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September - December 2024



It was a group effort on May 18, as painters of all ages and abilities came together to kick off the mural project at 206 E. National Road. Check out page 3 for a shot of the finished mural!



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City of Vandalia welcomes new employees!

Interim City Manager Named

The City of Vandalia has entered into a contract with Shared Resource Center for Interim City Manager Services.

Mark Schwieterman of Shared Resource Center will serve in the role of Interim City Manager until a permanent City Manager is appointed.

Schwieterman is well-known in the Dayton region, having served nearly 17 years as City Manager of Kettering.

"I'm excited to be able to step in on an interim basis to help the City of Vandalia through the process of finding a permanent manager," Schwieterman said. "Vandalia has an excellent reputation in the region, and I'm proud to be able to play a small role in moving the community forward."



Mark Schwieterman



Heather James
Public Safety Specialist
Division of Police



Lucas Kaltenbach
Police Officer
Division of Police



Mike Stookey
Public Safety Specialist
Division of Police



Haley Lippencott
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Matt Green
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Development / Engineering
Services



Beverly Snider
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Development / Engineering
Services



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Electrical Inspector
Development / Engineering
Services



Charles "JR" Fulton
Assistant Public Works
Superintendent
Public Works

Vandalia ready to show off its status as a Purple Heart City

Drivers in Vandalia will soon see just how proud the City of Vandalia is to be a Purple Heart City. The City will be displaying new downtown banners that highlight Vandalia's Purple Heart status.

The designation as a Purple Heart City is a testament to Vandalia's commitment to honoring and supporting its military community. The Purple Heart is a prestigious military decoration awarded to members of the armed forces who have been wounded or killed in combat. Established by General George Washington in 1782, it is the oldest military award still presented to U.S. military personnel.

Vandalia is among a growing number

of cities across the nation that have been designated as Purple Heart Cities, each demonstrating their appreciation for the sacrifices made by service members in defense of freedom and democracy.

As part of the designation, Vandalia will display Purple Heart City signs at prominent locations throughout the community, serving as a visible reminder of the city's commitment to honoring its military heroes.

With this latest honor, Vandalia solidifies its reputation as a city that not only remembers its history but actively honors and supports those who have helped shape it through their service and sacrifice.



The City of Vandalia has a new downtown mural

Artist Tiffany Clark painted the mural on the wall of the building at 206 E. National Road, which is home to Justin Spivey Photography. Fittingly enough, the mural depicts a clothesline with several photographs

highlighting life in Vandalia.

Among the scenes depicted are a sculpture from the Vandalia Art Park, the Vandalia-Butler High School Marching Band at the Air Show Parade, a child using a slide at one

of the City parks, and the Aquatic Center at the Vandalia Recreation Center.

The Mural Committee of the Vandalia Arts Council worked with Clark to create the design.

National Night Out takes place August 6

On Tuesday, August 6, neighborhoods throughout Vandalia are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "National Night Out" (NNO) crime prevention event. The event will take place at the Vandalia Sports Complex from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Vandalia Division of Police, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases

around the world.

"National Night Out is designed to do four things," said Vandalia Crime Prevention Officer Rich Sommer. "First, to heighten crime prevention awareness; to generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and lastly to send a message to criminals letting



them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back."

Scheduled events include a bicycle rodeo, and police & fire equipment demonstrations. There will also be games for the children, raffle prizes, music, and free food.

Vandalia Art Park to get major upgrades

Major upgrades are planned for the Vandalia Art Park, including a bandshell and new stage for the amphitheater. Plans call for the installation of a bandshell covering, expanded seating, and a new stage.

"The Art Park has evolved over the years to become a showpiece amenity for the City," said Steve Clark, Director of Vandalia Parks and Recreation. "The park is home to several special events throughout the year, and is used throughout the summer for a series of free concerts."

The \$490,500 project is funded primarily through a \$300,000 Ohio Capital Budget Bill grant.

"We appreciate the support this project received from our local lawmakers," said Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager. "We received help from State Representative Phil Plummer, State Representative Rodney Creech, State Senator Stephen Huffman, and State Senator Niraj Antani.



The Art Park, located at 256 E. Alkaline Springs Road was originally called Lichtenfels Park, in honor of Vandalia's German sister city. The name was officially changed in 2014 when construction began on the Rotary Bridge.

Since then, a paved walking path in the shape of a treble clef, numerous trees, a musical exploration area, a restroom facility, an amphitheater,

and a pollinator-friendly wildflower area have been added to the site.

Each year, the Vandalia Arts Council leases up to eight pieces of outdoor artwork to display for one year. The leased pieces accentuate the permanent artwork at the park. Another feature of the park is a photo exhibit

that changes yearly. The photos are mounted on weather-resistant material and placed throughout the park along the walking path.

"We're very grateful City Council approved this project in May," said Clark. "We anticipate construction beginning in early fall, with the project completed before the end of the year."

