



2023

# NEWSLETTER

## December

### December Mayor Message

Thought I would provide an update on City activities you will be noticing that were approved earlier in 2023 and based on delays and new plans are just getting completed.

Demolition of the Otter Tail County garage is starting and the area will be used for much needed parking space. In 2025 the plan is to pave, but the parking area will initially be gravel until the ground has fully settled.

The City will be transitioning to new office space in the building attached to the post office. Handicap accessibility is being constructed and anticipate the City Office moving into the space in January 2024. You will note changes in the Liquor Store, who will acquire additional space where the City Office was located.

Lastly, final remodeling is being completed to the Vergas Event Center kitchen. This includes new grill, freezer, and cabinets and stainless-steel counter tops. The updates offer improved space and functionality to support events.

Wishing you a Safe and Happy Holiday!

**VIKING LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE**  
**2023 - 2024 SCHEDULE**  
Vergas Municipal Building  
1:15 - 2:00 PM  
DECEMBER 7, 21  
JANUARY 4, 18  
FEBRUARY 1, 15, 29  
MARCH 14, 28  
APRIL 11, 25  
MAY 9, 23  
JUNE 13, 27  
JULY 11, 25  
AUGUST 8, 22

**2024 GOLF CART &  
MINI TRUCK  
PERMITS**  
Pick up your new  
permit & be ready for  
a cruise if we have a  
winter heatwave.



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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**Please  
stop in for  
Holiday  
Sampling  
Sat. Dec. 30  
or  
Sun. Dec. 31  
2 – 6 pm**



**Hansel & Gretel  
Musical &  
Theater  
Production  
coming to  
Vergas  
July 8 – 13, 2024**

**City Office & Liquor Store  
will be closed Mon. Dec. 25 & Mon. Jan. 1**

**City Office Hours:**

**Mon. – Thu. / 10 am – 4 pm**

**Need help outside of office hours? We will gladly schedule  
an appointment. Please call 218-302-5996**

**2023 - 2024  
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 - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center

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

**Planning Commission Mtg:**

**Monday – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.**

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

(4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month)

**Park Board Meeting:**

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

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

**EDA/HRA Meeting:**

**Tuesday– Jan. 9 2:00 p.m.**

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

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

**Vergas Event Center**

**Advisory Board:**

**NO DECEMBER MEETING!**

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

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

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





## NEW UTILITY RATES Effective Jan. 1, 2024

**Water: Base - \$28.50    Sewer: Base - \$28.50**  
**Usage \$4.25 per 1,000 gal./Usage \$2.75 per 1,000 gal.**

## 2023 - 2024 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**

### **Vergas Lions Club:**

Tuesday - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>    No Meeting  
Christmas Party @ St. John's Church  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

### **Vergas Arts Club**

Thursday - Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>    2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill

### **Community Club Meeting:**

Monday - Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>    5:30 p.m.

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

## A BIG-time THANK YOU

to all who participated in making  
2023 Small Town Christmas  
another successful event.

Creating great memories,  
building relationships, supporting  
local businesses and being  
hometown proud! ❤️

*Thank  
you*



for the generous donations from  
Vergas State Bank, Vergas Community Club,  
Vergas Community Players  
to the Vergas Event Center  
Kitchen Renovation Project  
which facilitated the purchase of a  
New Flattop  
and to the Morning Zumba Ladies for  
their thoughtful contribution to be used  
as most needed.

The Wish List is still available for anyone  
who wishes to do an end-of-year donation.

Click on the following link >

[Vergas Community Fund - wcif.org](http://Vergas Community Fund - wcif.org)

Donating to > Vergas Community Fund >  
select Event Center from drop down >  
follow the prompts > submit.

## Lions Club Blood Drive

Join us in helping to give!

**Tue., Feb. 6**

**Noon - 7 pm**

To schedule an appointment  
Call 218-790-2829



## 2024 Cat & Dog Licenses Available at the City Office or Liquor Store

**Documentation of Distemper &  
Rabies Vaccination Required**  
**\$10.00 per pet OR \$8.00 per pet**  
**if your pet has been neutered.**



### **Note from Water/ Sewer Committee:**

Most of you have been made aware of the concern related to elevated levels of lead in the city water and, some have expressed concerns. Minnesota Department of Health requires that we sample 5 homes every six months for lead in municipal water. Test kits were distributed to 5 homes early this year and one home did not pass the inspection for lead. This is most likely due to test requirements not being followed correctly; possibly taking the sample out of a faucet that has not been used regularly or not running the water for a few minutes before filling the sample bottle. The pass rate requirement is that we must have over 90% pass rates; with only 5 homes tested it only takes one failure to not meet requirements. When a failure happens, we are required to educate citizens on lead. Since we had the failure, we have had our sample testing increased to 10 households every six months. We are pleased to let you know that just recently kits were given out to 10 homes, and all of them passed the lead level requirements. We are required to pass another test in six months and if all pass again our water will be considered to be good and at acceptable levels overall.

If you have questions regarding lead, please see city website [www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com)  
or call the city office at 218-302-5996.

## 2024 Save the Date

Lions Blood Drive - Feb. 6

Billy's Hook and Slice- Mar. 2

Maple Syrup Fest - Apr. 13

Fire & Rescue Pancake Fundraiser  
- Apr. 13 -

Lions Blood Drive - June. 6

Shops & Hops - June 8

Downtown Art Camp

- June 15-

Hansel & Gretel Musical

-July 8-13 -

Looney Days - Aug. 8 - 11

Hairyman Festival - Sept. 28

Wine Walk - Oct. 19

CDH-Vergas

Fire & Rescue Fundraiser  
- Oct. 26 -

Halloween Party - Oct. 31

Festival of Trees - Nov. 23

Small Town Christmas  
-Nov. 30-

