

We have to admit... when we first heard Missy was retiring... we were all a little shocked...



But after a little soul searching and reflection...



We're so happy for her... we're throwing her a party!

Please join us as we congratulate Missy Pruszynski on her 32 years working for the City and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement!



Retirement Party/Open House
Thursday, April 25, 2024
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center

Retirement Party



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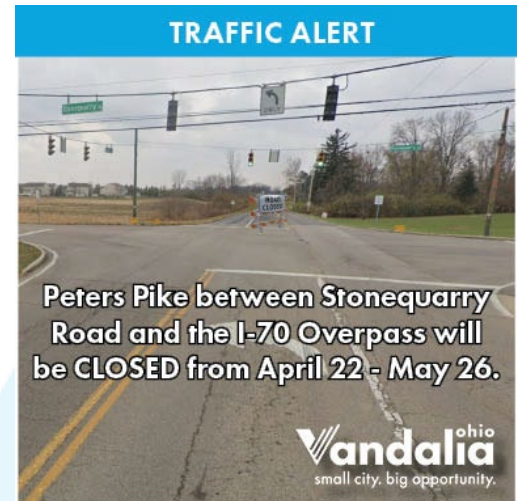


The Blue Letter

April 13, 2024

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Congratulations to Public Works Superintendent Wally Ritchie who has announced his retirement. Superintendent Ritchie is leaving the Public Works Division in a state that is much better than he found it. During his time here, he has introduced modern construction and maintenance practices to the division. He has worked to organize the facility and to dispose of long-accumulated surplus. He has empowered new employees to be trained to operate equipment, provided extensive safety training, implemented rules and regulations relating to use of hard hats and personal protective equipment, pushed back and discontinued suboptimal practices, refined operations to improve efficiency, helped to bring employee compensation up to market standards, helped to settle the overdue collective bargaining agreement, returned the division to full staffing with all technicians having their commercial driver's license with tanker endorsement, deployed the new jetter / vac truck and hot box asphalt recycler, and helped to advise on the design of the new public works facility. Finally, he has worked to build leaders in the division. This is the second time that I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ritchie because of his can-do attitude; expertise in mechanics, budgeting, construction, and utility provision; and unique leadership style. I am proud of the work that he has done to improve the Vandalia Public Works Division. Mr. Ritchie's last day in the office will be April 19, 2024. Mr. Ritchie will officially retire on May 31, 2024.



Congratulations to incoming Public Works Superintendent Jake Hayslett! Assistant Public Works Superintendent Jake Hayslett will take over the operations of the division on April 19, 2024. Mr. Hayslett is a Vandalia resident and Butler High School graduate. Over the last few years, Mr. Hayslett has taken on more and more responsibilities. This is a well-earned promotion and I know that Mr. Hayslett's work product will contribute to our efforts to be a top-tier suburb through top-tier City services. I am excited for the great work that he is going to do in this role. Our team is currently investigating potential candidates to backfill the Assistant Public Works Superintendent position.



Emergency Operations Center / Eclipse: Thank you to Chief Follick and the rest of our team who worked to organize and to coordinate our emergency operations for the eclipse. As a public safety agency, we would rather be prepared and not need it than the alternative. Thank you for the great preparation for our community. Congrats to the Parks Department on a successful event at the library... I personally am glad that the afternoon felt a lot like Y2K. Photo by IT Systems Administrator Paul Pollard.

Vandalia Bikeway Connector / ODOT Construction Kickoff! You are invited to attend the construction kick off event at the Taylorsville Dam north parking lot at 10 am on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Assistant City Manager Rob Cron will

be speaking at the event. If there is an issue due to weather, the event will be moved to the Montgomery County Garage at 300 Smith Rd. in Clayton. There is limited parking and attendees are encouraged to carpool.

Great work Public Works Technician Dan Griffith! This week, Planning Commissioner Dave Arnold reached out to compliment the professionalism and courteousness of Public Works Technician Dan Griffith who recently replaced a meter at Mr. Arnold's house. Great job!

Monday, April 15, 2024, Council Meeting: Study Session will begin at 5:15 pm. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

City Council Strategic Visioning Retreat Meeting - On Wednesday, April 17th at 5 pm, the City Council will hold a three-hour workshop to facilitate strategic vision and plan for 2024-2025. Thank you to the Councilmembers who took the time to have a phone conference with the facilitators in the weeks ahead of the strategic visioning retreat. This workshop will be held at the Justice Center Community Room. This meeting is open to the public.

