

The Blue Letter

January 19, 2024

Honorable Mayor & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Division of Fire Annual Meeting and Awards: Thank you to Chief Follick and the Division of Fire for the opportunity to give the State of the City update on Monday. Congratulations to our teammates who were named:

- ✓ Fire Officer of the Year – Lieutenant Derek Copp;
- ✓ Firefighter of the Year – FF/P/I Chris Willoughby;
- ✓ EMS Person of the Year – FF/P/I Jacob Walters; and
- ✓ Rookie of the Year – FF/P/I Ben Cavanaugh.

The Division of Fire also recognized the retirement of part-time Captain Mike Pinson and part-time Firefighter Brian Ellish. Capt. Pinson served 32 years with the Division of Fire and Firefighter Ellish served 30 years. We wish them the best and are thankful for their service.

Welcome IT Support Specialist Thai Do! Mr. Do joined the IT Division this week. Mr. Do supported IT operations and public safety at the City of Fairborn for many years. We are thankful for the opportunity to fill out the IT ranks.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant: The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission has informed the City that we are being recommended to receive **\$843,334** in STP grant funding for the resurfacing of the City's portion of Miller Lane (south of Benchwood to Stop Eight), Wyse Rd., and the southern portion of Poe Avenue. The total estimated project cost including engineering is \$1,228,560. The grant will cover approximately 69% of the project. This type of win is like pulling almost an additional year of paving in one grant. Our share for the project will be \$385,226. Service Director Ben Borton prepared the application for this grant as the new City Engineer with then Director Cron's guidance. The funding will be available for the project in 2028. Engineering will begin in 2026. This is the same grant that the City won a few years back for the forthcoming Webster St. paving project. I have enclosed our external funding report. Since 2021, our team has raised approximately **\$17,466,536** in grants, anticipated funding, donations, and external funding to perform public services, while stretching taxpayer and utility customer dollars. Congrats to Public Service Director Ben Borton on hitting a home run.

I have also enclosed a letter of support from the EPA regarding Tri-Cities' pursuit of funding for the mandated plant improvements. Tri-Cities General Manager Danny Knife has been aggressively pursuing funding and has been forging all kinds of partnerships to boost our odds. This is truly a value-added service and ownership of his work product.

Employee Service Awards: Councilmembers are invited to attend the 2023 Employee Service Awards lunch on Friday, February 23, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Cassel Hills Golf Course Restaurant. Employees celebrating a service milestone in 2023 will receive an invitation in the mail. Attendance is limited to the City Council, department heads, supervisors, the employee being recognized, and one guest.

State of the City Video: Communications Manager Hopkins is working on the much-anticipated 2024 State of the City presentation that will be presented at the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting on Tuesday Mar 12, 2024, 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM at Christian Life Center (CLC - 3489 Little York Rd.).

The Block Party Trailer information and reservation information is now live on the City's Website. Residents are now able to book a reservation to have the Block Party Trailer delivered to their party. Learn more at: www.vandaliaohio.org/blockparty.



Employee Photo Directory: Communications Manager Hopkins is working on updating the City's Employee Photo Directory with all our new employees. This document is available to all employees on the City-Wide Directory and will be printed and put in each Councilmember's mailbox.

Right of Way Mowing Bids: City Planner Mike Hammes has been preparing bid documents that will be going out to bid soon for our Right of Way Mowing and Mowing of Certain City Owned Properties. Bids will be received and publicly opened on February 7th. This item is scheduled for City Council's Study Session on February 19th.

Oscars Bar & Grill: A "Condemnation Notice" was posted at 320 N. Dixie Drive at the former Oscars Bar & Grill due to disconnected utilities and unsafe conditions. This structure has sat vacant and unused since a fire cause severe damage in December of 2022.

W-2 Forms: The 2023 W-2 forms will be mailed to part time employees and distributed to full time employees (and Council) by January 31st.

EPA Compliance: Director Ben Borton, Assistant Superintendent Jake Hayslett, Engineering Technician / GIS Coordinator Chad Baughman, and ACM Cron had a kickoff meeting with 120 Water. 120 Water is a consulting firm that is going to assist us with EPA's required water service inventory for all service connections in the City. The City is required to submit an inventory of each service line identifying the material type to EPA by October of 2024.

MyVandalia Magazine: The most recent edition of the [MyVandalia Magazine is available online \(link\)](#).

Legislative Summaries: For reference, the legislative summaries are posted on the City [website \(link\)](#).

Parks Maintenance Technician Supervisor: Parks and Recreation Director Clark, Human Resources Manager

Pruszyński, and Facilities Superintendent Wells are working to develop a draft competitive process for the administrative appointment for the Parks Maintenance Technician Supervisor positions.

Cassel Rd. Bridge (Johnson Station Rd. Bridge) Replacement Update: Last week, I updated Council on the City's award of a state municipal bridge grant of \$1,382,327. ODOT, in certain years, offer assistance for the preliminary engineering and final design costs in the form of a *design task order*. This money is available on a first come first serve basis. We were fortunate enough to receive the task order funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to replace the Johnson Station Rd bridge. ODOT selects a third-party firm through a Quality Based Selection (QBS) process for the engineering and design of the project and then negotiates a contract price.



ODOT has selected Prime AE as the firm to perform the preliminary engineering and final design for the project. Prime AE's proposal cost for the work is approximately \$260,000, which would leave our share of the engineering at \$60,000. Because the task order is capped at \$200,000, we are required to enter into a separate agreement for our share of the engineering. Prime AE has agreed to separate their initial proposal into two separate proposals (one for ODOT and one for City of Vandalia) to best utilize the \$200,000 from ODOT. Ultimately the City will be responsible for approximately 4% of the entire \$1,641,444 of the project.

The City is still currently waiting on the necessary final agreements and orders from ODOT and Prime AE's revised proposals related to the design of the bridge. It is unlikely that this information will be ready for the meeting on Tuesday. There are some bureaucratic deadlines that the City must meet, and there have been delays in processing the necessary agreements, which are out of the City's control. To receive the grant funds, I will request that City Council waive formal bidding, and authorize me to negotiate and to enter into the agreement with Prime AE as design professional since they will also be entering into an agreement with ODOT for the larger portion of the work (Note: It would not make sense for the City and the State to contract two different design professionals for the same small bridge project – and ODOT has already conducted a QBS selection process and award.)

After providing this update at the Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Council Meeting; I will then request that Council consider and authorize the necessary legislation in the Study Session and Regular Meetings on February 5, 2024. Failure to meet this deadline could result in the City paying for the entire \$1,641,444 project out of pocket.

There are several projects with funds appropriated in our current capital improvement budget, and I feel comfortable utilizing the \$60,000 from these various funds and projects because this reallocation will not cause substantial negative impact to any individual project scope (e.g., concrete, paving). Alternatively, the City could consider supplementing the capital budget by \$60,000 later this year if necessary. Regardless, I recommend that the City take the necessary actions to meet the timelines in order to utilize the funding for the bridge replacement project at the February 5, 2024, study session and regular business meeting of City Council. Please contact me with questions.

Agile Performance Evaluation Training: Last month HR Manager Pruszyński hosted a training course for City of Vandalia staff on the Agile Performance Appraisal software. The training videos are accessible to all employees on City of Vandalia's Microsoft 365 [SharePoint site \(LINK\)](#).



Monday, January 15, 2024 - Focus Vandalia - Changes in Trash Collection

Focus Vandalia (LINK): This week, ACM Cron discusses the recent changes to the City's contracted curbside residential trash and recycling program.

Golf Course Irrigation System Update: Golf staff met with Technical Choice to finalize the irrigation system design and specifications. Once Technical Choice submits the necessary documents, we plan to advertise a competitive bid for the project in early February. In the coming weeks, I will facilitate a discussion regarding the financing options related to this project.

