

The Blue Letter

December 1, 2023

Honorable Mayor & City Councilmembers:

I hope that you had a nice Thanksgiving holiday! Thank you to our staff who worked on Thanksgiving in the Police Division, Fire Division, and Parks & Recreation Department!

Monday, December 4, 2023, Council Meeting: The Study Session will begin at 6:00 pm. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Market (FOCUS VANDALIA VIDEO) - Join us for our Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Market at the Vandalia Recreation Center! The City will ring in the holiday season by conducting a tree lighting ceremony at the Vandalia Recreation Center at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 3. **There will be a Holiday Market running from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm inside the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium** where you will get a head start on your holiday shopping from a various number of vendors! The tree will be decorated through community efforts and then lit to kick off the holiday season! Join us for refreshments, food trucks, music, goat cuddles, and a chance to tell Santa Claus your Christmas wish!

Congratulations to the Department of Finance: The City of Vandalia has earned the Auditor of State Award With Distinction for excellence in financial reporting related to the comprehensive annual financial report and applicable laws for the fiscal year ended in 2022. On November 28, 2023, Joe Braden, West Regional Liaison for the Auditor of State's Office, stopped by the City building to deliver three awards for excellence and distinction to the City, Tri-Cities and NAWA. The Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction represents exemplary reporting and fewer than 5% of the reporting entities in the State of Ohio receive this prestigious award. Mr. Braden will present the awards in person at a future Council meeting. We are very proud of our team's hard work and dedication as they demonstrate top-tier services and care for the use of the public's resources.

MyVandalia Magazine: The next issue of the MyVandalia Magazine (January – April 2024) began to arrive at homes this week. MyVandalia Magazine can be viewed [online \(click here\)](#).

Tri-Cities Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collections Systems Improvements:

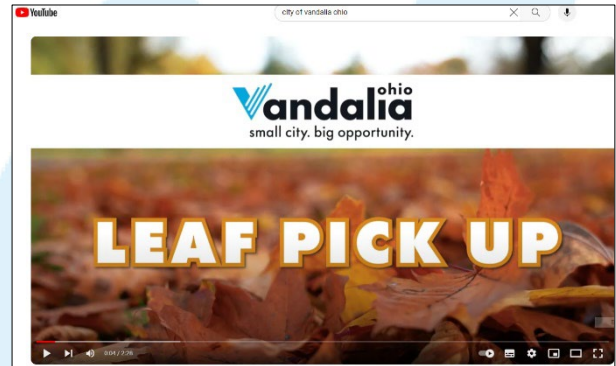
This week, our Tri-Cities team met with Representatives Phil Plummer and Rodney Creech at the wastewater treatment plant to discuss our recent applications to the Priority Development Advisory Committee, request for capital budget bill funding, among other grant applications. General Manager Danny Knife is pictured here presenting to the group regarding the \$100+ million project. The team is currently working to raise approximately \$15 million over multiple phases of the projects.



2023-2024 Annual Report/Calendar - The Vandalia-Butler High School Honor Society will once again be distributing the 2023-2024 Annual Report/Calendar to every residence and business on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Every Annual Report/Calendar will be delivered in shrink-wrap to prevent damage due to exposure to moisture. In recognition of their community service, the City will contribute to the Honor Society's scholarship fund.

Leaf Collection (ends 12/5): Depending on weather, crews will plan to make a few more passes throughout the city to collect leaves.

Leaves must be raked into the street, any leaves on the grass behind the curb will not be picked up. In areas without curbs, leaves must be placed immediately along the edge of the pavement. Crews will not collect leaves piled more than one foot away from the edge of the roadway. The pickup schedule is available at: <https://vandaliaohio.org/leaf>



[Click Here to Watch Focus Vandalia Episode on Leaf Pick Up \(LINK\)](#)

Study Session:

Monday, December 4, 2023 Items:

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

Resolution: Flock Safety Maintenance Agreement - In 2022, the Vandalia Division of Police entered into an agreement with Flock Safety to install cameras and provide the means for VPD to capture objective evidence and utilize machine learning to create and deliver unbiased investigative leads. Flock Safety has proprietary devices and cloud-based software that has been shown to reduce crime in many cities and neighborhoods. The Division of Police has used the cameras in several investigations to help solve crimes and locate suspects. Due to this proprietary software, I request Council waive the formal bidding process and allow the Division of Police to renew the hardware and software maintenance agreement with Flock Safety in the amount of \$27,500. VPD budgeted \$25,000 for this capital expenditure while evaluating one additional camera. The additional camera has been essential, and I would request that this additional \$2,500 be covered with leftover funds from our 2023 new firearms capital purchase.

Resolution: Land Donation - The owner of 3 parcels of land located at the corner of Park Center Drive and Webster Street approached the City with interest in donating the land to the City at no cost. The three parcels, zoned Office/Industrial Park, total approximately 4.393 +/- acres. Considering the strategic location of these parcels, coupled with their adjacency to existing City-owned properties, I recommend that we actively pursue the acquisition of this land subject to the successful and satisfactory completion of an environmental study and title work.

Resolution: Recreational Marijuana Moratorium - Ohio has recently passed Issue 2: An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis, effective on December 7, 2023, which has legalized the use of cannabis for adults and established the Division of Cannabis Control. The Division of Cannabis Control will be responsible for issuing rules on licensing and regulations of permits for operators of adult use cannabis. The Division has nine months after the effective date of the Act to establish such regulations. As of now, it is unclear how these regulations will affect the City. In order to fully comply with the newly implemented law and determine the best course of action for the City, staff is proposing this moratorium to have time to review the regulations set forth by the Division of Cannabis Control regarding the issuance

of permits and procedures for licensing of adult use cannabis. This will assist the City to create reasonable regulations to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

The City of Vandalia remains a drug free workplace.

Ordinance: City-Initiated Zoning Text Amendment - This staff-initiated text amendment proposed amendments to several chapters of the Zoning Code. The proposed amendments clarify several processes within the code, introduce additional definitions, and update language. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments on November 28, 2023 and recommended their approval by a vote of 5-0.

Ordinance: Ohio House Bill 33 Municipal Income Tax Ordinance Updates - This emergency Ordinance includes HB33 mandated Municipal Income Tax Ordinance changes and amendments to Chapter 884 (sections 884.062, 884.091, 884.094, 884.10).

Monday, December 18, 2023:

Resolution: Dog Leg Road Phase Two Utilities Extension Bid Award - Bids were publicly opened for the Dog Leg Road Water & Sanitary Sewer Extension Phase Two project on Tuesday November 21, 2023. A copy of the bid tabulation sheet for referenced bids is included in the packet. This project will extend water and sanitary sewer to our western corporate border. This not only opens this area up for economic development but also provides safe drinking water to all residents and businesses currently in this area. Ten contractors took out bid packages and eight contractors submitted bids for the project. Bids ranged from \$2,243,684.00 to \$4,410,500.00. Our engineer's estimate for the project was \$3,010,190.00. I recommend awarding the contract for this project to Outdoor Enterprise, LLC as the lowest and best bid at their bid price of \$2,243,684.00. Outdoor Enterprise also completed phase one of the extension.