New connections to the Great Miami River Trail coming soon

Construction is set to begin later this year on a project that will connect Vandalia to the Great Miami River Bicycle Trail.

The \$4.3 million project includes the addition of bicycle lanes on National Road and Brown School Road as well as a bicycle bridge crossing a railroad line.

"We're really excited," said Rob Cron, Vandalia Assistant City Manager. "This is a project we've been working on for almost five years, and we'll be starting work very soon."

The Great Miami River trail is part of a statewide network of bicycle trails. The trail begins north of Piqua and ends just outside of Fairfield in Butler County.

The trail rolls through Vandalia by way of the Taylorsville MetroPark near the Taylorsville Dam.

"Currently, many bicyclists will transport their bike to the Taylorsville MetroPark to access the trail," Cron said. "When this project is complete, they'll be able to ride their bike from any Vandalia neighborhood directly to the trail utilizing safe bicycle-designated paths."

Cron said the project calls for the creation of on-street bike lanes on National Road.

"When you get to Brown School Road we're going to have a dedicated two-way cycle lane that will be protected from the traffic," he said. "From Brown School Road, you'll access an off-road dedicated bike path that will take you to the Taylorsville MetroPark where you'll be looped into the Great Miami River Trail."

Cron said one of the unique features of the project is construction of a bicycle bridge that will span CSX rail lines near the Taylorsville Dam. The bridge will run parallel with US 40.

The project is being funded in part through a \$2.3 million grant from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. The City of Vandalia and the Five Rivers MetroParks are partnering to share the remaining costs of the \$4.3 million project.

The project is being managed by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Construction is expected to begin this summer with a completion date of around May of 2025.



2024 Street Resurfacing

Vandalia's 2024 Street Resurfacing program is underway. The resurfacing includes concrete curb repairs. The project is paid through the Safe and Stable income tax issue passed by voters in 2020. No homeowners will be assessed for the work.

Residents will have access to their driveways throughout most of the project. While paving is underway, residents may be asked to park on a nearby street.

- **E. Poplar Creek Road** (Brown School to bottom of hill)
- **W. Poplar Creek Road** (Cul-de-sac at the west end)
- **W. Poplar Creek Road** (Brown School to bottom of hill)
- **S. Brown School Road** (I-70 to Poplar Creek)
- **Sagraves Drive**
- **S. Brown School Road** (Waldsmith to I-70)
- **Stonequarry Road** (Dixie to west corporation line)
- **Skyview Drive** (Dixie to Maple)
- **N. Perry Street**
- **Alley "D"** (east of N. Perry)
- **Clay Street**
- **Glenrose Street**
- **Royalton Drive** (Glenrose to Wollenhaupt)
- **Forestwood Avenue**
- **Kirkwood Drive** (Helke to Gabriel)
- **Kenbrook Drive** (Reichard to Crestwood Hills)
- **Mountair Drive** (Halifax to Bristol)
- **N. Brown School Road**
- **Halifax Drive** (N. Brown School to Cassel)
- **La Tourrette Court**
- **Stop Eight Road** (Miller to I-75)

Kid's Day with Public Works

An annual tradition in Vandalia is Kids Day at the Vandalia Public Works garage. Each year the City's third-grade students at Helke Elementary, Demmitt Elementary, and St. Christopher Catholic School get the opportunity to tour the Public Works garage and see how City employees work to maintain Vandalia's infrastructure.

Kids learn how the City's water utility operates, how street signs are made, how sewer lines are maintained, and how the City's street sweeper and snow plow operates. Kids also get the chance to experience the lift truck for a view that's two stories up.

The hands-on experience coincides with National Public Works Week.



Kids have the opportunity to get behind the wheel of the City's street sweeper for a quick spin around the parking lot.

The 35th Annual Corporate Challenge



The Champions! Team members from PSA Airlines strike a pose during the outdoor "Minute to Win It" night of the Corporate Challenge.

The 35th annual Vandalia Corporate Challenge was held the week of June 3-7.

This event brings Vandalia companies together to compete in fun athletic and not-so-athletic competitions. Most of the events were held at City park locations.

"The Corporate Challenge is something we look forward to all year," said Steve Clark, Director of Parks and Recreation. "It's a great team builder for our companies, and it allows members of the business community to network in a fun environment."

Eight teams competed in 2024. The final results were:

- 1st Place PSA Airlines
- 2nd Place Inteva Products
- 3rd Place City of Vandalia
- 4th Place GE Aerospace
- 5th Place Johnson Electric
- 6th Place Kentner Sellers
- 7th Place Superior Abrasives
- 8th Place Adare Pharma Solutions

AT THE REC

PROGRAM GUIDE

September - December 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!