Class Fest! Recreation Coordinator Josh Berry organized a new event entitled "Class Fest" at the VRC. Over seventy-five participated in the event, held on Saturday, January 13. Participants had the opportunity to try many different 20-minute abbreviated classes, both land and water between the hours of 8 AM - Noon. 15 different classes were offered during the event. The event was free to VRC members and only \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Thanks to Hock's Pharmacy, Premier Health, Alex Brundrett, and Amber Fraley for participating and providing health information to those in attendance. Awesome win Josh!

Utilities: The City has received some inquiries regarding utilities in Vandalia. Information regarding the utility system needs and rates can be found online at: www.vandaliaohio.org/utilities.

VRC Memberships and Admissions: Insurance based memberships (IBM) continue to be a key revenue source for the VRC. We currently have 1,648 members in this category with 547 of these members residing in Vandalia, 305 in Butler Township, and 693 living elsewhere. IBM visits for 2023 totaled 47,580, compared to 41,700 in 2022. From January 2, 2024, to present, the VRC front desk has processed 663 IBM renewals / new memberships. Our goal continues to be to get the IBM members to visit the facility on a more regular basis (up to ten times per month), thus increasing the revenue we receive from the insurance companies.

Daily Admissions revenue for the year 2023 totaled \$166,718. Membership revenue for 2023 totaled \$473,124. Total VRC revenue in 2023 was \$937,203.

A Restaurant at Cassel Hills Club House? I have been working with Director Clark, Managing Golf Professional Ben Lickliter, and a local entrepreneur in pursuit of possibly establishing a restaurant at Cassel Hills Golf Course Clubhouse. Nothing is finalized to date.

Athletic Program Coordination: With the departure of John Myers many of the Recreation Coordinator responsibilities have been assumed by Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill. Mr. Kreill is in the process of coordinating the youth basketball program, preparing for youth baseball/softball, and attending local sport league meetings. He is also in the process of interviewing four people for a couple of key part time youth sport positions this week.

Robinette Park Inclusive Playground! Parks & Recreation management staff and I met with our Landscape Structures representative to review initial playground unit options for Robinette Park. Landscape Structures will now provide options for staff and the volunteer playground committee to review in the coming weeks.

Demolition at Helke Park: Park Maintenance staff removed the small play structure (ages 2-5) at Helke Park. This unit was installed in 1996 and based on the installation of the new playground at Helke and the condition of this unit it was best to remove the unit from playground structure inventory.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement: During the past two-and-a-half weeks, VPD officers made 24 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in five traffic citations, 17 written warnings and two verbal warnings, while working 24 additional enforcement hours.



Congrats to Recreation Coordinator Aaron Messenger who was recognized this morning at the I-70/I-75 Development Association's event as the recipient of their annual scholarship. The I-70/I-75 Development Association is proud to help further the education of future leaders through an academic scholarship for one student who has engaged in their local community and has an interest in building up the social and economic stability of the region through their profession. Well – that fits Aaron “to a tee.” Mr. Messenger is currently pursuing his Master of Public Administration at Wright State University (*Why so serious?*).

The **Dog Leg Road Water & Sanitary Extension Phase 2** project contract has been fully executed with Outdoor Enterprise. With a completion date in April 2025, Outdoor Enterprise's current plan is to start this project in the late summer/fall.

Grand Theft Auto (GTA) Suppression Task Force Blitz: Detective Clemmons participated in the multi-jurisdictional, regional GTA Suppression Task Force Blitz during 2023 with great success. These joint efforts resulted in recovering 77 stolen vehicles (including one vehicle used in a robbery and one vehicle stolen during a homicide), 75 apprehensions from stolen vehicles, one homicide arrest, two aggravated robbery vehicles recovered with one arrest, one aggravated burglary vehicle recovery with one arrest, one felonious assault on a police officer arrest, four suspected stolen vehicles recovered, 44 firearms recovered, one OVI arrest, \$54,812 in seized currency, and the recovery of numerous Dodge key fobs and equipment to reprogram the fobs and steal vehicles from dealerships. Several stolen vehicles were recovered utilizing Flock cameras and Ohio State Highway Patrol Air Support.

Axogen: Staff have been working with Axogen at 913 Industrial Park Dr on a chemical storage plan for a process that was not known to us during the original construction. This would appear to be signs of growth for the company.

Heraeus Epurio at 970 Industrial Park Dr has turned around revised plans per our application review for the proposed addition of chemical storage via two (2) accessory structures. This was an anticipated addition from the employer and shows the Vandalia operation is continuing to grow.

Curb / Sidewalk Program: The 2024 curb / sidewalk program is currently out for bid with a public bid opening scheduled for 1/30. An addendum to decrease some bid quantities has been issued as Finrock Construction installed some of the anticipated 2024 ADA ramps in 2023 to help extend what we can complete in 2024 street resurfacing and curb/sidewalk programs.

Snow and Ice Removal: No lie – with the great work that our Public Works crews provided this week – the kids could have been in school. School definitely wasn't closed because of the roads in Vandalia. Roadways were salted 1/6-1/7, 1/12-14, and 1/16 using 308 tons of salt, 1,200 gallons of salt brine, and 1,812 miles driven. We ordered 500 tons of salt to refill our storage; these salt orders usually take about a week for delivery so they have to be planned in anticipation of use with the current size of our holding bins.

There will be no Blue Letter next week.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC: Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Cron – January 19, 2024;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – January 19, 2024;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – January 19, 2024;
4. Information Update - Director Clark – January 19, 2024;
5. Information Update – Chief Althouse – January 19, 2024;
6. Information Update - Director Borton – January 19, 2024;
7. Information Update – HR Manager Pruszyński – January 19, 2024;
8. Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials Information;
9. Citywide Policy Goals;
10. MyVandalia App Flyer;
11. Senior Center Newsletter;
12. Water Meter Door Hanger;
13. Vandalia Municipal Court End of Year Report;
14. External Funding Report; and
15. Tri-Cities Funding Support Letter from EPA.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: January 4, 2024
Re: Information Update for January 6 - 19, 2024

- ♥ I participated in the quarterly meeting with Montgomery County TID, Montgomery and Miami County Engineer's offices, Butler and Monroe Township and City of Union representatives to discuss ongoing roadway projects and issues around the Airport. Meetings are held to share updates and information about roadway projects and what each agency is doing to help compacts of commercial truck traffic.
- ♥ Ben Borton, Jake Hayslett, Chad Baughman and I had a kickoff meeting with 120 Water. 120 Water is a consulting firm that is going to assist us with EPA's required water service inventory for all service connections in the City. We are required to submit an inventory of each service line identifying the material type to EPA by October of 2024.
- ♥ Ben and I participated in three separate meetings during this period regarding the NE Logistics Roadway project which included Northwoods Boulevard, N. Dixie Drive and Lightner Road. We met with consultants that will be performing the Right of Way Acquisition, we had our monthly progress meeting and had a utility coordination meeting with various utility companies and ODOT.
- ♥ Rich Hopkins has updated the City's Employee Photo Directory with all of our new employees. This document is available to all employees on the City Wide Directory. This allows you to put a face to a name of employees across all departments of the city.
- ♥ The next Focus Vandalia taping is scheduled for January 24th. Topics will include the Division of Fire's annual awards, Crime Prevention Officer Rich Sommer, upcoming Family Fun Night at the Rec Center, Robinette Park Improvements and a look at some of the needs and upcoming improvements at the Tri Cities Wastewater Plant that we share with Tipp City and Huber Heights.
- ♥ Work has begun on the much-anticipated 2024 State of the City presentation that will be presented at the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting in March.
- ♥ Rich is also compiling information for the spring edition of the My Vandalia Magazine.
- ♥ Ben Graham attended the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on January 10th. One case was heard regarding a variance for a sign at 113 W. National Rd. This item was also discussed at the January 16th City Council Study Session.

