



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

PARKS

- Special Events preparations, including Corporate Challenge, Flight Fest, and Air Show. Supplied work carts as needed to Police and Fire.
- Removed the Ricky's Childcare outdoor play structure and surface at the Recreation Center in preparation for the new installation that is currently taking place.



- Will be onsite at Robinette Park this week moving soil for the final grade at the new play structure. Turf safety surface is currently being installed. This project is getting close to completion. Staff will plan a ribbon cutting once the playground officially opens.



- Installed soil and grass seed at the new pathway at the Art Park.
- Interior and exterior painting, plumbing, door fixture work, signage, and dry erase board installs at various locations.
- Baseball diamond game prep and soccer field lining and goals for Soccer Camp.
- Began repairing turf ruts at the Sports Complex created during the Flight Fest set up.
- Maintenance at the Recreation Center, including exterior walls, expansion joints, curved wall maintenance, sealing gaps, cracks, and mortar issues.

TREE CITY USA / URBAN FOREST

- Median and other landscape bed maintenance. Pruning of low tree limbs and watering of the newly planted trees at various locations.
- Installed a Red Horsechestnut Tree at Brown School Woods Park honoring the retirement of Director Steve Clark.
- Mulch of bed areas and some commemorative trees at the Sports Complex.

RECREATION CENTER

FACTS

- May 2025 VRC Visits - 15,273 vs May 2024 VRC Visits - 15,079
- May Birthday Parties - 36 Total - 5 Resident / Member; 31 Non-Resident
- 166 Insurance Based Members visited the VRC 10 or more times in May.
- YTD we have 1,236 active Insurance Based Memberships.

RECREATION

- The September-December Program Guide is in its first round of edits. Registration will begin Wednesday, August 6.
- The 37th Annual Corporate Challenge was a success! Kentner Sellers CPAs took home the trophy this year! Thanks to all the participating businesses including GE Aerospace, Johnson Electric, Inteva Products, Lincotek Medical, Kentner Sellers CPAs, PSA Airlines, and the City of Vandalia. Thank you to the volunteers that help run the events all week. We are looking forward to next year!



- On Friday, June 20, the VPRD partnered with the VB Optimist Club to offer a Thunderbird presentation for the youth in the Community. Approximately 100 kids participated!
- We are proud to introduce the Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department Mobile Sensory Tent — a calming space designed for individuals with sensory sensitivities to relax and recharge during our special events! Below is what the area will look like! There will be sensory friendly toys and items at this tent to enjoy. This project was funded by a grant from The Disability Foundation.



ATHLETICS

- All-Star Tournaments are coming up. Recreation Coordinator Maecie Burkhardt has secured spots for the 8U Boys team in the Graham All-Star Classic, June 27-29, and the Miamisburg Rec All-Stars, July 11-13. The Girls 8U team and the 10U Girls' team will play in the Huber Heights Diamond Clash, July 19-20, and the West Milton Ponytail Tournament, July 24-27. The Boys 10u and Boys12u team will both play in Boro Bash, June 27-29, and Miamisburg Rec All-Star, July 11-13.
- The 2025 season for the T-ball teams have concluded.
- Fall Soccer and NFL Flag Football registrations are underway. To date, approximately 200 kids are signed up.
- Adult Softball continues to get rained out, so with all the reschedules, we are looking to be done at the end of July.
- We will be hosting the TBR Elite World Series Tournament July 9-13. This tournament is run by Jesse Rentfrow, and he has used our facilities in the past. They will be using field 1, 2, and 3, and possibly some smaller fields as well.