Vandalia Fall Festival



New Zealand Dance Workshop



Vandalia Touch-A-Truck



Rock The Rec Halloween Party

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**We bring
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to life!**

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





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

Vandalia Recreation Center Closings & Holiday Hours

Monday, September 2, 2024 - VRC open 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Thursday, November 28, 2024 - VRC open 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
Fitness Center, Gymnasium & Track ONLY

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 - VRC open 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
Fitness Center, Gymnasium & Track ONLY

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 - VRC CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 - VRC open 7:00 am to 6:00 pm;
Pool closes at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - VRC CLOSED

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.

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



Edward Jones

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



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

If you 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



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! 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...

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Rentals & Birthday Parties

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Recreation Center - 937-415-2340

1111 Stonequarry Road, Dayton, OH 45414

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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

Recreation Superintendent

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Parks Superintendent

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Parks & Recreation Director

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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	Sep 10 - Oct 15	5:00 - 5:30 pm
	Nov 12 - Dec 17*	5:00 - 5:30 pm
Saturday	Sep 14 - Oct 19	9:00 - 9:30 am
	Nov 16 - Dec 21*	9:00 - 9:30 am

* No classes will be held November 26 & 30



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

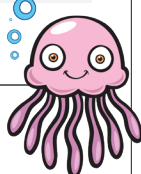
\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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



Day	Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 10 - Oct 15	5:35 - 6:05 pm
	Nov 12 - Dec 17*	5:35 - 6:05 pm
Thursday	Sep 12 - Oct 17	5:00 - 5:30 pm; or 5:35 - 6:05 pm
	Nov 14 - Dec 19*	5:00 - 5:30 pm; or 5:35 - 6:05 pm
Saturday	Sep 14 - Oct 19	9:35 - 10:05 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 am
	Nov 16 - Dec 21*	9:35 - 10:05 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 am

* No classes will be held November 26, 28 & 30



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>

Day	Dates	Time
Thursday	Sep 12 - Oct 17	5:00 - 5:30 pm; or 5:35 - 6:05 pm
	Nov 14 - Dec 19*	5:00 - 5:30 pm; or 5:35 - 6:05 pm
Saturday	Sep 14 - Oct 19	9:35 - 10:05 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 am
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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>



Day	Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 10 - Oct 15	5:35 - 6:05 pm
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Registration

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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.coursetorm.com>

Day	Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 10 - Oct 15	5:00 - 5:30 pm
	Nov 12 - Dec 17*	5:00 - 5:30 pm
Saturday	Sep 14 - Oct 19	9:00 - 9:30 am
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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;

\$175 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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



Day	Dates/Times
Tuesday	Sep 10 - Oct 15 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
	Nov 12 - Dec 17* 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
Thursday	Sep 12 - Oct 17 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
	Nov 14 - Dec 19* 6:10 - 6:40 pm; 6:45 - 7:15 pm; or 7:20 - 7:50 pm
Saturday	Sep 14 - Oct 19 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am
	Nov 16 - Dec 21* 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am

* No classes will be held November 26, 28 & 30

Private Swim Lessons - Mini Session

Interested in private lessons but not sure it will be a good fit? Want to keep your child swimming in between sessions? Register for our Private Swim Lesson Mini Session.

The private lessons are scheduled at the same time for three (3) consecutive weeks. Make-ups are not available.

Ages: 3.5 & older

Class Size: 1

Class length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident;

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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

Day	Dates/Times
Tuesday	Oct 22 - Nov 5 5:15 - 5:45 pm; 5:45 - 6:15 pm; or 6:15 - 6:45 pm
	Sep 14 - Oct 19 9:00 - 9:30 am; 9:30 - 10:00 am; or 10:00 - 10:30 am



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 to run, climb and recreate! An adult must accompany each child. Registration is not required for this program.

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	Sep 13	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Sep 27	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Oct 11	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Oct 25	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Nov 8	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Nov 22	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Dec 6	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Dec 13	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Dec 20	10:00 - 11:00 am



Pokémon Playtime

Are you ready to catch them all? Come out and enjoy a Pokémon filled time at our Pokémon Playtime! Your child can bring in their phone, cards, Switch or other mobile gaming system and we will battle and trade Pokémon with each other!

Ages: 5 - 14 years old

Fee: \$6 Resident/VRC Members; \$8 Non-Residents

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Note: Snacks and drinks will be provided for your child.

Registration Deadline: Pre-registration is recommended. Walk-ins will be accepted until they are full.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320012-00	MON	Sep 16	5:30 - 7:00 pm
320012-01	MON	Nov 18	5:30 - 7:00 pm

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
320000-01	FRI	Oct 4	5:30 - 9:00 pm
320000-02	FRI	Nov 1	5:30 - 9:00 pm
320000-03	FRI	Dec 6	5:30 - 9:00 pm

STEM Food Adventures w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Young chefs delve into the science behind cooking! Through hands-on activities and tasty recipes, kids discover how STEM concepts relate to the food they love. Join us for a fun-filled exploration of culinary creativity and scientific discovery!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, September 4. 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
300020-00	SAT	Sep 7	10:00 - 11:00 am



Registration

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





Learn to Sew: Pizza Pillows w/ Miss Bec

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

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, September 14. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320080-00	TUE	Sep 17	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Apple Art w/ Miss Bec

Join Miss Bec to make three "apple-solutely" awesome crafts inspired by our favorite fall fruit!

