

**AUGUST
2026**



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**DO YOU
REMEMBER?**

20 YEARS AGO

*The recreation complex
grand opening and
ribbon cutting ceremony
happened*



AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE

**-August 10th @ 7:00pm- City Council
Meeting**



Elected Officials:

MAYOR

Joe Herman

MAYOR PRO TEM

Travis Brott

COUNCILMAN

Joel Akers

COUNCILMAN

Jarin Young

COUNCILMAN

Joe Lake

COUNCILMAN

Jason Barney

City Staff:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Annette Ekhoft

CITY CLERK

Travis Cooke

DEPUTY CLERK

Madeline Lavallee

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Drew McCombs

PUBLIC WORKS

Shane Luvaas

PUBLIC WORKS

Spencer Leonard

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jonatha Basye

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Annie Atkins

PARKS & REC DIRECTOR

Sam Chia

POLICE CHIEF

Mike Brown

FIRE CHIEF

Mark Schmitt

DALLAS COUNTY DISPATCH

(non emergency) 515-993-4567

EMERGENCY

911

AUGUST TRASH SCHEDULE




**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**
 Labor Day,
 Monday
 September 7th
 2026
 Public Works-**Closed**
 City Hall-**Closed**
 Library-**Closed**

Students and staff will head back to school on August 24th. VMPD encourage parents, students, staff and residents to allow extra time for travel, to be patient and pay close attention to their surroundings. *Please pay attention to the parking regulations during school drop off and pick up. *Please watch for children at cross walks.*Watch for additional information from the school.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement The City of Van Meter contracted with Iowa Code Enforcement to perform the duties of the Code Enforcement Office for the City. Cities must manage nuisance properties in their community. Nuisance properties can be hazardous to others, cause property values to decline and/or create a poor image of the community. The City of Van Meter Code of Ordinances provides more detail about what is considered a nuisance. Code Enforcement applies to all properties: residential, non-residential & commercial properties. The Code Enforcement Officer will inspect and take pictures of properties in violation of the City Code through pro-active inspections and follow-up with local complaints.

Cemetery Cleanup Notice

Public Works will be cleaning up the cemetery during the week of August 10.

Please note that any flowers not placed in a vase attached to the headstone will be removed and disposed of during the cleanup process. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep the cemetery clean and well maintained. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall.

DALLAS COUNTY CONTACT DIRECTORY

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Deputy County Assessor	Kelsey Straub Kelsey.straub@dallascountyiowa.gov	515-993-5802
County Treasurer	Summer Portzen Summer.portzen@dallascountyiowa.gov	515-993-5808
County Recorder	ReNae Arnold Renae.arnold@dallascountyiowa.gov	515-993-5804
County Sheriff	Adam Infante Adam.imfante@dallascountyiowa.gov	515-993-4771



Van Meter Elementary School

2026-27 Back to School

Important Dates & Information

August 20		TK/K Intake Conferences (8:00 AM-6:00 PM) • Teachers will schedule times with individual families
August 20		Preschool and 1st-5th Open House Night (4:00 PM-6:00 PM) • Last Names A-K from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM and L-Z from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
August 24		First Day of School for 1st-5th Graders
August 24-28		Preschool Home Visits
August 24-25		TK/K Discovery Days • Half of the class attends on one of the days for a full day of school to allow for more individual time on their first day of school
August 26		First Full Class for TK/K students
Aug. 31 - Sept. 1		Preschool Discovery Days • Half of the class attends on one of the days for a full day of school to allow for more individual time on their first day of school
September 2		First Full Class for Preschool Students
September 7		No School (Labor Day)
September 9		Elementary Picture Day
September 14-18		Homecoming Week