- An application for a variance to allow a fence that does not meet the height requirements has been submitted for the property at 4300 Little York Road. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear this case at their February 14th meeting.
- Mike Hammes has been preparing bid documents that will be going out to bid soon for our Right of Way Mowing and Mowing of Certain City Owned Properties. Bids will be received and publicly opened on February 7th. This item is scheduled for City Council's Study Session on February 19th.
- Mike will be publishing the recent Zoning Code updates to our website and distributing them to relevant staff and Boards and Commission members.
- A "Condemnation Notice" was posted at 320 N. Dixie Drive at the former Oscars Bar & Grill due to disconnected utilities and unsafe conditions. This structure has sat vacant and unused since a fire cause severe damage in December of 2022.
- The Block Party Trailer information and reservation information is now live on the City's Website. Residents are now able to book a reservation to have the Block Party Trailer delivered to their party.
- I attended the I70/75 Association's event on Friday January 19th at Sinclair Community College. This month's presentation was "Economic Canvas Unveiled: Unpacking the Economic Impact of the Arts."
- Ben Borton, you and I held second round interviews for our last vacancy at the Public Works Technician position. We interviewed two candidates this past Wednesday and will hold the final two interviews Monday January 22nd.
- The IT Department welcomed new IT Support Specialist, Thai Do. Thai's first day with us was Wednesday January 17th.

Memo



To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: January 17, 2024

Re: Information Update - Period Ending January 19, 2024

1. I attended a council study session and meeting.
2. The month of December and 2023 year have been closed and accounts balanced. Finance staff continues to work diligently on the various procedures, reports, etc... included with the end of year/beginning of year processing.
3. The 2023 W2 forms will be mailed to part time employees and distributed to full time employees (and Council) by January 31st.
4. Purchase requisitions are now being accepted for 2024.
5. Tax Form 1099G's were processed and will be mailed out to taxpayers with applicable credits on their income tax accounts by January 31st.
6. The annual taxpayer letters explaining the procedures to electronically file the 2023 City Income Tax Return were mailed to residents. We encourage taxpayers to file all tax returns electronically through the Online Filing Tool but will continue to provide paper forms for those who do not have access to a computer. The due date for the 2023 City Income Tax Return is April 15, 2024.
7. The 2023 audit and compilation of the Annual Finance Comprehensive Report has begun and representatives from Plattenburg and Associates are requesting documents and information; therefore, staff are busy gathering the appropriate information to email to the audit team.
8. I attended a Tri-Cities Finance meeting. I presented the December 31, 2023 YTD financials.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 1/18/2024
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 19, 2024

1. On January 7th Engine 2 and Medic 1 crews were called mutual aid to assist Huber on a detached garage fire.
2. On January 7th crews responded to Kenneth Drive in Vandalia on a garage fire. Mutual aid from Butler, Huber and Englewood Fire Departments responded to assist. Investigators also responded to the scene. Red Cross was notified to assist the occupants.
3. Crews responded to Brown School Road on January 9th on a two-car accident with an entrapment. Several occupants were evaluated at the scene and one was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.
4. Due to a recent house fire response where a poorly maintained fireplace contributed to the cause, the Division of Fire took to social media to remind residents about fireplace safety. Additionally, as the city experiences snow and colder temperatures more residents take to using their fireplaces. In our experience, during these times, there is an increase of fireplace related emergencies. The Division of Fire feels it is important to address these safety tips with our community.
5. This reporting period training for crews have been CPR and ACLS recertification. Most of our employees are due or close to being due to recertify in CPR and ACLS. The division's training focus has been on getting everyone who needs it recertified.
6. The Division of Fire held our annual awards and Division Meeting event on Monday January 15th. The highlight of the evening is the awards and Division of Fire would



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

like to recognize and congratulate EMS Person of the year, Jacob Walters, Firefighter of the year, Chris Willoughby, Officer of the Year, Derek Copp and all the others who were recognized for their “wins” this past year. A big thank you also to the Living Word Church for opening their doors for us to host the event.

7. During that awards event on Monday January 15th The Division of Fire also recognized long time service awards and retirement of Captain Mike Pinson and Firefighter Brian Ellish. Capt. Pinson served 32 years with the Division of Fire and Firefighter Ellish served 30. Both Pinson and Ellish will be missed around the firehouse but we wish them both the best. Congrats and thank you to Capt. Pinson and Firefighter Ellish for their service and years of dedication to the Division of Fire.
8. The Division of Fire would like to congratulate Cody Teegarden on joining our crews as the newest Full-Time employee. Cody was a Part-Time member with the Division of Fire and was sworn in to his new position at the Tuesday January 16th Council Meeting. Welcome and congratulations Cody!



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: 1/18/2023
Re: Information Update – Period ending January 18, 2024

RECREATION CENTER

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Martin Luther King Day was remarkably busy at the VRC with daily admissions totaling \$1,364 for the day. Non-residents made up 86% of the daily admissions on this day.

Kids Night Out took place on January 5 at the VRC with thirty kids participating. This popular program allows kids to enjoy an evening of crafts, climbing the wall, swimming, gym play and more.

The January 2024 Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for memberships was completed on January 16 with a collection of \$19,103, which is an increase of \$648 from January 2023.

The annual Maintain Campaign for VRC was once again extraordinarily successful with 77 of 95 participating members completing the program over the holiday season. This program encourages members to maintain their current weight or even lose weight during the holiday season. All seventy-seven members who successfully completed the program received a free T-shirt, compliments of Hock’s Pharmacy.

GOLF DIVISION

Golf staff met with Technical Choice to finalize the irrigation system design and specifications. Once Technical Choice submits the necessary documents, we plan to bid the project in early February.

Managing Golf Professional Ben Lickliter and I met with a local group interested in establishing a restaurant at Cassel Hills Golf Course Clubhouse. We anticipate hearing back from the group in the next week as to their intentions.

Custodial Supervisor Mark Collins and his crew completed the annual cleaning of the carpet in the Clubhouse. Several other offseason maintenance projects were completed at the Clubhouse as well during this reporting period.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

As of December 31, 2023, the Senior Center had a membership of 741 with an additional seventeen new members in the first couple of weeks of 2024. Three other seniors have visited the facility in recent days with an interest in joining.

Senior Coordinator Toni Williams has met with five program sponsors since the beginning of the year to discuss opportunities and potential partnerships to offer programs and events at the Senior Center. She has met with representatives from Springmeade, Brookhaven, Grace Brethren, Mill Ridge Village, Medigold and Momentus Health.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill is working with Schellas Hyndman to establish a date for the 2024 Youth Soccer Camp. Schellas is interested in returning to Vandalia to offer the camp again this summer.

We plan to continue our long-standing partnership with Zach Gueth of Miami Valley CTC in 2024. Zach and his Sports Management and Marketing class will work with Parks and Recreation staff on a project that will give the students an opportunity to gain experience specific skills in their field of study and provide our department with a beneficial result.

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FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Management staff met with our Landscape Structures representative to review initial playground unit options for Robinette Park. We appreciate you stopping by to review the options and provide input. Landscape Structures will now provide at least three options for staff and the playground committee to review in the coming weeks.

Maintenance staff have been working on perimeter clean up at Poplar Hills Cemetery as well as Jeffers and Robinette Parks. Fence and property lines along with other areas of these locations were cleared of brush and dead trees.

Facility Maintenance installed a wall and door in an office/storage area at Station 1 as requested by Chief Follick. The new wall will separate storage and office space and provide more efficient use of this area of the building.

Park Maintenance staff removed the small play structure (ages 2-5) at Helke Park. This unit was installed in 1996 and based on the installation of the new playground at Helke and the condition of this unit it was best to remove the unit from playground structure inventory.

Staff removed the Christmas tree and decorations from the grounds of the VRC. We will continue to accept Christmas Trees from residents for recycling purposed at the Sports Complex.

Maintenance staff has recently completed office remodels in the Communication Managers office and Public Service Directors office. They are now working on the entrance/lobby area of the City Managers Offices.