Discussion Items:

Granicus Renewal – Under \$25k- The city utilizes Granicus software for creating council agendas, distributing agendas to iPads, and recording meeting videos and meeting minutes. The annual software agreement is up for renewal in January at a cost of \$14,063.49. IT Manager Davey recommending the renewal of the Granicus software to ensure the continued smooth functioning of our council meetings and uphold our commitment to transparent and efficient governance.

Boards and Commissions Expirations, Reappointment, Meet and Greet – City Manager Wendt will introduce Kevin Larger, an applicant requesting appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. At the December 18th Council Meeting, you will be asked to consider the appointment. At the December 18th Council Meeting, you will be asked to consider the reappointment of current board and commission members whose terms expire December 31, 2023.

60-Day Calendar – The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

Council Meeting:

Communications, Petitions and Awards

Introduction Public Works Technician Nick Davidson – City Manager Wendt will introduce Nick Davidson who began full-time employment November 16, 2023.

Proclamation – Councilmember Bob Ahlers – Mayor Herbst will present a proclamation to Councilmember Bob Ahlers in honor of his 12 years of service.

Boards and Commissions Appointment – Enclosed is the application of Robert Wolfe who requests appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. You will be asked to consider the appointment during the December 18th Council Meeting as an Action Item.

Resolutions:

Resolution 23-R-77: Sports Complex Fence - The Parks & Recreation Department solicited proposals for a ball field fence replacement project at the Sports Complex. Four (4) fence companies submitted formal proposals with Quality Lawn, Landscape & Fence, Inc. of Casstown Ohio providing the overall best proposal of \$49,145. The proposal includes replacement of backstop, sideline and dugout fencing on fields #9 & #10 at the Sports Complex with 9-gauge black vinyl coated chain link fence fabric and all necessary equipment, supplies and labor necessary to complete the project.

Resolution 23-R-78: Municipal Building Parking Lot – The Parks & Recreation Department solicited bids for a parking lot maintenance project at the Municipal Building. Four (4) asphalt companies submitted formal bids with Neyra Paving of Cincinnati, Ohio providing the overall lowest and best bid of \$53,242. The proposal includes repairs, milling, paving, crack fill, and painting stripes on the parking lots at the Municipal Building including all necessary equipment, supplies and labor necessary to complete the project. The capital improvement budget has \$59,000 available for this project. The project has a completion date of August 30, 2024.

Resolution 23-R-79: Flock Safety Maintenance Agreement - In 2022, the City entered into an agreement with Flock Safety to install cameras and provide the means for VPD to capture objective evidence and utilize machine learning to create and deliver unbiased investigative leads. Flock Safety has proprietary devices and cloud-based software that has been shown to reduce crime in many cities and neighborhoods. The Division of Police has used the cameras in several investigations to help solve crimes and locate suspects. Due to this proprietary software, I request Council waive the formal bidding process and allow the Division of Police to renew the hardware and software maintenance agreement with Flock Safety in the amount of \$27,500. VPD budgeted \$25,000 for this capital expenditure while evaluating one additional camera. The additional camera has been essential, and I would request that this additional \$2,500 be covered with leftover funds from our 2023 new firearms capital purchase.

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community.

Ordinance – First Reading:

Ordinance 23-29: Amending Chapter 208, Purchasing, of the Codified Ordinances of the City Of Vandalia – This ordinance was brought before the City Council for consideration at the spring council retreat on May 15, 2023. It was subsequently brought to a study session in June 2023 and then it was tabled in its first reading in July. The amendments were considered by the City Council during the fall retreat on September 11, 2023. The item was tabled at the November 6, 2023, City Council meeting and presented for discussion in the November 20, 2023 Study Session. As proposed, the amendment would include the following:

- Permit informal bidding for purchases that are less than or equal to \$25,000 – while the current threshold is \$10,000.
- Permit informal bidding for purchases after advising the City Council of purchases greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000 – while the current threshold is the range of \$10,001 - \$24,999.
- Permit formal bidding for purchases of \$50,000 or more – while the current threshold is equal to or greater than \$25,000.
 - Note: the State of Ohio has increased the formal bidding threshold for statutory municipalities from \$50,000 to greater than or equal to \$75,000 with annual escalators of 3% subject to approval by the Director of Commerce.
- Account for the role of public and private cooperative purchasing programs.
- Reduce the requirement for waiving formal bidding by affirmative vote from five Councilmembers to four Councilmembers.
- Formally legislate, document the practice, and affirm the authority of the city manager to make emergency purchases of more than \$25,000 and less than or equal to \$100,000, without prior notice to Council or being authorized or directed by Council as an emergency measure due to it being necessary, in the opinion of the city manager, to provide for the continued protection of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and for reasons relating to the good order of the organization and maintaining continuity of operations. This language aligns with the emergency ordinance language that is used in the State of Ohio for emergency legislation.
 - Recent examples of emergency purchases that have been authorized by the city manager include but are not limited to:
 - Purchases in response to the Christmas Day flood of the Justic Center to maintain continuity of services and remediation services to prevent further loss;
 - Rooftop air conditioning units servicing the Police Dispatch Communications Center;
 - Temporary repairs after a sanitary sewer collapse;
 - Purchasing replacement pumps and equipment that would otherwise necessitate a shutdown (and foregone revenues) of the Aquatic Center or Cassel Hills Pool;
 - Emergency repairs to fire apparatus;
 - Emergency roof repairs to prevent water infiltration above the basketball court at the Vandalia Recreation Center.
 - Other potential emergency purchases that we hope we never need but may include and not be limited to:
 - Traditional public emergencies;
 - Emergency roadway or bridge deck repairs;
 - Natural disaster response; and
 - Purchases necessary in response to a mass casualty event; and

- Other unforeseen emergencies.
- This provision is meant to document the current and long-established practice of the city manager making rare emergency purchases and then advising the City Council after the fact.
- This provision is meant to be used rarely and sparingly.
- This provision is not meant to and cannot be used to obviate appropriations, which are the responsibility of the legislative body.
- As the chief executive officer and public safety director of the City of Vandalia, the city manager is able to prudently and objectively identify the need for an emergency purchase.
- Establish by ordinance the guidance that the city manager shall advise the Council of emergency purchases exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).
- Increase the threshold regarding the city manager's discretion of whether to require bid bonds for contracts from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Ordinance 23-31: City-Initiated Zoning Text Amendment - This staff-initiated text amendment proposed amendments to several chapters of the Zoning Code. The proposed amendments clarify several processes within the code, introduce additional definitions, and update language. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments on November 28, 2023 and recommended their approval by a vote of 5-0.

