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Vandalia residents are invited to ring in the holiday season at the City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Market, scheduled for Sunday, December 8.

The market will begin at 4 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Recreation Center. The market will feature vendors from across the region offering a wide array of one-of-a-kind Christmas items.

At 6 p.m., the party moves outdoors, where the City's massive 20-foot Blue Spruce will be illuminated. Hot chocolate and other treats will be available.

Once the tree is lit, people will be invited inside to continue shopping in the market. Crafts will be available, and Santa Claus will be on hand to greet children.



The Butler High School Chamber Choir will perform a medley of Christmas carols.



Santa and his elves will be on hand to spread Christmas cheer!



There's something for everyone at the Holiday Market!

Major watermain replacement project to begin in early 2025

A major watermain replacement project is scheduled to begin work in early 2025.

The project will see the watermain replaced on Tionda Drive, Mossview Drive, and Ranchview Drive.

"These are watermain that were installed in the 1950's," said Ben Borton, Public Service Director. "As the watermain aged, they've become more prone to watermain breaks; in total we have had 61 documented watermain breaks in this project area in the past 50 years."

Repairing a watermain break requires crews to cut into the pavement to uncover the break, make the repair, and then fill the hole back in. This causes disruption of water service to the residents and diminishes firefighting resources. With new watermain in place, the occurrence of these expensive and time-consuming repairs will be greatly diminished.

The project will include the watermain getting replaced, and each resident will get a new service line leading to the front edge of their property. The project will also have crews replacing all of the fire hydrants on the three affected streets, and completely resurfacing the roadways.

The project will cost \$1.8 million to complete. The City received a \$900,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to offset half of the project's expenses.



Repairing a watermain break is a big job. First, crews need to excavate the road to expose the break below.



Once exposed, crews secure the work area and begin the task of repairing the break.



A splash pad is headed to a Vandalia Park in 2025

Robinette Park will see several improvements in 2025, including the installation of a new playground and a splash pad. The improvements are part of the City's 2025 budget.

"This is something we've had many residents request over the years," said Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager. "It's very exciting to be able to move forward this year on this project."

The water feature is still in the design phase. Earlier renderings might be changed slightly in the final design.

Much of the funding for this project will come from outside sources.

"For the Robinette Park improvements, we were fortunate to receive \$400,000 in Federal funds through Congressionally-directed spending, and a one-time \$400,000 grant from the State of Ohio Strategic Fund," said Cron. The cost of the Robinette Park improvements will be \$1.2 million, which includes the cost of the restroom facility constructed in 2024.

Construction on the splash pad is expected to begin in Spring of 2025, with completion before the end of the year.

Recycle your Christmas tree

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.



Vandalia welcomes New Employees



Leann Hanf
Human Resources
Manager
City Manager's Office



Dustin Myers
Police Officer
Division of Police



Zachary Landis
Police Officer
Division of Police



Tyler Cayot
Police Officer
Division of Police



Kelsey Hicks
Police Officer
Division of Police



Joshua Blackburn
Public Safety Specialist
Division of Police



Jared Cain
Building Maintenance
Technician
Parks and Recreation



Jacob Cline
Firefighter/EMT
Division of Fire



Bradley King Jr.
Firefighter/Paramedic
Division of Fire



Gage Shiflet
Public Works Technician
Public Works

Promotions & New Positions



Derek Copp
Promoted to
Fire Captain
Division of Fire



Chris Willoughby
Promoted to
Fire Lieutenant
Division of Fire



Alicia McCracken
Promoted to Recreation
Superintendent
Parks and Recreation



Aaron Messenger
Promoted to Recreation
Facility Manager
Parks and Recreation



Tonya Sparks
Office Manager
Public Works



Deborah Wright
Promoted to Support
Services Manager
Division of Police



Seven-year-old hero honored

A seven-year-old Vandalia boy was honored in October for his heroic action this past summer. Nate Sevy, a 2022 graduate of the City of Vandalia Passport to Safety program, is credited with saving his great-grandmother's life when she fell ill in July. He was presented with the City of Vandalia Civilian Heroism Award.