Information Update



To: Dan Wendt
City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse
Chief of Police

Date: January 18, 2024

Subject: Information Update Ending January 19, 2024

1. During the past two-and-a-half weeks, VPD officers made 24 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in five traffic citations, 17 written warnings and two verbal warnings while working 24 additional enforcement hours.
2. On January 8, I attended the Ohio Attorney General's Office Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting in Columbus where there was in-depth discussion related to professional training standards and curriculum for Ohio peace officers in both the basic police academy and continuing professional training. The forum provided an open discussion where individuals could provide input and feedback on this topic.
3. On January 9, Officer Sommer and Lieutenant Sucher were invited to speak to international students and Colonel Jeffrey Harris, International Training Branch chief, at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine. Students were high ranking members of foreign military, to include the first female flight surgeon in the Iraqi military. They are at WPAFB for six months as part of their training program. The presentation was an introduction to American policing and the criminal justice system, interactions with law enforcement, and safety tips.
4. On January 9, Lieutenant Sucher and I attended the Clark State Community College Basic Peace Officer Training Academy graduation. One of the graduates is Lucas Kaltenbach who is in the final steps of his hiring process at VPD.
5. On January 10, I attended a committee meeting for the Montgomery County Officer Memorial at Brixx Ice Company. Plans are underway for the 2024 Officer Memorial Ceremony on May 3 and the Memorial scholarship application is underway. There was also discussion on the progress of the permanent police memorial that is planned to be built within the next year.
6. Detectives charged a 32-year-old female with possession of cocaine, drug paraphernalia, obstructing official business, and resisting arrest after being dispatched to a disorderly conduct call at Cedarbrook Apartments on October 4, 2023.
7. Detectives charged a 36-year-old male with possession of cocaine and methamphetamines. The male suspect had drugs inside his pocket while incarcerated in the Montgomery County Jail on a felony Domestic Violence.

8. Detectives charged a 23-year-old Dayton man with one count of Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug (F-4). This incident stems from a fraudulent prescription being e-mailed to Hock's Pharmacy for Promethazine Codeine and the suspect successfully picking it up.
9. Detectives charged a 53-year-old Trotwood man and 29-year-old Dayton man for Breaking and Entering. The two male suspects broke into a trailer on a construction site in the Northwoods Development area and stole numerous tools from inside.
10. Detectives charged a 32-year-old Huber Heights man for Telecommunications Harassment. The suspect sent inappropriate messages with the purpose of harassing, intimidating, and abusing the victim. A misdemeanor summons was issued to the suspect.
11. Detectives charged a 38-year-old Vandalia man for Strangulation and Domestic Violence. The suspect strangled his live-in girlfriend, and she could not breathe. The suspect was incarcerated at the Montgomery County Jail.
12. Detective Clemmons participated in the multi-jurisdictional GTA Suppression Task Force Blitz during 2023 with great success. These joint efforts resulted in recovering 77 stolen vehicles (including one vehicle used in a robbery and one vehicle stolen during a homicide), 75 apprehensions from stolen vehicles, one homicide arrest, two aggravated robbery vehicles recovered with one arrest, one aggravated burglary vehicle recovery with one arrest, one felonious assault on a police officer arrest, four suspected stolen vehicles recovered, 44 firearms recovered, one OVI arrest, \$54,812 seized, and the recovery of numerous Dodge key fobs and equipment to reprogram the fobs and steal vehicles from dealerships. Several stolen vehicles were recovered utilizing Flock cameras and OSP Air Support.
13. On January 11, I attended a virtual training, *Responding to and Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats and Swatting Calls* hosted by the FBI. This presentation provided training on indicators that agencies should recognize when handling calls for service reporting critical incidents, such as mass shootings, assaults, etc.
14. I attended a Board of Trustees meeting for the U.S. Air & Trade Show last Thursday at Wright Bros. Aero office. This year's Air Show has a great line-up of performers and tickets sales are going well.
15. Officer Sommer, Lieutenant Walker, and I attended the annual Miami Valley Crime Stoppers Awards luncheon at Christian Life Center on Wednesday where a number of citizens, students, and officers were recognized for their efforts to support policing and assist in making apprehensions for wanted persons.
16. On January 18, I attended an Officers Wellness Coordinator virtual meeting hosted by the Ohio Department of Public Safety where there was a presentation on best practices for employee wellness.
17. VPD administrative staff will be meeting with other department directors on Friday to discuss strategic planning for the Total Solar Eclipse event occurring on April 8 and its impact on city operations.

18. We welcome a new public safety specialist, Heather Cross who will begin her employment on January 22. Heather joins VPD after working as a public safety dispatcher with Premier Health for two years. She currently resides in Butler Twp.



Public Service Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: January 18, 2024
Subject: **Information Update for January 6-19, 2024**

Development & Engineering Services

Milcon Concrete Inc. has completed new service taps to the new watermain on the Clyde Place & Cyril Court Reconstruction project.

Insight Pipe Contracting's subcontractor completed the grouting of the sewer lateral connections to the recently CIPP (cured-in-place pipe) lined sanitary sewers. One of the sewer laterals on Dixie Dr that was inadvertently clogged on the customer side due to the grouting process. The contractor has resolved the issue with the resident.

The signed CSX agreement for the aerial easement and construction was returned Monday 1/9. This was the final easement needed for the Bikeway Connector. ODOT is certifying the Right of Way to allow for the sale of the project (put out to bid).

The new Dog Leg sanitary lift station was reviewed and commissioned with the Outdoor Enterprise (contractor), its subcontractors, and personnel from DES and PW. This concludes the Dog Leg Water & Sanitary Extension Phase 1 project.

The Dog Leg Road Water & Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project contract has been fully executed with Outdoor Enterprise. With a completion date in April 2025, Outdoor Enterprise's current plan is to start this project in the late summer/fall.

Staff have been working with Axogen at 913 Industrial Park Dr on a chemical storage plan for a process that was not known to us during the original construction. This would appear to be signs of growth for the company.

Heraeus Epurio at 970 Industrial Park Dr has turned around revised plans per our application review for the proposed addition of chemical storage via two (2) accessory structures. This was an anticipated addition from the employer and shows the Vandalia operation is continuing to grow.

Sheetz at 3250 Benchwood Rd is anticipated to open later this month or earlier in February. Staff have begun final inspections of this new building.

The 2024 curb/sidewalk program is currently out for bid with a public bid opening scheduled for 1/30. An addendum to decrease some bid quantities has been issued due to we had Finrock Construction install some of the anticipated 2024 ADA ramps in 2023 to help extend what we can complete in 2024 street resurfacing and curb/sidewalk programs.

A temporary certificate of occupancy was issued to Logan Services at 1200 Industrial Park Dr.

We have received a state municipal bridge grant of \$1,382,327 and a design task order of \$200,000 to replace the Johnson Station Rd bridge. Our local share of the bridge replacement would be approximately \$60,000, which is less than 4% of total cost.

Candidates for the 1st round interviews for the open full-time construction inspector are being reviewed and will be scheduled for the week of 1/29.

I attended the TCA Technical Committee meeting on January 10th and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) Technical Advisory Committee meeting on January 18th.

Public Works

Crews repaired one (1) watermain breaks during this period on Bristol Dr.

Winter banners were installed.

Roadways were salted 1/6-7, 1/12-14, and 1/16 using 308 tons of salt, 1,200 gallons of salt brine, and 1,812 miles driven. We ordered 500 tons of salt to refill our storage; these salt orders usually take about a week for delivery so they have to be planned in anticipation of usable with the current size of our holding bins.

The new single axle fire yard dump truck is finishing up being wired and undercoated at K.E. Rose Company.

Crews performed 56 water shutoffs this period for delinquent utility bills.

We placed asphalt point repairs at the Rec Center and Sports Complex. All patches were sealed with asphalt cement (AC).

The guardrail on Dixie Dr near the cemetery was hit and damaged by a vehicle.

Gordan Haas is attending Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVMRA) training for his CDL.

Tyler Jackson, Mahmat Vollazov, and Daniel Griffieth received training on snow & ice operations, hydro excavator usage, and the wheel loader.

The 1st round and part of the 2nd round interviews for the open full-time technician position have been completed. The final 2nd round interviews will be completed next week (1/22).

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April 17, virtual
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Citywide Policy Goals

Live



Small City Big Opportunity: Be known regionally as a top-tier suburb through top-tier City services. Enhance social and economic investment by promoting the City's high-quality services, well-performing schools, available workforce, escalating quality-of-life, and growing sense of place. Incentivize developments that improve life in Vandalia.



