

## November



### November Mayor's Message

The City of Vergas continues to leverage the use of technology to create more efficient and cost-effective city operations. At the October 10th City Council meeting 2 new systems were approved.

The first is the Insight SCADA web site and cellular system for the water plant and lift stations. This system provides a 24 hour a day alert service when there are attention needs. This will provide ongoing timely alerts and also results in maintenance staff no longer needing to routinely come in on weekends to just read meters at the water/sewer plant; saving 208 hours annually.

The other new system is Minibilling. This system would replace the current UBMAX used by the City for utility billing. The new system provides the ability to pay water/sewer bills right out of your bank account as a monthly debit; referred to as ACH payments. It will also send the City Newsletter. This is a system widely used across companies and has a significant impact on labor in putting together paper bills and the associated costs of paper/envelopes and postage. Signing up for this service, residents will receive a \$1.00 credit each month as emailed bills and ACH payments is more cost effective.

There will be a transition time in establishing the new systems, so at this time there is no exact date for implementation. Anticipate early in 2024.

As we say good bye to fall, we hope for a mild winter!

### The City Office & Liquor Store will be closed

**Thur. Nov. 24**

**City Office Hours:** Mon. – Thu. 10 am – 4 pm

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

**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.**



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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## TRY Something NEW



### It's Alcohol Infused Candy! For the "Big" Kids (21 +).

### 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](http://www.cityofvergas.com)

And Vergas Event Center sign

Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday - Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Wed. before mtg.)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

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

Planning Commission Mtg:

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

Vergas Event Center

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

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Tuesday– Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

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

Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:

Tuesday– Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

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

Celebrating 15 years of Give to the Max!  
November 16 is a one-day statewide fundraising effort created & promoted by GiveMN.

Please visit <https://www.givemn.org/>

to donate to either the

Vergas Event Center or Vergas EDA/HRA



Celebrating 15 years of impact!

give **MAX**  
Nov. 16, 2023

#GTMD23

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER**

The City of Vergas found high levels of lead in drinking water in some homes. Lead can cause serious health problems. For more information, please call Julie Lammers@ 218- 302-5996 or visit [cityofvergas.com](http://cityofvergas.com).

For additional information, please visit [Lead \(http://www.epa.gov/lead\)](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

**VERGAS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
COMMUNITY GROWTH PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vergas City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers as a hybrid meeting at the Vergas Event Center, 140 W Linden, Vergas, Minnesota, and on zoom id number 267-094-2170 (password 56587) to consider proposed Resolution for Community Growth Partnership Application – Lawrence Lake Affordable Single-Family Housing.

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 or 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 that arrangements can be made to address any specific requirements.

Julie Lammers, CMC City, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Vergas

Partnership4Health Community Health Board, a collaboration of Becker, Clay, Otter Tail & Wilkin Public Health departments has partnered with local healthcare organizations to assess the needs of our communities. Every three years, the

Community Health Needs Assessment helps us learn more about the health & well-being of people in our community.

A partnership between public health & health care providers come together to use the survey information to improve community health. **Scan to take the survey >>>**



**2023**

**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 – Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

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

**Vergas Arts Club**

Thursday - Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill

**Community Club Meeting:**

Monday – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

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

**2023**

**Save the Dates...**

Holiday Tour of Homes  
Nov. 18

Small Town Christmas  
Nov. 25

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY**

**VERGAS LOONEYS RELAY FOR LIFE**

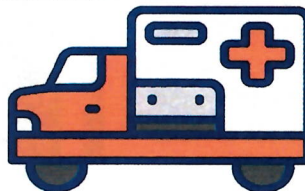
CHRISTMAS GATHERING  
CONCERT & BAKE SALE  
SUN. DEC. 3  
2 – 4 PM  
VERGAS EVENT CTR

Interested in being on a City Board?  
Openings on EDA/HRA, Event Center, Planning Commission, & Park Board.



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

**SMART911 PROFILES**



Smart911 is a portal that gives public safety the information they need to better help and communicate with you during an emergency. Join us to explore the benefits of Smart911, and learn how you can get registered. This event is designed with your family's safety in mind. Learn how to take control of your emergency response and protect what matters most.

**NEW YORK MILLS SESSIONS**

**Wednesday, November 8**  
Sessions: 10-11am, 1-2pm, or 5-6pm  
New York Mills Public Library

Register at [elevateotc.events/smart911-nym](http://elevateotc.events/smart911-nym)

**PERHAM SESSIONS**

**Wednesday, November 22**  
Sessions: 10-11am, 1-2pm, or 5-6pm  
Elevate Conference Room (318 6th Ave SW)

Register at [elevateotc.events/smart911-perham](http://elevateotc.events/smart911-perham)

**What do profiles include?**

- People and Household Info - add key info about members of your household
- Address and Location Info - give responders visual details like hidden driveways or gate codes
- Health Info - share important info about you and your loved ones to help responders respond more effectively
- Other Info - add as much info as you want, including vehicles, pets, or other special notes

**Veterans Appreciation Dinner/Program**  
Wed. Nov. 15, 5pm  
@ Frazee Event Center  
Vergas, Frazee, & 4 Corners Lions  
Contact Pam:  
701-261-1632  
Contact Janell: 701-680-2429  
Free for all Veterans & Spouse/Guest  
\$10 for Non-Veteran  
Deadline Nov. 6



Would you like to receive the Council agenda? Please email: [r-richards@cityofvergas.com](mailto:r-richards@cityofvergas.com)