

Van Meter News

April 2020

CITY OF VAN METER

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM MAYOR ADAMS



The COVID-19 Pandemic is the most unprecedented event that I can remember during my lifetime of 50+ years. The impact it has had on the economy and on businesses, but most importantly on the people is unbelievable. It has affected everyone in one way or another and continues to affect more folks daily. I find comfort knowing how resilient we are as a people and I know that our country is strong, our state and our community is strong. We will get through this and will be stronger once the virus has been defeated. The most important thing to help get us through this is being there for each other, at least as much as we can be.

The City of Van Meter will temporarily suspend the extra fees (capital improvement charges) on the water and sewer bill effective immediately in an effort to help ease the financial burden on our citizens. We will reevaluate toward the end of April to determine if relief is still needed.

We are waiting on a final decision to be made on whether or not the regional partnership with Waukee and West Des Moines on a joint treatment plant will move forward and what will be the cost for the Van Meter portion of that project. It puts us on a fine line of wanting to provide relief to everyone while at the same time ensuring we are properly planning for the future water treatment plant. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions.

I pray that everyone is staying safe and healthy during this turbulent time and remember that we will make it through this together as a community.

Respectfully,

Mayor Allan Adams

Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

Council Members—

-Lyn Lyon,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Travis Brott

_Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steve Meyer

City Staff:

City Hall -
515-996-2644

Kyle Michel-
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

David Herman-
Public Works

Pat Alexander-
Public Works

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Michael Brown-Police
Officer

Chris Power-Fire Chief
515-996-9253

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

VAN METER PARKS AND RECREATION

SOCCER AND LITTLE LEAGUE DELAYS DUE TO COVID-19

- * Currently the youth soccer season is delayed with a new start date of April 15.
- * Little league baseball and softball will begin May 11.

These are the current and approximate dates that are subject to change as the status of COVID-19 virus continues to be unpredictable. Rec director, Jay Olson will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Thank You!

Plant Sale Reminder

For those that ordered plants from the park board, they will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 9 between 8am and 2pm. If you did not order in advance, there will be extra plants and baskets available for purchase the day of the sale. Pick up location is at the City Maintenance Building (west of Casey's) Just in time for Mother's Day!!!

It isn't too late to order your plants! Forms with payment are being accepted through April 8. Submit to City Hall or to any Park Board member.

Forms can be found on the city website!

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Garage Sale Day



It's spring cleaning time! Our Garage Sale Day, May 9, 2020 will be widely advertised and maps indicating individuals sales will be available on sale day. To participate, just send the form below, along with \$5.00—to be used to defray the cost of advertising—to City Hall or to any Park Board member by May 1.

Van Meter Garage Sale Registration...

Items you'll have for sale:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

_____ **\$5.00 Registration Fee**—Check or Cash. Checks payable to VM Park and Rec.

If a garage sale isn't your "thing" or others don't buy your "treasures," 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.

Residents wishing to dispose of appliances need to pre-pay by calling Waste Connections at 515-265-7374 prior to having the appliance picked up.

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Van Meter T-Shirt Contest



A cool town deserves a cool t-shirt. One that says: WOW! Where did you get that shirt? I want one. Or, where is this place? I want to go there. Or, I wish I lived there...

The Van Meter Community Betterment Committee and the City of Van Meter are looking for a one-of-a-kind t-shirt for our city.

Winning Design will receive \$100.

The contest is open to all citizens living within Van Meter city limits and all families residing within or attending the Van Meter School District. All ages are welcome! And you are welcome to submit more than one idea. Judging criteria includes the following:

Use of the City Logo, positive traits that portray our city (bridge into town, river, river recreational activities, friendly people, good schools, small town, etc.)

Deadline: April 15

Find us on Facebook

Email us with questions: raccoonriverdays@gmail.com



Scan QR code to Volunteer

Van Meter Raccoon River Days

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Find us on Facebook: **Raccoon River Days 2020**

Email us with questions: raccoonriverdays@gmail.com

Click on this link to volunteer:

<https://tinyurl.com/vre7x69>



Even helping for one hour makes a big impact!

310 MILL STREET
PO BOX 160
VAN METER IA 50261
Phone: 515-996-2644



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Van Meter
on Facebook!**

Recycling Schedule

APRIL 2020

April 13

April 27

COVID-19 INFO FROM WC OF IOWA

Waste Connections of Iowa is staying proactive in alleviating as much risk as we can to not only our employees, but also the customers and communities we are privileged to service. We will work directly with each community we serve and want to keep all lines of communication open as information on COVID-19 progresses.

As essential service providers, we have some reminders to consider as we elevate the awareness of cleanliness to avoid any interruption in the services we provide.