FITNESS

- July FREE Class Spotlight is ZUMBA with Jessica on Thursdays at 10:30am.
- July FREE Climb Day is Tuesday, July 8.
- July Inclusive Fitness Classes – Friday, July 18, from 10:30am-11:15am.
- Recreation Coordinator Josh Berry is working with Marketing Coordinator Corrine Tew to make instructional videos for the new strength machines.
- The 25 Days of Summer Challenge - Complete 30 minutes of physical activity for 25 days during July. Sign up at the Fitness Desk and win a free t-shirt!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



- CampREC is currently in week 4, and things are going great! Staff is becoming more comfortable in their roles and the campers have enjoyed all of the time, energy, and effort Staff has put in to making this summer the best yet!
- Recreation Coordinator Sara Moyer is already looking ahead to Summer 2026. She would like to look into offering 3 separate CampREC offerings: 6-8 year olds, 9-11 year olds, and 12-14 year olds. She is hoping to utilize the baseball concession stand as another home base for CampREC. She would like to offer 35-40 spots per camp and offer different field trips and themes for each age group. Her hope is that this will encourage campers to grow with the CampREC program as they will have different activities and field trips to look forward to as they get older!

Completed Events

- **It's Not Magic, It's Science w/ Science Saturdays** was held on Saturday, June 7 from 10:00-11:00am at the Art Park. Approximately 200-250 people attended this free show!
- **Beach Day w/ Miss Elissa** was held on Monday, June 9. Miss Elissa led a Beach Day painting class for adults. Each participant created a sunny summer masterpiece to take home! 13 participants registered for this program.
- **Parent & Me Adventure Camp** was held on Monday, June 16 at Helke Park. There were 8 participants registered for this first-time program. The theme of this 9:00am-12:00pm camp was Bubble Bonanza. Participants participated in a variety of camp games, crafts, songs, and stories during their morning with us!

- **Campfire Story Night w/ Dayton Metro Library** was held on Tuesday, June 17, in partnership with the Vandalia Library. Mrs. Stringer read several stories to the group before we roasted marshmallows and colored campfire pictures! There were about 65 participants that attended this free program at the Sports Complex.



Upcoming Events

- **Picnic Party w/ Eat Pretty Darling** – Tuesday, July 1 - 6:00pm-7:30pm
- **Stars, Stripes, & Stretch Goat Yoga** – Tuesday, July 1 - 6:00pm-7:30pm
- **American Sky w/ Miss Elissa** – Wednesday, July 2 - 6:00pm-8:00pm
- **Star Spangled Celebration** – Thursday, July 3 - 7:00pm start for entertainment; 10:00pm Fireworks
- **Sand Volleyball Camp** – Monday, July 14- Friday, July 18 - 9:00am-4:00pm
- **Blues Night at the Art Park Amphitheater** – Thursday, July 17 - 7:00pm-9:00pm
- **Vandalia Summer Splashtacular** – Friday, July 18 - 11:30am-2:00pm
- **Parent & Me Adventure Camp** – Monday, July 21 - 9:00am-12:00pm
- **Paulette's Princess Party (Frozen Extravaganza)** – Tuesday, July 22 - 5:30pm-7:30pm
- **Beginning Golf Camp** – Monday, July 28- Friday, August 1 - 9:00am-4:00pm
- **Campfire Story Night w/ Dayton Metro Library** – Tuesday, July 29 - 7:00pm-8:00pm

SENIOR CENTER

- Through May, there were 727 Members, with 13 being new in May.
- The July Newsletter is now available, and can be found on the website.
- VanTran - 632 one-way rides YTD; 180 one-way rides in May.

CASSEL HILLS POOL

- To date, 455 Resident passes and 364 Non-Resident passes have been sold.
- Attendance has been low due to the rainy weather. May 2024 visits-802; May 2025 visits-143. The first half of June has been better, but still about 300 visits off from last season at this time.

2025 PARK BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2025 in-person Park Board Meeting schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 PM - Senior Center
- Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 PM - Cassel Hills Swimming Pool
- Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 PM - Sports Complex
- Wednesday, October 1, 6:30 PM - Cassel Hills Swimming Pool
- Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 PM - Recreation Center
- Sunday, December 7, 5:00 PM - Recreation Center

If you have any discussion topics for the August 20 meeting, please let Alicia know!