996-2644.

OTHER INFORMATION

Our water utility is making every effort to protect the water system from potential security threats. You, as customers, can also help. If you see any suspicious activity near the water tower, treatment plant, wells or fire hydrants, please contact us at 515-996-2644 or the local police/sheriff department. We appreciate your assistance in protecting the water system.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information, please contact David Herman at 515-240-9280 during the following hours: 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Decisions regarding the water system are made at the city council meetings held on 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 505 Grant Street, and are open to the public. An agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the following locations: city hall, library, and the post office. The information is also available on the city's website: www.cityofvanmeter.com