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Vergas: Our Home

For the past 50 years, I've been associated with Vergas. I've owned a home in the City since 1986, becoming a full-time resident in 2020, when I retired. We all have our reasons for calling Vergas "Home", such as our great residents, visitors, park systems, beach, the "loon", our new businesses, and our fabulous trail system "Tin Can Alley", to name a few. In 2020, I loved Vergas enough to run for City Council. As a Councilman, I've learned a lot in the last 2 years, with still more to learn. I'd like to think of Vergas as a Community where we can get along, work together, and discuss our concerns and differences. Recently, the City is attempting to review their Ordinances, modifying those that need clarification, making them understandable and applicable to our "small town", and eliminating those that are no longer needed.

As I look out my window this morning (April 21), the ground is blanketed in a sea of white with our most recent (and hopefully last) snowstorm of the season. Earlier however, as spring tried to arrive and the snow melted, people saw some things that didn't make our small town very "friendly". The City has received several recent complaints about residual pet waste from residents and business owners.

Ordinance 91.07(C) states: The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner whether or not on their own property, on the property of others, or on a public property. Any animals kept contrary to this law are subject to impoundment and/or fines.

The City has tried to assist pet owners by placing pet stations in the park and at the trail head. Bags and waste disposal containers are at each location. Reasons to clean up after your pet include: pet urine kills plants; pathogen risks for people and other pets; pet waste contaminates our waters; and last but not least, "Your Local Community will Appreciate It".

Let's get our dogs and cats licensed (May 1 deadline), clean up after our pets as responsible owners, and work together to continue to call Vergas "Home" as we all know it.

Bruce E. Albright, Council Member
Planning Commission Chair



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



The City Office will be
CLOSED Mon. May 29



Veterans Memorial

If you would like to place a Veteran's name on a granite pillar, deadline is **MAY 20** for the June Installation.

Cost per name - \$150.00

Contact Lyle Krieg at 701-238-1575.



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 May 9th 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.)

Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday - May 22nd 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(4th Monday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday - May 25th 3:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4th Thursday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Tuesday- June 6th 2:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:

Wednesday-June 7th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Wednesday of the month)

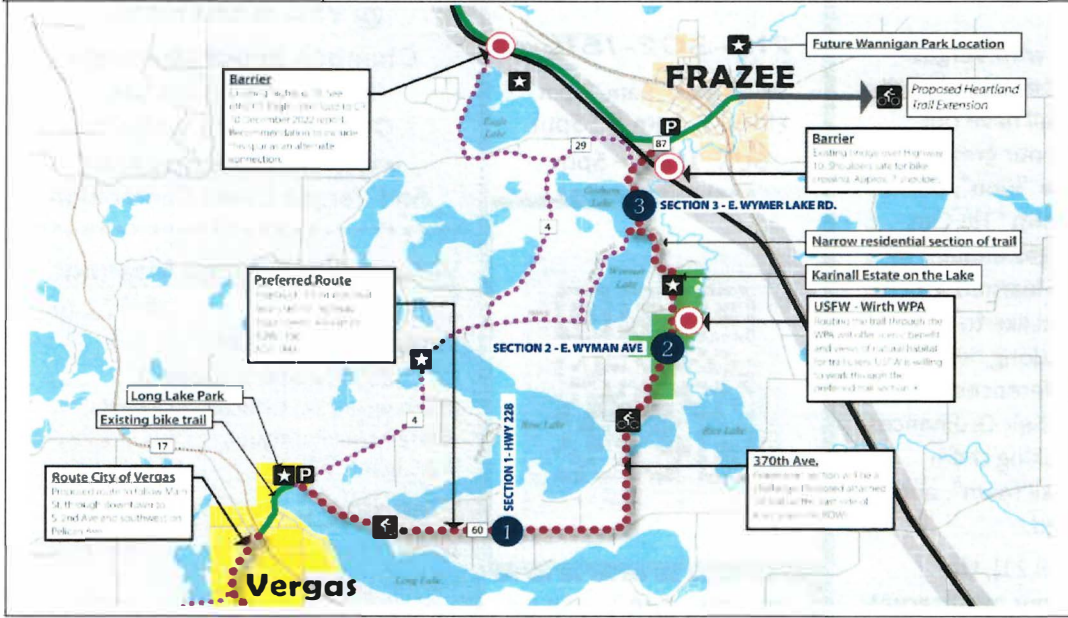
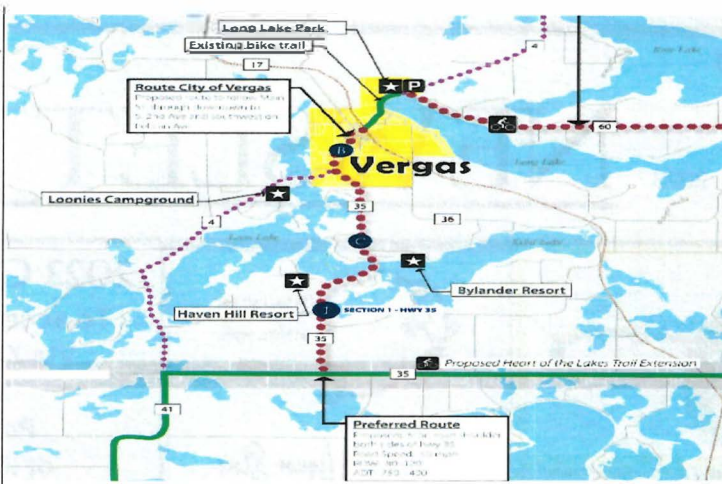
Got this? YOU NEED ONE OF THESE!