Safe and Secure: Ensure that Vandalia remains a safe and secure community by investing in both traditional public safety operations and creative outreach efforts to meet the evolving needs of our residents and visitors.



Enhance Infrastructure: Protect public assets and infrastructure by making calculated and deliberate investments in roadways, utilities, park spaces.

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.

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Vandalia Senior Center

February, 2024 Volume 12 Issue 2



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Senior Center at 21 Tionda Drive**



South, Vandalia, 45377. For Vandalia residents, it is \$15 or \$25 for couples. Outside Vandalia, the cost is \$20 or \$35 for couples. If your address or phone number has changed, please send in the new information. You can also come in to renew, using cash, check, or a credit card.

Born in 1934: You are turning 90 in 2024. Your membership is free! Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

90+ and Lifetime Members: Contact the office to continue to receive your newsletter.

Vandalia Senior Center Travel Program

A trip needs to have a minimum of 30 paid deposit checks for the trip to go. Money is returned if the trip is canceled. Turn to page 12 for travel information.

June 13 Travel to Cincinnati to see the Sign Museum then have a guided tour of the Union Terminal Museum. You will have lunch on your own at the Findlay Market. End the day with dinner on a BB Riverboat Cruise. \$198

July 25 At the last minute they found a bus company with a cheaper price. On this trip you eat lunch on your own at the Der Dutchman. Then travel to Castle Noel in Medina, Ohio, for a guided tour through all the props from Christmas movies. Next shop on your own at Grandpa's Cheesebarn and Sweeties Chocolates in Ashland. Then enjoy shopping and eating on your own at Dublin's Bridge Park. \$180

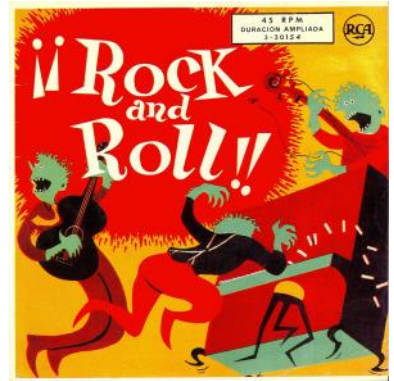
You need to contact Travel Insured International directly at www.travelconfident.com or call them at 1-855-376-2037. You pay for this insurance by credit card. To cover pre-existing conditions, you need to pay for insurance within two weeks of writing your deposit check. If the trip is canceled you will get a refund from the insurance company.



Lunch & Learn

Shelby Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tues., February 6, at Noon

Kristi Xavier from Shelby Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation will bring your lunch. In honor of Valentine's Day, we are going to think back to the 1950's and listen to the dance music you would have enjoyed with the important person in your life. Toni Williams will play 22 of the popular songs from that era that will make you want to tap your toes. You will rate each song on how much it makes you want to dance! Limit: 80



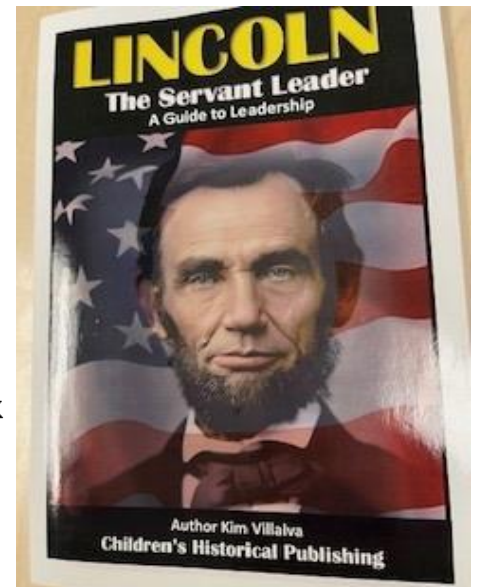
Stonespring Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, Feb. 8, at **11:00 A.M.**

Sarah Mather will order your food. Kevin Risner from the Washington Centerville Library will come to you by Zoom. He will present "Cradle of Presidents". We hear many things about President Lincoln and President Washington because of President's Day. We also need to celebrate Ohio. Our State can lay claim to eight U.S. Presidents. Kevin will tell you about their lives and years in the White House. Limit: 75



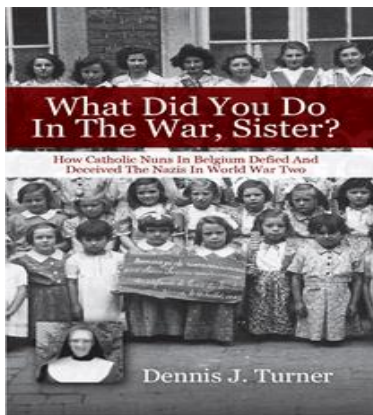
Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, February 9, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your food from their kitchen. Kim Villalva is the author of the book, *Lincoln: The Servant*



Leader, A Guide to Leadership. Kim will do a presentation about this book. Joyce Reid Kasprzak from Children's Historical Publishing will tell you about this company that published the booklet and how they are trying to get this book and others into the hands of students. Limit: 70

Springmeade Lunch & Learn on Tues., Feb. 13, at Noon



Robin Shafer will order your lunch. Dennis Turner was a law professor and Acting Dean at the University of Dayton. Dennis will present his book, "What Did You Do In the War, Sister? How Belgian Nuns Defied and Deceived the Nazis in World War Two". This book is based on a true story that was inspired by the activities of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur which is a well known order in Ohio. They are founders of Julienne High School among others. Limit: 75

Lunch & Learn

Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tues., February 20, at Noon

Jacquie Dalton from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. Rich Sommers from the Vandalia Police Department will be presenting. We hope that you haven't had a reason to become familiar with the inside of a police cruiser. Rich will share with you a virtual look at the vehicle he uses when he is on road patrol. He will also bring the uniform and equipment used by officers Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Friday, February 23, at Noon



Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Scott Blackburn, PT, DPT, from Xcel Sports Medicine is a physical therapist who is also certified by the Titleist Performance Institute for golfers. He is going to get you prepared for the golf season. If you are not a golfer, he is going to talk to you about ways to get your body ready to be active outdoors when the weather is warmer. Limit: 100

Grace Bethren and Mill Ridge Village Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, February 27, at Noon

Mark Spirk from Grace Bethren and Mill Ridge Village will bring food from the kitchen at Grace Bethren. Larry Cleek, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Public Health of Montgomery County will provide training on "Personal Preparedness". He will cover how to be prepared for many types of disasters. How much food, water, and other supplies should you have on hand? He will also talk about the full eclipse that will be on April 8. Limit: 75



Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday!

Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, February 13. Meet at Texas Roadhouse at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 5611 Merily Way in Huber Heights. From the Vandalia Senior Center turn right onto Dixie then right on National/Rt. 40. Go over 75 and turn right onto Brown School Rd.



Follow Rt. 40 as it turns left and goes past Taylorsville Park. Just over the bridge, turn right onto Bridgewater. When it dead ends, turn left onto Taylorsville. At the light, turn left onto Old Troy Pike. At the next light, turn right onto Merily Way. The restaurant is way in the back on the left sitting next to 70.



Activities and Information

In February, there will be three movies. All three have some romance and comedy.

Extra Movie on Monday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m.

In the movie, *Love at First Sight*, Hadley and Oliver fall in love with each other on their flight from New York to London. However, they lose each other at customs and the possibility of ever meeting each other again seems improbable, but destiny may have a way of changing the odds.

PG-13 Romance/Comedy/ Drama 1 hr. 31 min.



Spring / Easter Bingo on Monday, February 19, at 1:00 p.m.



Yes, this is President's Day and we are open! Toni Williams will be calling this bingo. The bingo will have many Easter and spring items as well as purses, bags, and things that smell nice and more. Limit: 48

Please, Please, Please, Please!

1. Please write down what you sign up for.
2. Please write it on your calendar at home.
3. Please show up for the events you signed up for (unless you are sick).
4. Please remember to call in if you need to cancel.



Our sponsors have a budget and need to spend their money carefully. When members don't show up, it is money they have wasted.



