



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2021



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- Rick Scherer, Secretary
- Lenny Maenza
- Larry Taylor
- Rodney Washburn
- Corey Follick, City Council Representative
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PARKS

- Fall Sports - Soccer, Softball, and Flag Football are underway. Soccer and flag lines are being painted weekly, as required, due to rain and turf growth.
- Staff is installing the required bollards at our fuel area in preparation for the new fuel tanks scheduled to arrive Monday.
- The two replacement compressors at the Justice Center air handling unit have been installed and the system is operating correctly at this time.
- Public Works installed about 100 tons of additional base gravel and 350 tons of asphalt in completing the surfacing of the Art Park pathways.
- Capital and Operations budget planning was completed.
- Play surface repairs are being conducted at various playground areas. As the poured in place surface ages, repairs are needed to failing areas where holes/openings develop in the top layer. The process requires correct weather conditions and is somewhat labor intensive.

TREE CITY USA

- Structural pruning of select trees at the Art Park, Seger Park, an entryway sign, etc., was completed.
- The new National Road and Dixie Drive median landscape plans were completed and the installation of plant material is scheduled for this fall.
- Four of our staff viewed online training through the Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Agriculture in a webinar format. The course was titled: Urban Landscape Pest Management. It included topics related to insect and disease pests in the landscape, and weed control in both turf and landscape beds.
- Applied late summer application of pre-emergent weed control to select landscape beds.
- Monitored army worm damage in turf areas, made minimal application of insecticide in the feeding area at selected locations to slow their movement. Weather conditions have since proven favorable for turf blade regrowth in the damaged areas.
- Currently have five Commemorative Trees scheduled for planting this fall.

RECREATION



Touch-a-Truck

Touch-a-Truck was held on Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Sports Complex. 200-300 people attended the 3-hour event. Visitors enjoyed climbing in and out of the trucks and Care Flight. Many thanks to all the participating companies.



The next Kids Night Out is happening on Friday, October 1 from 6:00 PM - 9:45 PM. So far, 4 kids are signed up, but like all Kids Night Out events, there will be more signing up as the date gets closer.



AED

Jeff is researching outdoor AED's for certain areas within the Parks. We believe there are community organizations that would like to partner with us to make this safety initiative a reality.



Staff will be representing our department at an upcoming job fair held at Butler High School on Thursday, September 30. We are excited to participate in this Chamber of Commerce event. Hopefully we can find some future employees!

We are working with the Dayton Metro Library to provide additional Free Little Libraries in four Parks. Many thanks to the Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club for contributing \$1,000 towards this initiative. We also reached out to Butler High School seeking students to participate in the project. Dayton Metro Library submitted a grant application to the Dayton Foundation seeking additional funding for the project.



August Revenue

All revenue transaction sources for the VRC, Youth Athletics, CHP, and the Senior Center during the month of August.

| Payment Type | # of Transactions | % of Total Transactions | Revenue | % of Total Revenue |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Cash | 1,607 | 50% | \$17,072 | 19% |
| Credit Card | 1,018 | 32% | \$38,408 | 42% |
| ACH | 516 | 16% | \$26,196 | 29% |
| Check | 43 | 1% | \$7,466 | 8% |
| Gift Certificate | | | \$1,352 | 1% |
| Total | 3,184 | 99% | \$90,494 | 99% |

ATHLETICS



The Monday Men's and Friday Coed Adult Summer Softball leagues successfully concluded. Fall leagues are underway with 5 Monday Men's teams and 5 Friday Coed teams participating.



Flag Football is underway with 131 registered participants. 2020 saw 154 participants, and 149 participants in 2019. The 5-year average is 143 participants. Pictures and the first week of games were a success.

Youth Soccer

There are 368 youth soccer participants. This is compared to 232 participants in 2020, and 379 participants in 2019. The 5-year average is 324 participants. Due to a critical referee shortage, John Myers had to officiate games at the beginning of the soccer season. Fortunately, John has been able to secure enough referees to handle the recent games.



Registrations for Youth Basketball are underway. John has secured gym use for practices at Smith, Demmitt, and Helke.



The Butler United agreement extension has been completed. The new agreement takes us through the Spring of 2024. Thanks to John Camp, Butler United Soccer Club President, and John Myers for working through details of the extension.

RECREATION CENTER



A new Fall Membership Special was rolled out the week of September 13. During the special, when a 2022 Annual Membership is purchased, patrons will receive the remainder of 2021 at no cost. This special runs through November 1.



Program Update

- Stop the Bleed was held Thursday, September 9 at 10:00 AM. 11 people attended.
- Women's Health 101 Talk will be held at the VRC Monday, October 25 at 5:30 PM.
- The Mobile Mammogram bus will be at the VRC on Saturday, October 30 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



Research is being conducted to determine the feasibility of becoming a 24-hour fitness facility.

September Group Fitness Class Spotlight

The September free class is our new class, LIFT with Jillian, at 5:30 PM on Tuesday.



Swim Team

The Vandalia-Butler swim team record board has been installed in the gym hallway. And, as pictured, the swim team logo has been installed in the pool.

FRIYAY!

Two Friday evening classes have returned:

- Yoga Core at 4:30 PM
- Cycle Plus at 5:30 PM

These began on Friday, September 10.



Pickleball

Two new indoor pickleball nets and new indoor balls were purchased for the indoor pickleball group.

August Senior Incentive Winners - \$25 Kroger Gift Card

Judith Manis - 15 Shirley Sheridan - 12
Dwight Smyly - 13 Thomas Nighswander - 11

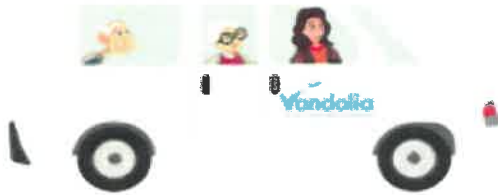
Unlimited Group Fitness

We currently have 18 Unlimited Group Fitness passes sold. Of those, Bev Perilman participated in the most classes in the month of August, with 19 classes. Way to go Bev!

Maintain Campaign

Our annual holiday Maintain Campaign will begin in November for the 2021 Holiday season!

SENIOR CENTER



Van Tran

Many thanks to our current group of volunteer Van Tran drivers. They are making a positive difference in people's lives!

- Jimmie Geaslen - Roger Rizzardi
- Mary Zellmer - Ann Kaylor
- Bob Riethman - Art Barnes
- Judy Laughter - Rob Bradley
- Diana Hertlein
- Donna Shirley - Administrative Volunteer

Membership

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| Residents | 228 |
| Butler Township | 65 |
| Non-Resident/Non-Butler Township | 242 |
| Total | 535 |



The October Newsletter has been posted online:

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

Usage

YTD, the Senior Center has been used 84 times after-hours, compared to 40 times YTD in 2020.

CASSEL HILLS POOL



The annual end-of-the-season Labor Day Soggy Doggy event was, once again, well received as 50 four-legged friends enjoyed swimming and hanging out with their owners.

Future Plans and Financials

- Discussions are ongoing regarding the best way to proceed with pool management into the future.
- Financials for the 2021 season will be presented next month.



A big thank you to Steve Dent and Christy's for another outstanding season of concession service!

Next Meeting and Discussion Topics

The next in-person meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the Vandalia Senior Center.

If you have any discussion topics for the November 17 meeting, please let Steve know!