



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT  
JULY 2021**

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**

We are pleased to present the summer schedule of musical guests at the **Vandalia Art Park Amphitheater** located at **256 E Alkaline Springs Rd.**  
*For more information visit our Facebook Page – Vandalia Arts Community*

**JULY 17, 2021** **6:30 PM**

**The Marthas**

Formed in March 2018, the "Marthas" feature Toni Vest on guitar and vocals, and Kathy Simpson on keyboard, guitar and vocals – the duo is best known for their intricate harmonies and vast song selection.



**JULY 31, 2021** **6:00 PM**

**Kyleen Downes**

As guitarist and songwriter she has chosen music as her way to interact with the world. She utilizes both her acoustic and electric guitars along with a looper pedal to create an upbeat and high energy performance.



**AUGUST 14, 2021** **7:00 PM**

**Happy Chichester**

The guitarist, songwriter, producer, and singer from Columbus, Ohio, has toured internationally & amassed a long discography on a wide range of independent and major labels. He is currently enjoying working as a solo artist and performer.



93% of U.S. adults say that activities offered by Parks and Recreation professionals are beneficial to their mental health. (National Recreation and Park Association)

A study of 44,840 adult COVID-19 patients found that patients were more likely to die from the disease if they reported exercising less than 10 minutes a week compared to those who exercised 150 minutes or more per week. (British Journal Of Sports Medicine.)



**July is Parks & Recreation Month**, a time to recognize the benefits of local parks and recreation centers, including the important role they play in supporting the health of communities across the Country.

11 million acres of public parks and green spaces are planned, managed, and maintained by Parks & Recreation Professionals. (NRPA)



### **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**

#### **Events:**

- Preparations and clean-up for the Star-Spangled Celebration. Weather was perfect, no issues.
- Preparations and clean-up for the Air Show Parade. The portable stage developed a hydraulic leak, but our Mechanic was able to make the necessary repairs in time for use at the Air Show Parade.

#### **Maintenance:**

- A great deal of time is being dedicated to mowing, trash, restrooms, and weed control.
- Building maintenance completed the new City Planner office, worked on several HVAC issues at several locations, door latch hardware issues, and outdoor drinking fountain maintenance. Thank you to Chris Mastrino for his ongoing commitment to aid our Department with HVAC issues.
- The Sports Complex basketball court maintenance was completed.
- Summer CampREC setup for a campfire and mud pit event.

#### **Future Projects:**

- Contacting Century Industries regarding the possible renovation of the portable stage.
- Working with A&A Safety regarding parking lot signage replacements.
- Contacting Penchura regarding replacement costs for play structures and safety surfacing at Helke Park as part of a potential grant opportunity.

### **TREE CITY USA**

- Prior to the Star-Spangled Celebration, low limbs were pruned from 20 trees, mostly Ornamental Pear, Linden, and Crabapple.
- Approximately 15 Ornamental Pear trees were treated for sucker growth.
- Pruning of shrubs at the Recreation Center is underway. Pruning of Burning Bush at the Sports Complex has been completed.

# RECREATION



## Neighborhood Splashtacular

The Neighborhood Splashtacular held at the Sports Complex on July 7, and Helke Park on July 14, were a great success! The last Neighborhood Splashtacular is scheduled for July 21 at Robinette Park from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.



247 runners participated in the Crossroads 5K on Saturday, June 26. \$600 will be donated to the Vandalia Youth Recreation Fund from the race. The owner of Advanced Running Project, Brandon Hough, puts on a top-notch event. Thank you to the Vandalia Police Department and several volunteers for assisting with traffic control.



The Star-Spangled Celebration was held on Saturday, July 3, with perfect weather, great entertainment and vendors, and a spectacular fireworks show! A big thank you to everyone throughout the City that was committed to providing a wonderful evening for our Community.

# ATHLETICS



The Monday Men's and Friday Coed Adult Softball leagues are both experiencing rainouts this summer. This may mean they will be playing late in the year again.



John rented baseball diamonds to Jesse Rentfrow for a baseball tournament July 15 - July 17.

## Post Season

Post season All-Star teams are practicing and competing in tournaments. All-Star teams have competed in West Milton and Tipp City, and will finish the season at our Vandalia Tournament of Champions.



Plans for Ben and Julie Neely to sell B & J's Shaved Ice at the soccer concession this season are underway. The success from the baseball season has both parties interested in continuing the agreement for the soccer season.



## Soccer

Soccer registrations are in full swing! 319 players are currently registered, exceeding the 2020 numbers (232), but less than the 2019 numbers (379). Registration is closed for all leagues except Lollipops and Mighty Mights. John might be able to accept additional players for the older leagues if he can find additional coaches.

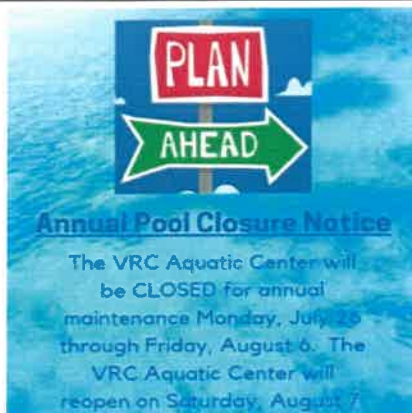


## Lacrosse Update

At this time, we do not plan to offer Lacrosse in our Department. However, John was able to find two local organizations that accept players from various communities. Ohio Lightning in Dayton, and Tipp LAX in Tipp City. Below is further information about both organizations. We plan to provide Lacrosse information to our Community through social media. If we recognize that there is enough interest in Lacrosse in Vandalia, we will reconsider offering it.

