

VAN METER

News

September 2020
Happy Labor Day!



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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—Clerk

Dave Herman—

Public Works

Pat Alexander—

Public Works

Kathleen Nubel—

Library Director

-Library—515-996-2435

Police Chief Bill Daggett—

Officer Mike Brown

-Non Emergency—

515-993-4567

Dallas County Disaster Assistance Available

August 14, 2020: In response to the Derecho disaster event on Monday, August 10th, the following disaster assistance programs are available to Dallas County residents.

Iowa's Individual Assistance Grant Program: Households with incomes as high as 200% above the federal poverty line are eligible for up to \$5000 for home repairs, car repairs, temporary housing, and replacement of food and clothing items. Applications can be completed over the phone or on paper and returned to New Opportunities Dallas County Family Development Center.

Iowa Disaster Case Management: Households impacted by the August 10th Derecho can partner with a disaster case manager to develop and carry out a Disaster Recovery Plan. This service is available through New Opportunities Dallas County Family Development Center.

Both the Individual Assistance Grant Program and Disaster Case Management program are administered through New Opportunities Dallas County Family Development Center. Questions and applications can be directed to them in the following ways:

- **Phone**
 - o 515-465-5185 (office)
 - o 515-478-5509 (Letti)
 - o 712-830-0836 (Carol)

- **Email**

- o lchavez@newopp.org (Letti)
- o cbayer@newopp.org (Carol)

- **Mail**

- o New Opportunities Dallas County Family Development Center
1212 2nd Street
Perry, IA 50220



Food Assistance Replacement: Households currently receiving Food Assistance may request replacement of food destroyed as a result of the August 10th Derecho. Households have 10 calendar days from the date they discovered the food loss to submit the application. Applications can be submitted to ImagingCenter5@dhs.state.ia.us or faxed to 515-564-4033 or 25747 N Ave. Suite A, Adel, IA 50003.

Red Cross Disaster Distress Helpline: Emotional recovery is a key part of disaster recovery. You can contact your local Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Professional at 1-800-985-5990 or text 'TalkWithUs' to 66746.

September Health Department Message

"2020 has included prolonged traumas and tragedies that Dallas County residents are having to cope with. We would like to remind people to choose healthy coping strategies that do not involve alcohol, tobacco, or illicit substances. Opt instead to take a walk, listen to music, or talk with a crisis counselor. The Iowa Concern Hotline is available 24/7 for residents needing legal, financial, stress-related, or crisis assistance. Call 1-800-447-1985 or visit an expert online at extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern."

HELP THE POLICE HELP YOU

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCY DIAL 515-993-4567

It is awesome that as the Police Department we are so connected to the community and that you feel comfortable reporting needs for police service via cellphone or social media to us but we need your help. The police department has grown and at times officers you are texting or calling are off duty and may not immediately answer calls, texts or social media contacts in a timely manner and as Police Chief I feel bad when all you want is help with an issue and you have to wait. So please use the two numbers above to ask for police services it will help us help you. Dispatch knows who is available to respond immediately to your concerns.



VM PUBLIC LIBRARY

PH: 515-996-2435

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.

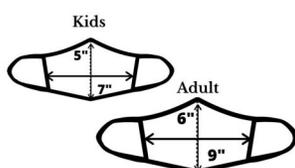
Need to register to vote? Want to vote by mail? The library has free absentee ballot request forms and voter registration forms available! Stop by during our contactless pickup hours and call 515-996-2435 to pick one up.

Look stylish while supporting your community!

The Van Meter Public Library Foundation is selling kids & adult masks.

Contact a member for your mask: Alicia Penton, Barb T Phillips, Jamie Champion, Jody Simpson, Joe Herman, Kathleen Nubel, Megan Alexander, Sara Heeley, and Shannon Jones.

Mask Dimensions



100% Proceeds to:

 VAN METER
 Public Library
 FOUNDATION



WATER LEAKS

Don't let your money go down the drain!