Arbor Day Event - On Friday, April 26 at 1 pm, the City of Vandalia will hold an Arbor Day Event at Helke Park. Vice Mayor Blakesly will present a proclamation and an American Hop Hornbeam will be planted. This event is open to the public.

National Day of Prayer - On Thursday, May 2nd, National Day of Prayer will be held at First Light Church from 8: am - 10:15 am. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall – Main Building and the Prayer Service will begin at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary. The event is free to the community. To RSVP, call 937-898-3801. Live Stream at www.firstlightchurch

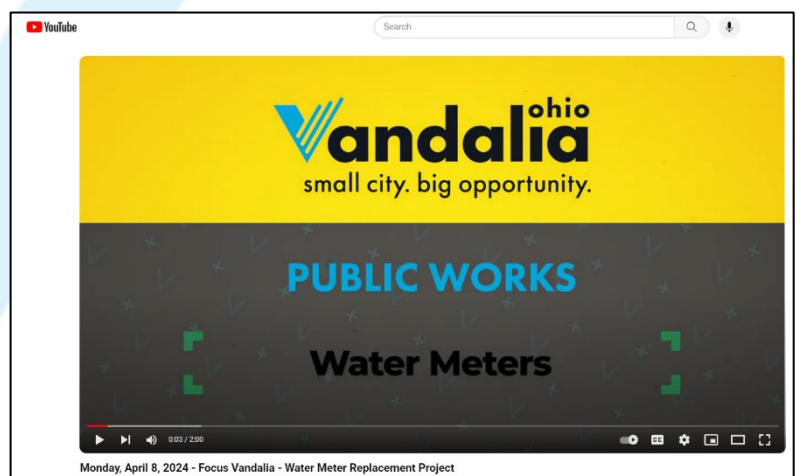
Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) - Letter from City of Dayton: I have enclosed a letter that the City received from the City of Dayton regarding their efforts to address newly established maximum contamination levels by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for PFAS (in addition to PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA (GenX)). Tri-Cities General Manager Danny Knife also serves as the fifth board member of NAWA and he holds a Class III Water Operator License. Mr. Knife has advised that because there are no detectable levels of PFAS in the NAWA wells or system, no action is needed by our utility currently.

Focus Vandalia: [The recent Focus Vandalia episode on the Water Meter project can be viewed here \(link\).](#)



Congratulations to Fire Captain Anthony Miller who graduated from the Ohio Fire Chief's Ohio Fire Executives (OFE) course. The OFE program is a lasts two and half years and consists of 200 hours

of class work, 8 research papers, reading 18 books, 50 articles, delivery of two 25-minute presentations, 3 impromptu speeches, completion of a applied research project, and the completion of 400 hours of



research and course homework outside of class.

Captain Miller joins Chief Follick who is the other member of the Division who has completed OFE. Congrats on this huge accomplishment!

Study Session:

Presentation:

Division of Police Update – Chief Althouse will present the Division of Police Update to the Council.

Monday, April 15, 2024, Items:

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

Resolution: Objecting to the Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit - The Ohio Revised Code permits the City to object to the renewal of a liquor permit and request a hearing with Liquor Control, if one or more of the statutory grounds for objecting to the renewal is present. The former Oscar's bar at 320 N. Dixie Dr. sustained smoke, fire and structural damage in December 2022. It has been uninhabitable since the fire and there are no utility services to the structure. The City condemned the building on January 16, 2024, and no appeal was filed nor repairs made. The Law Director and Chief Building Official have recommended that the City object to the renewal of the liquor permit as the premises does not conform to the building, safety, or health requirements of the City which is one of the grounds for denial of a liquor permit under Ohio Revised Code 4303.292(A)(2).

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Ordinance: Supplemental – Mrs. Leiter will discuss and request approval of the following supplemental appropriation Ordinance for the following reason:

Police-Fire-Street CIP Fund:
Street Maintenance

\$179,349 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the additional amount due to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Webster Street Resurfacing project.

Ordinance: Assessments January, February, and March - This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, weed cutting and property maintenance.

Monday, May 6, 2024, Items:

Resolution: Sports Complex Pathway Asphalt Project - The Parks and Recreation Department is recommending awarding the bid for the Sports Complex and Recreation Center Asphalt Maintenance Project to A-to-Z Asphalt of Vandalia, Ohio at a price of \$148,774. On April 2, 2024, we publicly opened and read proposals received for the project, advertised in the Daily Court Reporter on March 8 and 15, 2024. Three (3) companies requested the bid specifications packet with all three submitting a formal bid proposal for the project. This project includes repairs and maintenance to the Sports Complex Pathways and the Recreation Center Parking Lot.