Collecting for the Homeless: Ending on January 31

The items are going to a soup kitchen that serves over 300 homeless adults and children. We are collecting winter hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, coats, socks, blankets, afghans, and sleeping bags. Please make sure the items are clean and usable. They can not take clothes. Put your items in the boxes in the dining room.

Come Join the Super Sewers

Do you like to sew? Do you know how to use a sewing machine? Come join the Super Sewers. They meet every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Come in and talk to Darby Harris who runs the group. You don't need to bring anything. Everything is here including the sewing machines. The group makes machine sewn quilts and other items.



Art & More



Diamond Art Projects on Friday, February 2, at 1:30 p.m.

In January, Mindy Shockey introduced Diamond Art. This month she is bringing a variety of key chains and bookmarks for you to choose from. She will have everything that you need to complete a project. Cost: \$5 Limit: 15

FREE Iris Folded Valentine's Day Card Class on Wednesday, February 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Toni Williams will take you through the steps to make this iris folded card for Valentine's Day. All the materials will be provided. Limit: 12



FREE Spring or Easter Collage Class on Wed., Feb. 21, at 1:00 p.m.

Many of you asked Candy Jones to have more classes on designing collages. In this class, you can make a spring or Easter collage with a variety of papers

and embellishments. Punches, cutters, and scissors will be available to use. A frame is not included. Limit: 12



Ceramic Class on Fri., February 23, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a ceramics vendor and a member, is bringing two choices to paint for St. Patrick's Day. You will be using her paint and her brushes and materials. Cost: \$15 each Limit: 20



Three Art Groups

1. Art Appreciation on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:40 p.m.

This group is led by Charlene Gratz who was a docent at the Dayton Art Institute. Often the group watches part of a DVD about an artist or a certain type of art then they discuss what they saw.

2. Art Group on Thursdays from Noon to 3:00 p. m.

Bring your own project and supplies to work on while you socialize.

3. Colored Pencils Group on Fridays from 9:30 a. m. to Noon

This group creates original art with colored pencils. Several in the group can give you suggestions on your art if requested.



Movies

Remember to sign up for each movie so we have the correct amount of snacks and treats.

Movie on the First Friday, February 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Taylor Ries from Troy Rehabilitation

In the movie, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3*, the members of the Portokalos family go to Greece for a reunion in the town where their father grew up. His dying wish was for his friends to have his journal. They have a hilarious and heartwarming trip full of love, twists and turns. PG-13 Romance / Comedy 1 hr. 31 min.

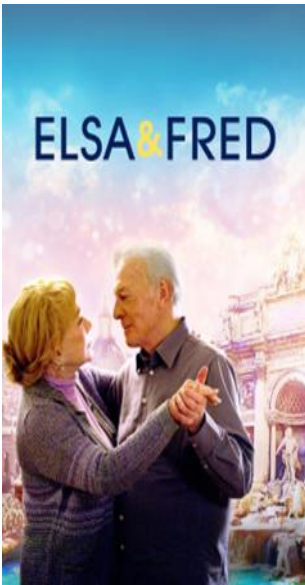


Movie on the Third Friday, Feb. 16, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Heather Fogle of Momentus Health

In the movie, *Elsa and Fred*, a feisty retiree (Shirley MacLaine) tries to become friends with her new neighbor, an uptight widower (Christopher Plummer). He resists her many attempts while he deals with his overly doting daughter (Marcia Gay Harden) and her very needy husband (Christopher North). He also does not understand his neighbor's obsession with an old movie that has a scene at a beautiful fountain in Italy. He finally decides to change his mind on many decisions.

PG-13 Romance/Comedy 1 hr. 37 min.



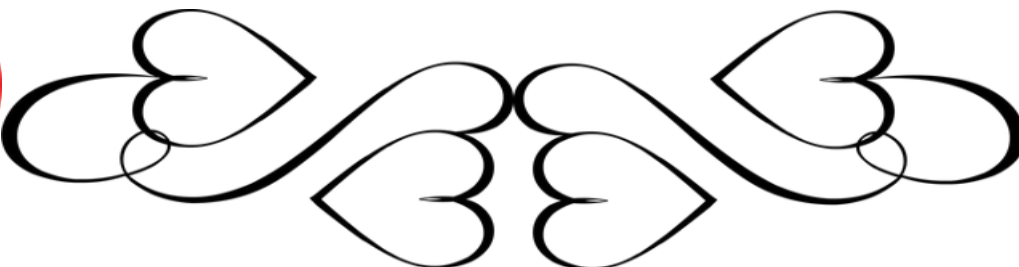
Blood Pressure and Sugar Checks on Tuesday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Warren from Montgomery County Public Health is returning in 2024 to check your blood pressure and sugar numbers on the first Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to noon. She will be at the tables by the drinking fountain in the dining room just like last year.



Check your Answers to the Candy Quiz from page 11

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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Lone Oaks Crossing by Janet Dailey

Canadian Boyfriend by Jenny Holiday

Welcome Home, Stranger by Kate Christensen

The Happy Life of Isadora Bentley by Courtney Walsh

Summer in the Spotlight by Liz Johnson

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Reckoning Part 1

The American Buffalo

Jules

Sound of Freedom

The Equalizer 3

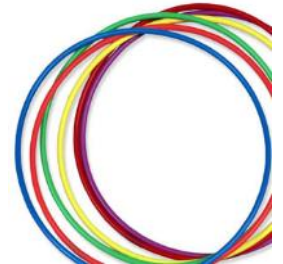


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Vevia Enix will teach Golden Qi which is a seated form of Tai Chi. This exercise improves balance, reduces joint pain, increases calmness, improves reasoning abilities, helps your memory, and improves the quality of your life. This class can be taken by anyone.

FREE Hula Hoop Class on Wednesdays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Come and see how hula hooping can improve your health, your spine, your balance, and cardiovascular system. It can lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and cholesterol levels. These hoops are what the pros use in the gyms and rehab centers. If you want to try out hula hooping, call before coming so the group can bring in extra hula hoops.



FREE Exercise Class on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading a seated exercise class on two Wednesdays right after the hula hoop class. Robin holds a 5th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and takes kickboxing. She has taught aerobics, and dance. On the other two Wednesdays, the class will be led by a member.

FREE Exercise Class on Fridays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

This chair exercise class is being led by Bill Kistner, a member. They might use the weights and exercise bands that are here at the center. Bill will use some of the exercises he has learned from previous instructors to help guide the Friday class.



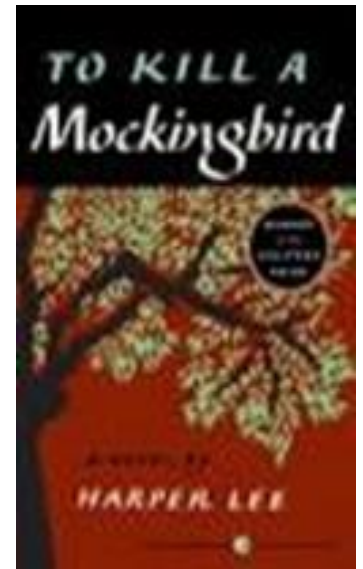
Tech Talk on the Third Thursday, February 15, at 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices. Come to Tech Thursday and they will do their best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you may learn something new!

Travel Information

Vandalia Senior Center Book Club

The Book Club will meet on February 6 to discuss the book, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. This book captures the essence of a sleepy Southern town during the depression, offering a profound exploration of human behavior and the moral crisis that shook its foundations. It follows a girl from the ages from six to nine years old. She is raised with her brother, by their widowed father. He is a prominent lawyer who encourages his children to be empathetic and just. He notably tells them that it is "a sin to kill a mockingbird", alluding to the fact that the birds are innocent and harmless.



Winter Closings Policy Reminder

If the Vandalia Schools are closed for weather, the Senior Center will be closed. The Hotline is only updated when cancellations have been made. [937-552-2200](tel:937-552-2200).

