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The ribbon cutting "play-in" event at Helke Park brought kids from across the City out to enjoy the new playground. Story on page 2.



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Vandalia City Manager Recognized as Business Professional of the Year

Vandalia City Manager Dan Wendt has been named the 2023 Business Professional of the Year by the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce. Wendt received the award at the October 24 Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet.



"Dan received several nominations from Chamber members who have been impressed with his ability to unite community members and achieve great things," said Nick Kavalauskas, Chamber of Commerce Director. "In the time he's been in Vandalia, he's made quite an impact."

The Business Professional of the Year award is intended to recognize contributions by a business professional in the Vandalia / Butler Township business community. The award each year honors an individual whose service, volunteerism and goodwill have markedly improved the community.

In his tenure, Wendt and his staff have procured more than \$15.5 million in grants, donations, and other external funding for City projects. He has worked with the Vandalia City Council to initiate a downtown market study; to administer a small business relief grant program; to establish the City's Job Creation and Revitalization Program; to abate blight through the demolition of dilapidated properties; and to create non-school tax increment financing districts that are expected to generate more than \$93 million for roads and infrastructure.

Wendt enjoys playing with his three children, hunting, fishing, and home improvement projects. He and his wife, Laura are proud to be residents of Vandalia with tiny Aviators in the school district.



A sizeable crowd showed up to help Parks and Recreation cut the ribbon on the new playground unit at Helke Park.

On the cover

Helke Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Kids of all ages in Vandalia know that playtime is the best time! With two new playgrounds open for business, this might be the best time ever to be a kid!

In September, City officials and residents gathered at Helke Park to cut the ribbon on the first new playground there in 23 years. The playground has many of the features you would expect in a playground, plus a few you may not.

"Our goal from the very beginning was to make this an inviting and inclusive playground where kids of all abilities could play and have fun," said Dan Wendt, Vandalia City Manager. "The first thing we did was assemble a committee comprised of residents and City staff, plus representatives from the Vandalia-Butler School District, the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association."

The committee considered the types of playground features that would allow as many differently-abled children as possible to be able to use. Some of those features include tactile features, a communication board so that non-verbal children can express themselves, and a soft and forgiving turf surface that is easy for wheelchairs to access.

Wheelchair-accessible picnic tables were also added to the nearby shelter.

In October the ribbon was cut on a new playground at the Vandalia Sports Complex. While the playground is dramatically different from the one at Helke, the accessibility features are the same. The Sports Complex playground also has a communication board and wheelchair-friendly turf. It also has a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round.

Both units were funded primarily through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with additional funding from the a Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant. Approximately 21% of the \$750,000 project was paid with local funds.

Parks and Recreation Director Steve Clark said playtime is very important to the developmental needs of children. "Play is not only fun, but it's also an essential part of a child's development and critical for the successful growth of both the brain and the body." He said. "Playgrounds offer a unique opportunity to support a child's cognitive, emotional, physical and social development while disguising it as play."

Plans call for an inclusive new playground unit to open in 2024 at Robinette Park. That project includes the construction of a wheelchair accessible restroom and possibly a splash pad in 2025 or 2026.

Medal of Valor awarded to two Vandalia Police Officers

Two Vandalia Police Officers have been awarded the Medal of Valor for their heroic actions during an apartment fire earlier this year.

On Saturday, May 13, Officers Nelson Clymer and Connor Matlock were dispatched to an apartment building located at 111 Imperial Court on the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, both officers could see a fire in progress in a ground floor unit. An oxygen tank in the room was burning, with an unresponsive 62-year-old man seated in a chair nearby. Also in the room were two other oxygen tanks.

Officer Matlock immediately entered the room and pulled the resident out of the

building to safety, with Officer Clymer assisting.

Once the resident was a safe distance from the building, Officer Clymer made re-entry into the building to check for anyone else who might have been inside. With heavy smoke building inside the structure, both officers re-entered a short time later to check the units upstairs in the building. The two officers made forced entry into two upstairs units to be sure there were no occupants inside.

Vandalia Police Chief Kurt Althouse commended both officers for their actions that evening.

"Both of these officers demonstrated



Officer Connor Matlock Officer Nelson Clymer

bravery and courage, putting their own lives at risk by running back into the building to alert others and search the apartment units," Althouse said. "They took immediate action in a life-threatening situation and their bravery and exceptional service ultimately saved the life of a Vandalia resident who was inside the burning apartment."

To qualify for a Medal of Valor, an officer must be in a stressful situation and take action at great personal risk to render aid or assistance to another.

New Crime Prevention Officer

Officer Rich Sommer has been assigned to the role of Crime Prevention Officer for the Vandalia Division of Police, it has been announced. Sommer takes over for Sgt. Andy Wehner, who was promoted to the position of Sergeant earlier this year.

The Crime Prevention Officer fills a vital role within the Division of Police as an outreach officer responsible for assisting residents of all ages in crime prevention techniques.

In the school system, the Crime Prevention Officer plays a key role in the Passport to Safety program, which focuses on incoming kindergarten students at all Vandalia schools. The Crime prevention Officer is also a regular visitor at Butler High School, where he discusses issues such as drugs and alcohol.

A major program each year is National Night Out, which offers an opportunity for police and citizens to unite against crime. Some of the activities during National Night Out include children's activities, bicycle rodeo and static display of public safety emergency vehicles and equipment.

Sommer has served a number of roles within the Vandalia Division of Police. He has served as a field trainer for new officers, a juvenile detective, a SWAT team member, and a Watch Supervisor.

Many young people know Officer Sommer through his work as a football coach for the Vandalia-Butler Schools. Sommer was a 7th and 8th Grade Coach for 10 years.

"I've been a member of the Vandalia Division of Police for

22 years, and I've seen the important work done by our Crime Prevention Officer," Sommer said. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to impact my community in such a positive way."

Sommer says there are things you can do to reduce your chance of becoming a victim of crime.

"Many of the reports we take are crimes of opportunity," Sommer explained. "They are crimes committed because the opportunity presented itself. Based on reports taken by the Vandalia Division of Police, here are some tips to help you protect what is yours."



- Lock your car and remove valuables and keys.
- Don't mail personal checks from residential mailboxes.
- In reference to phone and internet scams:
 - If you are not originating the contact, treat it as suspicious.
 - Let unrecognized numbers go to voicemail (if it is important, they will leave a message).
 - Never pay anyone with gift cards.
 - Never wire money from a solicitation.
 - If the caller is pushy, hang up.
 - Never give personal information over the phone or online, unless you initiate the contact and verify who you are sending it to.
 - Law Enforcement will never call you and ask for money.
 - If in doubt, call Vandalia Police at (937) 898-5868. We would rather give guidance than see you as a victim.

