



Mayor's Message

At the July 11th City Council meeting, Minnesota Rural Water was present and reviewed concerns regarding the city sewer pipes and condition of the wastewater ponds. A video of the wastewater pipes shows significant build-up of grease/inorganic matter. The wastewater pond has increased surface saturation of grease/inorganic matter; currently at 15% and when 25% aggressive actions would be required. Currently the city is needing to increase treatment of the pond, costing an additional \$1500 a month. Upgrade the ponds and lift stations if it becomes oversaturated with grease/inorganics could approach 1 million dollars.

The Council proposed some beginning actions, before more aggressive actions taken. What is important, is that action is taken now vs later. Actions include: 1) The 3rd phase and Railway Avenue jetting of the city sewer pipes will occur the end of August; 2) Fact sheet placed in the water bill to outline the issues with grease going into the wastewater system; 3) Grease traps and/or grease bins be used if in already in place; 4) Place a poster regarding grease going into the wastewater system and the implications next to where grease is sold. Ditterich Mercantile offered support to have the poster placed in the store; and lastly 5) Look for available grants that could assist the City in addressing the wastewater issue.

We as a community are in this together and it will take all of us to address the issue before we are faced with costly options, that we will all pay for. Thank you for your support in addressing this issue! The Council will continue to closely follow and keep you informed.



Where all the profits, profit vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

218-302-1516

MON-THU 9am-9 pm

FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm

SUN 11am - 5pm

Looney Days In-Store Samplings

Friday 11th
Proof - 4-6 pm

Bucks Mill Brewing
2-6 pm

Saturday 12th
Proof - 2-4 pm

Bucks Mill Brewing
12-4 pm

Be present Sat. @ 2pm

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EXCITING

NEW PRODUCT

REVEAL

Commemorating Vergas



Vergas Planning Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergas City Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing regarding a variance for 311 Park View Drive for a shed within 10 feet of property line and on a City easement.

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide public input and/or comments. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you are invited to submit your comments in writing to the City Clerk-Treasurer prior to the scheduled hearing. Written comments and questions will be addressed at the hearing and a written response will be provided by the City. Non-English-speaking residents and other persons with special needs who plan to attend the hearing are asked to contact City Hall (218) 302-5996 ext. 1 prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made to address any specific requirements.

The Public Hearing on this request will be held by the Vergas Planning Commission at **5:45 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023.** Attend the meeting via Zoom, meeting id: 267-094-2170 password 56587 or at the Vergas Event Center Council Chambers.

2023 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 City Council Meeting:

Tuesday - Aug. 8th 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

(If you would like to be on the agenda, please have information to City Clerk by the Wed. before mtg.)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday - Aug. 24th 3:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4th Thursday of the month)

Public Hearing:

Monday - Aug. 28th 5:45 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday - Aug. 28th 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(4th Monday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Tuesday- Sept. 5th 2:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Tuesday of the month)

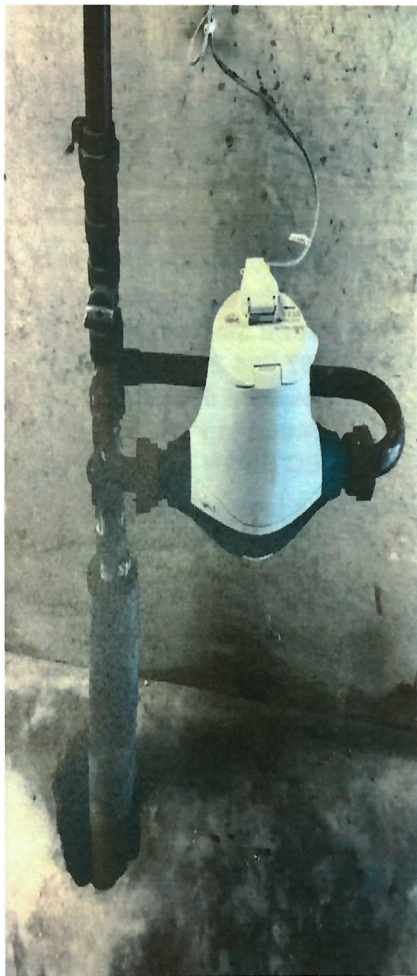
Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:

Wednesday- Sept. 6th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Wednesday of the month)



The city is required to have photos of the water piping attached to the water meter at each residence. As a resident, you may assist in this by taking a picture of your meter. The pipe coming up from the floor and continuing past the meter including all the fittings above the meter is required. (See sample to the left.) Please take a picture & email it to the office at r-richards@cityofvergas.com by Sept. 1, 2023. After that date, we will be scheduling appointments to enter your home to take a pictures until all meters have been documented. If you have any questions, please call the city office: 218-302-5996

2023 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – Aug. 8th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center
(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club:

Thursday - Aug. 17th 2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – Sept. 5th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas State Bank/ Lower Level
(1st Monday of the month)

2023 Save the Dates

Loon Art for the Park
Fundraiser
Aug. 7 @ 5 pm

Looney Days - Aug. 11-13

North Stars Water Ski Show
August 12 & 13 @ 5 pm

Back Roads Studio Crawl
Sat. Sept. 23 - 10 am – 3 pm

Gun Bingo VEC Fundraiser
Sat. Sept. 23

Hairyman Festival -Sept. 30

CDH-Vergas
Fire & Rescue Fundraiser
Oct. 14

Wine Walk – Oct. 21

Pumpkins on Main
Oct. 28 – 30

Halloween Party
Oct. 31

Holiday Tour of Homes
Nov. 18

Small Town Christmas
Nov. 25

Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease

Fats, oils and grease
(also known as F.O.G.)
for pipes as they are for our
arteries and waistlines.

F.O.G. clogs sewer pipes
and causes blockages that result in
costly sewer backups and overflows.



These sewer backups and overflows can cause health hazards, damage home interiors and threaten the environment.

Most of us know grease as the byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

Meat fats, Cooking oil, Shortening, Butter and margarine,
Food scraps, Sauces, Dairy products, Baking goods.

Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes both on your property and in the streets. Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe. Home garbage disposals do not keep F.O.G. out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent F.O.G from going down the drain.