Sevy was spending the weekend at his great-grandmother's home and was up early when she started feeling ill. In the early morning hours, Nate checked on his great-grandmother and brought her a blanket.

"He said Grandma you're getting worse," remembered Carol Hall, Nate's great-grandmother. "I told him he needed to call his dad, and 9-1-1."

Nate called his father first to let him

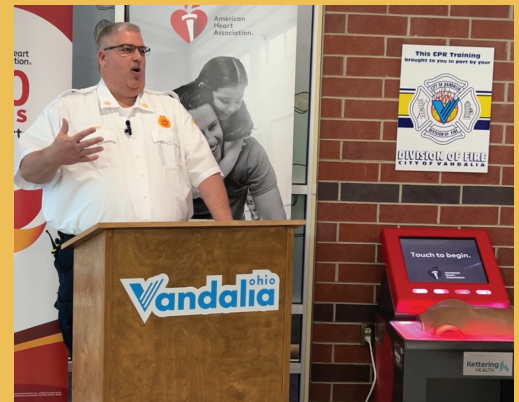
know what was happening, and then dialed 9-1-1.

"I couldn't call 9-1-1," Hall said. "I felt like I was going into shock."

Dispatchers at the Vandalia Communications Center said Nate handled the call perfectly. He explained the situation and calmly answered all the dispatcher's questions. He then waited at the door to let emergency crews in when they arrived.

"These are the stories that illustrate the importance of programs like our Passport to Safety," said Vandalia Fire Chief Chad Follick. "It's very gratifying to see kids like Nate be able to use the training he received to get his great-grandmother the help she needed."

Hall summed it up best when she said, "he's my little hero."



Learn CPR from new kiosk at VRC

The City of Vandalia Division of Fire is partnering with the American Heart Association and Kettering Health to offer Vandalia residents a simple and easy way to learn a life-saving medical technique. In October a hands-on CPR kiosk was placed at the Vandalia Recreation Center.

The machine offers a user-friendly tutorial that shows the user how to perform Hands-Only CPR. The kiosk includes a mechanical dummy that users can practice on and receive feedback on their technique.

With approximately 350,000 Americans experiencing sudden cardiac arrest each year—90% of whom do not survive—timely intervention is crucial.

Fire Chief Chad Follick says the Division of Fire is engaged in a multi-year initiative to educate as many people as possible on hands-only CPR, Automatic Electronic Defibrillation machines, and full CPR. Follick said all freshmen entering Vandalia-Butler High School this year will receive CPR training.

"This is a force multiplier," Follick explained. "It's extremely valuable to have trained bystanders nearby when we are 4-6 minutes away from a medical response."

The kiosk will be available for public use during regular Rec Center hours through the month of February. You do not need to be a member of the center to use the kiosk.

AT THE REC

PROGRAM GUIDE

January - April 2025

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!



Princess Pajama Party w/ Paulette's Princess Party - January 18



Underwater Easter Egg Hunt - April 12



Adult Easter Egg Hunt - April 4



Family Fun Night - February 21

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PARKS & RECREATION

**We bring
recreation
to life!**

Online & walk-in registration begins Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 am.
Visit www.vandaliareccenter.com





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A Message from the Director

The Parks & Recreation Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for our community by providing safe, well-maintained parks, recreational facilities, and a diverse range of programs and activities. Our mission is to promote physical health, social well-being, and environmental stewardship by offering inclusive, affordable, and accessible recreational opportunities for all ages.



By fostering a sense of community and promoting active lifestyles, the department plays a crucial role in creating vibrant and sustainable public spaces for everyone to enjoy. To that end, the City of Vandalia developed a Parks & Recreation Master Plan to help guide the future of our parks, facilities and services and ensure our resources are aligned with current and future trends and community values.