If you have any questions contact Crime Prevention Officer Rich Sommer (937) 415-2274 or rsommer@vandaliaohio.org.

Coming to a block party near you!

The City of Vandalia is unveiling a fun way to get neighbors together. The Block Party Trailer has everything you need for a fun block party.

The trailer is equipped with plenty of tables, chairs, coolers, a sound system, and numerous yard games.

Residents can go online at VandaliaOhio.org/blockparty to learn more and to reserve the trailer. The trailer is available to Vandalia residents

at no cost with a refundable deposit.

The City will bring the trailer to your neighborhood and pick it up when you're done.

"We believe in empowering residents to build strong social connections," said Rich Hopkins, Communication Manager. "A block party is a great way for neighbors to get to know one another in a fun and relaxed setting."



Congratulations to newly-promoted employees



Scott Jacobs
Fire Marshal
Division of Fire



Brian Krimm
Police Sergeant
Division of Police



Andy Wehner
Police Sergeant
Division of Police

The City of Vandalia welcomes new employees!



Kristen Sharon
Police Officer
Division of Police



Jack Alexander
Police Officer
Division of Police



Kolton Keener
Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector
Division of Fire



Joshua Berry
Recreation Coordinator
Parks and Recreation



Drew Burghardt
Park Maintainer
Parks and Recreation

(L-R) Councilmember Candice Farst, Mayor Richard Herbst and Councilmember Corey M. Follick discuss downtown Vandalia's business corridor with Michael Stumpf from Place Dynamics.



Vandalia's Downtown Business Corridor Transformation Progressing

The City of Vandalia continues to make progress in transforming Vandalia's downtown business corridor into a more inviting and vibrant section of town.

The 2020 Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan identified a desire by City residents and stakeholders to revamp parts of National Road and Dixie Drive and create a more livable city center with amenities to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.

The first major step forward took

place in 2022, when the City created the Job Creation and Revitalization Area #1. This action set the framework to begin allocating funds for land acquisition, abatement, right of way improvements, and direct incentives to assist with strategic transformative development initiatives.

Earlier this year, another major step forward occurred when the City sought assistance from third party expertise to identify the types of businesses and potential revitalization incentives most likely to succeed through a formal market

study. Place Dynamics is a consulting firm with experience helping cities create this kind of transformation. In July, the company interviewed city leaders and stakeholders to get a better understanding of the direction this project will take. The results of these interviews will be on the City website later this year.

The next step is to use the findings from this study to leverage available outside funds and conduct a full-fledged Downtown Master Plan to create a road map leading to the changes desired for Vandalia's downtown.

Vandalia Seeks Age-Friendly Community Status

The City of Vandalia is excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the DMH-Dayton, Inc. Fund of the Dayton Foundation, on behalf of the MVRPC Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities.

This grant will allow the City to conduct surveys, hold stakeholder meetings, and conduct listening sessions to understand how residents and stakeholders view livability in Vandalia. Our goal is to promote civic engagement and identify areas where we can make strategic investments in

the community. Vandalia will use the grant to move the City towards being an age-friendly community.

An age-friendly community is a place that adapts its services and physical structures to be more inclusive and receptive to the needs of its population to improve their quality of life as they age.

Characteristics of an age-friendly community include supports to: allow residents to stay active connected and engaged; keep neighborhoods safe and close to services and shopping;

ensure residents have the freedom to move around using one's own preferred mode of transport; and access to healthy activities.



Vandalia Takes Stand on Larger Commercial Vehicles

Vandalia Police Chief Kurt Althouse was recently part of a group that travelled to Washington D.C. to speak with lawmakers regarding several federal bills that could bring larger and heavier commercial trucks to our roadways.

Chief Althouse has partnered with a non-profit organization called Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). The organization was in our nation's capital last month to address federal lawmakers on three bills that would allow commercial trucks to be up to three feet longer, and carry an additional 11,000 pounds in cargo.

"There are a number of concerns with these proposals," Althouse said. "Trucks that are longer and heavier and will have increased inertia travelling down the road and will take longer to stop."

Crashes involving these heavier trucks come with an increase of risk of injury or death.

"Plus, the bigger, heavier vehicles would place more wear and tear on our roads and bridges," Althouse said.

It should also be noted that the three bills under consideration do not come with any federal funding to improve the roadways and bridges that were not built to handle these larger commercial vehicles.

Althouse was part of a group that spoke with the legislative offices of both of Ohio's U.S. Senators and ten Ohio Representatives' offices. All three proposed bills have made it out of committee but have not yet been taken to the floor for a vote.

"I felt like our message was well received," said Althouse. "I believe we have support from our legislators."

The issue of commercial vehicles in Vandalia has been a focal point for a number of years. The City has reduced speed limits, required trucks to stay in the right-hand lane,

prohibited trucks from making some turns within town, and stepped-up enforcement of commercial vehicle regulations, conducted traffic counts, performed safety studies, and conducted signal warrant analyses in an effort to make Vandalia roadways safer. A regional effort is underway to build a "ring road" that would run around the Dayton International Airport, to funnel traffic from larger warehouses west of town to I-75.

"The City takes the concerns of our residents regarding truck traffic very seriously," Althouse said. "This recent trip was another step in making sure that all levels of government understand our commitment to mitigating truck traffic and keeping our local roadways safe."

"We're not anti-truck," Althouse added. "We understand that cargo has to move... it's an essential part of our economy. We just don't think they should be any larger or heavier."

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Enforcement of commercial motor vehicle traffic laws
- Conduct traffic counts to better understand truck traffic patterns
- Develop alternate routes that move trucks away from center of City
- Develop legislation for thru-truck prohibition
- Prohibiting thru-truck turns at key intersections
- Reduce speed limit on National Road
- Increase speed limit on Airport Access Road
- Build a coalition of like-minded agencies to assist in limiting local commercial truck traffic.



Vandalia Police chief Kurt Althouse recently spent time in our nation's capital to discuss legislation involving large commercial trucks. One of the representatives he spoke with was Ohio Senator J.D. Vance.

AT THE REC

PROGRAM GUIDE

January - April 2024

VPRD provides quality and diverse programs. We offer opportunities that include: swim lessons, youth and adult athletics, fitness classes, youth, family and preschool programs plus special events!



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to life!*

Online & walk-in registration begins Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 am.
Visit www.vandaliaareccenter.com





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Weather Information



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general information

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



This symbol indicates a **drop-in program**; you do not need to register prior to the program and the program does not have a minimum participation count.

Vandalia Recreation Center Hours of Operation

October 1st – May 31st:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

June 1st – September 30th:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

Visit www.vandaliaareccenter.com for operating schedules of the individual areas.

Vandalia Recreation Center Closings & Holiday Hours

Sunday, January 1, 2024 - VRC CLOSED

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - VRC CLOSED

Save Time and Register Online

If you have a username and password...
you can register online at

<https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.