Van Meter Community School District

2026-27 Elementary Supply Lists

Pre-Kindergarten 16 or 24 ct Box of Crayons (1 x 16 or 24 ct.) - Glue Sticks (2) - Watercolor Paints (1) - Two-Pocket Folders with Prongs - AM Class Blue / PM Class Yellow (1) - School Supply Box, Pencil Holder (no zippers) - Washable Markers (1 pkg, classic) 1" 3-Ring Binder (Black w/ clear front pocket) - Scissors (1 Fiskars) - Dry Erase Markers (4 pk, multi Expo) - Backpack (large enough for a folder)	Transitional Kindergarten 16 or 24 ct Box of Crayons (4 boxes 24 ct.) - Glue Sticks (12) #2 Pencils - Pre-sharpened (10) - Two-Pocket Folders (1 red, 1 blue) - School Supply Box (no zippers) - Washable Markers (1 pkg, wide tip) - Large Pink Eraser (2) - Pencil Top Erasers (1 pkg) - Highlighter (2) - Mead Primary Journal K-2 (writing with an illustration space) (1) - Dry Erase Markers (10 pk, fine tip, black Expo) - Headphones (1) - Point Shirt - Backpack (large enough for a folder) - P.E. Shoes (velcro) - Towel for Rest Time
Kindergarten 16 or 24 ct Box of Crayons (4 boxes 24 ct.) - Glue Sticks (12) #2 Pencils - Pre-sharpened (10) - Two-Pocket Folders (1 red, 1 blue) - School Supply Box (no zippers) - Washable Markers (1 pkg, wide tip) - Large Pink Eraser (2) - Highlighter (4) - Scissors (1) - Mead Primary Journal K-2 (writing with an illustration space) (2) - Dry Erase Markers (8 pk, fine tip, black Expo) - Headphones (1) - Point Shirt - Backpack (large enough for a folder) - P.E. Shoes (velcro) - Towel for Rest Time	1st Grade 16 or 24 ct Box of Crayons (24 ct. or colored pencils) - Glue Sticks (6) #2 Pencils - Pre-sharpened (24) - Two-Pocket Folders (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green) - School Supply Box (no zippers, max size 6in x 9 in) - Washable Markers (5 pkg) - Highlighter (2) - Scissors (1) - Mead Primary Journal K-2 (writing with an illustration space) (1) - Dry Erase Markers (4 pk reg. tip, 4 pk fine tip (all black)) - Headphones (1) - Point Shirt - Backpack (large enough for a folder) - P.E. Shoes
2nd Grade 16 or 24 ct Box of Crayons (2 X 24 ct.) - Glue Sticks (2) #2 Pencils - Pre-sharpened (24) - Two-Pocket Plastic Folders (1 red, 1 yellow, 1 blue) - School Supply Box, Pencil Holder (1) - Washable Markers (1 pkg, fine tip) - Highlighter (1) - Colored Pencils (1 pk) 5X3 Post-It Notes (1) - Scissors (1) - Mead Primary Journal K-2 (writing with an illustration space) (2) - Dry Erase Markers (2 x 4 pk) - Headphones (or earbuds) - Point Shirt - Old Sock for Eraser - Backpack (large enough for a folder) - P.E. Shoes	3rd Grade 16 or 24 ct Box of Crayons (24 ct. or colored pencils) - Glue Sticks (4) #2 Pencils - Pre-sharpened (24) - Two-Pocket Plastic Folders (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green) - School Supply Box, Pencil Holder (1) - Washable Markers (1 pkg) - Large Pink Eraser (1) - Highlighter (1) - Colored Pencils (1 pk) 5X3 Post-It Notes (5 Post-It brand) - Scissors (1) - Mead Composition Notebook (1) - Dry Erase Markers (5 x 4 pk, blue or black Expo) - Headphones (or earbuds) - Point Shirt - Backpack (large enough for a folder) - P.E. Shoes
4th Grade 16 or 24 ct Box of Crayons (24 ct. or colored pencils) - Glue Sticks (4) #2 Pencils - Pre-sharpened (24) - Two-Pocket Plastic Folders (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow) - School Supply Box, Pencil Holder (1) - Wide ruled 1 subject spiral notebook (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow) - Wide ruled loose leaf paper (1 pkg) - Washable Markers (1 pkg) - Large Pink Eraser (1) - Highlighter (2) 5X3 Post-It Notes (2) - Scissors (1) - Dry Erase Markers (5 x 4 pk) - Headphones (or earbuds) - Point shirt - Old Sock for Eraser - Backpack (large enough for a folder) - P.E. Shoes	5th Grade - Glue Sticks (4) #2 Pencils - Pre-sharpened (24) - Two-Pocket Folders (4 any color) - School Supply Box, Pencil Holder (1) - Wide ruled 1 subject spiral notebook (2) - Washable Markers (1 pkg) - Highlighter (1) - Colored Pencils (1 pk) - Dry Erase Markers (5 x 4 pk) - Headphones (or earbuds) - Point shirt - Backpack (large enough for a folder) - P.E. Shoes

Please consider donating Kleenex, Clorox wipes, paper towels, sandwich bags, or gallon-size storage bags to your child's classroom. Teachers greatly appreciate these donations and use these items throughout the school year.