AARP Tax Locations

The locations listed below are the ones that offered tax services in the past. It has not been verified that they are doing taxes this year. When you go to a tax appointment, you must take last year's tax return, a photo ID, your social security card, and proof of medical insurance. Make sure you have all your documents, especially any documents showing your sources of income.



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| 1. Huber Heights Senior Center: 6428 Chambersburg Rd. | 937-233-9999 |
| 2. Earl Heck Community Center: 201 N Main St., Englewood | 937-836-5929 |
| 3. Tipp Senior Center: 528 N. Hyatt St., Tipp City | 937-667-8865 |
| 4. West Milton Library: 560 S. Main St., West Milton | 937-698-5515 |
| 5. Lathrem-Kettering Senior Center: 2900 Glengarry Drive | 937-296-2480 |
| 6. New Carlisle Public Library: 111 E. Lake Ave. | 937-845-3601 |
| 7. Fairborn Senior Center: 325 N. Third, Fairborn | 937-878-4141 |
| 8. Beavercreek Senior Center: 3868 Dayton-Xenia Rd. | 937-426-6166 |
| 9. Partners in Hope: 180 E. Race St., Troy | 937-335-0448 |
| 10. Troy Library: 419 W Main St., Troy | 937-339-0502 x112 |

Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Melva Jenkins.

937-832-8992

Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Sandi Baylor.

937-694-2643

Thursday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Jim Danks.

937-667-3780



Bingo and Other Games



1. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, February 6, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, February 9, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Toni Williams will call bingo for an spring/Easter bingo on Monday, February 19, at 1:45 p.m.
6. Brandie Lovato from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will call bingo on Tuesday, February 20, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
7. Sam Stidham from Patient's Choice will call bingo on Wednesday, February 28, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate February Birthdays on Wed., February 28, at 1:00 p.m.

Momentus Health will provide the birthday cakes. Please sign up if you have a birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing to the birthday people. Everyone at the center may have a piece of cake but the birthday people get their cake first!



Donations Needed

*****Please give ALL donations to Toni.** Some items can be used by the center.

Leave in the Office: unopened jigsaw puzzles, cold drink cups (8 to 16 oz.), seasonal napkins, non-refrigerated individual creamers, individually labeled flavored teas, art supplies, greenery, new greeting cards, and items for the free tables.

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack and by the white board: used batteries (not in containers or bags), pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps (be sure to leave a 1/4" border around the stamps), food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and for Cares4Kids box.



Match the candy to its slogan used in commercials. Check your answers on page 6.

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| 1. Gimme A Break. or Have a break. ____ | A. Doublemint Gum |
| 2. Taste the Rainbow. ____ | B. Certs |
| 3. Melts in your mouth, not in your hand. ____ | C. Snickers |
| 4. How many licks does it take to get to the center? ____ | D. 3 Musketeers |
| 5. Hungry? Why wait? or You aren't you when you are hungry. ____ | E. Reese's Cup |
| 6. Crispety, Crunchety, Peanut Buttery or Nobody better lay a hand on my ____ or Break out of the ordinary. ____ | F. Twizzlers |
| 7. Double your pleasure, double your fun! ____ | G. Starburst |
| 8. The Great American Chocolate Bar ____ | H. Butterfinger |
| 9. Isn't life juicy? ____ | I. Mounds |
| 10. Makes mouths happy. ____ | J. Smarties |
| 11. Two for me, none for you. ____ | K. Yorks Patties |
| 12. A lighter way to enjoy chocolate. ____ | L. Almond Joy |
| 13. There's no wrong way to eat a ____ or You got your chocolate in my peanut butter. ____ | M. Watchamacallit |
| 14. Taste the explosion. ____ | N. Reese's Pieces |
| 15. Say it with a ____. | O. Tootsie Pop |
| 16. Only ____ have the answer. ____ | P. Twix |
| 17. Sometimes you feel like a nut. ____ | Q. M & Ms |
| 18. Sometimes you don't. ____ | R. Milky Way |
| 19. Get the sensation. ____ | S. Kit Kat |
| 20. It's more than a mouthful. ____ | T. Hersheys Chocolate |
| 21. If he kissed you once, will he kiss you again? ____ | U. Skittles |
| 22. You can trust that things won't fall to pieces if you pick me up. ____ | V. Pop Rocks |
| 23. Life's Better the ____ way. or Comfort in every bar! or At work, rest, or play, you get 3 great tastes in one. ____ | W. Hershey's Kiss |



The Spittin' Image group came to perform in 2008 for an event. Notice that the top half of the walls were green during those years. There were quilts on the walls for sale even then.



Travel

Prime Tours: Be sure to write your check to Prime Tours.

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July 8 to 12 Chicago: 5 days, 4 nights \$787 pp \$936 single \$100 deposit

August 17 to 24 Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa in Canada: ***You need a passport for this trip! 8 days, 7 nights \$1445 pp \$1744 single \$100 deposit

October 7 to 11 Lancaster Show Trip & Dutch Country: 5 days, 4 nights \$860 pp \$1009 single \$100 deposit



Flyers are in the holder by the card room door. Information is on the travel bulletin board and on the senior center web page at <https://vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel>.

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Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation - Years of Service Awards

A big shout out to our dedicated part-time/seasonal staff members who received recognition for their Years of Service in our Parks & Recreation department in 2023. These dedicated individuals are always ready to provide support to visitors and serve our community! From the smiling faces at the front desk and fitness desk, to our childcare attendants that watch the kiddos, and don't forget the custodial staff that makes the VRC shine! A standing ovation for Lonnie and his 30 years of taking care of our parks! We are so grateful for each of our staff members that make our Parks & Recreation department the best in the region.

30 Years of Service

Lonnie Hathaway

25 Years of Service

Dave Posma

15 Years of Service

Cindy Himsworth

Ciara Blake

10 Years of Service

Carolyn Ellis

Connie Kriegbaum

Cindy Phillips

5 Years of Service

Lindsay Shultz

Kyliegh Roberts

Lisa Lengerich

Kylie Robinson

Taylor Haggerty

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Quentin Glover

Danny Dixon

Roger Pratt Honored

Mayor Richard Herbst read a proclamation at the December 18th City Council meeting that recognized December 19, 2023, as 'Roger Pratt Day'. Roger retired in 2023 after 58 years of service in our Parks & Rec department. Roger was first hired as a part-time playground supervisor by then-Director Art Van Atta in 1965. Roger worked in many positions during his tenure and his last assignment was the men's softball league supervisor. In addition, Roger taught physical education in our Vandalia-Butler City Schools for 35 years. Thank you Roger Pratt, for everything!!



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A COUPLE OF ACTIVITIES AT THE REC!

Pickleball— throughout the week, the Rec Center offers Senior Pickleball (55 and older) on its 3 indoor courts. It is free for VRC Members, \$3 to drop-in, and Senior Fitness Punch Cards are also accepted.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 11:30am-2:00pm

Tuesday/Thursday from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Cornhole— Come on in and toss a few bean bags with us! No partner is needed. Join a great group of fellow cornhole enthusiasts in a fun environment! Check out what it's like to toss top-of-the-line professional bean bags! Free for Rec Center Members or \$3 Drop-In fee or Senior Fitness Punch Card accepted. Day/Time: Wednesdays from 12:00-3:00pm.

If you have any questions about Pickleball or Cornhole, feel free to contact the Rec Center's front desk at 937-415-2340. Here's to a HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2024!!