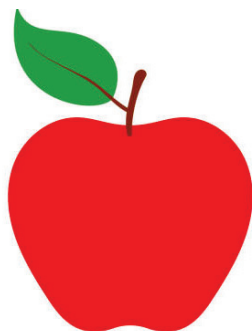
Ages: 2 - 5 years old

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, September 21. 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
300023-00	TUE	Sep 24	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Really Yummy Ravioli w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Get ready to roll and fill your own ravioli in our youth cooking class! Learn to make fresh pasta dough, whip up delicious fillings, and master the art of shaping these tasty parcels. Join us for a hands-on culinary experience that's as fun as it is delicious!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, September 23. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320081-00	THU	Sep 26	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Mummy Pizzas & Graveyard Cake w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Sink your teeth into spooky fun at our Halloween youth cooking class! Join us as we whip up Mummy Pizzas and Graveyard Cake that will send shivers down your spine (in the best way possible). It's a frightfully good time filled with tasty tricks and treats that'll leave you howling for more!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330082-00	TUE	Oct 15	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Jack-o-Lantern Quesadillas & Pumpkin Patch Pudding w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Get ready for a spooky and delicious adventure at our preschool cooking class! In this session, little chefs will create Jack-o-lantern Quesadillas and Pumpkin Patch Pudding. With simple recipes and festive ingredients, children will have a blast while learning basic cooking skills and exploring new flavors.

Join us for a frightfully fun cooking experience that will delight taste buds and ignite imaginations!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, October 16. 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
300021-00	SAT	Oct 19	10:00 - 11:00 am



Pour Paint Pumpkins w/ Miss Bec

Happy Halloween! Join Miss Bec as we have a spooky good time making kid-friendly, no carve, pour paint pumpkins.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex Baseball Concession Stand

Rain Plan: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

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



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
300024-00	TUE	Oct 22	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Harry Potter Paint & Sip w/ Miss Bec

Attention young wizards and witches! We are pleased to inform you that you have been invited to attend a magical evening of art! Each artist will paint a medium canvas portrait of Harry's owl, Hedwig, and enjoy sweet treats and drinks.

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, November 9. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320090-00	TUE	Nov 12	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Construction Crafts w/ Miss Bec

Vroom Vroom! Caution, artists at work! Join Miss Bec's crew as you create three worksite-themed 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, November 16. 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
220070-00	TUE	Nov 19	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Thanksgiving CampREC

Pack your sense of gratitude and thankfulness and join us for Thanksgiving CampREC! From turkey-themed activities to pumpkin-pie eating, our camp is a cornucopia of laughter and learning. Thanksgiving CampREC is a harvest of friendship, fun, and fond memories waiting to be discovered!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$45 Resident/Member; \$55 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: Preregistration is recommended to secure your spot for this camp day.

Notes: Please bring closed toe shoes for the climbing wall and a swimsuit and towel. 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 - 9:00 am and 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320060-00	WED	Nov 27	7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Holiday Cookie Swap w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Join us for a festive baking extravaganza where young chefs will whip up a variety of delicious cookies to share with the class and take home to enjoy with family and friends. From classic sugar cookies decorated with colorful icing to indulgent chocolate chip creations, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Come join the fun and spread some holiday cheer with sweet treats made with love!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, December 7. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330083-00	TUE	Dec 10	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Glow Candy Cane Hunt

Step into a sweet time under the moonlight at our Glow Candy Cane Hunt! Join the adventure as the darkness unveils a twinkling world of hidden candy canes and candy waiting to be discovered. Armed with flashlights and a dash of holiday spirit, seekers will embark on a sugary scavenger hunt, with peppermint treasures scattered like stars. It's a glowing, candy-filled quest that will leave you merry and bright. Bundle up, grab your flashlight, and let the hunt begin!

Ages: 12 years old & younger

Fee: \$12 Resident / VRC Member; \$15 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 11. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Notes: Please bring your own bag to collect candy and bring your own flashlight; the hunt will take place outdoors. Parents must accompany children during this program. We will meet in the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium for check in and rules. After the hunt, there will be hot cocoa and cookies for you to enjoy!



Activity #	Age Group	Day	Date	Time
390010-00	6 years old & younger	FRI	Dec 13	6:30 pm
390010-01	7 - 12 years old	FRI	Dec 13	6:30 pm

Rudolph Granola Bites & Snowman Rice Cakes w/ Eat Pretty Darling

In this festive fun class, children will craft Rudolph Granola Bites and Snowman Rice Cakes. With easy-to-follow recipes and adorable ingredients, young chefs will have a blast while honing their fine motor skills and discovering the joy of cooking. Let's cook up some holiday magic together!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 11. 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
300022-00	SAT	Dec 14	10:00 - 11:00 am

Registration

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



Disney's The Nightmare Before Christmas Paint & Sip w/ Miss Bec

'Tis the season for Skellington! Every artist will get to paint a Jack Skellington themed picture and enjoy drinks and snacks.

