

## SEPTEMBER

### Do YOU know what F.O.G. stands for ?

#### September 2023 Mayor Message

Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 cannabis became legal to possess, use and grow in Minnesota. At the August 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the council discussed an ordinance to regulate the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places.

The drafted city ordinance mimic's the ordinance drafted by Otter Tail County and approved by the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners. Proposed is cannabis and cannabis derived products cannot be used in a public place. Public Place means public park or trail, public street or sidewalk, any enclosed, indoor area used by the general public including but not limited to theaters, restaurants, bars, food establishments, places licensed to sell liquor, wine or malt beverages, retail businesses, gyms, common areas in buildings, public shopping area, auditoriums, arenas or other places of public accommodation.

Exceptions to public place, as defined in Minnesota law, includes private residence, including yard, private property generally not accessible by the public unless the property owner explicitly prohibits on the property, or premises of an establishment or event licensed to permit on site-consumption; which can't occur until a license is obtained from the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM).

A public hearing will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm prior to the City Council meeting at which time the Council plans to further review and vote on adoption of the ordinance. A complete copy of the cannabis ordinance can be found on the City of Vergas website.



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

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SEPT. 30  
\$34.99



It's kind of a big hairy deal.



### 2023 CITY MEETINGS

To access Hybrid Meetings

Via Zoom: Meeting ID:

267 094 2170

Password 56587

or Attend In Person

@ Vergas Event Center (VEC)

Smart Room

Changes in our meetings

to be posted on the

City of Vergas website

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

and the Vergas Event Center sign

**Public Hearing** (regarding Cannabis)

Tuesday - Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Council Chambers

**Vergas City Council Meeting:**

Tuesday - Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Council Chambers  
(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.)

**Planning Commission Mtg:**

Monday – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Council Chambers  
(4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month)

**Park Board Meeting:**

Thursday – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Council Chambers  
(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

**EDA/HRA Meeting:**

Tuesday– Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Council Chambers  
(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month)

**Vergas Event Center**

**Advisory Board:**

Wednesday– Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Council Chambers  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)

Vergas City Council will conduct a

Public Hearing regarding Cannabis Ordinance

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Attend the hybrid meeting via Zoom, meeting id:

267-094-2170 password 56587 or at the Vergas

Event Center Council Chambers, 140 W. Linden ST.

## F.O.G. Fats, Oils and Grease

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 & 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.

City 2005 Chevy Pickup will be sold via sealed bid Sept. 12, 7 pm Vergas Event Center Council Chambers  
**Sealed bids must be dropped off at the City Office by 4 pm on Sept. 12**  
**See City website for details.**



## 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 – Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

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

### **Vergas Arts Club**

Thursday - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill

### **Community Club Meeting:**

Monday – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30 p.m.

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

### **2023 Save the Dates...**

Relay for Life

Style Show & Brunch

Sat. Sept. 16

Back Roads Studio

Art Crawl

Sept. 23

Hairyman Festival

Sept. 30

Lions Blood Drive

Oct. 3

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

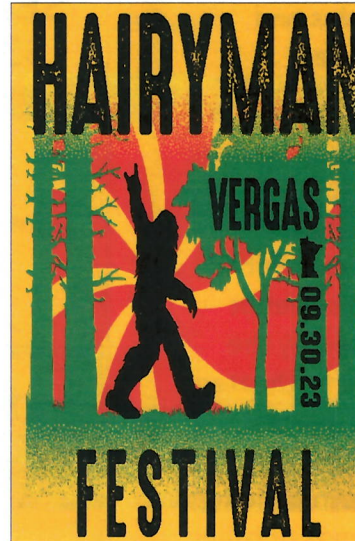
Nov. 18

Small Town Christmas

Nov. 25



Special THANKS to those who gave so graciously of your time & talents to make Looney Days another successful extravaganza- bigger & better than ever! To ALL who participated in any way to make this a memorable event year after year - Kudos to YOU! Please consider joining the 2024 Team!



## **WATER METER PICTURES**

Thank you to all the residents who have submitted photos!

The deadline to email your water meter pictures has been extended to Oct. 1.

Beginning Oct. 2, the residents who have not sent pictures will be called to schedule appointments for City Staff to take photos of all remaining water meters.

Email pictures to [rrichards@cityofvergas.com](mailto:rrichards@cityofvergas.com)

If you have any questions, call 218-302-5996.

## **Lions Club Blood Drive**

Join us in helping to give!

**Tue., Oct. 3**

**11:30 am – 6 pm**

To schedule an appointment

Call 701-866-4301



## **Veterans Memorial Park**

Exciting things are happening at the Veterans Memorial Park. Four maple trees were planted at the back side of the Memorial. And a huge boulder was moved into its new home on Monday night. A gazebo will be built around the boulder this fall (hopefully) and additional landscaping will be done, and then next summer this boulder will be painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorensen from Iowa who paints boulders to honor and memorialize servicemen and servicewomen. Once this boulder painting is completed our boulder will be added to his Freedom Rock Tour.

You can visit his website [www.thefreedomrock.com](http://www.thefreedomrock.com) to learn more about his work.

Submitted by Pam Krieg, Secretary of Veterans Memorial