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Van Meter
tradition with a vision

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

COMMUNITY ★ PARTNERSHIP ★ SAFETY ★ FUN

AUGUST 4TH
★ **5-7PM** ★

VAN METER POLICE DEPARTMENT **VAN METER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

JOIN THE VAN METER POLICE DEPT AND FIRE DEPT FOR OPEN HOUSE ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.

- THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO COME OUT AND MEET VAN METERS OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.
- TAKE A TOUR OF THE STATION, PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AND HAVE A BITE TO EAT!
- FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES.
- STOP OUT AND SHOW SOME SUPPORT FOR OUR HARD-WORKING OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS!



YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT IT... UNTIL YOU SEE IT.

VMCDC VAN METER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION **Van Meter** tradition with a vision

THE RICHLAND ROAD TRAIL CONNECTING F90 TO VAN METER SCHOOL IS NEARING COMPLETION!

BIG NEWS, VAN METER!
Thanks to years of planning, fundraising, partnerships and community support, our new trail is almost ready for you! This project brings us one step closer to a safer, more connected community.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- SAFER PLACES TO WALK
- MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BIKE
- BETTER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
- INVESTING IN VAN METER'S FUTURE

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER! Ribbon Cutting Celebration!
Join us as we celebrate another milestone for Van Meter's growing trail network.
DATE AND DETAILS COMING SOON!

Thank You! This project became possible because of you!

- ✓ PARK2PARK 5K FUN RUN
- ✓ FLAGS PROGRAM
- ✓ UGLY SWEATER RUN
- ✓ SILENT AUCTIONS
- ✓ DONORS & PARTNERS
- ✓ VOLUNTEERS

Every contribution has helped build something that will serve Van Meter for generations.

STAY CONNECTED WITH Community Happenings!

For event updates, programs, news and more, visit www.vanmeterlife.com

♥ SAFER CONNECTIONS 👤 STRONGER COMMUNITY ☀️ BRIGHTER FUTURE

Join us for CONCERT ON THE CORNER

Featuring **Corey Jamison**

SUN, AUG 9TH
6:00 PM

VAN METER'S MEMORIAL PARK
(CORNER OF WEST & GRANT)

FOOD TRUCK!

BRING YOUR CHAIR OR BLANKET



Yoga IN THE PARK

Breathe. Stretch. Connect.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

AUGUST 8TH
AUGUST 22ND
JOHNSON PARK
8:30 AM



BINGO!

will be

AUGUST 15TH

MEAL IS
LOOSE MEAT SANDWICHES
and
CHILI DOGS

JACKPOT IS
\$500

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Iowa State Fair - August 13 th - 23 rd State Fair Themed Scavenger Hunt!						1 Library Hours Monday 10am - 5pm Tuesday 10am - 7pm Wednesday 10am - 5pm Thursday 10am - 7pm Friday 10am - 5pm Saturday 8am - 1pm Sunday Closed
2	3	4 National Night Out 5pm - 7pm	5	6	7	8
9	10 City Council Meeting 7pm	11	12 Library Board Meeting 6pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31 (24th) City Council Workshop 6:15pm	25	26	27	28	29







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Event Details



- State Fair Themed Scavenger Hunt - Can you find all of the State Fair themed items in this month's scavenger hunt? Turn in your completed sheet at the circulation desk and choose a prize!
- Regular programming will return in September!







Library Hours
Monday
10am - 5pm
Tuesday
10am - 7pm
Wednesday
10am - 5pm
Thursday
10am - 7pm
Friday
10am - 5pm
Saturday
8am - 1pm
Sunday
Closed



AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, please complete the form below and attach a copy of a **VOIDED CHECK** from your financial institution. Please mail or bring the completed form to City Hall, 310 Mill Street, PO BOX 160, Van Meter, IA 50261.

- ☐ I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below and the depository name below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

BANK NAME _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

ROUTING # _____ **ACCOUNT #** _____

TransitABA(Routing) Number is the first set of nine (9) numbers from the left 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 (us) of its termination in such time and in such a 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 _____

SERVICE ADDRESS _____

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.