If you don't have a username and password,
let us issue you one! Send your name, address,
phone number and the name, birthdate,
gender and grade (if applicable) of those you want to register in
your household to vrinfo@vandaliaohio.org.



Refund Policy

View our refund policy at <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/DocumentCenter/View/3054/Vandalia-Parks-and-Recreation-Refund-Policy-PDF?>

Did You Know?

The Vandalia Recreation Center is a certified facility for: Silver Sneakers®, Forever Fit®, Prime®, Silver&Fit®, Active&Fit®, OPTUM®, PeerFit®, GlobalFit®. These insurance based benefits offer zero fee memberships or very low cost annual fees. Most Insurance sponsored programs offer the zero fee VRC membership. Please phone or contact your medical/health insurance provider to see if you may have this fitness benefit! There are several health insurance companies that offer this benefit to person's 18-100 years of age. We can easily verify if you are eligible for Tivity-Silver Sneakers / Prime by providing your birthdate and zip code. Please stop in or phone 937-415-2340 if you have further questions regarding this valuable benefit! If you are the healthy age of 55+, your insurance based membership includes several (no fee) fitness classes per our Senior Strength schedule.

Work in Vandalia city limits?

The VRC has a Corporate Membership program that gives employees a 15-25% discount on annual memberships. This program is established to obtain multiple employees as members to receive a discounted fee. If you are interested in having your company establish this employee benefit, have your HR Department contact: Sharon Hamby shamby@vandaliaohio.org or see our website <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/DocumentCenter/View/7754/Corporate-Membership-Incentive> for information.

Celebrate your Birthday at the VRC!

The Vandalia Recreation Center offers three birthday party packages to make your child's day special! Each party includes one and a half hours in the party room and two hours in the VRC feature of your choice.

Pricing, and additional information can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://vandaliaohio.org/244/Birthday-Parties>. Ready to request a date for your party? Complete our online request form. Birthday party reservations will not be accepted by phone. Please direct additional questions to Jennifer at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335.



Have your next Group Outing at the VRC!

Did you know that The Vandalia Recreation Center hosts groups of all sizes? We have special rates for groups over 10 during regular operating hours. We also offer after-hour rentals for larger groups who want to utilize the center by themselves. In addition, we have two rooms available for meetings; business or informal gatherings that require reservation. Additional information can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://vandaliaohio.org/298/Daily-Admissions>. Contact Jennifer at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335 with additional questions.





general information



Vandalia Rec Center Memberships

The Vandalia Recreation Center has a variety of membership options to accommodate your fitness goals. From the youngest to the oldest, we have healthy fun for everyone! Members enjoy use of our Gymnasium, Fitness Floor, Track and Aquatics Center. Our Climbing Wall, Drop-In Fitness classes, and child care services are offered to our members at discounted rates. We offer Military and age based discounts as well. Please note that our monthly rates are available only as an automated checking or savings account payment.

The VRC offers three-month trial memberships and they are available for purchase throughout the year. Our punch cards are perfect for visitors and guests, offering ten or twenty daily visits for a discounted rate. Find out how affordable membership to the VRC can be, by visiting our website: www.vandaliaareccenter.com.

VRC Annual Pass Rates

Annual passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase or renewal.

TYPE	RESIDENT	BUSINESS	NON-RESIDENT
Family.....	\$499	\$578	\$656
Dual.....	\$415	\$490	\$568
Senior Dual.....	\$350	\$415	\$470
Adult.....	\$310	\$380	\$436
Senior Adult.....	\$263	\$358	\$414
Youth.....	\$152	\$215	\$270

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)

This convenient automatic payment method is taken from your checking or savings account on the 15th of each month. Your membership automatically renews each year. A **\$50 cancellation fee may apply** if you cancel your EFT any month with the exception of your membership origination month (anniversary month).

TYPE	RESIDENT	BUSINESS	NON-RESIDENT
Family.....	\$42.50	\$49.00	\$55.75
Dual.....	\$35.50	\$41.50	\$48.50
Senior Dual.....	\$30.00	\$35.25	\$40.00
Adult.....	\$26.50	\$32.50	\$37.25
Senior Adult.....	\$22.50	\$30.50	\$35.35
Youth.....	\$13.00	\$18.50	\$23.25

Winter Weather Policy

Rainout Line: (937) 552-2200

Facebook: www.facebook.com/VandaliaRec

During inclement weather the Recreation Center and its programs/classes will maintain normal operating hours unless directed otherwise by management and if instructors and staff are available. If a decision is made to cancel programs/classes or to close the facility, we will post it on the Rec Center's Facebook page and on the Rainout Line ASAP. Although we strive to give early notice of cancellations, various circumstances could affect our ability to notify the public in a timely manner. We only update our Weather Hotline when cancellations have been made.

Have a question? Contact us...

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1111 Stonequarry Road, Dayton, OH 45414

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Senior Center - 937-898-1232

21 Tionda Drive South, Vandalia, OH 45377

Cassel Hills Pool - 937-898-2123

1061 Taylorsview Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377

Cassel Hills Golf Course - 937-898-1300

201 Clubhouse Way, Vandalia, OH 45377



aquatics

Register in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class. We will combine levels in order to run the class whenever possible.

Swim School Overview

VRC swim lessons utilize a unique program developed by SwimSafe Pool Management. Using industry best practices, years of experience with well-known national and international lesson programs, and the unique nature of swim lessons, SwimSafe's program is primarily focused on safety and can be explained using the acronym S.A.F.E.

S - Safety First. Age and skill-appropriate safety activities and skills are incorporated into every lesson.

A - Adaptability. Our lessons are designed to be adaptable to the specific needs of the swimmer and the pool environment.

F - Fun. Swim lessons should be fun! That's why we incorporate songs, games, and activities in our program to make it a fun learning environment.

E - Easy to remember, learn, and succeed. There's no need to complicate things. We've designed our program to be a simple and straightforward approach to teach and to learn.



Registration

For more information about classes offered or to register for swim lessons, visit <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>.



Adult Social Swim

This is a time for adult swimmers of all levels to join other adults for a social swim hour. Catch up on your laps and your friends from 8:30-9:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Group Swim Lessons

Frogs & Tadpoles

Join us for this exploration of the water. This class is designed for young children (9 mo - 3 years old) who are most at-risk for accidental drowning. Together, parents and children will learn key safety tips and skills while playing games and singing songs.



Requirement: any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.