Ordinance 23-32: Ohio House Bill 33 Municipal Income Tax Ordinance Updates - This emergency Ordinance includes HB33 mandated Municipal Income Tax Ordinance changes and amendments to Chapter 884 (sections 884.062, 884.091, 884.094, 884.10).

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Variance BZA 23-14: Perimeter Landscaping – 165 North Dixie Drive (Advantage Plumbing and Drain Solutions) - Enclosed in the packet is a memorandum from Mr. Graham wherein the Applicant, Colby Harris, on behalf of Advantage Plumbing and Drain Solutions has requested a variance to forgo the perimeter landscaping requirement for the property located at 165 North Dixie Drive. The purpose of this request is to have no perimeter landscaping. The Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

The next Council meeting is on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be an in-person meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff and the public to attend in-person. The meetings will be accessible for viewing on through Zoom. Please note, no comments, electronic or oral, will be allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members

All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Auditor of State Award with Distinction – City of Vandalia;
2. Auditor of State Award with Distinction –Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority;
3. Auditor of State Award – Northern Area Water Authority;
4. MyVandalia Magazine January 2024 – April 2024;
5. Jingle Mingle Flyer;
6. Citywide Policy Goals;
7. MyVandalia App Flyer;
8. Employee Appreciation Events;
9. Leaf Collection Map and Street List; and
10. Memo – 2024 Council Meetings and Updates.



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KEITH FABER
OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD WITH DISTINCTION

Presented to

City of Vandalia
Bridgette Leiter, Finance Director

This award is presented for excellence in financial reporting related to your Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and compliance with applicable laws for the fiscal year ended in 2022.

Your exemplary reporting serves as the standard for clean, accountable government, representing the highest level of service to Ohioans.



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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD WITH DISTINCTION

Presented to

**Tri-Cities North
Regional Wastewater Authority**
Bridgette Leiter, Finance Supervisor

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD *Presented to*

Northern Area Water Authority

This award is presented for excellence in financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and compliance with applicable laws for the fiscal year ended in 2022.

The citizens you represent are well-served by your effective and accountable financial practices.




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January - April 2024



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



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Vandalia City Manager Recognized as Business Professional of the Year

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



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

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

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

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



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

On the cover

Helke Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Medal of Valor awarded to two Vandalia Police Officers

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

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

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

building to safety, with Officer Clymer assisting.

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

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

"Both of these officers demonstrated



Officer Connor Matlock Officer Nelson Clymer

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

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

New Crime Prevention Officer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Coming to a block party near you!

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

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

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

at no cost with a refundable deposit.

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

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



Congratulations to newly-promoted employees



Scott Jacobs
Fire Marshal
Division of Fire



Brian Krimm
Police Sergeant
Division of Police



Andy Wehner
Police Sergeant
Division of Police

The City of Vandalia welcomes new employees!



Kristen Sharon
Police Officer
Division of Police



Jack Alexander
Police Officer
Division of Police



Kolton Keener
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Inspector
Division of Fire



Joshua Berry
Recreation Coordinator
Parks and Recreation



Drew Burghardt
Park Maintainer
Parks and Recreation

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



Vandalia's Downtown Business Corridor Transformation Progressing

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

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

The first major step forward took

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

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

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

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

Vandalia Seeks Age-Friendly Community Status

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

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

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

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

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

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



Vandalia Takes Stand on Larger Commercial Vehicles

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACTIONS TAKEN:

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



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

AT THE REC

PROGRAM GUIDE

January - April 2024

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general information

Registering in Advance

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



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

Vandalia Recreation Center Hours of Operation

October 1st – May 31st:

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

June 1st – September 30th:

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

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

Vandalia Recreation Center Closings & Holiday Hours

Sunday, January 1, 2024 - VRC CLOSED

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - VRC CLOSED

Save Time and Register Online

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

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

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



Refund Policy

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

Did You Know?

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

Work in Vandalia city limits?

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

Celebrate your Birthday at the VRC!

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

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



Have your next Group Outing at the VRC!

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





general information



Vandalia Rec Center Memberships

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

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

VRC Annual Pass Rates

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

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

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)

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

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

Winter Weather Policy

Rainout Line: (937) 552-2200

Facebook: www.facebook.com/VandaliaRec

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

Have a question? Contact us...

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201 Clubhouse Way, Vandalia, OH 45377



aquatics

Register in Advance

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

Swim School Overview

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

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

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

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

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



Registration

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



Adult Social Swim

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

Group Swim Lessons

Frogs & Tadpoles

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



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

Age: 9-36 months (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/12 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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

Session One - 6 Weeks

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

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

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

Session Three - 6 Weeks

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

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering



Level 1: Flounder

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

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

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

Class Size: 3 minimum/5 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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



Session One - 6 Weeks

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

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

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

Session Three - 6 Weeks

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

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering



Level 2: Jellyfish

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

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Flounder skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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



Session One - 6 Weeks

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

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Feb 17 - Mar 16	9:35 - 10:05 am
Tuesday	Feb 20 - Mar 19	5:40 - 6:10 pm
Thursday	Feb 22 - Mar 21	5:05 - 5:35 pm; or 5:40 - 6:10 pm

Session Three - 6 Weeks

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

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering



Level 3: Octopus

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

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Jellyfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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



Session One - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Jan 6 - Feb 10	9:35 - 10:05 am
Tuesday	Jan 9 - Feb 13	5:40 - 6:10 pm

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Feb 17 - Mar 16	9:35 - 10:05 am
Tuesday	Feb 20 - Mar 19	5:40 - 6:10 pm

Session Three - 6 Weeks

Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	Apr 2 - May 7	5:40 - 6:10 pm
Saturday	Apr 6 - May 11	9:35 - 10:05 am

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering

Registration

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



Level 4: Clownfish & Level 5: Seahorse

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

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Octopus skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Class Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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



Session One - 6 Weeks

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

Session Two - 5 Weeks*

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

Session Three - 6 Weeks

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

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering





Private Swim Lessons

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

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

Ages: 3.5 & older

Class Size: 1

Class length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$150 VRC Member/Resident;

\$175 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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

Session One - 6 Weeks

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

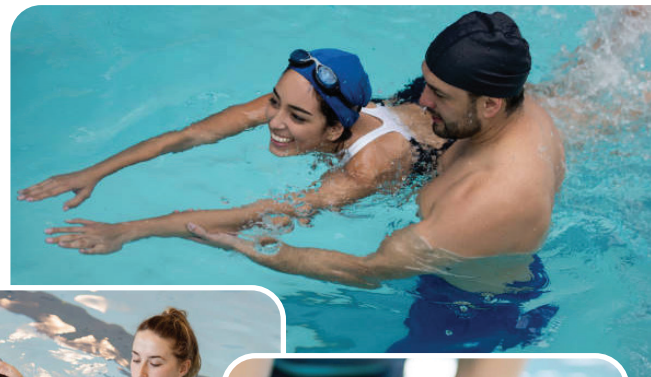
Session Two - 5 Weeks*

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

Session Three - 6 Weeks

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

* Fees are prorated to reflect the change in offering



Butler Youth Swim Camp

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

Ages: 5 - 18 years

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident;

\$85 Non-Member/Non-Resident

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

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



Zoom Around the Room

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

Ages: 1 - 5 years old

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

Location: VRC Gymnasium Side A

Special Notes: Parent/guardian must accompany child.



