

## Hello, April!

### Mayor Message April 2024

It is with great pride that I announce the City of Vergas was the recipient of the

Dave Neiman Source Water Protection Award!

Each year the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Rural Water Association jointly recognize public water systems that demonstrate commitment to protecting their drinking water source. This is truly an honor and a prestigious state award.

Congratulations to the staff!

Happy Spring!

### Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy

#### 1. Snow plowing and ice control operations:

Priority and schedule of street plowing is based on street function, traffic volume and importance to the welfare of the community. The main business streets, adjacent business areas and high-volume traffic routes are plowed first. Per an agreement with the Ottertail County Highway Department, the county plows snow on main street of Vergas (Highway 4), to the curb or middle, and the City of Vergas removes the snow from along the curb or middle of street. The City is reimbursed by the county for snow removal.

- \* Operations continue until all roads are passable.
  - \* Generally, gravel roads are not plowed until frozen, unless over 5" of snow or based on conditions impacting road passage.
  - \* Widening and clean-up operations may occur immediately or on a following workday depending on conditions.
  - \* Sand and salt mixtures, here and after referred to as sanding, are utilized for ice and slippery areas. Sanding is done the first initial time of plowing operations or whenever hazardous ice or slippery conditions develop. Priority is given to intersections, curves and hills. Additional sanding is at the discretion of the City Utilities Department.
- The City of Vergas does not have a dry pavement policy, so drivers will always have to be careful during the winter season.
- \* Subject to availability of time, walking paths will be plowed and maintained, however, to avoid killing vegetation there will be no sanding.

**Would you like to connect with others, sharing ideas & planning for the future?**

**If this sounds interesting to you, consider serving as a as a Planning Commission Member.**

**Call 218-302-5996**

**EDA/HRA Annual Meeting - Apr. 30-5:30 - VEC  
Everyone Welcome!**



Where all the profits, profit vergas

*The Vergas Liquor Store*

**218-302-1516**

MON-THU 11am- 9 pm

FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm

SUN 11am – 5pm

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**North Forest Kremes made in Kasota, MN \$21.99**

**during all of Maple Syrup Fest weekend. Free samples 10am - 2pm Sat, April 13<sup>th</sup>**



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### CITY MEETINGS

To access Hybrid Meetings

Via Zoom: Meeting ID:

267 094 2170

Password 56587

or Attend In Person

@ VEC Smart Room or

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

**Changes in our meetings to be posted on the City of Vergas website [www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com) And Vergas Event Center sign**

If you would like to be on the agenda of any of these meetings, please have information to City Clerk by the Wed. before the meeting.

### **Vergas City Council Meeting:**

**Tuesday – Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

### **Planning Commission Mtg:**

**Monday –Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m.**

Government Service Center 131 E. Main  
(4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month)

### **Vergas Event Center**

#### **Advisory Board:**

**Tuesday– Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room  
(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)

### **Park Board Meeting:**

**Thursday – Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m.**

Government Service Center 131 E. Main  
(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

### **EDA/HRA Meeting:**

**wednesday, May 1 2:00 p.m.**

Government Service Center 131 E. Main  
(1<sup>st</sup> wednesday of the month)

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN  
OPEN HOUSE  
AT THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER  
131 E. MAIN ST  
SAT. APRIL 13, 10 AM – 1 PM  
PERMITS & LICENSES AVAILABLE FOR  
CONVENIENT PURCHASE.  
WELCOME ALL!

**' 92.62 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING.**

No person shall start or allow any open burning on any property in the city without first having obtained an open burn permit, except that a permit is not required for any fire which is a recreational fire as defined in ' 92.60.

Penalty, see ' 92.99

**' 92.63 PURPOSES ALLOWED FOR OPEN BURNING.**

(A) Open burn permits may be issued only for the following purposes:

- (1) Elimination of fire of health hazard that cannot be abated by other practical means.
- (2) Ground thawing for utility repair and construction.
- (3) Disposal of vegetative matter for managing forest, prairie or wildlife habitat, and in the development and maintenance of land and rights-of-way where chipping, composting, landspreading or other alternative methods are not practical.
- (4) Disposal of diseased trees generated on-site, diseased or infected nursery stock, diseased bee hives.
- (5) Disposal of unpainted, untreated, non-glued lumber and wood shakes generated from construction, where recycling, reuse, removal or other alternative disposal methods are not practical.
- (6) Running fires.

(B) Fire training permits can only issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

(C) Permits for the operation of permanent tree and brush burning sites may only be issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Penalty, see ' 92.99

**Burning Permit Information**

A burning permit grants the individual holder the right to burn small amounts of dry leaves, plant clippings, brush, and clean untreated-unpainted wood as long as weather conditions do not pose a fire hazard.

**A written burning permit** can be obtained through any DNR Forestry Office or an active fire warden at no cost. It is good for up to three continuous days, as listed on your permit. You can activate your written permit by phone (if conditions are safe to burn). **Note:** while DNR issues statewide regulations, local permits or more stringent regulations may apply if you live within a municipality that controls the open burning.

**LAKE-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING –  
LAWN CARE & FERTILIZER**

The chemical treatments and other organic matter on your lawn have the potential to be swept into a lake either directly or through storm drainage systems. By being mindful of your lawn treatment decisions, you can eliminate some chemical run-off that degrades the quality of the lake. **Phosphorus-Free Fertilizers** High levels of phosphorus in a lake increase the severity of algal blooms. When selecting fertilizers for your yard, look for Phosphorus-Free products. In Minnesota, fertilizers containing phosphorus cannot be used on lawns and turf unless the use falls under a small number of exceptions.

Viking Library System-sponsored Family performance is a "mini-play" offered by CLIMB Theatre.

This year's tale is a contemporary interpretation of

"City Mouse, Country Mouse"

The play is for kids up to age 10.

**Wednesday, 26 June 2:00 pm at the Vergas Event Center Lion's Park**

**(in the Event Center weather permitting)**

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**Available at the City Office or Liquor Store:  
Cat & Dog Licenses**

**Golf Cart Permits**

**Non-Resident Yard Waste Permits**

**Available for everyone who does not reside within the City of Vergas.**

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

Thursday, June 20, 2024  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
121 W Linden Street  
**Volunteers are needed to help with collections!**  
Please call City Office at 218-302-5996 for more info.



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**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

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**and on the**

**Vergas Event Center sign**

**Vergas Lions Club:**

**Tuesday – Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

**Vergas Arts Club**

**Thursday - Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Community Club Meeting:**

**Monday – May 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center  
(1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month)

**2024 Save the Date**

- Maple Syrup Fest - Apr. 13
- EDA/HRA Annual Mtg. -Apr. 30
- Fire & Rescue Pancake Fundraiser- May 5
- Lions Blood Drive – June 6
- Shops & Hops – June 8
- Downtown Art Camp - June 15
- Hazardous Waste – June 20
- CLIMB Theatre – June 26
- Hansel & Gretel Musical -July 8 – 13-
- Looney Days - Aug. 8 - 11
- Presidential Primary - Aug 13
- Backroads Studio Art Crawl -Sept. 21 –
- Hairyman Festival - Sept. 28
- Wine Walk – Oct. 19
- CDH-Vergas Fire & Rescue Fundraiser – Oct. 26 -
- Halloween Party – Oct. 31
- General Election November 5
- Festival of Trees - Nov. 23
- Small Town Christmas -Nov. 30-