Indianapolis-based PROS Consulting worked with the City of Vandalia to develop the comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The consultant's top 10 recommendations are:

- Reinvest in Existing Parks and Recreation System
- Redevelop Helke, Robinette and Jeffers Parks
- Renovate Cassel Hills Swimming Pool
- Consider Expansion of Senior Center
- Develop a Bike, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan
- Construct a Dog Park
- Construct a Splash Pad
- Construct an All-Accessible Playground
- Invest in Operations and Maintenance

Parks & Recreation staff are working to implement these ideas and recommendations developing a strategy matrix to assist in the planning and tracking of these goals. Continued input from community members will be vital in the successful implementation of components of the Master Plan.

We thank you for your support of our department and look forward to serving your leisure needs into the future. I leave you with a quote from the great Greek philosopher Plato, "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."

Steve Clark, CPRP

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 as long as 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 Weather Hotline 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.

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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.vandaliareccenter.com for operating schedules of the individual areas.

Vandalia Recreation Center Closings & Holiday Hours

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - VRC CLOSED

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - VRC CLOSED

Weather Information



Download the Rainout Line app
Call 937.552.2200

Like the Vandalia Recreation Center on Facebook. Follow the Vandalia Recreation Center on Twitter and Instagram





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.

Save Time and Register Online

Have a username and password...
sign up at <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.

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 persons 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.

All Residents! Do you want to save time during your daily admission visits to the Rec Center? Stop in to receive your FREE "Resident ID Key FOB" that will eliminate the need to show proof of residency for resident rates. The daily admission rate for residents is only \$5 and is valid for all day. To obtain the Key FOB, stop at the VRC Front Desk, complete the application, and bring proof of residency (utility bill or photo ID with your address). Must be present to obtain the key FOB, as a photo is required. This is a great option for younger family members who don't have a driver's license or state ID. Resident ID's are valid for two (2) years. Questions? Contact our Front Desk at 937-415-2340



Vandalia Easter Eggstravaganza - April 19

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.



New to registering for a program with us?

Scan the code to submit a form to set up a new household in!





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! We offer a monthly payment plan (available only as a checking or savings account automated withdrawal) for all annual memberships. A resident (residing in City of Vandalia) family can obtain a membership for only \$42.50 a month! Children 4 years of age and younger do not require membership. Our nonresident dual membership allows two adults (residing in same household) to belong to the VRC for \$48.50 per month. In addition, our membership rates are discounted to those employed in Vandalia city limits. A Business adult membership is priced at \$32.50 per month. We offer Military and age based discounts as well.

Members enjoy use of our gymnasium, fitness floor, indoor walking/jogging track, and aquatics center. Our climbing wall, drop-in fitness classes, and child care services are offered at additional affordable fees. We also offer pre-paid and annual unlimited passes for these features.

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

Have a question? Contact us...

Athletics

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Membership Accounts/

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Rentals & Birthday Parties

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Recreation Center - 937-415-2340

1111 Stonequarry Road, Dayton, OH 45414

Parks Division - 937-415-2353

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

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Recreation Superintendent

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Parks Superintendent

Rudy Wells

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Cassel Hills Golf General Manager & Golf Pro

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Parks & Recreation Director

Steve Clark

sclark@vandaliaohio.org | 937-415-2336



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. **Registration will close 3 days before the start of a session.** 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.coursetorm.com>. Additional questions can be directed to Ellie Wessinger at ellie@swimsafepool.com or 513-755-7075 ext. 11.



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.coursetorm.com>

Day	Dates	Time
Tuesday	Jan 7 - Feb 11	5:00 - 5:30 pm
	Feb 18 - Mar 25	5:00 - 5:30 pm
	Apr 1 - May 6*	5:00 - 5:30 pm
Saturday	Jan 11 - Feb 15	9:00 - 9:30 am
	Feb 22 - Mar 29	9:00 - 9:30 am
	Apr 5 - May 17*	9:00 - 9:30 am

* No classes will be held April 12



Level 1: Flounder

In this class, children will become acclimated to the water through activities, games, and play. Acclimation includes water submersion, nose/mouth bubbles, introduction to bobs, and age-appropriate water safety. **Is this class right for my child?** If your child can independently submerge their head and blow bubbles, they are ready for the next level.