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

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

Kids Night Out

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



Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

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

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

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

Registration

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



Learn to Lace w/ Miss Bec

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

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

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

DIY Sock Snowmen & Mini Canvas Ornaments w/ Miss Bec

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

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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



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

Soup for the Soul w/ Eat Pretty Darling

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

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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



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



Love Bugs w/ Eat Pretty Darling

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

Ages: 2 -5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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



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



Paint & Sip: Love Bugs w/ Miss Bec

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

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

Registration

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



Photo Crafts w/ Miss Bec

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

Ages: 2 -5 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

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



Pokémon Playtime

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

Ages: 6 - 13 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

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

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

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

Out of This World Alien Craft Night w/ Miss Bec

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

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

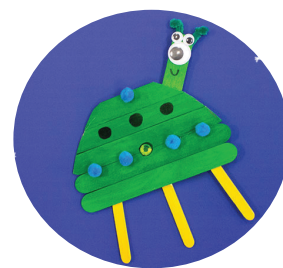
Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

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

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

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





Shamrock Snacks w/ Eat Pretty Darling

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

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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



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

Learn to Sew: Emoji Pocket Plushies w/ Miss Bec

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

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

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

Ages: 3 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Pool

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

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



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



Rose for Mom

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

Division 1 = First Grade

Division 2 = Second Grade

Division 3 = Third Grade

Division 4 = Fourth Grade

Division 5 = Fifth Grade

Rules

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



Spring CampREC

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

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Spring CampREC Fees - Week A:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

**Farm Animal Flowerpots w/ Miss Bec**

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

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex Baseball Concession Stand

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

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

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

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

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center.

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

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

Registration

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

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

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

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

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

**Fruit Flowers w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

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

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

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



Polynesian Cultural Night w/ Olohana's Polynesian Dance

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

Our workshop includes:

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

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

Ages: 6 years old & older

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

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

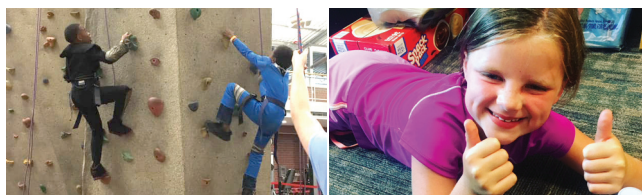


Activity #	Age	Day	Date	Time
190019-00	6-12	SAT	Feb 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm
190019-01	13 & older	SAT	Feb 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm



Registration

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



February Family Fun Night

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

Ages: All ages welcome

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

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

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

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

Ages: All ages welcome

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

Location: Vandalia Art Park

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

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

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





Date Night-In w/ Eat Pretty Darling

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

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$50 per couple

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

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

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

Registration

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



Adult Easter Egg Hunt

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

Ages: 21 & older

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

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex; Meet in Vandalia Recreation Center

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

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





community events

Homeschool Takeover

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

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



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

Vandalia Paws in the Park Easter Party

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

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

Location: Helke Park

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

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

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



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

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



Vandalia Easter Eggstravaganza

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

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex - Soccer Field Side

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

Easter Egg Hunt Ages: For ages 10 and under

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

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

Community Gardens at Jeffers Park

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





athletics

Youth Athletics

2024 Boys Baseball and Girls Softball Registration

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

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

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

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

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

T-Ball (co-ed)

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

Baseball

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

Softball

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

Registration

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



Youth Sports Sponsorship

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



Start Smart Baseball-Softball

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

Ages: 3 - 5 years old

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

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex North Fields

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

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

Umpires Needed

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

Thank You

Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

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



Adult Athletics

Adult Softball Free Agent List

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

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

Men's Summer Softball Leagues

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

Ages: 18 & older/2024 High School Graduate

Fees: \$380 per team

Location: Helke Park

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



Coed Summer Softball

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

Ages: 18 & older/2024 High School Graduate

Fees: \$380 per team

Location: Helke Park

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

Registration

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





fitness



Group Fitness Classes

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



Personal Training at the Vandalia Rec Center

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



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

Senior Volleyball

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

Ages: 55 & older

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

Location: VRC Gymnasium

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



Senior Pickleball

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

Ages: 55 & older

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

Location: VRC Gymnasium

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

Drop in Pickleball

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

Ages: 18 & older

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

Location: VRC Gymnasium

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





Drop-In Volleyball

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

Ages: 18 & older

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

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Time
THU	6:00 - 9:45 pm

Drop-In Cornhole

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

Ages: 18 & up

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

Location: VRC Fitness Studio

Class Size: 30 maximum



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



Free Climb Nights

Climbing the wall is an activity the entire family can enjoy

Ages: 6 & older

Fee: Free

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

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

Class Fest

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

Ages: 15 & older

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

Location: VRC Gymnasium and Fitness Studio

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

*times may change



Superhero Costume Fun Run

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

Ages: All ages

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

Location: VCR Outdoor Track area

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

The day before National Superhero Day



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

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



senior center



Senior Center

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



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

Membership Information

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

Transportation

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



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

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

Card & Game Groups

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

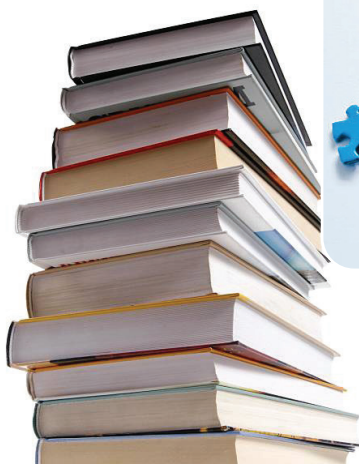
Friday:

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



More Activities

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



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

Electrical Parts Distribution Center Coming to Vandalia

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

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

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

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



Help The Snow Plow Driver Help You

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

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

Monday, December 25, 2023

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Monday, January 1, 2024

Tree Recycling Available at Sports Complex

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

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

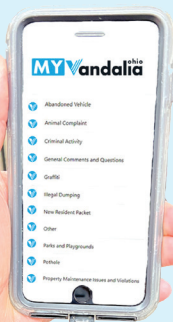
Residents who want to dispose of their Christmas tree in an environmentally responsible way will be glad to know that the City of Vandalia Tree Recycling program will be in effect beginning December 26. Residents are free to bring their Christmas Trees to the Sports



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

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

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



My Vandalia App Enhances Communication with City

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



Trash Collection Fee Increase

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

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

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

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



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

2023
HOLIDAY SOCIAL & SILENT
AUCTION

TUESDAY DEC. 12TH

5-8PM

Jingle Mingle

Hollywood Gaming
777 Hollywood Blvd

Tickets \$40
each
Tables of 8
\$320

5:00pm- Jingle Hour - hors d'oeuvres w/ Cash Bar
-Silent Auction Tables Open

6:15pm- Dinner Buffet

7:15pm- First Silent Auction Tables Closed

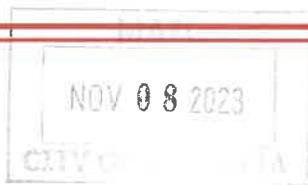
7:30PM - Large Prize Raffle Drawing

7:45pm - Final Silent Auction Tables Closed

Mystery Wall of Spirits, Santa's Gifts & More

R.S.V.P by Friday December 1st

937-898-5351 - info@vandaliabutlerchamber.org



On **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Holiday Social, the JINGLE MINGLE.