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, December 14. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320091-00	TUE	Dec 17	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Winter CampREC

Embark on a frosty adventure at Winter CampREC! Every day promises a flurry of excitement and heartwarming fun. Join us for on-stop fun during your winter break as we enjoy holiday-themed activities, climb the rock wall, swim, play gym games, create crafts, and have a holly jolly good time!

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Notes: Please bring a packed lunch with your child each day. Daily schedules will be emailed to parents so you will know what activities are happening each day.

Winter CampREC Fees:

1st Child	\$120 Resident / VRC Member; \$140 Non-Resident
2nd Child	\$105 Resident / VRC Member; \$125 Non-Resident
3rd Child	\$95 Resident / VRC Member; \$115 Non-Resident
4+ Child	\$90 Resident / VRC Member; \$110 Non-Resident

Weekly

Activity #	Days	Dates & Time
320002-A	MON, THU, FRI	Dec 23, 26, 27 - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
320002-B	MON, THU, FRI	Dec 30, Jan 2, 3 - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm



Sunflower w/ Miss Elissa

It's sunflower season! Come paint a beautiful sunflower to celebrate the transition from summer to fall! Your instructor, Elissa, will guide you step-by-step through painting a sunflower on a 16x20" canvas. No experience is necessary and all painting supplies are included. Bring yourself and a snack and you will leave with a beautiful work of art!

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Helke Park

Registration Deadline: Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, August 23. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390030-00	MON	Aug 26	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Straw Hat Scarecrow Workshop w/ Crafted & Charmed

Prepare your abode for autumn! Create your own charming fall straw hat scarecrow wall hanger. All supplies are included - artificial fall flowers, leaves, ribbon, raffia. The scarecrow is 17 inches wide.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$42 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, September 2. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390017-00	THU	Sep 5	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Registration

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



Campfire Yoga

We invite you to unwind and reconnect with nature in a unique fusion of tranquility and warmth. Let the gentle glow of the fire guide you into a state of deep relaxation, where each breath becomes a harmonious melody with the wilderness around you. Join us for an evening of Zen by the fireside, where inner peace meets the primal rhythm of the flames.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$10 per person

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Rain Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Studio

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Tuesday, September 10. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Please bring your own towel/mat and water.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390026-00	THU	Sep 12	7:00 - 8:00 pm



One Pot Wonders w/ Eat Pretty Darling

One Pot Wonders: Perfect for busy adults, this class focuses on easy and delicious one-pot meals that require minimal cleanup. Participants will learn recipes for hearty soup and savory meals that can be whipped up in a single pot or pan.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, September 14. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390024-00	TUE	Sep 17	6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Harvest Blue Pumpkin
w/ Miss Elissa**

Fall is here! Paint a beautiful pumpkin at Helke Park to celebrate the start of the autumn season. Your instructor, Elissa, will guide you step-by-step through painting a "Harvest Blue Pumpkin" on a 16x20" canvas. No experience is necessary and all painting supplies are included. Bring yourself, a friend, and a snack - and you will leave with a beautiful work of art!

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$35 per person

Location: Helke Park

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



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390031-00	MON	Sep 23	5:30 - 7:30 pm



DAYTON CHARCUTERIE GAL

**Charcuterie Board Making
w/ Dayton Charcuterie Gal**

Grab a friend and make your own charcuterie board! During this workshop, each person will learn all about charcuterie boards and build their own 2-person charcuterie board to take home and enjoy a charcuterie cup to snack on while we build.

Ages: 21 years old and older

Fee: \$45 per person

Minimum 6, Maximum 25

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered in advance for this program. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

REGISTER HERE <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/887187059377?aff=oddtcreator>

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Oct 11	6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Spooky House
w/ Miss Elissa**

Get into the Halloween spirit with a "Spooky House" painting. Your instructor, Elissa, will guide you step-by-step through painting a fun and spooky scene on a 16x20" canvas that you'll be able to display at Halloween for years to come! No experience necessary! Step-by-step instruction, all painting supplies - and festive snacks are included!

