

March



Where all the profits, profit Vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

March Mayors Message

“Growing up Vergas Project” is gaining traction!

Growing up Vergas is the theme for establishing a duplex in Vergas to be rented out for daycare. The City Council has committed city support to the project and approved a couple of resolutions. The resolutions approved the EDA/HRA to apply for grants and seek other funding opportunities and the City authorized forgiveness of applicable fees in terms of water and sewer accessibility and conditional use permit based on a residential location. A Daycare committee has been formed and will be led by CEDA (Community & Economic Development Associates) Community & Business Development Specialist. The EDA/HRA will continue to provide the oversight of the location, building and the funding. The Daycare Committee will be focused on the operational aspects of the daycare. Other partners in this endeavor includes the Lions Club who have committed support in providing playground equipment and fencing to secure the playground, Otter Tail County will be the fiscal agent, and the West Central Initiative (WCI) Vergas Community Fund will provide oversight for project fundraising. This is very exciting for Vergas and for the young families in this community.

Appreciate the support of the various organizations in responding to the critical need of a daycare in this community!

Buffalo Trace Bourbon Cream – A smooth, delicious addition to your morning coffee or an easy sipper all on its own. Crafted with real Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon!



Stay Informed on Clean Energy Efforts in Minnesota!

The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) recently released their February 18, 2026 *Energy Stories* update, titled **“Let’s all chip in to keep lights on and homes warm!”** The bi-weekly *Energy Stories* newsletter highlights clean energy opportunities, funding resources, and community efforts happening across Minnesota. This edition encourages Minnesotans to work together to support energy resilience, especially during the winter season.

To explore the full update and sign up for future clean-energy news, visit the CERTs Energy Stories page:
<https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/newsletter>

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

Vergas Event Center Advisory Board:

Wednesday – March 11th, 3:00 p.m.
Vergas Event Center- Smart Room
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – March 12th, 3:00 p.m.
Vergas Government Services Center-
(2nd Thursday of the month)

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday – March 17th 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.)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Wednesday– March 18th, 5:30 p.m.
Vergas Government Services Center-
(1st Wednesday of the month)

Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday – March 30th, 6:00p.m.
Vergas Government Services Center
(4th Monday of the month)

Energy & Resiliency Advisory Board:

Thursday – March 19th, 5:30 p.m.
Vergas Event Center Meeting Room –
(3rd Thursday of the month)



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 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.

\$40 Letter delivery fee after 3/31/2026

RECORD OF VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

2026

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – March 10th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club

Thursday – March 12th 2:00p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar

(2nd Thursday of the month)

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – April 6th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(1st Monday of the month)

' 91.19 FEEDING STRAY CATS AND DOGS.

(A) *Definitions.*

(1) **FEED** or **FEEDING** means the placing of dog or cat food, or similar food products or consumable materials attractive to dogs and cats, which may result in dogs and cats congregating thereon on a regular basis, placed on the ground, in an obviously intended feeder, or in a feeder at a height accessible to cats and dogs.

(2) **STRAY** means an unlicensed domestic or feral dog or cat running at large and unaccompanied or controlled by an owner.

(B) *Policy and purpose.* High populations of stray dogs and cats pose a hazard to human health and safety, as such animals provide a fruitful breeding ground for infectious disease, including but not limited to rabies and distemper, and may otherwise bite or attack humans and domestic animals. In addition, food provided for stray animals is often attractive to wild animals such as raccoons and rodents and may create nuisance conditions such as a rat harborage or other wild animal infestation.

(C) No person shall feed or allow the feeding of any stray cat or dog within the city.

(D) *Exceptions.* Veterinarians and persons who, acting within the scope of their employment with any governmental entity non-profit, or humane society has custody of or manages stray dogs and cats are not subject to the prohibitions of this section.

' 92.20 INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES.

(A) It shall be unlawful to keep, park, store or abandon any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair of parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, kept for scrapping, dismantling or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation with the state, pursuant to M.S. ' 168B.011, Subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle enclosed in a building and/or kept out of view from any street, road or alley, and which does not foster complaint from a resident of the city. A privacy fence is permissible.

(C) Any motor vehicles described in this section constitute a hazard to the health and welfare of the residents of the community in that such vehicles can harbor noxious diseases, furnish a shelter and breeding place for vermin and present physical danger to the safety and well-being of children and citizens; and vehicles containing fluids which, if released into the environment, can and do cause significant health risks to the community.

Penalty, see ' 92.99

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!

Volunteer Appreciation/Membership Mixer – March 12th

Backroads Studio Tour -September 19th

Maple Syrup Fest – April 11th

Wine Walk – October 17th

Bring in Spring Event – May 16th

Festival of Trees – November 21st

Shops and Hops – May 30th

Small Town Christmas – November 28th

Downtown Art Camp – June 13th

Hairyman Festival - September 26th

Looney Days – July 29th thru August 2nd

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!