We are back at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. It will be a spectacular way to kick off the holiday season with your family and friends.

We have a night of fun planned, including great food, mystery wall of spirits, Santa gifts, AND... LIVE HORSE RACING again!

Your business can be a part of this amazing event in multiple ways, including through donations in the form of gift baskets, single gift items, gift cards and the ever-popular donation of cash.

Cash donations will be used to purchase items for the silent auctions or Santa Gifts in your business name.

May we count on you for your support?

If so, **please present your donation by Monday, December 4, 2023**. Gifts may be dropped at the Chamber office, 544 W. National Road, or simply give us a call at **937-898-5351** and a representative will gladly collect it from you.

If you have already been contacted and/or previously submitted your donation, please forgive this duplicate request.

Furthermore, the committee and I invite you to become a Jingle Mingle Gift or Stocking Sponsor.

Gift Sponsors: Donations supporting Silent Auction Gifts (\$250)

Stocking Sponsors: Donations supporting Santa's Gifts (\$100)

Santa's Little Helper Sponsors: A financial donation in any amount

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION WITH A VALUE OF \$_____





2023 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved December 5, 2022

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Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.

Play



Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.

Now there's a new and easier way to connect with the City of Vandalia!



Introducing My Vandalia, the fast, easy and free way to connect with the City for just about anything!



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Request a "vacation house check."

Report property maintenance issues in an instant.

Report a pothole in seconds! Snap a photo and the app lets us know exactly where to send the crew!

Ask a question or submit a general comment.

It's your direct access line to the City!

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It's a year of Employee Appreciation!

2023 is the Year of Employee Appreciation!

Please note the dates below and plan to attend these events.



Wednesday, June 14
Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



Thursday, July 20
Pizza in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Helke Park



Wednesday, August 16
Picnic in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



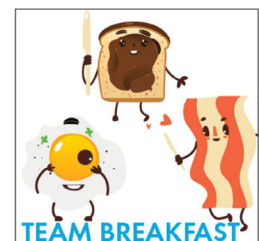
Wednesday, September 20
Employee Taco Bar
12:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center



Wednesday, October 25
Employee Donut Bar
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Vandalia Justice Center

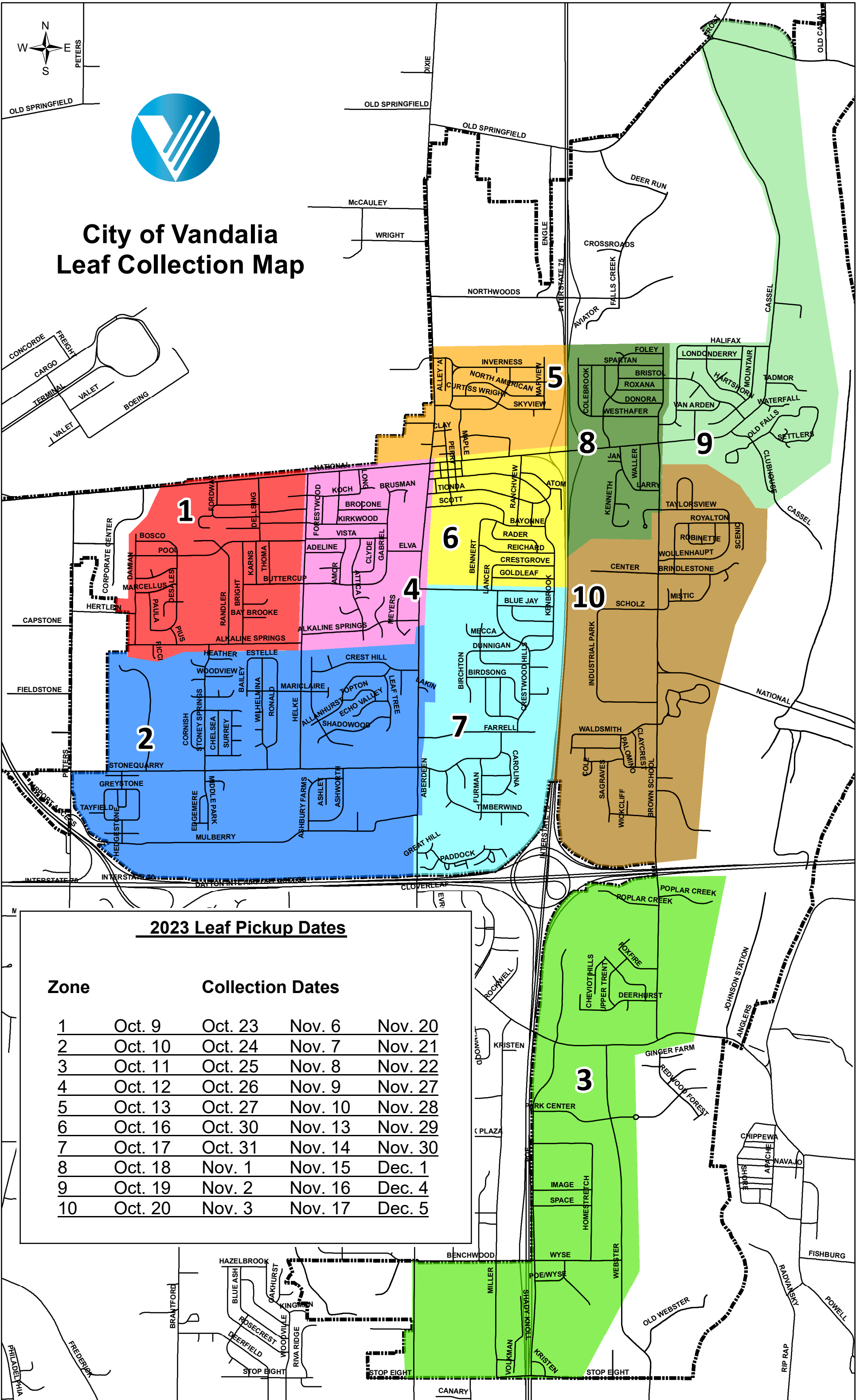


Wednesday, November 8
Team Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Cassel Hills Clubhouse



Monday, December 18
City Council Employee Appreciation Day
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank You