- Bagged trash inside of carts—we cannot risk picking up loose trash in the case of a wind event that may blow trash.
- Bulk pickups—we are still picking up bulky items, but we may delay this based on information regarding how long COVID-19 lives on household items. We will notify community leaders if we see a change in our process with as much notice as we are able to give.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please feel free to reach out to any one of us:

Rob Gill—District Manager (907) 787-9431

Karla Stessman—Sales Manager (515) 360-8803

Ryan Meyer—Operations Manager (515) 480-7039

**Yard Waste:
collection
begins
April 1 and
runs through
the end of
November**

Helpful Tips for safety and efficiency:

- Place your cart out the night before your service day or no later than 6AM on your service day.
- Bag all trash that is placed in the container.
- Place carts 3 feet apart.
- Carts must be at least 6 feet from other objects.
- Cart lids must be closed completely at all times.





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.

I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to provide billing statements electronically via email.

PREFERRED EMAIL: _____

NAME(s) (print) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

*****You will receive your water bill on or near the first of the month. If you choose autopay, the amount due will be deducted from the above assigned account on the 15th of each month.*****



Annual Plant Sale



The Park Board is taking orders for vegetables and flowers with proceeds to be used for park board-sponsored activities and projects. All plants are greenhouse quality. To order, return this form and your payment to either City Hall or to any Park Board member by Wednesday, April 8.

A huge selection of extra plants and baskets will be available on sale day.

Plants can be picked up at the City Maintenance Building (just west of Casey's) on Saturday, May 9 between 8 am and 2 pm -- just in time for Mother's Day!!!

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone # _____ Amount Enclosed _____
 Check _____ Cash _____

Order Form

Items	Unit Price	x	Quantity Ordered	Item Total
Vegetable Bedding Plants - 4 Plants/Pak-- 12 Paks/Flat				
Tomatoes	Beef Master	\$2.00	x	
	Better Boy	\$2.00	x	
	Early Girl	\$2.00	x	
	Celebrity	\$2.00	x	
	Cherry	\$2.00	x	
Peppers	Green Bell	\$2.00	x	
	Sweet Banana	\$2.00	x	
	Habenaro	\$2.00	x	
	Hot Jalapeno	\$2.00	x	
Floral Bedding Plants - 4 Plants/Pak -- 12 Paks/Flat				
Ageratum	Blue	\$2.00	x	
Alyssum	White	\$2.00	x	
	Purple	\$2.00	x	
Begonia	Red	\$2.00	x	
	White	\$2.00	x	
	Pink	\$2.00	x	
	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
Dwarf Marigolds	Yellow	\$2.00	x	
	Orange	\$2.00	x	
	Tu-Tone	\$2.00	x	
Dusty Miller	White	\$2.00	x	
Impatiens	Red	\$2.00	x	
	White	\$2.00	x	
	Pink	\$2.00	x	
	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
Pansy	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
Petunias	Red	\$2.00	x	
	White	\$2.00	x	
	Blue	\$2.00	x	
	Pink	\$2.00	x	
Vinca	Grape	\$2.00	x	
	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
	Rose	\$2.00	x	
	Red	\$2.00	x	
Snap Dragons	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
Page 1 Total				\$



Items		Unit Price	x	Quantity Ordered	Item Total
Potted Plants					
Geraniums 4 1/2" Pots	Red	\$3.25	x		
	White	\$3.25	x		
	Pink	\$3.25	x		
	Salmon	\$3.25	x		
	Violet	\$3.25	x		
Hybrid Impatiens 4 1/2" Pots	Pink	\$3.25	x		
	Red	\$3.25	x		
	White	\$3.25	x		
	Orchid	\$3.25	x		
	Orange	\$3.25	x		
Hostas, 6" Pot	Assorted Varieties	\$5.75	x		
Grass	Purple Plume	\$5.75	x		
Garden Mums	Assorted Colors	\$2.50	x		
Accent Plants	Vinca Vine	\$1.75	x		
	Spike	\$1.75	x		
	Bacopa - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
Sweet Potato Vine	Green - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
	Purple - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
Hanging Baskets					
Fuchsia		\$20.00	x		
Boston Fern		\$20.00	x		
Asparagus Sprengeri Fern		\$20.00	x		
Ivy Geraniums	Red	\$20.00	x		
	White	\$20.00	x		
	Pink	\$20.00	x		
	Purple	\$20.00	x		
Spring Combo Basket	Assorted Colors	\$20.00	x		
Hybrid Impatiens	Orchid	\$20.00	x		
	Red	\$20.00	x		
	White	\$20.00	x		
	Pink	\$20.00	x		
Strawflower	Yellow	\$20.00	x		
Mini Petunia	Pink	\$20.00	x		
	Red	\$20.00	x		
	White	\$20.00	x		
	Dark blue	\$20.00	x		
	Mixed - Purple & Pink	\$20.00	x		
	Mixed - Red & Yellow	\$20.00	x		
				Page 2 Total	\$
				Page 1 Total	\$
				ORDER TOTAL	\$

Pre-Orders due April 8.
Make checks payable to the

Thank You!!
Van Meter Park and Recreation Board
 Board Members: Cari Rose, Lacy Jennings, Monica Reicks,
 Lisa Benton, Janice Miller, Christine O'Hern
 Recreation Director: Jay Olson
 2020