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>



Day	Dates	Time
Tuesday	Jan 7 - Feb 11	5:35 - 6:05 pm
	Feb 18 - Mar 25	5:35 - 6:05 pm
	Apr 1 - May 6*	5:35 - 6:05 pm
Thursday	Jan 9 - Feb 13	5:00 - 5:30 pm; or 5:35 - 6:05 pm
	Feb 20 - Mar 27	5:00 - 5:30 pm; or 5:35 - 6:05 pm
	Apr 3 - May 8*	5:00 - 5:30 pm; or 5:35 - 6:05 pm
Saturday	Jan 11 - Feb 15	9:35 - 10:05 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 am
	Feb 22 - Mar 29	9:35 - 10:05 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 am
	Apr 5 - May 17*	9:35 - 10:05 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 am

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Level 2: Jellyfish

Children will expand on the skills learned in the Flounder class and learn to float unassisted while also learning to propel themselves through the water using either arms or legs.

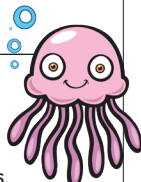
Is this class right for my child? If your child can independently float on their front and back for 10 seconds, they are ready for the next level.

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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Tuesday	Jan 7 - Feb 11	5:35 - 6:05 pm
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Level 3: Octopus

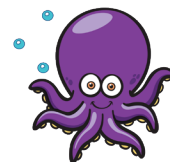
In this class, children will learn fundamental freestyle and backstroke skills with emphasis placed on the coordination and timing of the strokes as well as the development of a strong flutter kick. **Is this class right for my child?** If your child can independently swim the length of the pool on the surface, using proper arm and leg movements, they are ready for the next level.

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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Registration

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

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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Inclusive Swim Time

The Vandalia Recreation Center is setting aside time for inclusive swim time! The leisure pool will be open for swimming for people with developmental disabilities. Come out and have a splashin' good time in an inclusive setting!

Ages: All ages welcome!

Fees: Free for VRC Members/\$5 Resident/ \$8 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration: This is a drop-in program. No need to pre-register.

Notes: This swim time will consist of swimming in the leisure pool area at the VRC. Lap lane swim will still be open to the public during this time, but the leisure pool will be closed to the general public during inclusive swim time.

Day	Dates	Time
Monday	Jan 6	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Monday	Feb 3	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Monday	Mar 3	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Monday	Apr 7	6:30 - 8:30 pm

Private Swim Lessons

Our private swim lessons are for people of all ages 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). 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; \$165 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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

Day	Dates/Times
Tuesday	Jan 7 - Feb 11 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
	Feb 18 - Mar 25 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
	Apr 1 - May 6* 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
Thursday	Jan 9 - Feb 13 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
	Feb 20 - Mar 27 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
	Apr 3 - May 8* 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
Saturday	Jan 11 - Feb 15 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am
	Feb 22 - Mar 29 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 1 1:20 - 11:50 am
	Apr 15 - May 17 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 1 1:20 - 11:50 am

* No classes will be held April 12

Registration

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





Zoom Around the Room

Enjoy a morning full of open play with your child! A variety of play equipment is 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. Registration is 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 10	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Jan 24	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Feb 7	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Feb 21	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Mar 7	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Mar 21	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Apr 4	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Apr 18	10:00 - 11:00 am

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 toe 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 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 10	5:30 - 9:00 pm
120000-02	FRI	Feb 7	5:30 - 9:00 pm
120000-03	FRI	Mar 7	5:30 - 9:00 pm

Swiftie Paint Night w/ Miss Bec

Attention young Swifties! Join Miss Bec at the Vandalia Recreation Center to celebrate everything Taylor Swift. We will sing and paint along to create a canvas painting of her Lover album.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, January 18. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110017-00	TUE	Jan 21	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Brinner for Dinner w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Join us for a delightful cooking class where we'll turn breakfast favorites into a fun dinner experience! Kids will whip up fluffy waffles and customize their meal with a variety of toppings, from fresh fruits to whipped cream. It's a delicious way to enjoy a breakfast-for-dinner adventure while learning cooking skills and creativity in the kitchen!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, January 20. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
121002-00	THU	Jan 23	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Registration