The 2024 CIP budget has \$175,000 allotted for this project based on a price quote received during our budget preparation process. The total bid amount submitted by A-to-Z Asphalt for this project is \$148,774.



Resolution: Playground Equipment Purchase and Installation for Robinette Park - The Parks & Recreation Department is recommending to waive the bid process for the purchase and installation of a new playground unit at the Robinette Park, authorizing the purchase through the State of Ohio Procurement Program with Landscape Structures of Delano, Minnesota at a cost not to exceed \$413,000. The total payment of the playground equipment contract when combined with the playground safety surface contract with Forever Lawn of Ohio shall not exceed the

total budget amount of \$600,020 for the playground project at Robinette Park. The Robinette Park inclusive playground, splashpad, and restroom facility project is being funded through a combination of sources including the American Rescue Plan Act, Community Development Block Grant, Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services, Brighter Tomorrows Grant Program, Ohio NatureWorks Grant, Congressionally Directed Spending (a federal appropriation), a pending award of State of Ohio capital budget bill funds, and Vandalia local capital improvement funds.

Resolution: Playground Safety Surface Purchase and Installation for Robinette Park - The Parks & Recreation Department is recommending to waive the bid process for the purchase and installation of playground safety surfacing under the new playground unit at the Robinette Park, authorizing the purchase through the Sourcewell Cooperative Procurement program with Forever Lawn of Ohio at a cost not to exceed \$187,000. The total payment of the safety surface contract when combined with the playground equipment contract with Landscape Structures shall not exceed the total budget amount of \$600,020 for the playground project Robinette Park. The Robinette Park inclusive playground, splashpad, and restroom facility project is being funded through a combination of sources including the American Rescue Plan Act, Community Development Block Grant, Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services, Brighter Tomorrows Grant Program, Ohio NatureWorks Grant, Congressionally Directed Spending (a federal appropriation), a pending award of State of Ohio capital budget bill funds, and Vandalia local capital improvement funds.

Resolution: Record Plan - Ministry Partners Plat- 3675 Wyse Road – The meeting packet contains a memorandum from City Planner Hammes. Mr. Greg Monnig of Woolpert, Inc, on behalf of Choice Hotels International Inc., requests subdivision approval for the Ministry Partners Plat. The property is located at the northwest corner of Wyse and Homestretch Roads in the City of Vandalia. The proposed record plan would combine the existing parcels into two new parcels totaling 5.658 acres +/- . The subject properties are located in the Office / Industrial Park (O/IP) zoning district. On April 9th, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend approval with conditions.

Variance: 4160 Little York Road – Driveway Entrance and Intersection Signs- Little York Medical Center - The Applicant, Select Signs, on behalf of Little York Medical Center, has requested a variance to allow 5 driveway entrance and intersection signs that exceed the maximum area requirement for the property located at 4160 Little York Road. The Applicant has proposed adding 5 driveway entrance and intersection signs that are 8 square feet in area. April 10, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 5-0 to recommend approval with one condition.

Discussion Items:

Cassel Hills Golf Course Food & Beverage Contract - Mr. Chris Royse, Dif, Inc. Founder and President, along with Connor Royse, Dif, Inc. Vice President, attended the April 1, 2024, Council Study Session to present their proposal to provide food and beverage operations at Cassel Hills Golf Course. Director Clark, Managing Golf Professional Ben Lickliter, and I have been working with Messrs. Royse over the past several months on a potential food and beverage agreement for Cassel Hills Golf Course Clubhouse. We feel this is an opportunity that will enhance this community amenity by building the capacity for a private business to offer breakfast, lunch, dinner, grab-and-go meals for golfers, and concessions. Over time, we anticipate that this proposal will lead to other improvements that will draw people to Cassel Hills who are not golfers.

As part of the proposed agreement, Mr. Royse is requesting a \$50,000 loan to assist with startup costs and cash flow that could require an appropriation by the City Council to the Vandalia Development Corporation (VDC) – and subsequent management / collection of repayment to the VDC. Given the margins and challenges, I would recommend to the VDC that this be an interest-free loan. The City has not offered this sort of incentive to get a business going

before; however, we are aware of this sort of startup assistance occurring in various forms in some communities – especially when the City is the landlord or developer. If it is the City Council's preference, the funds for this loan could be allocated from the existing community development appropriation, which would result in \$50,000 for the annual façade improvement program, and \$50,000 for the loan.