Age: 9-36 months (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/12 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Session One - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Jan 6 - Feb 10	9:00 - 9:30 am
Tuesday	Jan 9 - Feb 13	5:05 - 5:35 pm

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Feb 17 - Mar 16	9:00 - 9:30 am
Tuesday	Feb 20 - Mar 19	5:05 - 5:35 pm

Session Three - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	Apr 2 - May 7	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Saturday	Apr 6 - May 11	9:00 - 9:30 am

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering



Level 1: Flounder

In this class, children will become acclimated to the water through activities, games, and play. Water submersion, independent movement through the water, floating on front and back with support, recovery from a floating position, nose/mouth bubbles, introduction to bobs, and age-appropriate water safety are just a few of the skills that will be covered in this class.

Requirement: any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.

Age: 3 by the first day of class (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/5 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



Session One - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Jan 6 - Feb 10	9:00 - 9:30 am
Tuesday	Jan 9 - Feb 13	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Thursday	Jan 11 - Feb 15	5:05 - 5:35 pm; or 5:40 - 6:10 pm

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Feb 17 - Mar 16	9:00 - 9:30 am
Tuesday	Feb 20 - Mar 19	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Thursday	Feb 22 - Mar 21	5:05 - 5:35 pm

Session Three - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	Apr 2 - May 7	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Thursday	Apr 4 - May 9	5:05 - 5:35 pm; or 5:40 - 6:10 pm
Saturday	Apr 6 - May 11	9:00 - 9:30 am

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Level 2: Jellyfish

Children will expand on the skills learned in the Flounder class and learn to be in the water unassisted in both front and back positions while also learning to propel themselves through the water using either arms or legs. Skills include: floating, gliding, streamline body position, recovery, bobs, submersion, propulsive kicking, introduction to propulsive arms, sit dives, and safety skills.

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Flounder skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



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Level 3: Octopus

In this class, children will learn fundamental freestyle and backstroke skills with emphasis placed on the coordination and timing of the strokes as well as the development of a strong flutter kick. Skills include novice freestyle, novice backstroke, elementary backstroke, side glide, treading, kneeling dive, and safety skills.

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Jellyfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursesform.com>



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Registration

For more information about classes offered or to register for swim lessons, visit <https://vrc.coursesform.com>.



Level 4: Clownfish & Level 5: Seahorse

Children will work to improve their freestyle and backstroke in this class while learning all 4 competitive strokes. Emphasis will be placed on developing strokes that are swim meet legal. Skills include strong freestyle and backstroke, strong kicks (flutter, butterfly, breaststroke), novice breaststroke and butterfly, tread for 1 minute, standing dives, surface dives, flip turns. After mastery is achieved, swimmers will refine all 4 competitive strokes while gradually increasing strength and endurance. The ultimate goal is to swim each of the four competitive strokes legally for the specified distances.

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Octopus skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursesform.com>



Session One - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	Jan 11 - Feb 15	5:05 - 5:35 pm

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	Feb 22 - Mar 21	5:05 - 5:35 pm

Session Three - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	Apr 4 - May 9	5:05 - 5:35 pm

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering





Private Swim Lessons

Our private swim lessons are for people 3.5 years and older and levels. If you prefer a 1-on-1 lesson, our instructors can help you achieve your swimming goals. When registering for private lessons, please be sure to provide as much information on your swimming experience so your instructor can best prepare for your lesson.

Private lessons are currently being offered inline with our group lesson sessions (6 pack or 5 pack). The private lessons are scheduled at the same time for consecutive weeks. Make-ups are not available.

Ages: 3.5 & older

Class Size: 1

Class length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$150 VRC Member/Resident;

\$175 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursetorm.com>

Session One - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Jan 6 - Feb 10	10:10 - 10:40 am; or 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am
Tuesday	Jan 9 - Feb 13	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm
Thursday	Jan 11 - Feb 15	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm

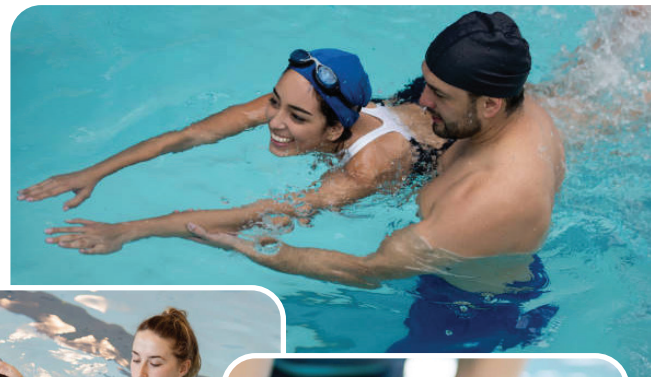
Session Two - 5 Weeks*

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Feb 17 - Mar 16	10:10 - 10:40 am; or 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am
Tuesday	Feb 20 - Mar 19	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm
Thursday	Feb 22 - Mar 21	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm

Session Three - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	Apr 2 - May 7	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm
Thursday	Apr 4 - May 9	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm
Saturday	Apr 6 - May 11	10:10 - 10:40 am; or 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering



Butler Youth Swim Camp

Butler Youth Swim Camp is a 5-week clinic style camp for children ages 5 - 18. The clinic focuses on building proper technique, safety, and efficiency in the water for all strokes. The participants are divided up into the following groups: Yellow, Purple, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The Yellow and Purple groups are the most novice and are typically reserved for very young swimmers or those swimmers brand new to the pool. The Bronze group consists of swimmers who are mainly proficient in all four competitive strokes (often 4th - 8th graders). The Silver group is reserved for those swimmers who are advanced in all four competitive strokes (often 6th - 12th graders). The Gold group is reserved for those needing the most advanced technical training (often 8th - 12th graders).

Ages: 5 - 18 years

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident;

\$85 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: Ends April 18 <https://vrc.coursetorm.com>

Activity #	Pool Group	Dates	Day/Time
160007-04	Yellow & Purple	Apr 22 - May 19	MON, WED, FRI 4:30 - 5:30 pm
160007-05	Bronze	Apr 22 - May 19	SUN 5:30 - 6:30 pm MON, WED, FRI 4:30 - 5:30 pm
160007-06	Silver	Apr 22 - May 19	SUN 6:00 - 7:30 pm MON, WED 8:00 - 9:30 pm
160007-07	Gold	Apr 22 - May 19	SUN 6:00 - 7:30 pm MON, WED 8:00 - 9:30 pm



Zoom Around the Room

Enjoy a morning full of fun and play with your child! A variety of play equipment will be set up in the gymnasium for children and their guardian to run, climb, jump and recreate. An adult must accompany each child or family of children. No instruction, just open play! Registration not required.

Ages: 1 - 5 years old

Fee: FREE for VRC Members; Residents/Non-Residents: \$4 per child /per day

Location: VRC Gymnasium Side A

Special Notes: Parent/guardian must accompany child.