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$35 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

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

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390032-00	MON	Oct 21	5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Spooky Halloween Yoga**

Enjoy a spooky night full of Halloween fun and yoga! Feel free to dress up in your Halloween costume as we enjoy an evening of yoga and Halloween-themed drinks and sweets.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$10 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Studio

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

Note: Please bring your own towel/mat and water.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390027-00	THU	Oct 24	7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Registration**

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



**Soup Season w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Dive into the cozy flavors of fall with this class focused on preparing hearty and comforting soups. Participants will learn how to make seasonal favorites perfect for warming up chilly autumn evenings

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390025-00	TUE	Nov 12	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Winter Gnome Workshop w/ Crafted & Charmed

Welcome the winter season by crafting your own macrame gnome wall hanger and a corresponding gnome plant charm. This is a beginners macrame class, no experience needed. All supplies included - various color yarns and winter themed charms. Wall hanger is approx. 12 x 18 inches. Plant charm is approximately 12 inches tall.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$38 per person

Minimum 6, Maximum 25

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, November 11. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390018-00	THU	Nov 14	6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Registration**

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

**Bringing Home the Tree w/ Miss Elissa**

Enjoy the most wonderful time of year with a fun and customizable Christmas painting + hot cocoa at the Vandalia Recreation Center! Your instructor, Elissa, will guide you step-by-step through painting "Bringing Home the Tree" on a 16x20" canvas while you sip a

yummy cup of hot cocoa and

enjoy festive snacks! This painting can be customized with a last name, city, or wording of your choice. No experience necessary! Step-by-step instruction, all painting supplies - and festive snacks are included! Bring yourself and a friend and you will leave with a beautiful & festive artwork you can display every year - or a heartfelt and custom gift you can give this season!

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$35 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

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

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390033-00	MON	Dec 2	6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Cuddly Christmas Cat Yoga w/ Purrfect Additions**

Welcome to our purr-fectly delightful Cuddly Christmas Cat Yoga program with Purrfect Additions, where feline friends and festive cheer collide in a whisker-twitching celebration of the holiday season! There will be kittens to play with during the yoga class, and Christmas themed drinks and sweets for you to enjoy.

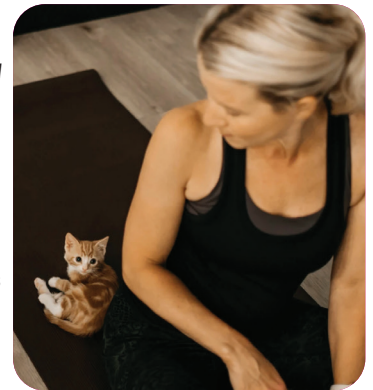
Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$10 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Studio

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

Note: Please bring your own towel/mat and water.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390028-00	THU	Dec 5	6:30 - 7:30 pm
390028-01	THU	Dec 5	7:30 - 8:30 pm



community events



Doggy Pool Paw-ty

Paws and splash – it's time for our Doggy Pool Paw-ty! Dive into the canine coolness as furry friends take the plunge into a poolside paradise on the last day of the Cassel Hills Pool season. From enjoying pup cups to other dog related activities, this event is a howlin' good time of all things doggy.

Fee: Free for VRC Members, Cassel Hills Pool Members and Residents; \$5.00 per dog for Non-Resident

Location: Cassel Hills Pool

Registration Deadline: Drop-in event; no registration needed
Rules:

- All dogs must display a valid license.
- All dogs must have proof of current rabies vaccinations.
- Dogs must be on a 6' leash when not in water.
- An adult must accompany their dogs at all times while they are out of the water.
- Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
- Unruly, worrisome to others, or aggressive dogs will not be permitted.
- VPRD reserves the right to deny admission for any reason.

Day	Date	Time
MON	Sep 2	6:00 - 8:00 pm

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



Homeschool Takeover

Attention homeschool parents and students! Come out to the VRC to recreate and enjoy everything we have to offer! Enjoy a day filled with swimming, climbing wall, gymnasium play and Luther's Jungle! All ages welcome and no need to preregister. Swimming is available 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	Sep 20	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Oct 18	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Nov 22	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Dec 20	11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Vandalia Touch-a-Truck

Get ready for a hands-on adventure at our Touch-a-Truck! Immerse yourself in a world of roaring engines, flashing lights, and endless exploration. It's a tactile delight where people of all ages can touch, climb, and marvel at an impressive lineup of vehicles – from mighty fire trucks to colossal construction machinery. Join us for a day of tactile thrills and honk-worthy fun!

Fee: Free

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex



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Day	Date	Time
SAT	Sep 14	10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Vandalia Fall Festival

Bring the family out and enjoy a festive time at the Vandalia Fall Festival! There will be live music, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, corn pit, vendors, inflatables, games, arts & crafts and more!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free to attend

Music: TBD

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex

Address: 1111 Stonequarry Rd, Dayton Ohio 45414



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Day	Date	Time
SAT	Oct 12	12:00 - 6:00 pm



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New Zealand Dance Workshop w/Olohana's Polynesian Dance

Kia Ora! Come and join us for a night of fun as we take you on an adventure to experience Aotearoa. You will learn how to make poi balls and learn a poi dance followed by a teaching of the Haka. Olohana's Polynesian Dance will perform Māori dances including LED Poi and Tititorea. Sample a taste of Polynesia from our food table. Stop by our merch table to choose from a variety of handmade items like lava rock jewelry, pa'u skirts, sarongs, ribbon leis, candy leis, and more!

