

# WSLETTER 2024



#### **September Mayors Message**

In January 2024, the City of Vergas implemented a new utility billing system; Munibilling. The system provides the ability to pay water/sewer bill right out of your bank account as a monthly debit; referred to as ACH payment, or by credit or debit card. At the August 14th meeting citizen concern was expressed, as a renter of property. The customer portal is linked to the property owner vs renter, though both get the billing statement. Follow up was conducted with the Munibilling Company and with other communities who use the system. The company noted the program does not allow for both owner and renter to have the customer portal capabilities. They indicated they would submit a request to the product manager who will review. In the follow up with other communities utilizing the Munibilling system, they too are aware of the owner being the primary agent for utility billing, consistent with MN Statute. There is a way in the set up to have the renter in the owner designation, but this would require permission by the owner and within the system the owner would still be specifically noted with the permission granted for customer portal capabilities. For property renters interested in doing this approach, make request with City Office when setting up Munibilling system and obtain written permission from the property owner.

The City Office is available to support setting up Munibilling for your utility payment. A step-by-step guide is provided in this newsletter, but feel free to contact the city office to schedule a time for sit down assistance. Scheduling a date and time will ensure staff availability to assist.

Vergas had a great summer and it's hard to say goodbye to summer, but we welcome Fall with all its beauty and activity transitions.



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The Vergas Liquor Store

218-302-1516

MON-THU 11am- 9 pm FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm

SUN 11am - 5pm

# Lions Club **Blood Drive**

Join us in helping to give

Tue., Oct. 1

12:30 am - 5:30 pm

To schedule an appointment Call 701-866-4301



# **American Cancer** Society

FASHION SHOW & BRUNCH

> SAT. SEPT.14 10 AM - NOON

**VERGAS EVENT CENTER** \$25 Tickets available at local businesses.

#### 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

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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 – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m.

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

Vergas City Council Public **Input Meeting:** 

**RE: SNOWMOBILE TRAIL** Tuesday - Sept. 10th

6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

**Planning Commission Public** Hearing- RE: Height of Structures:

Thursday -Sept. 12th

6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

## Planning Commission Special Meeting:

Thursday -Sept. 12th -

6:00 p.m.

**Following Public Hearing** 

Vergas Event Center

#### Park Board Meeting:

Thursday - Sept. 26th

3:00 p.m.

Government Service Center 131 E. Main (4th Thursday of the month)

## Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday -Sept. 23rd

6:00 p.m.

Government Service Center 131 E. Main (4th Monday of the month)

### **Vergas Event Center Advisory Board:**

Tuesday-Sept. 24th

5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room (4th Tuesday of the month)

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

Wednesday-Oct. 2nd

2:00 p.m.

Government Service Center 131 E. Main (1st Wednesday of the month)



AS-MINNESOTA Noon - 5:30 pm

**Vergas Baseball Field**  SIDE-BY-SIDE TRAIL RIDE • kids games • NINJA COURSE "THE AMAZING HAIRYMAN RACE"

hammershlagen · YOGA · farmer's market LIVE MUSIC "MATT AAKRE" • kids mullet contest food & beverage trucks • RAFFLE DRAWINGS

BEAN BAG TOURNEY • kids pumpkin & costume contests hairiest man contests • ARCHERY CONTEST

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES & MUCH MORE!

The Village of Vergas Welcomes You...Visit All of our Shops & Eateries!

Munibilling is now live for the City of Vergas utility billing. You can view & pay your utility bill 24 hours a day. Website:

https://cityofvergas.secure.munibilling.com

To register your new account, use the account code can be found on the lower left side of your bill. Account number: this code will show your water usage and let you change how you get your bill – email or mail.

#### You can sign up for e-check payments, credit card payments or ACH payments.

Any questions regarding our new system, please don't hesitate to call us @ 218-302-5996. We can set up automatic payments by using your credit card, debit card or bank account information. Don't struggle! Just call with the information for the method you wish to use.

Here's a step-by-step guide to setting up automatic payments for your water bills through MuniBilling: Log in to the website <a href="https://cityofvergas.secure.munibilling.com">https://cityofvergas.secure.munibilling.com</a>.

- 1. Log in to Your Account: Visit the MuniBilling website and log in to your account. If you don't have an account yet, you'll need to create one using your account number and other required details.
- 2. Navigate to Payment Options: Once logged in, go to the payment options or billing section. This is usually found in the main menu or under account settings.
- 3. Set Up Automatic Payments: Look for an option to set up automatic payments. This might be labeled as "AutoPay" or "Recurring Payments."
- 4. Enter Bank Details: You'll need to provide your bank account information, including the routing number and account number. Make sure to double-check these details to avoid any errors.
- 5. Choose Payment Schedule: Select the frequency of the automatic payments. You can typically choose to pay monthly, bi-monthly, or according to your billing cycle.
- 6. Confirm and Save: Review the information you've entered and confirm the setup. Save the changes to activate automatic payments.
- 7. Check Confirmation: You should receive a confirmation email or notification indicating that your automatic payments have been set up successfully.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Vergas City Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing regarding a variance for a structure height at 1156 E Frazee Ave.

Current Ordinance: Height of Structures. All structures in residential districts, except churches and nonresidential agricultural structures, must not exceed 25 feet in height. Variance is for a height of 27.9 feet

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 and 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 arrangements can be made to address any specific requirements.

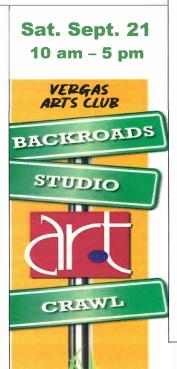
The Public Hearing on this request will be held by the Vergas Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024. Attend the meeting via Zoom, meeting id: 267-094-2170 password 56587 or at the Vergas Event Center Council Chambers.

You're invited to a public input meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 pm at the Vergas Event Center to discuss Lake Runners Trail Association request to reroute their trail.

Below is a map of re-route. On E Scharf Ave where yards are located the trail would be on the north side of the road as much as possible to keep sleds off private property.

The trail would then intersect with the existing trail on N Railway Ave. From there, we would follow the street that runs north of Billy's and head west to the county road to meet up with our existing trail. See second picture.





## 2024 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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#### Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday - Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

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

Vergas Arts Club

Thursday - Sept. 12th

2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

#### **Community Club Meeting:**

Monday - Oct. 7th

5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(1st Monday of the month)

### 2024 Save the Date

Relay for Life Style Show & Brunch Sept. 14

Backroads Studio Art Crawl Sept. 21

Hairyman Festival Sept. 28

Lions Blood Drive Oct. 1

Wine Walk Oct. 19

Fire & Rescue Fundraiser
Oct. 26

Halloween Party
Oct. 31

General Election
November 5

Festival of Trees Nov. 23

Small Town Christmas Nov. 30