Day	Date(s)	Time
FRI	Jan 5 - Apr 26	10:00 - 11:00 am

Note: No class on March 8, March 22, March 29, April 12, and April 26.

Kids Night Out

Kids, come on out and have a blast at Kids Night Out! You will enjoy all the activities the Vandalia Recreation Center has to offer, like swimming, climbing the rock wall and additional games and crafts. Remember to bring a bathing suit and towel and closed toed shoes for the climbing wall.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident/VRC Member; \$18 Non-Resident, per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Note: A snack and drink will be provided for your child.

Registration Deadline: Preregistration is not required but it is recommended to secure your spot for this program. Walk-Ins are permitted, but only until we reach our maximum number of participants.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
120000-01	FRI	Jan 5	5:30 - 9:00 pm
120000-02	FRI	Feb 2	5:30 - 9:00 pm

Registration

For more information about activities and classes offered or to register, visit <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.



Learn to Lace w/ Miss Bec

Join Miss Bec as you make three simple winter-themed activities focused on your little's fine motor function and hand-eye coordination.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident/VRC Members; \$20 Non-Residents

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Saturday, January 13. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110004-00	TUE	Jan 16	6:00 - 7:30 pm

DIY Sock Snowmen & Mini Canvas Ornaments w/ Miss Bec

Learn how to make winter decor with Miss Bec. Each participant will take home two adorable sock snowmen and a mini canvas snowman ornament.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Sunday, January 21. Walk-ins will not be allowed.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110005-00	WED	Jan 24	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Soup for the Soul w/ Eat Pretty Darling

It's soup season and what better way to enjoy it than by making a big bowl of the classic. In this class we will make chicken noodle soup with homemade egg noodles.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Saturday, January 27. Walk-ins will not be allowed.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110050-00	TUE	Jan 30	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Love Bugs w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Get ready for Valentine's Day by learning how to make some sweet treats with your child! We will make a heart filled snack plate complete with strawberry love bugs.

Ages: 2 -5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Wednesday, February 7. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110051-00	SAT	Feb 10	10:00 - 11:00 am



Paint & Sip: Love Bugs w/ Miss Bec

Happy Valentine's Day young artists! Join Miss Bec and paint a medium canvas love-bug and enjoy sweet treats and drinks.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Saturday, February 10. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110006-00	TUE	Feb 13	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Registration

For more information about activities and classes offered or to register, visit <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.



Photo Crafts w/ Miss Bec

Explore the world of picture-taking! Each participant will make an air-dry clay photo-stand, decorate a picture frame, make photo-booth props, and of course, take lots of pictures!

Ages: 2 -5 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Sunday, February 18. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110007-00	WED	Feb 21	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Pokémon Playtime

Come out and celebrate National Pokémon Day! We will make crafts, play Pokémon Trivia and enjoy snacks. Your child can bring in their phone, Switch or other mobile gaming system and we will have time to battle and trade Pokémon with each other!

Ages: 6 - 13 years old

Fee: \$10 Resident / VRC Member; \$15 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Friday, February 23. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: A snack and drink will be provided for your child.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
120010-00	TUE	Feb 27	5:30 - 7:00 pm

Out of This World Alien Craft Night w/ Miss Bec

Join Miss Bec at the Vandalia Recreation Center for a night of UFOs, Aliens, and Outer Space themed crafts and sensory play.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

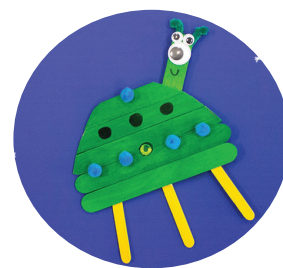
Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Saturday, March 2. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110008-00	TUE	Mar 5	6:00 - 7:30 pm





Shamrock Snacks w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some colorful snacks! We will make a magically delicious rainbow fruit parfait.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Wednesday, March 13. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110052-00	SAT	Mar 16	10:00 - 11:00 am

Learn to Sew: Emoji Pocket Plushies w/ Miss Bec

Introduce your young artist to hand-sewing! Participants will be taught basic needlepoint techniques to create their own Emoji pocket plushies.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Sunday, March 17. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110009-00	WED	Mar 20	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

All egg hunters welcome! Come on out and search for eggs and turn in eggs for candy and prizes! You will be able to stay and enjoy open swim after hunts are complete. Participants must be able to swim and/or must be accompanied by an adult.

Ages: 3 - 12 years old

Fee: \$10 Resident / VRC Member; \$15 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Pool

Note: The egg hunt will start promptly at 10:00am. We ask that all participants are in the pool area and ready to participate by 9:50am. Please bring your own basket to this event. Adults in the 3-4 age group need to accompany their child in the water during the hunt. The 9-12 year old group will be in the lap lanes.

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, March 20. This program fills up fast.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time	Age
190026-01	SAT	Mar 23	10:00 am	3-4 years old
190026-02	SAT	Mar 23	10:00am	5-6 years old
190026-03	SAT	Mar 23	10:00am	7-8 years old
190026-03	SAT	Mar 23	10:00am	9-12 years old



Rose for Mom

Tell us in 200 words or less why your Mom is the greatest Mom in the world! There will be three general winners in each division shown below. All winners will be contacted by Monday, April 29. The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department will host a small gathering for the winners and their mothers on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at the Vandalia Senior Center. Refreshments will be provided.

Division 1 = First Grade

Division 2 = Second Grade

Division 3 = Third Grade

Division 4 = Fourth Grade

Division 5 = Fifth Grade

Rules

- Essay must be 200 words or less and must be submitted in child's handwriting.
- There will only be one winner per family.
- Entry blanks and essays must be submitted to the Vandalia Recreation Center's Front Desk no later than Friday, April 19.
- Only one essay per child.
- All entrants must be a resident of Vandalia or Butler Township.



Spring CampREC

Are you looking for a fun-packed week filled with swimming, rock wall climbing, games and fun in the sun? The VRC is offering a Spring CampREC program that will be filled with non-stop fun for your child to participate in!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Spring CampREC Fees - Week A:

1st Child: \$150 Resident/VRC Member; \$170 Non-Resident

2nd Child: \$135 Resident/VRC Member; \$155 Non-Resident

3rd Child: \$130 Resident/VRC Member; \$150 Non-Resident

4th+ Child: \$125 Resident/VRC Member; \$145 Non-Resident

Notes: All monies are due when you register. Please make sure you bring your swimsuit and towel each day and wear closed toed shoes to climb the rock wall. A snack and drink will be provided for your child. Camp runs from 9:00am - 4:00pm with structured activities during that time. FREE extended hours available from 7:30 - 9:00am and 4:00 - 5:30pm.

Registration Deadline: Preregistration is not required but it is recommended to secure your spot for camp.