Proof of insurance
+ \$20 @ City Office



2023
Yard Waste
Permits
 Non-resident
 \$65.00
 Available
CITY OFFICE &
LIQUOR STORE
 Resident-FREE
 at City office only-
If you already have one,
you're good to go!



2023
COMMUNITY
MEETINGS
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Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – May 9th 5:30 p.m.
 Vergas Event Center
 (2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club:

Thursday, May 11th 2:00 p.m.
 Billy's Bar & Grill

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – June 5th 5:00 p.m.
 Vergas State Bank/ Lower Level
 (1st Monday of the month)

2023 Save the Dates...

The City Office will be CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY
Mon. May 29

Shops & Hops – June 3

Lions Blood Drive – June 8

Downtown Art Camp - June 10

Hazardous Waste Collection
 - June 29 –

Neighbor to Neighbor
 Spaghetti Dinner - June 29

Looney Days - Aug. 11-13

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

Frazee-Vergas Trail Plans - Open Houses

The Cities of Frazee and Vergas are working on bike and pedestrian trail plans this year! Frazee is planning a trail to connect the town to the new Wannigan Park. Vergas is planning to connect to both the Heartland Trail at Frazee and the Heart of the Lakes Trail (the new trail from Pelican Rapids to Maplewood State Park to Perham).

You are invited to the following Open Houses to view progress on these plans and provide input:

Vergas Event Center – Thu., May 18, 6 - 8 pm **Frazee Event Center -Tue., May 23, 6 - 8 pm**

The Open House will feature the following:

Presentation by Chris Thorson regarding plans to connect Frazee to Wannigan Park by trail.

Presentation by Jillian Reiner regarding plans to connect Vergas to the Heartland Trail at Frazee and the Heart of the Lakes Trail.

Update on the status of Wannigan Park planning and development.

Please join us! For more information, contact Patrick Hollister at patrick.hollister@claycountymn.gov or 218-329-1809.



Lions Club
Blood Drive
Thu., June 8

11:00 am – 6 pm

Contact: Mariann @ 701-866-2023
 Register online at vitalent.org
 or call 877-258-4825
 Because of You, Life Doesn't Stop

It's the time of year when the snow is gone & all sorts of interesting items appear. This is a reminder that the Planning Commission will tour the City & discuss their observations at the May 25 meeting. Please look over your little piece of heaven in Vergas & make sure your address is on the "Spiffy" List!