2023 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

ADDRESS	1ST PU	2ND PU	3RD PU	4TH PU	ZONE
ABERDEEN	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
ADELINE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
ALKALINE E	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
ALKALINE W	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
ALLANHURST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
AMOR	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
ARROW CT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASH RIDGE CT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASHBURY FARMS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASHLEY PL	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASHWORTH	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ATOM	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
ATTICA	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BAILEY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
BARTLES	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
BAYBROOK	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
BAYONNE	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
BENCHWOOD S. SIDE	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
BENNERT	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
BENT TWIG	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BIRCHTON	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BIRDSONG	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BIRNAM WOOD	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BLUCHER Ct.	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
BLUE JAY	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BOLTON ABBEY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
BONNIE BRAE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
BOSCO	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
BRAMLEY CT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
BRIGHT	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
BRINDLESTONE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
BRISTOL E. OF BRN SCH	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
BRISTOL W. OF BRN SCH	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
BROCON	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BROWN SCHOOL N.	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
BROWN SCHOOL S. OF 40	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
BROWN SCHOOL S. OF 70	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
BRUSMAN	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BUTTERCUP E. OF HELKE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BUTTERCUP W. OF HELKE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1

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CAMBRON	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CAROLINA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CASSEL CREEK	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
CASSEL N.	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
CAWDOR	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CHELSEA	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CHEVIOT HILLS	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
CITADEL	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CLARENDON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CLAY	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
CLAYCREST	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
CLEARBROOK	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
CLIFFBROOK	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
CLUBHOUSE WAY	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
CLYDE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
COLE CT	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
COLEBROOK	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
CONTINENTAL	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
COPPERGATE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CORNISH	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
COVENT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CREST HILL	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CRESTGROVE	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
CRESTWOOD HILLS	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CROYDON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CURTISS WRIGHT BLVD	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
CYRIL	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
DAMIAN	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
DEER CREEK DR	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
DEERHURST	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
DEERVALE	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
DELLSING	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
DESALES	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
DIXIE 40 TO W. ALKALINE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
DIXIE N. OF 40	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
DIXIE S. OF ALKALINE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
DONORA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
DUNNIGAN	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
DUNSINANE	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
EASTVIEW	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
ECHO VALLEY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2

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EDGEMERE WAY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ELVA	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
ENOLA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
ESTELLE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
FARRELL	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
FITCHLAND	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
FOLEY	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
FORDWAY	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
FOREST CREST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
FOREST VIEW	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
FORESTWOOD	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
FOXCROFT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
FOXFIRE TRAIL	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
FRANCES LN	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
FRISCO LN	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
FROST	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
FURMAN	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
GABRIEL	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
GATESHEAD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
GLENAPPLE	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
GLENROSE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
GOLDLEAF	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
GOLF VIEW	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
GREAT HILL	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
GREENHURST	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
GREYSTONE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
GROSBECK	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
HALCYON	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
HALIFAX	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
HARTSHORN	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
HEATHER	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
HEDGESTONE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
HELKE N. OF ALKALINE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
HELKE S. OF ALKALINE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
HENLEY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
HERTLEIN	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
HIALEAH	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
HOMESTRETCH	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
HOWARD LN	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
HUNTERS CHASE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
HURST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2

2023 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

IMPERIAL	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
INVERNESS	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
JAMES BOHANAN	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
JAN	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
JEFFREY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
KARNS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
KENBROOK N. OF ALK.	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
KENBROOK S. OF ALK.	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
KENNETH	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
KIRKWOOD E. OF HELKE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
KIRKWOOD W. OF HELKE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
KOCH E. OF HELKE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
KOCH W. OF HELKE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
LAKIN	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LAMAR	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
LANCER	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
LANGFORD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LANSDALE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LARRY	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
LATOURETTE	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
LAWN	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
LEAF TREE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LITTLE YORK	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
LOCKHART	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
LOCKHEED	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
LONDONDERRY	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
LONG	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
MAPLE	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
MARCELLUS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
MARICLAIRE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MARIDON CT	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
MARVIEW	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
MEADOWVIEW	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
MECCA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
MEYERS	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
MIDDLE PARK	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MIDDLEFIELD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MILLER LANE	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
MISTIC	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
MONTE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
MOSSVIEW	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6

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MOUNTAIR	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
MULBERRY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MULBERRY WOODS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
NATIONAL E. OF BRN SCH	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
NERI	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
NORTH AMERICAN	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
NORTHEDGE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
NORWICH	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
OHARA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
OLD DERBY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
OLD DERBY CT	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
OLD FALLS	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
OLD SPRINGFIELD	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
OLDE FARM	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
PALOMINO	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
PARK FOREST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
PAULA	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
PERRY N.	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
PERRY S.	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
PINEDALE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
PINTO	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
PIUS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
POOL	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
POPLAR CREEK	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
POPLAR GROVE	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
PRAIRE WAGGON	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
RADER	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
RANCHVIEW	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
RANDLER	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
RAYBERTA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
REICHARD	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
REXFORD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
RICCI	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
ROBINETTE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
ROCKRIDGE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ROMANUS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
RONALD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ROXANNA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
ROYAL WOOD	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
ROYALTON	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
SAGRAVES	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10