Weekly Activity #	Day	Date	Time
120050-A	MON - FRI	Mar 25 - 29	7:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Farm Animal Flowerpots w/ Miss Bec**

Decorate a ceramic flowerpot to look like either a pig, cow, or chick, and learn to properly repot a flower with Miss Bec!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex Baseball Concession Stand

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Saturday, April 6. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110010-00	TUE	Apr 9	6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Better Than Takeout w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Tired of takeout? Kids will get to learn how to make their own at home! We will make veggie fried rice and cream cheese wontons.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center.

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Saturday, April 13. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110054-00	TUE	Apr 16	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Registration

For more information about activities and classes offered or to register, visit <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.

**Paint & Sip: Cupcakes w/ Miss Bec**

Join your little artist for a night of painting with Miss Bec! Each young artist and adult will paint a small size canvas cupcake, and, of course, we will also decorate and eat sweet treats and drinks!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Sunday, April 14. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110011-00	WED	Apr 17	6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Fruit Flowers w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Inspire your kids to eat more fruit by turning it into something fun! Kids will learn about how fruits come from flowers. We will make a bouquet of fruit flowers with dirt pudding dip.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Wednesday, April 17. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110055-00	SAT	Apr 20	10:00 - 11:00 am



Polynesian Cultural Night w/ Olohana's Polynesian Dance

Experience a taste of Polynesia! Olohana's Polynesian Dance presents our Winter Hula Dance Workshop!

Our workshop includes:

- Making a tropical bracelet!
- Learning the basic steps of Hawaiian hula dance!
- Tasting the islands by sampling our delicious Hawaiian Meatballs and Vai Fala (Samoan Pineapple Drink)!

Stop by Olohana's Polynesian Dance merch table where you'll find authentic Hawaiian pa'u skirts, tumblers, jewelry and more! Each registered person will be automatically entered into a drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate for free hula lessons or merchandise. Wear your Aloha attire! We can't wait to share the Aloha Spirit with you!

Ages: 6 years old & older

Fee: \$15 per person for ages 6-12; \$20 per person for ages 13 and older

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, February 9. Walk-Ins will not be accepted.

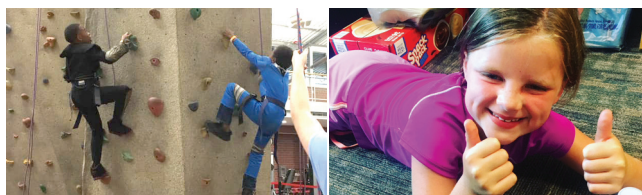


Activity #	Age	Day	Date	Time
190019-00	6-12	SAT	Feb 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm
190019-01	13 & older	SAT	Feb 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm



Registration

For more information about activities and classes offered or to register, visit <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.



February Family Fun Night

Take a break from the winter cold and come to the Vandalia Recreation Center for a night of family fun! Enjoy the Aquatic Center, Climbing Wall, inflatable, gym games, Luther's Jungle, Ricky's Tiny Tikes, arts & crafts and food.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Vandalia Recreation Center Member Families: Free
Vandalia Resident Families & Vandalia-Butler School District Families: \$10 per family (up to 5 people), \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Notes: This event is for VRC members, Vandalia residents and Vandalia-Butler school district families only. Proof of residency required upon entry if you are not a VRC member. First come, first serve. This is a drop-in event so no need to preregister.

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Feb 23	5:30 - 8:30 pm

Pottery Painting: Birdhouses and Story Time w/ The Purple Paintbrush

Join Kristin Bailey of Purple Paintbrush for another fun evening of pottery painting in Art Park! Participants will each get to paint a fully functional birdhouse with an assortment of fun glaze colors! After painting, stick around for some silly story time! Birdhouses will be available for pickup 2-3 weeks after the event at Vandalia Recreation Center. The parks will notify participants via the email they used to register. In the event of inclement weather, our rain location will be the Vandalia Senior Center.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$27 per family (parents can assist, however an additional birdhouse will need to be purchased at the time of registration if multiple people would like to paint a birdhouse, birdhouses will not be available to purchase at the event)

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Rain Plan: Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, April 22. Walk-ins will not be accepted..

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
190055-00	MON	Apr 29	6:00 - 7:30 pm





Date Night-In w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Spend your next date-night at home and enjoy learning how to make a delicious meal for two. We will make crab cakes with mango salsa and a decadent brownie sundae for dessert.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$50 per couple

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this program by Monday, February 5. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110053-00	THU	Feb 8	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Registration

For more information about activities and classes offered or to register, visit <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.



Adult Easter Egg Hunt

Time for the adults to relive their childhood egg hunt! Eggs will contain candy, raffle tickets and gift cards and after the egg hunt is over, everyone will meet back in the VRC Gymnasium to count eggs and begin the raffle. Participants will meet in the VRC Gymnasium no later than 7:45pm to check in. The egg hunt will start promptly at 8:00pm. Please bring a flashlight to this event.

Ages: 21 & older

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex; Meet in Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, March 20. Walk-Ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
190050-00	FRI	Mar 22	8:00 pm





community events

Homeschool Takeover

Attention homeschool parents and students! Come to this Vandalia Recreation Center event to obtain your recreational needs. Enjoy a day filled with swimming, climbing the rock wall, walking the track, fitness floor, gymnasium play and Luther's Jungle! Walk-In event so you do not need to preregister. Swimming is allowed until 3:00 pm.

Fee: \$15 per family (up to 5 people), \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Day	Date	Time
FRI	Jan 19	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Feb 16	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Mar 15	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Apr 19	11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Vandalia Paws in the Park Easter Party

NEW! Bring your dog out to Helke Park and have a barkin' good time! We will have egg hunts, dog vendors, dog costume contest, food truck and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Fee: Free Event! \$10 per dog for the egg hunt

Location: Helke Park

Time: Events runs from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Registration Deadline: If you want to participate in the egg hunts, you must be registered by Wednesday, March 13.

Notes: Please bring your own basket and/or bag for the event. All dogs must always remain on their leash. When a dog touches an egg with its nose, their handler will be able to pick up the egg and put it in a basket. All the eggs contain dog treats or other prizes for the dog.



Activity #	Dog Size	Day	Date	Hunt Time
193000-00	Small (29 lbs or less)	SAT	Mar 16	11:45 am
193000-01	Large (30 lbs or more)	SAT	Mar 16	12:30 pm

Visit our community events webpage
<https://vandaliaohio.org/498/Special-Events>



Vandalia Easter Eggstravaganza

Bring the family out and have an "egg"cellent time at the Vandalia Easter Eggstravaganza! We will have egg hunts, baby goat petting zoo, arts & crafts, face painting, vendors, games & activities, food trucks, Easter bunny photo area, and more! Make sure to bring your own basket for the egg hunts.

