

CITY OF VAN METER

Van Meter

NEWS

OCTOBER 2020

Elected Officials:

Mayor
-Allan Adams



Mayor Pro Tem,
-Lyn Lyon

Council
-Travis Brott



-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steve Meyer



City Staff:

Kyle Michel—
City Administrator



Liz Thompson—City Clerk

Dave Herman—Public Works

Pat Alexander—Public Works

Bill Daggett -Chief of Police

Mike Brown-Police



Kathleen Nubel-Library Director

Dallas Co. Dispatch-
(515)993-4567

-Emergency-911

Other Requested Numbers:

-Fire Department-(515) 996-9253

-Post Office-(515) 996-2458

-Veterans Reception Center-
(515) 996-9166

-IA Veterans Cemetery-
(515) 996-9048

 FACEBOOK—City of Van Meter

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I have received questions with regards to Beggars Night 2020 and the possible impacts of COVID-19 on our festivities.

There are many things to be taken into consideration as it relates to Beggars Night for 2020. First and foremost is everyone's safety and reducing risk of exposure to the COVID-19.

I am not a proponent of shutting everything down as it is important for all of us to have as much normalcy as possible and that is why we will plan to have a Beggars Night 2020. There will be some guidelines that will hopefully reduce everyone's risk.

The School has worked extremely hard to ensure that they have a safe and clean environment for our children. I ask that you follow the guidelines that are presented below, so that a night of indiscretion does not undo all of the hard work done by the School and our community.

Additionally, if all is going well for the VM Bulldogs football team, they will be competing in the playoffs in October. We do not want to risk players contracting Covid-19 and potentially ending their season. It is up to each and every one of us to do our part to have a safe and enjoyable evening.

Beggars Night will be set for October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. At this point in time, Dallas County Health Department has released guidelines and recommendations with regards to Halloween and Beggars Night. Conventional trick-or-treating is being deemed a high-risk activity and as such, I will be making some recommendations below to help reduce the risk associated with Beggars Night.

As in the past, those houses wishing to participate in Beggars Night should turn on their outside lights to make trick-or-treaters aware. We would ask that trick-or-treaters be especially respectful of those houses that do not turn on

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their outside lights. Some families may elect to not participate in Beggars Night due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so please be respectful of their choices.

In an effort to minimize risks associated with trick-or-treating activities, I am asking the following:

- Trick-or-treaters travel the neighborhoods in a one-way-traffic fashion, keeping at least 6 feet between family groups. The Department of Public Safety will be releasing a map depicting the one-way-traffic plan for Beggars Night.
- I would additionally ask that families take all efforts to hand out individually wrapped goodie bags as opposed to allowing trick-or-treaters to pick their own goodies. Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer.
- It would also be considered a best practice to distribute goodies from your yards to help promote social distancing and to minimize traffic at your front door.
- Additional Public Health guidance also says, "Wear a mask that covers your nose, mouth, and chin. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. For safety purposes, a cloth mask should not be worn under an additional mask. Consider a Halloween / Día de los Muertos themed cloth mask."

We want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe evening, so please do your part and be respectful of others and take necessary steps to protect yourself and others.

Should additional guidance be released ahead of Beggars Night, we will disseminate that information and adjust recommendations as necessary.

The Park Board will be altering their Beggars Night event due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will not be providing hot dogs and drinks Please monitor their Facebook page for specific information as it becomes available.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Allan Adams, Mayor



VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY



If you signed up for this year's **Summer Library Program** and have yet to receive your free book, stop by the library to get your book during our contactless pickup hours (Mondays 3-6 and Wednesdays 11-2) or make an appointment at:

<https://forms.gle/HG9XrX8H8Z33zpEY8>.

Happy Halloween

Library grab and go activities are coming back!

Keep an eye on the City of Van Meter Facebook page for details.

October's grab and go will be Halloween themed!

Need to register to vote? Want to vote by mail? The library has free absentee ballot request forms and voter registration forms available! Stop by during our contactless pickup hours and call 515-996-2435 to pick one up.

The library is currently open Mondays 3-6 and Wednesdays 11-2 for contactless pickup, as well as Tuesdays for appointment-only browsing and checkout. To reserve items for contactless pickup, email library@vanmeteria.gov or log in to your library account at <https://vanmeter.biblionix.com/catalog/>. Need some help picking out books? Give us some examples of what you like to read and we'll choose some books for you! If you'd prefer to visit the library in person, go to <https://forms.gle/UFNAtmADR9nQ1sFy9>, or call 515-996-2435 during contactless pickup hours to make an appointment to browse and check items out in person.



505 Grant Street / (515) 996-2435

VAN METER PARKS AND REC



Construction of the playground equipment at Johnson Park is coming along great! The structure is almost complete and ready for the installation of the grass mats.

We can't wait to see the kids running up the newly completed path to play.

Stay tuned for more updates.

Shape Your Future

You still have an opportunity to help your community by completing the 2020 Census by responding online at 2020census.gov.

Information from the Census will guide funding allocation and data analysis for the next 10 years. It will determine congressional representation and hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding every year. It is important that EVERYONE is counted!

A few minutes of your time can greatly impact our community.



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.*****



2 Day Event!

PO Box 160
310 Mill Street
Van Meter, IA 50261
Ph: 515-996-2644
email: info@vanmeteria.gov

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.

515-265-7374

2020 Recycling Schedule

October 12 and 26

November 9 and 23

December 7 and 21



Yard waste is collected in compost bags only on Thursdays through the end of November.



In 2020, you will have **TWO** opportunities to shop your favorite local vendors at the

Van Meter Winter Market!

Save the date(s):

* Friday, December 4, 5-8 PM

* Saturday, December 5, 9AM-1PM

Location: Veteran's Reception Center
910 Main Street, Van Meter

FEATURING: homemade crafters, bakers, jewelers, pottery, metal work, hand crafted wood items, and many unique gift ideas.

Monitor our website or Facebook page for more information!

<https://vanmeteria.gov/FarmersMarket.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/vanmeterfarmersmarket/>