<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Tipp LAX</b>	<b>Ohio Lightning Lacrosse</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:tippjax@gmail.com">tippjax@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:info@ohiolightninglacrosse.com">info@ohiolightninglacrosse.com</a>
<b>Age Ranges:</b>	3-4 Grade 5-6 Grade 7-8 Grade (Middle School) 9-12 Grade (High School)	K-12 Grade - Teams formed based on child's graduation class.
<b>Registration Dates:</b>	October	Last Week of May
<b>Season Starts:</b>	Late Feb - Early Mar	Tryouts - Mid Aug
<b>Fees:</b>	\$100-\$150	\$1,000-\$1,500
<b>Game Locations:</b>	Tipp City Vicinity: Kyle Park, Middle School, Any Grass Area. Round-robin style games, in house. Practice 2 times/week.	Play 3 tournaments, possible locations: Toledo, Indianapolis, Columbus, Ft. Wayne. Practice 2 times/week at Action Sports.
<b>Misc Info:</b>	Fee includes uniform, but gear not included. Includes Girls and Boys teams.	Fee includes uniform, but gear not included. Organization locations: Dayton, Toledo, Ft. Wayne. Currently Girls only, hoping to expand to Boys.

## RECREATION CENTER



### Maintenance Shutdown

The annual VRC Aquatic Center maintenance shutdown is scheduled for Jul 26 - Aug 6. Some water fitness classes and lap swimming will be offered at Cassel Hills Pool in the mornings during the shutdown. Mon-Fri lap swimming is available from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM to CHP Members and VRC Members for FREE. Non-Members are not permitted. Senior H2O/Combo, Arthritic Aqua, Cardio H2O, and Power Splash fitness classes will be offered, and regular class fees apply.

# CampREC

CampREC continues to be filled with non-stop activities! 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 and Membership Update

June insurance based membership visits:  
Trivity - 2,380; Optum - 356; ASH - 71

51% of daily admissions for June were paid by cash in the amount of \$12,092, and 49% by credit card in the amount of \$11,786.

The VRC Summer Membership Special kicked off on July 12. This includes 19% off a yearly Membership. This special is being marketed on various social media platforms and throughout the Rec Center.

## July Group Fitness Class Spotlight

The July free classes will be the 4:30 PM classes M-Th:  
4:30 PM Yoga - Monday and Wednesday  
4:30 PM Total Body - Tuesday and Thursday

## June Senior Incentive Winners - \$25 Kroger Gift Card

Martin Neal - 21	Bruce Stone - 15
Paula Whitecar - 20	Joseph Fiorita - 10

## Turnstile

Custodial Supervisor, Jack Marshall, is researching new turnstile options for the exit lane at the Front Desk of the VRC. The current model is original to the building, and no longer operates correctly.



On July 1, Alicia and Jeff met with Chad Garver from the Division of Fire, and SwimSafe's Safety Trainer to discuss safety protocols at the VRC and Cassel Hills Pool. A combined training event with the Division of Fire and SwimSafe is being planned for the very near future.

## SENIOR CENTER

### Van Tran

Toni received another application for a volunteer driver. Pending a clean background check, the applicant will be approved for training.



### St. Christopher School

On June 30, St. Christopher School sent 10 students and 2 chaperones to the Senior Center to perform work for their Summer of Service Project. The students cleaned furniture, the kitchen, inside windows, and much more.

### Attendance

Attendance at the Senior Center continues to improve each week. Total visitors for July 6 was 121, which is the highest number for this reporting period. A total of 517 people visited the center between June 22 and July 6.



The August Newsletter has been posted online:

<https://vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center>

## CASSEL HILLS POOL

### Concerns Addressed

Due to some behavior concerns by a small percentage of patrons, steps are being taken to ensure unwanted behaviors are eliminated, thus providing a safe, family-friendly environment that our Community expects. A very high percentage of Non-Residents/Non-Members have been noticed patronizing the pool in the evenings. Some concerning behavior happens during the afternoon hours, but the evenings have presented more concerns. Below are some steps that are being taken to ensure a safe and family-friendly recreation destination at all times.

1. Chief Althouse has directed Police Officers to conduct random foot patrols of the Facility. Foot patrols are meant to double as opportunities for Police Officers to build positive relationships with patrons.
2. Added signage stating the most important rules the patrons must follow.
3. Expanded video surveillance coverage at the Facility.
4. We are searching for a person(s) to spend some time at the pool to be our eyes and ears and to assist with monitoring non-water areas of the Facility.
5. SwimSafe has been directed to stringently enforce the established rules, and will conduct more frequent rounds in the grassy area behind the pool.
6. SwimSafe has been directed to ensure adequate staffing levels per its agreement with the City. SwimSafe was advised to contact the Vandalia Police Division on the non-emergency number when an individual or group of individuals is asked to leave the Facility, if a patron is insubordinate, or if staff feels intimidated.
7. If you would like to discuss these issues in further detail, you can contact Jeff Kreill at 937-415-2339 (office), 937-478-9293 (cell), [jkreill@vandaliaohio.org](mailto:jkreill@vandaliaohio.org), or stop by his office.

### June Update

For the month of June, daily admissions were paid by cash in the amount of \$15,121, or 70%, of the total collected. Credit card payments came in at \$6,599, or 30%, of the total collected. On good weather days, attendance at the pool continues to be outstanding.



The Piranhas Swim Team concluded their season on July 10. Practices and meets went without issue and the team continues to be grateful to call Cassel Hills Pool their home.



As of Fri, July 16, there are:  
730 Resident Memberships  
312 Non-Resident Memberships

A red rectangular sign with rounded corners and a white border. The word "RENTALS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the sign.

Most rentable dates (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings) have been reserved at Cassel Hills Pool. Thank you to Jen Webb for organizing our rentals at both CHP and the VRC.

## [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!