

July



Where all the profits, profit Vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

July Mayors Message

Based on latest census data, Vergas now has a population of 362. This represents an 8% increase. Though a gain in population; Vergas has retained its small-town charm and welcoming atmosphere. We are proud to call Vergas our home!

Solar is now operational at the Event Center. We will begin monitoring the savings and sharing that information with you. An open house is being planned so you can come and see the solar panels and battery storage system, along with informational booths regarding energy. There will also be booths sharing best practices to protect our environment and lakes. It is scheduled for October 10th. Watch for further information.

The City Energy and Resilience Action Plan is now posted on the city website! This is the culmination of two years of work addressing energy and our municipal buildings. This work was possible due to grant funding, support, and resources from Empowering Small Minnesota Communities, Rural Sustainable Development Partnerships, and West Central Initiative! The plan includes future energy goals; as well as future goals for the protection of our community environment and lakes.

A planning group is being established to lead efforts to celebrate the quasiquintennial (125 years) of Vergas.

The 125th celebration will occur in 2028. We are looking for others to be involved in the planning and generation of ideas. Let the city office know of your interest!

With summer upon us, Vergas is a busy place. Enjoy and stay safe!



RED, WHITE & REFRESHING CARBLISS AMERICANA BACKYARD BLISS STRAWBERRY CHERRY APPLE GRAPE

THE VERGAS LIQUOR STORE WILL BE OPEN 9AM-8PM ON JULY 4TH

LANDOWNER RESPONSIBILITY

Take ownership of your impacts in the shoreland zone and public waters. If you're interested in a project, check the ordinances, make contacts, and line up the proper permits before work begins. Contact the Otter Tail County Coalition of Lake Associations to find your lake association and get involved. Email: otccola2@gmail.com



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO VIEW THE LOONEY DAYS SCHEDULE. SEE YOU THERE!

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
And Vergas Event Center sign

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – July 9th, 3:00 p.m.

Vergas Government Services Center-
(2nd Thursday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Wednesday– July 15th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Government Services Center-
(1st Wednesday of the month, unless noted otherwise)

Energy & Resiliency Advisory Board:

Thursday – July 16th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Meeting Room –
(3rd Thursday of the month)

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday – July 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center
(3rd 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 – July 27th, 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Government Services Center
(4th Monday of the month)

Get Involved: Energy & Resiliency Advisory Board

Are you interested in energy efficiency, sustainability, or planning for the future of our community? The City has an opening on the Energy and Resiliency Advisory Board and is looking for a resident to fill the spot. If you're interested in serving, stop by the City Office to learn more and submit your interest.



2026 Election Dates

Primary: Tuesday, August 11th
General: Tuesday, November 3rd

Filing Dates for Local Offices

The following local races will be up for election at the 2026 general election:

Mayor of Vergas and Two Council Seats

Council Members serve for a **four-year** term. The Mayor serves for a **two-year** term. Filing for these positions will begin on Tuesday, July 14th and runs through Tuesday, July 28th. Anyone interested in running for one of these positions and have their name on the ballot must file for office between these dates.

File at the Vergas City Office 131 E Main St, Vergas MN 56587

(cost to file is \$2.00)

Office Hours

July 14th-July 16th 10am-4pm

Friday July 17th 8am-12pm

July 20th-23rd 10am-4pm

Friday July 24th 8am-12pm

Saturday July 25th 10am-12pm

July 27th-28th 10am-5pm

The election of these positions will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Qualifications for Running for Office

- Be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- Must be 21 years of age or older when assuming office
- Have maintained residence in this district for at least 30 days before the general election

Do you have questions regarding running for office?

*Contact the City Office at 218-302-5996 Ext. 1
or email jlammers@cityofvergas.com*

PLEASE REMOVE NOXIOUS WEEDS FROM YOUR PROPERTY

The Minnesota Noxious Weed Law (Minnesota Statutes 18.75-18.91) defines a noxious weed as an annual, biennial, or perennial plant that the Commissioner of Agriculture designates to be injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property. The law protect residents of the state from the injurious effects of noxious weeds. Link to the online lists and species pages can be found at this link:

https://www.mda.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/docs/2026-01/2026NoxiousWeedListFactsheet_web.pdf



Please select Growing Up Vergas in the project drop down menu

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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

www.cityofvergas.com

and on the

Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas Arts Club:

Thursday – July 9th, 2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar

(2nd Thursday of the month)

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – July 14th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – August 3rd, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(1st Monday of the month)

City Office Hours

Monday- Thursday

10 am-4 pm

Friday 8 am-12pm

(May 29th - August 28th)

Or by appointment only call

218-302-5996

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

FRIDAY JULY 3RD

Growing Up Vergas

Vergas is working to create a new childcare facility serving up to 24 children—supporting families, strengthening our workforce, and growing our community for the future.

Construction is planned for 2026, with a goal of opening in 2027—but first we need your help to reach our fundraising goal.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events in 2026 – Stay Tuned for Updates!

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

Hairyman Festival - September 26th

Looney Days – July 29th - August 2nd

Wine Walk – October 17th

Back Roads Art Crawl -September 19th

Small Town Christmas – November 28th

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.