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex - Soccer Field Side

Easter Egg Hunt Times: 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt Ages: For ages 10 and under

Groups: 2 and younger, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Mar 30	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Community Gardens at Jeffers Park

On March 1, 2024 Residents of Vandalia can purchase a 15'x20' garden plot at Jeffers Park, 407 Halcyon Drive. 22 plots with a water source are available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact the Parks Department at 937-415-2353 or smcconnaughey@vandaliaohio.org for more information.





athletics

Youth Athletics

2024 Boys Baseball and Girls Softball Registration

Is your child ready to play ball? Be sure to sign them up early to reserve their spot in this year's VPRD baseball/softball league.

Registration Information: Save \$10 by registering on-line at www.vandaliaareccenter.com. Utilize coupon code BASEBALL at checkout.

Fees: \$80 Resident/VRC Member; \$105 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

IMPORTANT: Teams are drawn in mid-March and practice will begin in late March. Practices are held during weekday evenings and on Saturdays. Participants will be notified of team placement by the child's specific volunteer coach. The first games are scheduled for late April and the last games are scheduled for late June. Games are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturdays.

T-Ball (co-ed)

Activity #	League	Age(s)
180001-01	T - Ball	5 - 6

Baseball

Activity #	League	Age(s)
180110-02	G - Ball	7 - 8
180110-03	F - Minor	9 - 10 (Travel required)
180110-04	F - Major	11 - 12 (Travel required)
180110-05	E - Teener	13 - 15 (Travel required)
180110-06	E - Senior	16 - 18 (Travel required)

Softball

Activity #	League	Age(s)
180220-02	G - Ball	7 - 8 (Travel required)
180220-03	B - Minor	9 - 10 (Travel required)
180220-04	B - Major	11 - 12 (Travel required)
180220-05	A - Minor	13 - 14 (Travel required)

Registration

For more information about athletics offered or to register, visit <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.



Youth Sports Sponsorship

Are you a local business owner looking for opportunities to give back to the community? The VPRD is searching for team sponsors for our youth sports teams. Team sponsorships help keep participant costs down and facilities looking great! Sponsors can sponsor one team in a particular season or choose a full year option. Seasons included in the sponsorship program are baseball/softball, soccer, and basketball. If you are interested or would like to get more information, please contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org for more information.



Start Smart Baseball-Softball

This program is designed to teach boys and girls the basic fundamentals of baseball/softball: throwing, catching and hitting. Each week participants will practice skills and learn the rules of the game. All children 3 to 5 years of age may register for this program at the same time as the Vandalia Baseball/Softball Program.

Ages: 3 - 5 years old

Fees: \$30 Resident/VRC Member; \$35 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex North Fields

SPECIAL NOTE: Balls and gloves are not required for this program, but if you have one please bring it.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
180002-00	WED	May 1 - May 29	6:15 - 7:15pm

Umpires Needed

Looking to become an umpire? The VPRD is always looking for youth and adult league umpires! Contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org for youth leagues (must be 14 years old).

Thank You

Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

On behalf of the entire VPRD, we would like to thank our Volunteer Youth Soccer & Flag Football Coaches from the 2023 fall youth sports season. All the time and effort the coaches put in to teaching our athletes the fundamentals of the game and the rules of good sportsmanship is what makes our program great!



Adult Athletics

Adult Softball Free Agent List

Are you interested in participating in an adult softball league, but don't have a team? Contact John at 937-415-2333 or jmyers@vandaliaohio.org to be placed on the Free Agent list. This list will be available to teams that are looking for players. If there are enough free agents interested, we will create a team.

Please provide name, primary phone number, email address and the league of interest.

Men's Summer Softball Leagues

The league runs for 8-weeks with a tournament at the end of the regular season. League registration will run through Friday, April 12. Money is due at the time of registration. Monday Mens Leagues play on Mondays.

Ages: 18 & older/2024 High School Graduate

Fees: \$380 per team

Location: Helke Park

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
185300-01	MON	May - July	6:00 - 10:00 pm



Coed Summer Softball

This league will run for 8-weeks with a single elimination tournament at the end of the season. All games will be played at Helke Park. Registration will be held through Friday, April 12. Money is due at the time of registration. Coed Leagues play on Fridays.

Ages: 18 & older/2024 High School Graduate

Fees: \$380 per team

Location: Helke Park

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
185300-02	FRI	May - July	6:00 - 10:00 pm

Registration

For more information about athletics offered or to register, visit <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.





fitness



Group Fitness Classes

Come try out our fitness classes taught by our experienced, certified instructors! With a low drop-in cost you can't go wrong trying them out until you find the perfect class that fits your needs. Be sure to visit our website at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness for our Group Fitness Schedule to view the variety of classes we offer! Keep an eye out for the "Class Spotlight" special we offer throughout the year for opportunities to try out new classes FREE!



Personal Training at the Vandalia Rec Center

Whether you are just getting started on a workout program or ready to take your workouts to the next level, we have nationally certified VRC



Preferred trainers that can help you reach your fitness goals. If you are interested in getting a personal trainer, please submit the VRC Preferred trainer request form located online at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness.

Senior Volleyball

Stay active and have fun playing volleyball! No experience required.

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Time
TUE/THU	1:00 - 3:30 pm



Senior Pickleball

Come join the fun and get a good cardio workout while playing indoors on our three Pickleball courts!

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Time
MON/WED/FRI	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
TUE/THU	10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Drop in Pickleball

Bring a group of friends and play some Pickleball at the VRC! Bring your own paddle.

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards not accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Time
TUE	6:45 - 9:45 pm
SUN	1:00 - 3:00 pm





Drop-In Volleyball

Bring a group of friends and play some Volleyball at the VRC!

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards NOT accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Time
THU	6:00 - 9:45 pm

Drop-In Cornhole

Come on in and toss a few bean bags around with us! No partner is needed.

Ages: 18 & up

Fee: FREE VRC Member; \$3 Drop-In; Senior Strength Punch Card accepted

Location: VRC Fitness Studio

Class Size: 30 maximum



Day	Date	Time
WED	Jan 3 - Apr 24	12:00 - 3:00 pm



Free Climb Nights

Climbing the wall is an activity the entire family can enjoy

Ages: 6 & older

Fee: Free

Location: VRC Climbing Wall; please be sure to wear close toed shoes; no Croc style shoes permitted

Day	Date	Time
TUE	Jan 16	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Feb 13	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Mar 12	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Apr 16	5:00 - 7:00 pm

Class Fest

Come on out to the VRC and experience all the classes we have to offer. Each class will be an abbreviated version of the real class that would be experienced, attending a regular class.