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





Snowman Snacks w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Join us for a chilly and cheerful cooking class where preschoolers will make adorable snowman snacks! Kids will use a variety of fun ingredients to create their own tasty snowman treats, perfect for winter. It's a delightful, hands-on way to enjoy a frosty snack and unleash their creativity!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per child

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110013-00	SAT	Jan 25	10:00 - 11:00 am

Princess Paint Night w/ Miss Bec

Greetings young princesses! You have been royally invited to join Miss Bec at the Vandalia Recreation Center for a magical evening painting Cinderella. Each young artist will paint the image to the right on a medium canvas.

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 registered for this program by Saturday, January 25. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110027-00	TUE	Jan 28	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Pizza My Heart w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Join us for a fun-filled Valentine's Day cooking class where preschoolers will create their own mini heart-shaped pizzas and a sweet, festive treat! Kids will love rolling out dough, adding toppings, and decorating their delicious creations. It's a delightful way to celebrate the holiday with tasty treats and creative fun!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, January 29. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110014-00	SAT	Feb 1	10:00 - 11:00 am



Stitched in Love Paint Night w/ Miss Bec

Aloha artists! Join Miss Bec at the Vandalia Recreation Center to paint the lovable Disney character Stitch on a medium sized canvas.

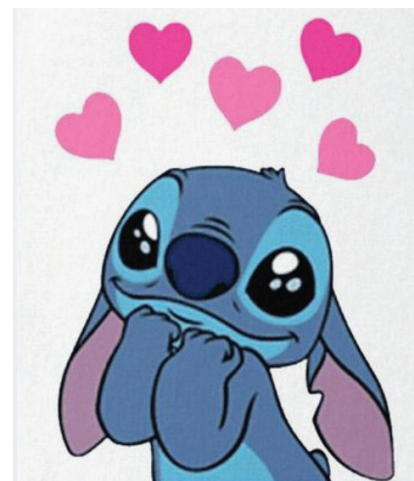
Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation
Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, February 1. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110028-00	TUE	Feb 4	6:00 - 7:30 am



Registration

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





Lovely Craft Night w/ Miss Bec

Happy Valentine's Day young artists! Join Miss Bec at the Vandalia Recreation Center to paint cut, glitter, and glue a variety of LOVE-ly crafts.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, February 8. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110029-00	TUE	Feb 11	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Pikachu Paint Night w/ Miss Bec

Attention Trainers! We choose you to join us for a Pokémon paint night with Miss Bec. Each young artist will paint Pikachu on a medium canvas.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

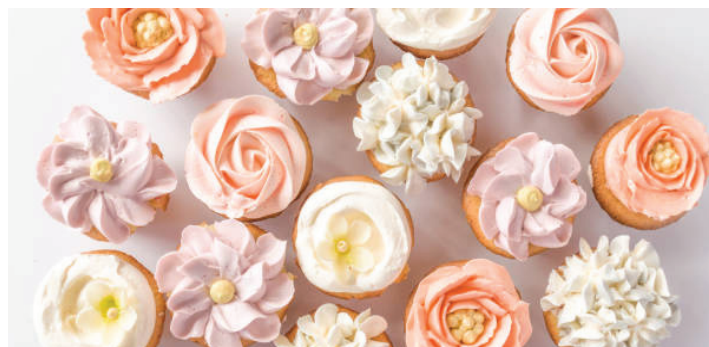
Fee: \$15 Resident/Member;
\$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, March 1. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110034-00	TUE	Mar 4	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Flower Cupcakes w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Join us for a sweet and creative cooking class where kids will decorate their own flower-themed cupcakes! Using colorful frostings and fun edible decorations, they'll transform simple cupcakes into beautiful springtime masterpieces. It's a delicious way to celebrate the season and unleash their artistic flair in the kitchen!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, March 3. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
121003-00	THU	Mar 6	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Mini Monets w/ Miss Bec

Play around with different paint techniques while creating two waterlilies pond paintings inspired by famous impressionist artist, Claude Monet.