Ages: 8 years old and older

Fee: 8-12yrs - \$15 per person

13yrs and older - \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Thursday, October 17. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Ages	Day	Date	Time
390029-00	8 - 12	SAT	Oct19	4:00 - 7:00 pm
390029-00	13 & up	SAT	Oct19	4:00 - 7:00 pm

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



Rock The Rec Halloween Party

Come out and have a spooky good time at the Rock the Rec Halloween Party! There will be food trucks, hayrides, Trick-or-Treat, live music, inflatables, kid's activities, Halloween costume judging, many craft vendors and more!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free to attend

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex; Near the Baseball Concession Stands

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Oct 26	12:00 - 7:00 pm

Vandalia Pumpkin Smash

Prepare for a smashing good time at our Pumpkin Smash! Bid a gleeful farewell to your Halloween pumpkins in the most spectacular way possible. Grab your gourds and join us for a day of pumpkin-smashing mayhem. From gravity-defying drops to pumpkin bowling, it's a carnival of orange explosions and satisfying splatter. Unleash your inner pumpkin demolition expert and turn ordinary pumpkins into extraordinary memories. Let the smashing commence – it's the ultimate pumpkin farewell party! All pumpkin debris will be composted after the event.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free to attend

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Nov 9	11:00 am - 1:30 pm



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Vandalia Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Market



Step into a winter wonderland as we illuminate the night with the magic of twinkling lights and holiday cheer at the Vandalia Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Market! Join us for a merry evening filled with festive cheer, carols that warm the soul, and the grand unveiling of our magnificent tree, sparkling like a beacon of holiday joy. It's the perfect way to kick off the season in a glow of celebration! There will be a Holiday Market running from 4pm – 7:30pm inside the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium where you will be able to get a head start on your holiday shopping from a various number of vendors! The Tree Lighting Ceremony will start promptly at 6:00pm. Join us for refreshments, music, activities, and a chance to tell Santa Claus your Christmas wish! Please make sure you bring cash and card to the market to purchase your items and raffle tickets!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Day	Date	Time
SUN	Dec 8	4:00 - 7:30 pm

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



Letters To Santa

Santa's mailbox is now open for magical messages! Join our Letters to Santa program from Sunday, December 1 through Saturday, December 14 and let the holiday enchantment begin. Encourage your little ones to put pen to paper, crafting heartfelt wishes and sweet dreams for the North Pole. Our festive postbox awaits in the Vandalia Recreation Center lobby, ready to whisk those letters away to Santa's workshop. Watch the joy unfold as children receive personalized responses, creating treasured memories that twinkle like holiday lights. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a return letter back from Santa. If you have questions, please contact Aaron Messenger at: amessenger@vandaliaohio.org.



Snow Creation Contest

Let your creativity sparkle like freshly fallen snow and participate in our Snow Creation Contest! Bundle up and hit the snowy canvas as you sculpt, shape, and craft your icy masterpiece. From majestic snow sculptures to whimsical snowmen, channel your inner artist, grab your mittens, and join the chilly challenge! This contest will last from December 1 to February 14. All photos of your snowy creations should be emailed to Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org. A winner will be chosen on Friday, February 21.



athletics

For more information, please contact Jeff Kreill at jkreill@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2339.

Youth Athletics

Vandalia Butler Optimist Basketball Leagues

Teams are drawn in late October and practice begins in early November. Participants are notified of team placement in late October/early November. The first games are scheduled for early December and the last games are scheduled for early March. Practices are held at Vandalia-Butler City Schools.

Registration Information: Save \$10 by registering online at www.vandaliaareccenter.com by using coupon code **BSKTBALL** at checkout. To guarantee your spot register before October 11. After October 11, walk-in registration is available until leagues are full.

Fees: \$45 Resident/VRC Member; \$55 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Activity #	Day/Dates	Time	Grade
380400-00	SAT Dec 7 - Mar 8	9am - 5pm	2nd boys/girls
380400-01	SAT Dec 7 - Mar 8	9am - 5pm	3rd & 4th boys
380400-02	SAT Dec 7 - Mar 8	9am - 5pm	3rd & 4th girls
380400-03	SAT Dec 7 - Mar 8	9am - 5pm	5th & 6th boys
380400-04	SAT Dec 7 - Mar 8	9am - 5pm	5th & 6th girls

Kindergarten / 1st Grade Instructional Basketball

A great introductory program for youngsters to learn basketball skills and rules. Stations and games are led by the boys high school basketball program.