Ages: 15 & older

Fee: \$3 for members and 7\$ for residents and \$10 for non-residents plus daily admission to VRC / 55+ will be free for silver sneakers classes

Location: VRC Gymnasium and Fitness Studio

Day	Date	Time*
SAT	Jan 13	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

*times may change



Superhero Costume Fun Run

Come on out for the Superhero run that is a 1.3-mile fun run where the runners, dressed as their favorite superheroes will run to stations and complete their superhero missions to save the city. Stations like adding to their costumes, completing fitness challenges, using their superpower challenge and more.

Ages: All ages

Fee: Free for Members, \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents - per runner

Location: VCR Outdoor Track area

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Apr 27	12:00 - 4:00 pm

The day before National Superhero Day



Does the cold or wet weather have you moving your exercise indoors?

Don't forget we have a 1/16-mile indoor track plus all the equipment you need to have a great workout inside! Walk the track for a low daily fee of \$3, or buy a punchcard for \$2/visit.



senior center



Senior Center

Welcome to the Vandalia Senior Center located at 21 Tionda Dr South. To learn about all the offerings at the Senior Center, scan the QR code or visit us at www.vandaliaohio.org/341/senior-center



Questions? Contact our Senior Center Coordinator, Toni Williams at twilliams@vandaliaohio.org or 937-898-1232.

Membership Information

Are you 55 years of age or better? Join the Vandalia Senior Center and you will have opportunities to meet new friends, stay active and healthy, find valuable services and learn through educational opportunities. Seniors are welcome at the center three times before joining. Membership dues are \$15 per year for single Vandalia residents, \$20 for non-resident single membership, \$25 for Vandalia resident married couples and \$35 for non-resident married couples. Go to www.vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center to see this month's newsletter and list of activities and opportunities.

Transportation

VanTran is available to residents of Vandalia and Butler Township, age 60 years and older Monday through Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm.



Destinations may include, but are not limited to, grocery, bank, post office, pharmacy, hair salon, medical appointment, church, Vandalia Senior Center and Vandalia Recreation Center. Riders are required to board the vehicle unassisted. Vehicle is not wheel chair accessible. The one

time registration fee is \$20.00. Senior Center membership is not required. Riders buy either a \$10 or \$20 ticket to pay for each trip. The cost per one-way trip is \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$3.00 depending on location area of drop-off/pick up. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 937-898-1232. You can also view the information on the City of Vandalia website at www.vandaliaohio.org/345/Transportation

Card & Game Groups

Monday:

12:30 pm Hand & Foot and other games in card/library room

Tuesday:

9:45 am Bridge in card room
1:40 pm Hand & Foot on side of dining room

Wednesday:

12:15 pm Bridge on side of dining room
1:00 pm Up and Down the River in dining room (need 50 pennies)

Thursday:

12:00 pm Duplicate Bridge on side of dining room
1:00 pm Pinochle in card room
1:00 pm Rummikub in dining room

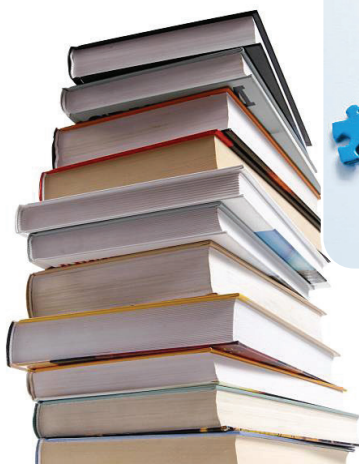
Friday:

9:00 am Mah Jong in dining room
1:00 pm Poker in card room



More Activities

The Vandalia Senior Center currently has Lunch & Learns, bingos, movies, Super Sewers, craft classes, exercise classes, a birthday celebration each month, a book club, and much more. There are jigsaw puzzles and books to loan out. The Floral Group has flower arrangements for sale. The Super Sewers group always has lap quilts and baby quilts on the walls for sale as well as many kitchen items in the display case.



Encourage and promote the use of the facility and services to grow, bond, learn and share in the ever changing moments of life.

Electrical Parts Distribution Center Coming to Vandalia

A Michigan-based company with multiple locations in the region is close to completing a project to open an electrical parts distribution center in Vandalia. Kendall Electric, based in Portage, Michigan, is nearing the completion of a 115,000 square-foot facility at 769 Center Drive.

The \$13.5 million structure will open with 45 full-time positions, and the company has plans to add an addition 15 employees within the first 12 months of operation. The facility is expected to serve as the company's Midwest headquarters.

"This is a very nice development for Vandalia," said Micheal Hammes, City Planner. "Kendall Electric is a great company with a strong reputation in the region."

The company considered a number of potential sites before deciding on Vandalia. The Montgomery County's Economic Development/Government Equity (ED/GE) program gave the company a \$150,000 grant to assist in the project, and the Vandalia Development Corporation awarded the project a \$25,000 grant.



Help The Snow Plow Driver Help You

1. Move your car off the street
2. Give the plow room to operate
3. Don't follow too closely behind
4. Don't shovel snow into the street
5. Be patient

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The City of Vandalia will be closed the following days in observance of the Holidays.

Monday, December 25, 2023

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Monday, January 1, 2024

Tree Recycling Available at Sports Complex

Even though we don't want to think about it right now, the Holiday Season will come to a close sometime in January.

And when it comes time to put away the ornaments and take down the tree, the City of Vandalia wants you to know that you have some options on how best to dispose of the tree.

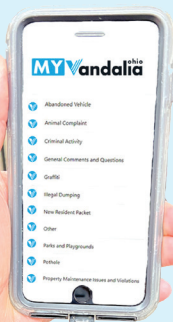
Residents who want to dispose of their Christmas tree in an environmentally responsible way will be glad to know that the City of Vandalia Tree Recycling program will be in effect beginning December 26. Residents are free to bring their Christmas Trees to the Sports



Complex parking lot, where the trees will be ground into a mulch.

"This is a service the City has offered for a number of years, and people appreciate it," said Steve Clark, Director of Parks and Recreation. "The drop-off point is clearly marked, and most people are in and out of the lot in less than a couple of minutes."

The City will be accepting trees through the first two weeks of January.



My Vandalia App Enhances Communication with City

The City of Vandalia's public service app, *My Vandalia*, is making it easy for residents to report issues and check the progress of their concerns. The app is downloadable for free on Google Play and the App Store.



Trash Collection Fee Increase

Vandalia residents will notice an increase in Rumpke trash collection fees for 2024.

The new per-household rate will increase to \$17 per month effective in January, 2024.

Those who live in apartments with dumpster service will have a new rate of \$14.35 per month.

Residents who wish to utilize the carryout service, in which Rumpke crews will carry your trash and



recycling receptacles from the side of your house and return them when empty, will pay \$17 per month PLUS a one-time annual fee of \$136, payable to the City of Vandalia Development and Engineering Services department.