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 registered for this program by Saturday, March 8. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110034-00	TUE	Mar 11	6:00 - 7:00 pm



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 Special Events Room

Spring CampREC Fees:

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
4+ 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-toe shoes to climb the rock wall. A snack and drink will be provided for your child. Camp runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with structured activities during that time. FREE extended hours available from 7:30 - 9:00 am and 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

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

Weekly

Activity #	Days	Dates	Time
320002-A	MON - FRI	Mar 31 - Apr 4	7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Registration

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



Lego World Art Day w/ Miss Bec

Join Miss Bec at the Vandalia Recreation Center to create a poster and greeting cards by printing with Lego Dots. Each participant will make one large poster and multiple greeting cards of their own designs.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center
Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, April 12. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110036-00	TUE	Apr 15	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Edible Garden Fun w/ Eat Pretty Darling

In this fun preschool cooking class, kids will create their own edible flower gardens using a variety of colorful ingredients. They'll use items like crackers, hummus as "soil," and fresh vegetables and fruits to make vibrant, flower-shaped toppings. This hands-on activity not only teaches them about healthy eating but also allows them to have fun in the kitchen!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, April 9. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110015-00	SAT	Apr 12	10:00 - 11:00 am



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: \$12 Resident / VRC Member; \$16 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, April 9. Walk-ins are not accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time	Age
190026-01	SAT	Apr 12	10:00 am	3-4 years old
190026-02	SAT	Apr 12	10:00 am	5-6 years old
190026-03	SAT	Apr 12	10:00 am	7-8 years old
190026-04	SAT	Apr 12	10:00 am	9-12 years old

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 at the Sports Complex Concessions.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident / Member;

\$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports

Complex: Baseball Concession Stand

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, April 19. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the program and will not pay extra for attending.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110010-00	TUE	Apr 22	6:00 - 7:00 pm



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 28. The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department will host a small gathering for the winners and their mothers on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00pm 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 18.

-Only one essay per child.

-All entrants must be a resident of Vandalia or Butler Township.

Summer CampREC

There are a couple changes for the upcoming Summer CampREC season in regard to fees and registration dates and times.

Summer CampREC Fees:

1st Child	\$180 Resident / VRC Member; \$215 Non-Resident
2nd Child	\$170 Resident / VRC Member; \$205 Non-Resident
3rd Child	\$155 Resident / VRC Member; \$190 Non-Resident
4+ Child	\$150 Resident / VRC Member; \$185 Non-Resident

Summer CampREC Registration Dates: VRC members and/or Vandalia residents can register for Summer CampREC on Monday, April 7 starting at 7:00 am. Registration for non-residents and non-members will begin on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 am.



family

adult



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, inflatables, 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: \$20 per family (up to 5 people), \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Note: 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 there is no need to pre-register.

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Feb 21	5:30 - 8:30 pm



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 7:45 pm to check in. The egg hunt will start promptly at 8:00 pm. Please bring a flashlight to this event.

Ages: 21 years old and 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, April 2. Walk-Ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
190050-00	FRI	Apr 4	8:00 pm

adult

Date Night-In w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a romantic cooking class where you'll learn to make homemade pasta from scratch! Couples will enjoy crafting fresh, delicious pasta and pairing it with a rich, flavorful sauce. We will finish the night with a delicious dessert!

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$50 per couple

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, February 8. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110053-00	TUE	Feb 11	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Quiche Brunch w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Join us for a delightful brunch cooking class where you'll learn to create a delicious, seasonal quiche featuring fresh ingredients. We'll guide you through making a perfectly flaky crust and filling it with a blend of spring vegetables and herbs. Enjoy a relaxing, hands-on experience that's perfect for celebrating the flavors of the season.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, April 12. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
110056-00	TUE	Apr 15	6:00 - 7:30 pm



community events



Princess Pajama Party w/ Paulette's Princess Party

Put on your pajamas for a dreamy night of laughter, magic, & memories! Imagine waking up the sleeping princesses with Tinker Bell and having a royal night of princess fun! There will be many activities for your child to enjoy, from singing and dancing with princesses, fairy-dust face masks, bed-time stories, sweet treats and much more!