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Vandalia Senior Club

2024 Committee:

President	Cathy Nortman 985-201-6747
Vice President	Iris Siebert 937-454-1583
Treasure	Kay Lowe 937-409-8300
Secretary	Dottie Ganter 937-898-7286

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TO: Judge Heck
Dan Wendt, City Manager
FROM: Karen Goffena *Karen*
RE: December 2023/Year-End Report
DATE: January 17, 2024

GENERAL FUND

Revenues:		(2022 Comparison)
YTD	\$1,231,206	\$1,196,008 (+\$ 35,198)
Incidentals	0	525 (- 525)
Co Reimburse	<u>228,804</u>	<u>237,717</u> (- 8,913)
Total	\$1,460,010	\$1,434,250 (+\$ 25,760)
Expenditures:	\$1,746,735 (\$76,638 water damage)	\$1,690,499 (+\$ 56,236)
Rev Over Expend	-\$ 286,725	-\$ 256,249 (+\$ 30,476)

COMPUTER FUND (carryover of \$122,562.65 from 12/31/22)

Revenues: YTD	\$ 96,311	\$ 104,947 (-\$ 8,636)
Expenditures	\$ 76,499	\$ 89,821 (-\$ 13,322)

SPECIAL PROJECT FUND (carryover of \$1,787.28 from 12/31/22)

Revenues: YTD	\$ 112,317	\$ 97,980 (+\$14,337)
Expenditures:	\$ 93,953	\$ 113,425 (- \$19,472)

CASES FILED

Criminal (incl felonies)	2,392	2,611 (- 219)
Traffic (incl OVIs)	6,599	7,073 (- 474)
Civil (incl Sm Claims)	2,434	2,494 (- 60)

City of Vandalia External Funding Report 2021 - 2024

Amount	Grant / Donation / External Funding	Project	Annual Total	Year
\$ 1,429,000	Praire Flyer Energy Storage LLC	Fire Apparatus, Fire Response Safety Training and Support		2024
\$ 1,382,327	ODOT Municipal Bridge Program	S. Cassel Rd. Bridge Replacement (Johnson Station)		2024
\$ 843,334	Surface Transportation Program Grant - MVRPC	Miller Ln., Wyse Rd., Poe Ave. (southern portion) Resurfacing Project		2024
\$ 750,000	Community Project Funding (Anticipated Federal Appropriation)	Tri-Cities Preliminary Design and Engineering - Plant Upgrades		2024
\$ 450,000	Ohio Public Works Commission Grant	Tionda / Mossview / Ranchview Waterline Project		2024
\$ 400,000	Capital Budget Bill (Anticipated)	Robinette Park Inclusive Playground and Splash Pad		2024
\$ 200,000	Design Task Order - ODOT Municipal Bridge Program	S. Cassel Rd. Bridge Replacement (Johnson Station)		2024
\$ 116,549	Bulk Currency Task Force Wage Grant	Bulk Currency Task Force Grant for Police Officer Wages		2024
\$ 50,000	Community Development Block Grant	Robinette Park Inclusive Playground and Splash Pad		2024
\$ 75,000	Montgomery County	Mobile Crisis Responder Program CIT Funding		2024
\$ 50,000	Community Development Block Grant	Sanitary Sewer SLIP Lining Project		2024
\$ 50,000	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - Montgomery County (Anticipated)	Robinette Park Inclusive Playground and Splash Pad		2024
\$ 21,950	Private Land Donation	Webster St. / Park Center Corner and Right of Way		2024
\$ 13,000	Montgomery County	OVI Task Force		2024
\$ 8,138	Solid Waste Management District Grant	Branded Solar Trash and Recycling Compactors in Parks		2024
\$ 2,200	Brighter Tomorrows Grant	Robinette Park Playground - Communications Board		2024
\$ 1,565,217	Land Donation - Montgomery County	Public Safety Training, et al. - 72 Acres		2023
\$ 900,000	Land Donation - Midland Atlantic	Public Works Facility - 16 Acres		2023
\$ 400,000	Ohio Public Works Commission Grant	Foley / Enola Reconstruction + Utilities		2023
\$ 400,000	Ohio Public Works Commission Grant	Clyde / Cyril Reconstruction + Utilities		2023
\$ 370,000	Ohio Department of Transportation	Northwoods / I-75 SB Traffic Signal		2023
\$ 320,000	AES Grant	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at City Facilities (pending)		2023
\$ 154,000	State of Ohio - TCA Lining Project - Wastewater Infrastructure	Taylorsville Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Lining Project		2023
\$ 50,000	Community Development Block Grant	Sanitary Sewer SLIP Lining Project		2023
\$ 43,985	Bulk Currency Task Force Wage Grant	Bulk Currency Task Force Grant for Police Officer Wages		2023
\$ 23,071	FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant	Community Risk Assessment		2023
\$ 22,200	Solid Waste Management District Grant	Branded Solar Trash and Recycling Compactors in Parks		2023
\$ 17,352	Bulk Currency Task Force - Seizure	Cash Seizure Forfeiture		2023
\$ 15,000	Age Friendly Communities Grant	Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission		2023
\$ 13,000	Cortico / Lexipol Grant	Police Officer Wellness		2023
\$ 13,000	Montgomery County	OVI Task Force		2023
\$ 12,000	Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Grant	Trench Boxes - Public Works		2023
\$ 7,082	Bureau of Justice Assistance	Vandalia Police Body Armor		2023
\$ 5,000	State Fire Marshal Grant	Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment		2023
\$ 3,709	SRT BWC Grant	Small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera Program		2023
\$ 1,000	PEP Safety Grant	Tri-Cities Safety Equipment		2023
\$ 562	State Fire Marshal Grant	Training Grant		2023

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Amount	Grant / Donation / External Funding	Project	Annual Total	Year
\$ 1,330,000	Community Project Funding (Federal Appropriation)	DIA NE Airport Logistics Access Project - ROW Acquisition		2022
\$ 717,131	Surface Transportation Program Grant - MVRPC	Webster St. Paving		2022
\$ 300,000	Capital Budget Bill Grant	Art Park Stage & Amphitheater		2022
\$ 225,000	Assistance to Firefighters Grant	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus		2022
\$ 200,000	Ohio Public Works Commission Grant	Gabriel St. Reconstruction + Utilities (+\$200,000 interest free loan)		2022
\$ 61,110	Bulk Currency Task Force Wage Grant	Bulk Currency Task Force Grant for Police Officer Wages		2022
\$ 61,052	ODNR Nature Works Grant	Robinette Park Restroom	\$2,967,558	2022
\$ 50,000	Board of Developmental Disability Services Direct Funding	Robinette Park Restroom		2022
\$ 13,365	Bulk Currency Task Force - Seizure	Cash Seizure Forfeiture		2022
\$ 9,900	Brighter Tomorrows Grant	Robinette Park Restroom		2022
\$ 2,400,000	Ohio Water / Wastewater Infrastructure Grant	Tri-Cities CIPP Sewer Lining Project		2021
\$ 1,800,000	ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)	DIA NE Airport Logistics Access Project - Design / Engineering		2021
\$ 100,000	Community Development Block Grant	Helke Park Playground		2021
\$ 14,000	Solid Waste Management District	Picnic Tables		2021
\$ 4,200	Culture Works Grant	Mural - National Rd.	\$4,321,302	2021
\$ 3,102	Bulk Currency Task Force Wage Grant	Bulk Currency Task Force Grant for Police Officer Wages		2021
\$ 17,466,536	Total			



January 18, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter regarding the proposed improvements for the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Treatment facility. The Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Treatment facility is located at 3777 Old Needmore Road in Dayton, Ohio, and is authorized to discharge treated wastewater effluent to the Great Miami River under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit 1PD00020.

Tri-Cities Wastewater Authority was the recipient of a 2010 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) administrative order and an August 2022 Ohio EPA Notice of Violation related to chronic sanitary sewer overflows. Sanitary sewer overflows result in impairment of our waterways and present a risk for residents to come into contact with disease-causing organisms. Ohio EPA highly recommends the completion of projects that replace failing sewer infrastructure, thereby reducing the risk of untreated wastewater reaching our waterways and reducing the risk of public contact from sewage backups in basements.

In addition, the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Treatment facility has been identified as having an impact on aquatic life use (ALU) attainment in the Great Miami River (Ohio 2022 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, Ohio EPA 2022). Macroinvertebrate communities have been impacted by ammonia - N discharges downstream of the discharge from the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Treatment facility. Wastewater treatment improvements should be completed to ensure a consistent and compliant discharge. Failure to meet the effluent limitations set forth in the NPDES discharge permit are grounds for enforcement action.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Miller".

Joe Miller
Environmental Manager
Southwest District Office
Division of Surface Water
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Dayton, Ohio 45402

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