



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT JUNE 2021

The City of Vandalia & Butler Township
PROUDLY PRESENT

2021
**Star-Spangled
Celebration**

JOIN US FOR AN ENTIRE NIGHT OF
Music - Food - Fireworks!

Saturday, July 3
7:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex
1101 Stonequarry Road
Fireworks at 10:00 p.m.

Sponsored by...

JOSEPH AIRPORT CO. TOYOTA HYUNDAI | BeauTownsend | Streets | CHEVROLET | FIFTH THIRD BANK

With additional support from... Entertainment by The Blue Leafs!

Digital Gateway Computers | PELMILL SCHAEFER ENGINEERING

Plans are continuing for the July 3rd Star Spangled Celebration!
In addition to the band, The Blue Leaf's, several vendors have been secured:

- Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce
- Lion's Club
- Sister Cities
- Domino's
- The Wright Things 4 U (Glow Sticks)
- Butler Township
- Avon
- Two Rivers Community Church
- Good for You (Funnel Cakes)
- Kona-Ice
- Anthony Trissell Memorial Foundation
- Ice Cream Truck

Advisory Board Members

- Tara Landis, Chairperson
- Lydia Baker, Vice Chairperson
- Rick Scherer, Secretary
- Lenny Maenza
- Larry Taylor
- Rodney Washburn
- Corey Follick, City Council Representative
- Bob Costello (Emeritus Status)

latest news

PARKS

Cassel Hills Pool:

- All preparation work for the Cassel Hills Pool season was completed.
- The pool floor maintenance and painting delayed some of this preparation work until a week prior to opening and this required a very coordinated effort to bring everything online.

Staffing Shortage Continues:

- We have a very dedicated, but sparse, seasonal crew helping us this year.
- Pre-Covid, there would be 9 Seasonal Staff averaging 250 hours/week. Our current Staff is averaging 90 hours/week.
- This Staff is responsible for 90% of the mowing, trash and restroom details, assisting with landscape maintenance, sports fields, and special events.
- More Staff is needed to keep our Customer Service and Maintenance at the levels we are used to.

Miscellaneous:

- Rain and wind has delayed spraying for weeds along the fence lines and landscape beds. Will begin and continue spraying as weather and manpower allows.
- One of three HVAC units was replaced at the Cassel Hills Clubhouse. The furnace was original and the AC unit was 14 years old.
- Provided needed preparation work for the Corporate Challenge activities.

TREE CITY USA

- The two Tree City road signs were updated with seven-year stickers.
- Pruning of sucker sprout and other structural pruning is taking place as time allows.
- Mulching of some landscape beds at Cassel Hills Pool was completed.
- Dixie median landscape maintenance was completed.

RECREATION

CORPORATE CHALLENGE



The 32nd Annual Corporate Challenge was held June 6 - 11! 9 teams competed. Thank you to the participating teams and the wonderful volunteers! After 6 outstanding days of friendly competition, below are the final standings:

- 1st Place - VB Schools - 454 points
- 2nd Place - Inteva Products - 446 points
- 3rd Place - GE Aviation - 424 points
- 4th Place - City of Vandalia - 343 points
- 5th Place - Johnson Electric - 328 points
- 6th Place - Kentner Sellers - 312 points
- 7th Place - Crossroads - 310 points
- 8th Place - GE TDI - 307 points
- 9th Place - Waibel Energy - 297 points



Successful Programs

- VRC Paint and Sip Class
- Rose for Mom
- Kids Night Out
- Playful Picassos
- VRC Kite Nite



Little Free Library

Staff is working with Bill McIntire of the Dayton Metro Library to provide our Community with additional Little Free Libraries in several of our Parks. There is currently a Little Free Library at the Sports Complex, just outside the VRC, along the walking path. The Little Free Library hopes to promote literacy and community engagement.



The Ohio River Road Runners Club hosted a 5K on Wed, May 12, that began and ended at the VRC. 88 runners participated.



The Crossroads 5K is scheduled for Sat, June 26. The race will start at the Sports Complex baseball concession, go East on Stonequarry, North on Helke, West on Alkaline Springs through the neighborhood, and back to the Sports Complex via Ricci St. A portion of the race entry fee will support the Vandalia Youth Recreation Fund.

ATHLETICS

SOFTBALL

Adult Softball season is going well! 9 teams are participating in the Monday Men's League and there are also 9 teams for the Friday Coed League. Rain has affected the schedule, and the hope is to make up all cancelled games.

Field Rentals

John is receiving many reservation requests for the baseball/softball fields now that our Rec program is coming to an end. He can typically meet most requests, but occasionally has to turn teams away.



John is finalizing an extension to our Agreement with Butler United. More details to come!



Soccer registrations are in full swing! To guarantee a spot, players must register by July 1!