Ages: 10 years old and younger

Fee: \$30 per child

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, January 15. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
190000-00	SAT	Jan 18	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Visit our community events webpage
<https://vandaliaohio.org/498/Special-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: \$20 per family (up to 5 people), \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Jan 17	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Feb 28	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Mar 21	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Apr 18	11:30 am - 2:00 pm



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 & 12:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt Ages: For ages 12 and under

Groups: 2 and younger, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Apr 19	11:00 am- 2:00 pm



For more information, please contact Alicia McCracken at amccracken@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2347.

Youth Athletics

2025 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)
180110-01	T - Ball	5 - 6

Baseball

Activity #	League	Ages by 6/1/25
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	Ages by 1/1/25
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)

Umpires Needed

Looking to become an umpire? The VPRD is always looking for youth and adult league umpires! Contact Alicia McCracken at amccracken@vandaliaohio.org for more information. Umpires for youth leagues (must be 14 years old).



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: \$25 Resident/VRC Member; \$30 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	Apr 30 - May 28	6:15 - 7:15pm

Thank You

Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

The Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank our Volunteer Youth Soccer & Flag Football Coaches from the 2024 fall youth sports season. All of the time and effort these coaches put in to teaching our athletes the fundamentals of the game and the rules of good sportsmanship are what make our program great!



Adult Athletics

Adult Softball Free Agent List

Are you interested in participating in an adult league with VPRD, but don't have a team? Contact Alicia at 937-415-2347 or or amccracken@vandaliaohio.org to be placed on the Free Agent list. This list will be available to any teams signing up looking for players or if there are enough people interested, we will create a team. Please provide name, primary phone number, email address and the league of interest.

Monday Men's Summer Softball League

The league runs for 8-weeks with a tournament at the end of the regular season. League registration will run through Friday, April 11. Money is due at the time of registration.

Ages: 18 & older/2025 High School Graduate

Fees: \$380 per team

Location: Helke Park

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



Friday Coed Summer Softball League

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 11. Money is due at the time of registration.

Ages: 18 & older/2025 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

For more information please contact Joshua Berry at jberry@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2337. Visit our web page for our Group Fitness Schedule: <https://vandaliaohio.org/301/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.

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Visit 10 or more times a month and be entered to win a \$50 Kroger gift card.

Senior Volleyball

Stay active while having fun in this non-competitive program! No experience is 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 - 8:45 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 - 8:45 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 14	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Feb 11	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Mar 11	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Apr 8	5:00 - 7:00 pm

Climbing Wall Ninja Challenge

Climbing the wall is an activity the entire family can enjoy! Mix things up and try our new Bouldering Ninja Challenge. Climbers will climb around the wall collecting the hidden ninjas, while keeping their feet below the red line. Climbing is great exercise for all fitness levels, whether you're just starting out, casual fitness, or an athlete. Come to the Recreation Center during normal operating hours and speak to the Fitness Desk Attendant for set up and collection bag. This challenge is free to all during normal operating hours. If completed, you will earn a prize.

New Year New Me, Wellness Fest

Come on out to the Rec Center and experience some classes we have to offer. Each class will be an abbreviated version of the real class that would be experienced, attending a regular class. With health and wellness vendors like Hock's Pharmacy, Blood & Sugar checking, massage therapist, nutritionist, personal trainers and more to talk to and get info from.

Ages: 15+ for pink labeled classes; 55+ for yellow labeled classes

Fee: Free for members and \$3 for Residents and \$5 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
FRI	Jan 31	Drop-in between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fitness Events

Superhero Costume Fun Run

Come out for the Superhero Run dressed as your favorite Superhero! A 1.3-mile fun run where you will run to stations and complete the superhero missions to save the city, like adding to your costumes, completing fitness challenges, and using your superpower challenge, all while earning prizes at each station.

Ages: All ages

Fee: Free for Members, \$7 for Residents, \$10 for Non-Residents - per runner

Location: VRC Outdoor Track area



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
251000-00	SAT	Apr 26	10:00 - 11:00 am
To celebrate National Superhero Day			



Does the 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!