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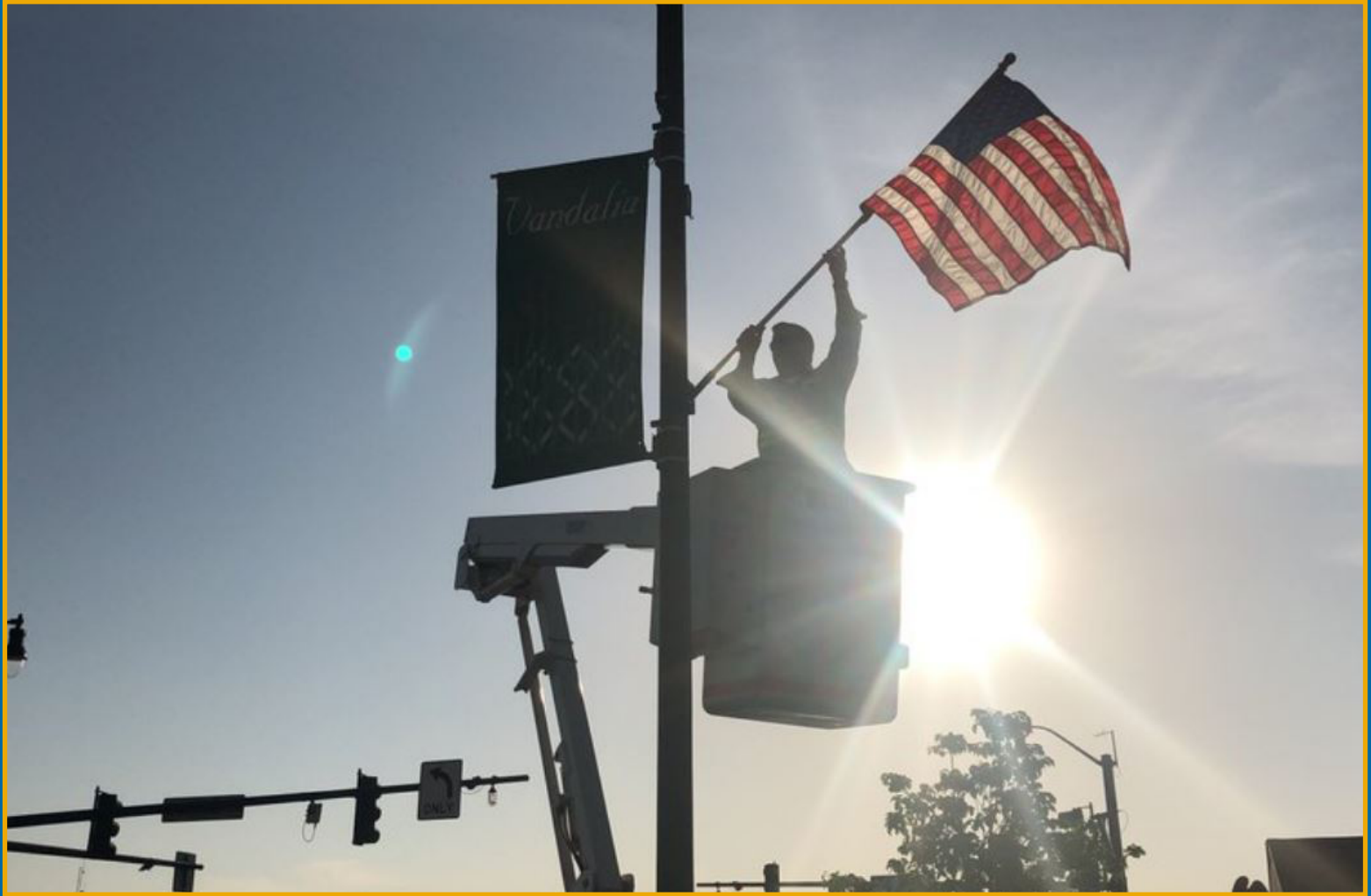
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SCOTT	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
SETTLERS TRAIL	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
SHADOWOOD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
SHADY KNOLL	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
SILVAN CLIFF	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
SKYVIEW	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
SOTER	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
SPARTAN	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
STEWVILLE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
STONEQUARRY E	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
STONEQUARRY W	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
STONEYSPRINGS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
STOP EIGHT N. SIDE ONLY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
SUNDERLAND	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
SUNNY GLEN	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
SURREY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
SUSSEX	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
TAYFIELD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
TAYLORSVIEW	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
THOMA	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
THRUSH	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
TIMBERWIND	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
TIONDA	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
TOPTON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
UPPER TRENT WAY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
VAN ARDEN	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
VAN LAKE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
VILLAGE TRAIL	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
VIRGINIA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
VISTA	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
VOLKMAN	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
WALDSMITH	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
WALLER	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
WESTHAFFER	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
WESTON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
WHITEHORN	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
WICKCLIFF	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
WILHELMINA	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
WILKSFORD	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
WOLLENHAUPT	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10

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WOODLAND MEADOWS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
WOODVIEW	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2

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THE COMMUNITY

The [City of Vandalia](#) is optimally situated between the Dayton International Airport and the I-70 / I-75 interchange. Vandalia's corporate limits span 12.39 square miles with a population of approximately 15,000 (See: [Census QuickFacts](#)). Residents enjoy vibrant amenities, top-tier public services, affordable housing, and quality schools. The town has a robust and stable economy that is growing with businesses representing the industries of defense, aerospace, cyber, automotive, advanced manufacturing, and food processing. Located just 15 minutes from downtown Dayton and one hour from Cincinnati and Columbus, residents have ample access to quality universities and colleges. Each year the City hosts a series of gatherings and events in its parks, and plays a large role in helping make the Dayton Air Show a success.

Residents place a high priority on revitalizing the community and creating a downtown area as a community space for gathering and entertainment. Our community values our parks, public facilities, and seeks to improve active transportation options.



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Work

Fiscal Sustainability: Leverage the operating position of the City to seize strategic opportunities for improving quality of life, while maintaining sustainable fiscal practices.



Trust and Confidence: Promote an open approach to government through coordinated, transparent, and evidence-based engagement practices. Empower residents, business owners and community stakeholders to partner in City programs.



Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.



Play

Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.

CITY GOVERNMENT

The [Charter of the City of Vandalia](#) was adopted by the voters on April 7, 1959. Vandalia is a politically mature municipal organization that is committed to effective public service through professional management. The City prides itself on being a respectful and collaborative employer that demands excellence from its team.

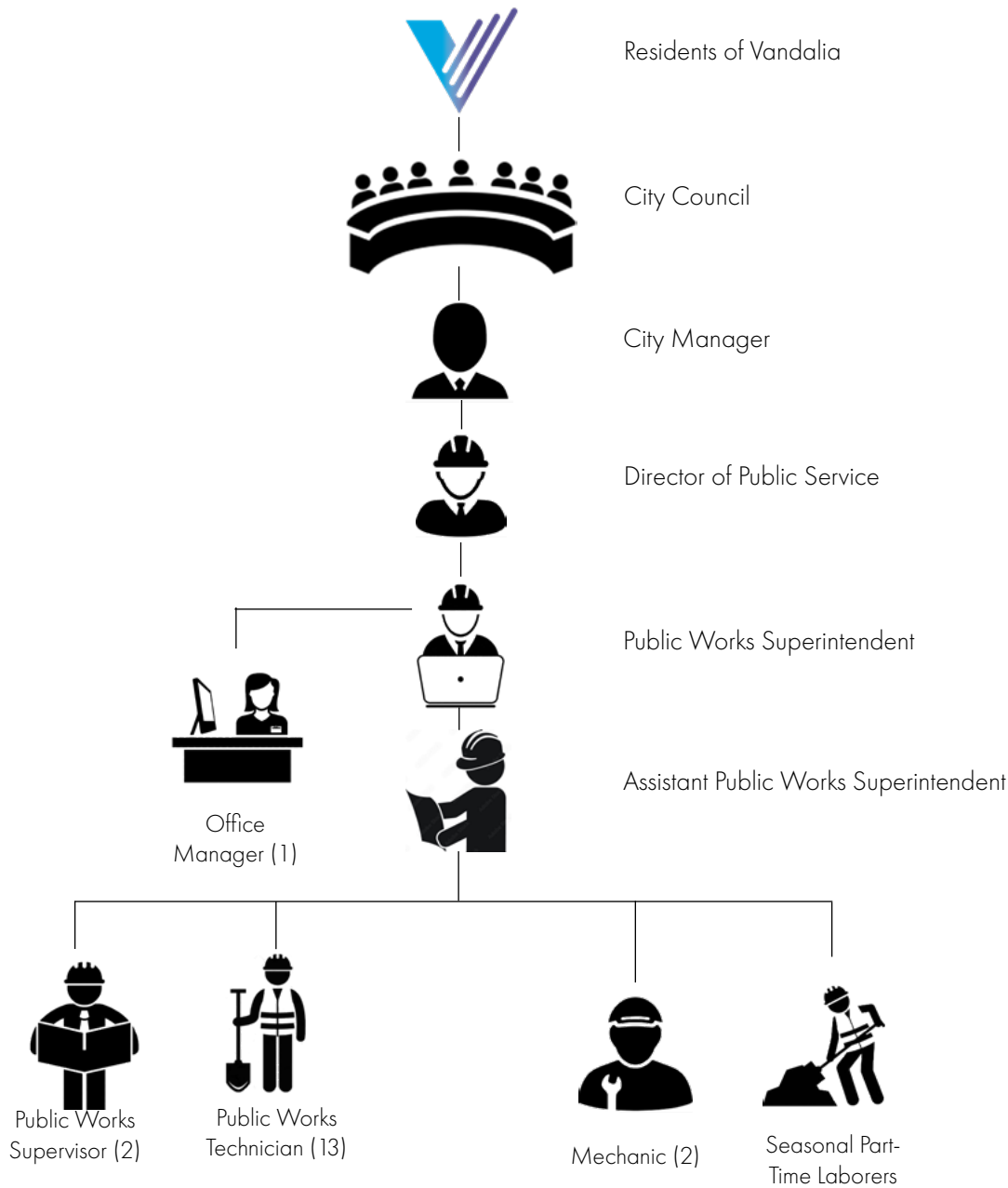
Vandalia is a complex municipal organization. The City organization retains a strong bond rating of Aa2, annual all funds budget of approximately \$61 million, and an average full-time workforce of 275 full-time equivalent employees. The City prides itself on maintaining a strong operating position and ensures that its team of public servants has the tools that it needs to serve the public.