Grades: K-1st

Fees: \$20 Resident/VRC Member; \$25 Non-Resident

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Activity #	Day/Dates	Time
380413-00	SAT Jan 4 - Feb 1	10:30 - 11:30 am

Registration

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



39th Annual Turkey Shoot



Two-member teams, one adult and one child from the same family, take shots from multiple spots on the court to earn points toward a gift certificate for their Thanksgiving feast. Our youngest competitors, up to 8 years old, shoot at a lowered basket.

The event will begin promptly at 10:00am!

Fees: \$5 Resident/VRC Member Team;

\$7 Non-Resident Team

Location: VRC Gymnasium

SPECIAL NOTE: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged but not required.



Activity #	Day/Date	Time	Ages
390012-00	SAT Nov 9	10:00 am	4 & under
390012-01	SAT Nov 9	10:00 am	5 & 6
390012-02	SAT Nov 9	10:00 am	7 & 8
390012-03	SAT Nov 9	10:00 am	9 & 10
390012-04	SAT Nov 9	10:00 am	11 & 12
390012-05	SAT Nov 9	10:00 am	13 & Older

2025 Youth Baseball / Softball Registration

A friendly reminder - registration for the youth baseball/softball season will begin in late December. If you would like more information about the Vandalia softball/baseball program, contact Jeff Kreill at jkreill@vandaliaohio.org.

Adult Athletics

Cornhole



Come on in and play cornhole with us! No partner is needed.

Ages: 18 & older

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 8 - Apr 30	12:00 - 3:00 pm

Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

On behalf of the entire VPRD, we would like to thank our Volunteer Youth Baseball/Softball Coaches from the 2024 Athletics Year. All of the time and effort these coaches put into teaching our athletes are what make our program great!



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.



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	Sep 10	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Oct 8	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Nov 12	5:00 - 7:00 pm
TUE	Dec 10	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.

Insurance Membership Incentive

Vandalia Parks and Recreation has collaborated with the Optum, ASHFitness & TivityHealth™ insurance working with SilverSneakers Fitness Program which is the nation's leading fitness program designed exclusively for older adults. This comprehensive program addresses the physical, mental and social needs of Medicare-eligible members. Adults over age 65 who adopt a physically active lifestyle can substantially improve their health to get more out of life. SilverSneakers and Insurance members of a sponsoring health plan receive a no-cost basic membership. For SilverSneakers participants this also includes the opportunity to participate in the signature SilverSneakers group exercise classes. For those using Optum, ASHFitness or TivityHealth™ if you come into the center and/or take a class 10 times or more, you will be entered into a drawing for a fifty-dollar gift card and we offer two each month.

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Fitness Events



Zombie Escape 5k Run

Come on out to the recreation center for a fun scary night of running. Enjoy this fun run and avoid the zombies!

Ages: All ages

Fee: Free for Members, \$5 Residents, \$10 Non-Residents

Location: VRC Outside Track- meet at canopy by Little Library

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Oct 19	Drop-in between 6:00 - 7:00 pm



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. Riders buy either a \$10 or \$20 ticket to pay for trips. The cost per one-way trip is \$1.00, \$2.00, or \$3.00 depending on the 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 <https://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)

1:00 pm Euchre in card/library room

Thursday:

11:45 am Duplicate Bridge on side of dining room

1:00 pm Pinochle in card room

2:00 pm Rummikub in dining room

Friday:

9:00 am Mah Jong on the side of the dining room

1:00 pm Poker in card room / library room



More Activities

The Vandalia Senior Center currently has six to ten Lunch & Learns each month. There are also bingos, movies, craft classes, art groups, exercise classes, a birthday celebration each month, a book club, and 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.



Travel

The center has a list of bus trips. Bob Reed is the volunteer travel director who is very experienced at leading senior trips. You can find the information on page 12 in the newsletter. There is a bulletin board with details at the center. You can come in to pick up travel flyers. You can also look at them online at <https://vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel>.

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

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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.



Attention Vandalia Lemonade Stand Entrepreneurs!

The Vandalia Division of Fire is looking for a lemonade expert to operate a lemonade stand at this year's Fire Prevention Open House in October. Throughout the summer, the Division of Fire will be looking for the best lemonade stand in the City. After Labor Day, a winner will be selected to operate the lemonade stand at the Fire Open House, Sunday, October 26.

"The Lemonade stand operator is a pretty sweet gig," said Vandalia Fire Chief Chad Follick. "The lemonade and all supplies will be provided, you simply run the stand and collect the money! 100% of the money goes to the lemonade stand operator!"

Interested persons should register

their lemonade stand by calling Miss Candice at Fire Administration, (937) 898-2261, during business hours (M-F 8am-4pm). Lemonade stands can also be registered by emailing cjacobs@vandaliaohio.org. A name and phone number will be required.

To be eligible, you must invite Vandalia fire or police to your lemonade stand this summer. Take photos of the visit, and if possible, tag City of Vandalia Division of Fire on your social media post with a picture of the fire crews and/or police officers at your stand.

Registration will continue until the end of the summer when kids return to school. The winner will be drawn and announced after Labor Day.