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 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. 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. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible at this time. The one-time registration fee is \$20.00. Senior Center membership is not required. Rider's tickets available in \$10 or \$20 increments. Senior Center membership is not required. 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.



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:

12:00 pm Bridge on side of dining room

12:30 pm Up and Down the River in dining room (need 50 pennies)

Thursday:

11:45 am Duplicate Bridge on side of dining room

12:00 pm Rummikub in dining room

1:00 pm Pinochle in card room

Friday:

9:00 am Mah Jong in dining room

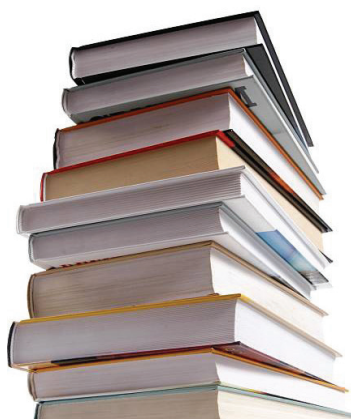
1:00 pm Poker in card room



More Activities

The Vandalia Senior Center currently has Lunch & Learns, bingos, movies, Super Sewers, craft classes, art groups, 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.

Visit the website for more information.



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

Vandalia Police Chief Althouse honored with Patriot Award



Vandalia Police Chief Kurt Althouse was honored in September by Homeland Security for his volunteer service to the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial in Dayton.

In a ceremony held at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in September, Chief Althouse was given The Patriot Award. The award is bestowed on military and public safety personnel who have provided exceptional service to protect and serve their community and country.

Chief Althouse was nominated and received the Patriot Award for his dedicated service with the Montgomery County Law

Enforcement Officer Memorial in Dayton. As one of the founding members of the non-profit organization in 2006, Chief Althouse has been instrumental in establishing and organizing an annual ceremony that honors the fallen officers from agencies across Montgomery County. Each year on the first Friday of May, police agencies and community leaders gather at Riverscape to recognize and honor the 48 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty while serving their communities across Montgomery County.

The ceremony is a moving event where the families and colleagues of fallen officers pay respects to our fallen officers and have a roll call of each officer's name, agency, and their end of watch date memorialized by the pinning of a carnation in a memorial wreath.

Additionally, scholarships are awarded to the children of fallen officers or officers who serve in agencies across Montgomery County. Over the past 17 years, over \$30,000 in scholarships have been awarded to the children of officers to support their pursuit of higher education.

Currently, the Montgomery County Officer Memorial Foundation is breaking ground and fundraising for a new permanent officer memorial in downtown Dayton near the Masonic Center where the names of the fallen officers of Montgomery County agencies will be engraved and honored at the permanent memorial.

For additional details, go to www.mcmemorial.com



Ernst Concrete moves to Vandalia

A company formerly based in Dayton is settling into its beautiful new headquarters in Vandalia.

Ernst Concrete transitioned operations from its Dayton location to a new 23,000-square-foot building in Vandalia's Northwoods Business Park.

The company began construction in late 2023 and began moving into the new building in September of 2024.

While Ernst has moved its corporate offices to Vandalia, the move did not include the company's concrete plants.

"That's not the part of the Ernst operation here in Vandalia," said Assistant City Manager Rob Cron. "The 40 to 45 positions here in Vandalia are strictly office personnel."

Ernst Concrete is a family-owned business that began in 1946 when Pete Ernst started a gravel and ready-mix concrete business in Houston, Ohio. The company is now in its fourth generation of ownership and has plants throughout the western half of Ohio, as well as operations in Kentucky, Indiana, and Georgia.

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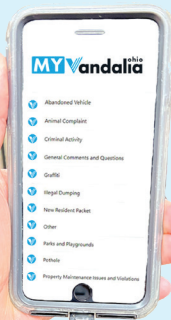
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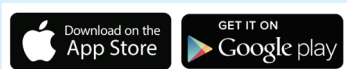
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My Vandalia App Enhances Communication with City

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.



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

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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Wednesday, January 1, 2024