Most of the Baseball/Softball leagues and tournaments are complete. 8U, 10U, and 12U girls will conclude with their tournament the week of June 21-25. The season was a great success! Many thanks to our volunteer coaches and sponsors!

COVID Update

John was notified by Dayton Public Health that a youth baseball player in our F-Major division tested positive for COVID. The recommendation was for all players on the team to quarantine for 2 weeks. They were exposed at a game on June 5, and also had practice on June 7. No other players have shown any symptoms. Due to limited contact, it was not recommended that the opposing team from June 5 quarantine. The two-week quarantine will run through the remaining scheduled games/tournament, and, therefore, end the season for this team.

Middle School Tennis

The Middle School Tennis team concluded their season with great success! A Tennis Camp will be held on June 21-24 at Helke Park in the evening.



Research continues about Lacrosse in our area. Jeff will provide a detailed report next month.

RECREATION CENTER

The VRC hosted our first Food Truck on Wed, June 9. McNasty's Great Food Truck was onsite during the lunch hour, with attendance better than anticipated, due to the rainy weather. On Wed, June 16, Claybourne Grille was well attended. The upcoming schedule is Wed, June 23, Lilia's Outside Café, and Wed, June 30, Roll on In Food Truck. Make plans to stop by between 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM to grab a delicious lunch and enjoy the park!



CampREC

The maximum campers per day for Summer CampREC is 50. The summer is full except for the last week of Camp, and there are 4 spots still open. Throughout the Summer, different people/groups will be presenting and doing activities with the campers. Sam Morgan, owner of Vandalia Cycling, came out on Wed, June 16, to talk about his triathlete career and rode with the campers. Future presentations include: Premier Health, a DJ, a Magic Show, Brukner Nature Center, the Helke Art Teacher doing art projects with the kids, the Vandalia Police, and the Dayton K9 Unit. We are excited for a fun filled Summer!

Many thanks to our sponsors:

- Beau Townsend Ford is allowing us to use their vans for Cassel Hills Pool trips.
- MetroNet donated \$500 for us to buy new camp games.
- McDonald's gave us free happy meal coupons and ice cream cones for our campers of the week.

Summer CampREC Field Trips:

- Wed, Jun 2 - Skateworld
- Wed, Jun 9 - Get Air
- Wed, Jun 16 - Learning Tree Farm
- Wed, Jun 23 - Troy Aquatic Park
- Wed, Jun 30 - Purple Paintbrush Mobile Studio
- Wed, Jul 7 - Pump It Up
- Wed, Jul 14 - Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center
- Thu, Jul 22 - COSI
- Wed, Jul 28 - Adventure Reef Water Park
- Wed, Aug 4 - Cincinnati Zoo
- Wed, Aug 11 - Young's Dairy

Attendance Update

On Wed, April 7, Non-Resident daily admissions were reinstated, the showers in the Men's and Women's locker rooms were opened, and the lobby was opened.

On Sat, May 1, the Climbing Wall was opened on weekends. Since then, there has been a huge increase in Non-Resident daily admissions.

June Group Fitness Class Spotlight

The June free classes will be early morning Zumba:

Monday 8:30 AM Zumba

Friday 8:30 AM Zumba

May Senior Incentive Winners - \$25 Kroger Gift Card

Charlene Davis - 20

James Leflar - 13

Joan Brayman - 15

Iris Getrost - 10

SENIOR CENTER

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Rides are being provided 5 days a week.

Covid-19 Update

Toni is no longer required to get tested for COVID-19 every two weeks.

Attendance

Attendance has increased with restrictions being lifted.

Newsletter

You can view the plethora of activities at the Senior Center in the monthly newsletter on the Senior Center's website at: <https://vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center>

CASSEL HILLS POOL



A huge thank you goes to our Maintenance Staff as they did an outstanding job preparing Cassel Hills Swimming Pool for the swim season! They had a narrow window of time between the completion of the pool floor painting project and when the pool needed filled. A quick and coordinated effort was needed to bring equipment on line, as they experienced issues with pumps, valves, the boiler, and plumbing.

Opening Day was scheduled for Sat, May 29, but it was delayed by cool and rainy weather. The pool opened on Memorial Day, Mon, May 31. The 1st week was slow due to the weather, but attendance has picked up tremendously with improved weather.

For example, Sat, Jun 5, was a great day! The temperature was 86 degrees. There were 391 paid daily admissions and 149 Membership pass holders. A total of 540 visitors for the day!

Up to this point, SwimSafe Pool Management has done a good job managing the operations of the facility.



As of Fri, June 18, there are:
705 Resident Memberships
312 Non-Resident Memberships



"VPRD" Radio is now playing at the pool. We are in complete control of the family-friendly music that plays throughout the day. Details are still being worked on regarding the commercials we would like to be played.

Next Meeting and Discussion Topics

With the new meeting format, the next in-person meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the Vandalia Senior Center.

If you have any discussion topics for the August 18 meeting, please let Steve know!