

2022

# NEWSLETTER



#### Mayor's Message

As Vergas enters its busy season, the issue of parking becomes more concerning.

The Planning Commission has been working on identifying additional parking options.

With the conclusion of the construction of Altona Square, parking improves along Main Street and 1st Street, as well as around the building and the alley.

Additionally, approval was given by Otter Tail County to establish diagonal parking on 1st Ave along the side of Franklin Fence, which adds 10 parking spaces.

With the completion of Summers Construction and Design and the Remax Reality, there is additional parking available. The use of the Event Center Parking lot is always an option.

Though, the City knows this does not fully address all the parking needs; thank you for your patience. The City is giving parking high priority and options continue to be explored. One example of this is when the City gains ownership of the Otter Tail County building, a public parking lot will be established in the back area of the county building.

Enjoy Summer and all the events that support our local businesses!!

### Lions Club Blood Drive

Did you know that 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Join us in helping to give!

Tue., June 21

11:30 am - 6 pm

Contact: Pam @ 701-261-1632 Register online at vitalent.org or call 877-258-4825





#### ATTENTION ALL VERGAS RESIDENTS

Please visit the
City Office to pick up
your FREE permit,
required to be
displayed in your
windshield when you
drop off yard waste.

## Vergas City Office

will be closed

Mon. July 4, 2022

In observance of





218-302-1516- new number! MON-THU 9am- 9 pm FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm SUN 11am – 5pm

Welcome back to our area to enjoy the summer.

Please visit us for all your refreshment & "add-ons" needs...Let the fun begin!





Saturday - June 11, 2022

Food: 11 am -1 pm Free Will Offering

**Dedication: 1 pm** 

Raffle Drawing 1:30 pm Silent Auction Items

### 2022

### **CITY MEETINGS**

To access Hybrid Meetings
Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 267 094 2170 Password 56587

Attend In Person – the VEC Smart Room

Changes in our meetings to be posted on the City of Vergas website www.cityofyergas.com

and on the
Vergas Event Center sign

### **Vergas City Council Meeting:**

Tuesday –June 14th

6:30 p.m.

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

(If you would like to be on the agenda, please have information to City Clerk by the Wednesday before meeting)

#### Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 p.m. Vergas Event Center

(4th Thursday of the month)

### **Vergas Planning Commission:**

Monday –June 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center (4th Monday of the month)

#### **EDA/HRA Meeting:**

Wednesday-July 6th

2 p.m.

Vergas Event Center (1st Wednesday of the month)

## Vergas Event Center Advisory Board:

Wednesday-July 6th

6:30 p.m.

**Vergas Event Center** 

(1st Wednesday of the month)



No Permit Required
Permits Required
Restricted Variance Permits Only



## Burning Permit Information

A burning permit grants the individual holder the right to burn small amounts of dry leaves, plant clippings, brush, and clean untreated-unpainted wood as long as weather conditions do not pose a fire hazard.

For details, visit:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/for

estry/fire/questions.html

#### '93.03 MATERIALS ON STREET OR SIDEWALK.

(A) No person shall encumber any street, sidewalk, or right-of-way. No owner, occupant, or person having the care of any building or lot of land, bordering on any street, sidewalk, or right-of-way shall permit it to be encumbered with barrels, boxes, cans, articles, or substances of any kind, so as to interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof.

(B) Except for the actions of the city employees and contractors carrying out their duties, no person shall:

(1) Obstruct any street or sidewalk by depositing snow or ice thereon:

(2) Dig any holes in any street, sidewalk or right of way;

(3) Remove any earth, gravel, or rock from any street, sidewalk or right of way;

(4) Obstruct any ditch draining any street or drain any noisome materials into any ditch;

(5) Deface, mar, damage, or tamper with any structure, work, material, equipment, tools, signs, markers, signals, paving, guardrails, drains or any other highway appurtenance on or along any street, sidewalk or right of way.

6) Remove, injure, displace, or destroy right-of way markers, or reference or witness monuments, or markers placed to preserve section or quarter-section corners;

(7) Drive over, through, or around any barricade, fence, or obstruction erected for the purpose of preventing traffic from passing over a portion of a street or sidewalk closed to public travel or to remove, deface, or damage any such barricade, fence or obstruction.

Penalty, see ' 10.99

#### '92.62 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING.

No person shall start or allow any open burning on any property in the city without first having obtained an open burn permit, except that a permit is not required for any fire which is a recreational fire as defined in ' 92.60.

Penalty, see '92.99

#### '92.63 PURPOSES ALLOWED FOR OPEN BURNING.

(A) Open burn permits may be issued only for the following purposes: (1) Elimination of fire of health hazard that cannot be abated by other practical means.

(2) Ground thawing for utility repair and construction.

(3) Disposal of vegetative matter for managing forest, prairie or wildlife habitat, and in the development and maintenance of land and rights-of-way where chipping, composting, landspreading or other alternative methods are not practical.

(4) Disposal of diseased trees generated on-site, diseased or infected nursery stock, diseased bee hives.

(5) Disposal of unpainted, untreated, non-glued lumber and wood shakes generated from construction, where recycling, reuse, removal or other alternative disposal methods are not practical.

(6) Running fires.

(B) Fire training permits can only issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

(C) Permits for the operation of permanent tree and brush burning sites may only be issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Penalty, see '92.99

#### § 150.03 MANUFACTURED HOMES.

After the date of the adoption of this code, only manufactured homes which comply with the Manufactured Home Building Code established by M.S. § 327.31 may be located in and used as a dwelling within the city. A mobile home, manufactured home, house trailer or other mobile dwelling which does not comply with the Manufactured Home Building Code and which is used as a residence after the date of the adoption of this code is a nonconforming use as defined by M.S. § 462.357, Subd. 1e, as it may be amended from time to time, and this nonconforming use may be continued, including through repair, maintenance, replacement, restoration or improvement but if the nonconformity or occupancy is discontinued for a period of more than one year, or the nonconforming use is destroyed by fire or other peril to the extent of greater than 50% of its market value and no building permit is applied for within 180 days of when the property is damaged, any subsequent use or occupancy of the land or premises shall be a conforming use or occupancy.

Penalty, see § 10.99

## 2022 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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#### Downtown Art Camp:

Saturday- June 11<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lions Park Youth up to 16yrs. Free

**Veterans Memorial Dedication** 

Saturday – June 11<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 1 p.m. Food Available- Free will until gone.

Program

1 p.m. 1:30 p.m.

Raffle/Silent Auction

**Veterans Memorial Park** 

#### Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday - June 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

## Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting:

Thursday – June 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. 111 Main Street

#### **Public Hearing:**

Wednesday - June 29<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. Final draft of Comprehensive Plan Vergas Event Center

#### **Prairie Fire Children's Theatre**

"Beauty & the Beast"
Practice: June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Practice: June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> Performances:

Friday – July **2**<sup>nd</sup> 7- 8:15 p.m. Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Contact Kitti Kivi-Lex 218-334-3181, Ext 3

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Thusday- July 7** 10 am -2 pm 121 W. Linden ST (Behind the Event Center)

https://ottertailcountymn.us/content-page/household-hazardous-waste/