Under the direction of the City Manager, the leadership team executes the policy directives of the Vandalia City Council including the day-to-day operations of police, fire, emergency medical services, and dispatch; water distribution, wastewater collection, and storm water utilities; public works and street construction; economic development, building and zoning, planning, and engineering services; and community enrichment through the Vandalia Recreation Center, Senior Center, Cassel Hills Golf Course, and numerous parks.

In 2020, City Council adopted the [Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan](#). There are many exciting anticipated developments in the coming years.

Learn more about City of Vandalia initiatives on the City's [YouTube Channel](#) and [Facebook Page](#).

COMMAND STRUCTURE



PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Service is staffed by dedicated and highly trained public servants who provide residents with efficient, honest, and courteous service through the divisions of Public Works and Development and Engineering Services. The department is led by our tenured Director of Public Service, Rob Cron.



PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

The Public Works Division is responsible for general maintenance of 210 lane miles of roadways; leaf collection; fleet management and the City garage; maintenance, repair and replacement of water mains, sanitary and storm sewers; operation of Poplar Hill Cemetery; ice and snow removal; street sweeping; roadway painting; and sign and signal maintenance. The Public Works team is highly visible to our residents, businesses, and visitors. The City prides itself on ensuring a high level of customer service at every touchpoint with the public.

Full-time employees within the Public Works Division are represented by the Teamsters Local Union No. 957. The Employer and the Union entered into an initial [collective bargaining agreement](#) on April 20, 2020. The current collective bargaining agreement expired on December 31, 2021 and is currently under negotiation.

THE POSITION - THE IDEAL CANDIDATE - THE QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Vandalia is seeking several skilled technicians to join its Public Works team. Vandalia Public Works Technicians perform a variety of duties, as follows:

- Construction, maintenance and repair of streets, curbs and sidewalks, catch basins, manholes, water, sewer, street and storm drainage.
- Operation and maintenance of trucks and power construction and maintenance equipment - inspecting, maintaining, loading, and hauling and unloading trash, leaves, gravel, salt, asphalt and concrete.
- Mowing, trimming, plowing snow.
- Miscellaneous tasks: guardrail installation and repair, opening and closing of graves, pick-up and disposal of dead animals, collection of large trash, painting and installation of traffic control markings and devices, and all other duties as assigned.
- Responds to public emergencies and extreme weather events.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Must be at least 18;

Must possess a high school diploma or GED;

Must possess a valid State of Ohio vehicle operator's license, valid Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement preferred. Applicants must have a Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement within six months as a condition of employment;

Must obtain satisfactory scores on all phases of the qualification process, including oral interviews, practical assessments, background check, physical exam and drug screen.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Good attitude, strong work ethic, high level of customer service.

Those with any of the following will receive preference:

One to two years recent, successful employment in outdoor work, vehicle and equipment operations and / or the performance of heavy labor for extended periods of time. Construction, excavation, or previous related trade experience;

EPA water and wastewater certifications;

Recent successful public works experience;

Demonstrated knowledge of public works / utility construction and maintenance practices and materials used in street, water and sewer work; and

Demonstrated skill in operating tools and equipment such as tractors, backhoe, loader, paver, grinder, roller, trencher, bucket truck, skid loader, etc.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

The City of Vandalia offers a generous and competitive compensation package in an effort to attract top-tier talent. The successful candidate can expect the following wage and benefit package:

- Base Salary: **\$23.00 - \$24.90 per hour**, depending on experience
- Ohio Public Employees Retirement System: Employer contribution of 14% of gross wage, Employee contribution of 10% of gross wage
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Paid Leave:
 - Vacation: 12 – 26 days per year depending on service credit
 - Prior Service Recognition: The City of Vandalia will recognize prior full-time service at a qualifying political subdivision (i.e., city, township, county, school district, State of Ohio) for the purposes of calculating leave accrual in accordance with the current policy
 - Holiday: nine paid holidays per year
 - Floating Holiday: 1.25 days per full quarter-year after six months (5 days per year)
 - Sick Leave: 1.25 days per full calendar month (15 days per year)
 - Transfer of Sick Leave: The City of Vandalia will accept the transfer in of up to 1,250 hours of unused, uncompensated sick leave from the candidate's former qualified employer(s)
 - Funeral Leave
 - Jury Duty Leave
 - Military Leave
 - Paternal Leave with Pay
 - Adoptive Parent Leave
- Life Insurance: employer sponsored benefit of \$60,000
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance: \$12,000 benefit
- Complimentary Recreation Passes
 - Individual Vandalia Recreation Center membership
 - Family Cassel Hills Pool membership;
 - Individual Restricted Pass to Cassel Hills Golf Course
- Tuition Reimbursement: \$3,000 per year for up to 80% for accredited degree programs with passing grade of "C" or better

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will only be accepted through the City's online application system available through the website at: VandaliaOhio.org/Jobs. Applications must include a résumé and a cover letter.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received with a deadline for submission of **Friday, December 22, 2023**. The recruitment of the Public Works Technician position will remain open until filled.

Vandalia is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