A slow drip 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 a year—and that costs **money!**

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 gals. per day	456,800 gallons per month

2020 CENSUS

Iowa is in 6th place for Census response rates. **Responding to the 2020 Census is so important!** Data collected from the Census is used to draw legislative boundaries; to determine federal funding for schools, hospitals, roads and vital programs; to guide business and real estate development; and much more. It's easy, quick and confidential. Visit www.2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 today!

Please take a moment to complete the Census if you haven't!

2020 Census Total Self-Response

Responses received through: 8/17/2020

National Response Rate	
Total Response:	94,500,000 (households)
Total:	63.9%
Internet:	51.1%
Daily Change:	▲ 0.1%

Total/Internet/Daily Total	
Total	

Population Range	
0 to 1,000,000 and Null values	

Select State	
All	

City/Townships	
City	

Ranking by State		
1	Minnesota	73.0%
2	Wisconsin	70.3%
3	Washington	70.1%
4	Nebraska	69.4%
5	Michigan	69.3%
6	Iowa	69.1%
7	Illinois	68.9%
8	Virginia	68.6%
9	Maryland	68.3%
9	Idaho	68.3%

Ranking by County		
1	Ozaukee, Wisconsin	83.6%
2	Waukesha, Wisconsin	83.4%
2	Washington, Wisconsin	83.4%
4	Carver, Minnesota	82.7%
5	Calumet, Wisconsin	82.1%
6	Washington, Minnesota	82.0%
7	Oldham, Kentucky	81.8%
7	Los Alamos, New Mexico	81.8%
7	Anoka, Minnesota	81.8%
10	Fairfax City, Virginia	81.7%

Household Responses by State	
Alabama	1,500,000
Alaska	160,000
Arizona	1,900,000
Arkansas	900,000
California	9,900,000
Colorado	1,700,000
Connecticut	1,100,000
Delaware	280,000
District of Columbia	230,000
Florida	6,200,000

Ranking by City		
1	North River, North Dakota	100.0%
1	Balltown, Iowa	100.0%
3	Frontier, North Dakota	94.9%
4	Huntington Woods, Michigan	93.0%
5	Broeck Pointe, Kentucky	92.8%
6	Fox Chase, Kentucky	92.3%
7	Strathmoor Manor, Kentucky	92.2%
8	St. Regis Park, Kentucky	92.1%
8	Lincolshire, Kentucky	92.1%
10	Strathmoor Village, Kentucky	91.7%

* "1,000,000" includes areas with populations greater than 1,000,000. Data may include responses collected on the Internet, by phone, and by mail in the 2020 Census.
 Population Data: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties (2019) and Places (2018).
 Population Estimates, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau ...





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.*****

CITY OF VAN METER

310 Mill Street
PO Box 160
Van Meter, IA 50261

Phone: 515-996-2644
Email: info@vanmeteria.gov
www.vanmeteria.gov



GARBAGE REMINDERS

Placement for safety and efficiency reasons—please place your Waste Connections of Iowa cart out the night before your service day or no later than 6AM on your service day. And, please remove your Waste Connections containers from the street as soon after collection as possible.

- Bag all trash before placing in the container
- Place carts 3 feet apart Carts must be at least 6 feet from cars, trees, mailboxes, fences
- Cart wheels should be as close to the curb as possible
- Cart lids must be **CLOSED COMPLETELY** at all times

Residents are allowed ONE extra trash bag at no charge. Extra trash or bulk item tags can be purchased at City Hall.

You must call Waste Connections at 515-265-7374 to make arrangements for removal of the bulk items and appliances.

GARBAGE COLLECTION :

Will be one day late due to the Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, September 8th.

City offices will be closed

Monday, September 7th—

Please leave any messages or payments in the mail slot in the front door.

LEAVES AND YARD WASTE

Yard waste is collected on Thursdays. Waste Connections allows unlimited bags of yard waste as long as they are in the biodegradable compost/yard waste bags less than 50 lbs.

DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!

Twigs and small branches may be in securely tied bundles no more than 4 feet in length or wider than 18 inches in diameter.

Yard waste collections will run through **November 30th** each year.



Recycling Schedule

★ Sept 14 and 28 ★ November 9 and 23
October 12 and 26 ★ December 7 and 21