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*The Vergas Liquor Store*

### April Mayors Message

With spring here and snow off the roof tops, the delayed solar installation can get back on track at the Vergas Event Center. Electrical work will get completed, with solar panel installation scheduled for the first part of May. This project was made possible through grants received from ESMC (Empowering Small Minnesota Communities), RSDP (Regional Sustainable Development Partnership) and WCI (West Central Initiative). There was also support from MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) in meeting building energy efficiencies necessary prior to solar install. It's exciting to complete this project to achieve cost savings and back up energy capabilities for our community.

Also coming to completion is the City of Vergas Energy and Resilience Plan. It represents a culmination of the results in trended city energy use, conducted municipal building energy assessments, evaluated municipal building structures, conducted community survey, relevant energy and climate research, and an action plan outlining future goals. The plan will be reviewed and approved at the April 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting. The plan will additional be reviewed with the community at a planned event to show case solar at the Event Center and related energy & resiliency resources. The plan will also be posted on the city web site. The City Council looks forward to sharing this with the community!

Happy Spring!

### You're Invited! — 2026 Annual EDA/HRA Meeting!

14 Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM

Billy's Corner Bar, Vergas

Come hear updates, learn about ongoing projects, and be part of the conversation shaping the future of our community.

**Everyone is welcome—your voice matters!**



We're sampling Bird Dog Maple Flavored Whiskey during Maple Syrup Festival! Smooth, sweet, and right on theme 🍁  
👉 April 11<sup>th</sup> only: \$1 off the bottle during Maple Syrup Fest.

### SPECIAL APRIL MEETINGS!



#### Board of Review

Wednesday, April 8 from 1:00 to 1:30 at the Vergas Event Center Meeting Room and on Zoom

#### Special Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 8 from 1:30 pm (immediately following Board of Review) at the Vergas Event Center Meeting Room and on Zoom

### 2026 CITY MEETINGS

To access Hybrid Meetings  
Via Zoom: Meeting ID:  
267 094 2170  
Password 56587  
or Attend In Person  
@ VEC Smart Room

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

#### Vergas Event Center Advisory Board:

Wednesday – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.  
Vergas Event Center- Smart Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

#### Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.  
Vergas Government Services Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

#### Energy & Resiliency Advisory Board:

Thursday – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
Vergas Event Center Meeting Room – (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

#### Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday – April 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 p.m.  
Vergas Event Center (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month) (If you would like to be on the agenda, please have information to City Clerk by the Tuesday before mtg.)

#### Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00p.m.  
Vergas Government Services Center (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month)

#### EDA/HRA Meeting:

Wednesday– May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
Vergas Government Services Center- (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)

Lakes and Prairie Solar Co-op has officially opened and available to residents and small businesses in Otter Tail County. It represents a network of fellow co-op members to understand how solar works and assist in decisions for your own energy needs. It is free of charge and there is no obligation to buy solar. There is a Solar 101 event on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm Can attend virtually or in person in Fergus Falls, MN To learn more and/or sign up for the Solar 101 event to: <https://solarunitedneighbors.org/LakesAndPrairies>

### 2026 LICENSES!

Cat License, Dog License, Chicken License and Golf Cart Permits are now conveniently available to purchase on our website! Visit [www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com) and under the "City" tab you will find "City of Vergas Fee Schedule" and you can purchase them there!

You can also get licenses at the City Office during business hours or the Liquor Store.

RECORD OF VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

## 2026

# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Changes in our meetings to be posted on the City of Vergas website

[www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com)

and on the

**Vergas Event Center sign**

### Community Club Meeting:

Monday – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

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

### Vergas Arts Club

Thursday – April 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar

(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

### Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – April 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

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

**Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) is coming to the Vergas Event Center!** This evidence-based fitness program helps older adults improve strength, balance, and overall well-being in a fun, supportive environment. Classes are led by skilled instructors and meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00–11:00am, beginning April 6, 2026. The 12-week program meets twice per week and is designed to help participants stay strong, safe, and active.

Location: Vergas Event Center, 140 W Linden St, Vergas, MN

To register or learn more:

- Cynthia McDonough – 218-847-1385 Ext. 140

### Big Trail Plans Are Rolling Forward in Vergas — and We Need YOU!

Imagine Vergas connected to the Heartland Regional Trail AND the Heart of the Lakes Trail... That future starts now! Join us for an important community meeting as we share the Trail Feasibility Study and talk about what comes next.

April 16 at 6:30 PM - Hobart Township Hall, 49046 370th Ave., Frazee MN 56544

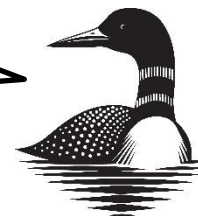
This project will shape recreation, tourism, and transportation in Vergas — and community involvement is key.

Let's make these trail connections a reality for our community!

### City Office Hours

Monday- Thursday  
10 am -4 pm

Friday CLOSED or by  
appointment only - please  
call 218-302-5996



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events in 2026 – Stay Tuned for Updates!

Maple Syrup Fest – April 11<sup>th</sup>

Bring in Spring Event – May 16<sup>th</sup>

Story Book Trail Open: May 16<sup>th</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup> (Scenic Long lake Trail)

Shops and Hops – May 30<sup>th</sup>

Downtown Art Camp – June 13<sup>th</sup>

Looney Days – July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Back Roads Art Crawl -September 19<sup>th</sup>

Wine Walk – October 17<sup>th</sup>

Small Town Christmas – November 28<sup>th</sup>

Hairyman Festival - September 26<sup>th</sup>

*We're excited to share the events planned for 2026! Some dates and times are still being finalized, and additional activities may be added throughout the year. Be sure to check back often for updates so you don't miss out on any of the fun!*