If the Council is amenable to proceeding with the general terms, we will return to the next meeting and present a resolution for adoption that would authorize City Manager Wendt to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Dif Inc., and work with Law Director McDonald to set up startup financing through the VDC.

Downtown Market Study – At the April 1st Study Session, Mr. Michael Stumpf, of Place Dynamics, presented the Vandalia Downtown Market Study for the Council's review. The study is the result of a nine-month process involving market research, site visits, and interviews with local business owners, residents, and developers. The plan features a detailed look into Vandalia's economic place in the region and offers several concrete recommendations for improving the City's downtown core. I have enclosed the major recommendations of the market study. In brief, the major recommendations of the analysis include:

Phase One:

- Build density to support businesses through market rate apartments, senior housing, and condominiums;
- Grow anchor businesses and improve property not targeted for redevelopment; and
- Assemble key redevelopment sites.

Phase Two:

- Transition redevelopment focus to mixed use buildings on Dixie Drive frontage;
- Grow anchor businesses and improve property not targeted for redevelopment; and
- Coordinate streetscape and infrastructure improvements.

Phase Three

- Continue to carry out redevelopment;
- Transition to district management and marketing; and
- Use redevelopment and density to attract neighborhood-serving businesses to National Rd

Paving with Motor Vehicle Permissive Tax Funds – At the April 1st Study Session, Finance Director Leiter and I presented, as a discussion item, the Paving with Motor Vehicle Permissive Tax Funds. Motor Vehicle registration permissive tax is an optional tax that can be levied by counties, municipalities, and/or townships on motor vehicle registrations. It is defined in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 4504: Local Motor Vehicle License Tax. "Motor Vehicles" includes personal passenger cars, motor homes, motorcycles, house vehicles, mopeds, non-commercial and commercial trucks and trailers, buses, etc. There are eleven \$5.00 levies that are available to be enacted, but only six can be in effect at any one time in any single taxing district.

Permissive tax revenue is to be used by the counties and taxing districts per ORC Chapter 4504, which includes planning, constructing, improving, maintaining and repairing public roads, highways, streets and for the maintaining and repair of bridges and viaducts.

The City of Vandalia currently receives revenue from four of the available six levies. All four of the levies are county levies and enacted by the county in years 1986 (4504.02), 1989 (4504.15 & 4504.16), and 2019 (4504.24). The two remaining levies under ORC sections, 4504.172 and 4504.173 are available and not contingent on any other levy. The

City of Vandalia currently receives \$20.00 per registration, and if the two available levies are enacted, the amount will increase by \$10.00 to \$30.00 per registration per year.

This proposal would result in an additional cost of \$10 per year per vehicle for residents. If the two additional levies were enacted, the estimated additional amount of revenue to be received would be an estimated \$350,000 - \$375,000. The monies would be used for projects such as street resurfacing, concrete and street reconstruction. In addition to paving additional streets, it is possible that the increase in revenue would allow for a portion of the costs for these projects to be expensed from the permissive funds versus the safe and stable fund.

Sunshine Law Certified Training - The State of Ohio requires newly elected officials to attend one accredited Public Records Training per term or appoint an appropriate designee. As Council's designee, Mrs. Swartz, Deputy Clerk of Council, attended the in-person Sunshine Law Certified Training on March 27, 2024, on behalf of Mayor Herbst, Councilwoman Aivalotis-Weaver, Councilwoman Doogan and Councilman Follick.

March 2024 Financial Reports - Mrs. Leiter will deliver the March 2024 Financial Report.

Legislative Calendar - The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

Council Meeting:

Communications, Petitions and Awards:

Introduction and Oath of Office Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector Haley Lippencott - City Manager Wendt will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Fire Fighter/Paramedic/Inspector Haley Lippencott who began full time employment April 3, 2024.

Proclamation Recognizing Missy Pruszynski's Retirement - Mayor Herbst and Councilmembers will present a proclamation to Missy Pruszynski recognizing her retirement from the City of Vandalia after 37 years of combined service.

Resolutions:

Resolution 24-R-26: EMS Billing Contract – The Division of Fire completed its EMS Billing Request for Proposal (RFP) process on Friday, March 29th. The Division of Fire sent out thirteen RFP packets and received six packets back. One packet was deemed to be unresponsive, as it arrived on Monday morning April 1. Staff reviewed the proposals and met with the best respondent. I am recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a Business Associate Agreement with Medicount Management Inc. of Cincinnati Ohio. Medicount's charge for this service will be equivalent to 5.6% of net monthly revenue for a period of five years, which according to Chief Follick is within the acceptable industry standard for soft billing. Medicount is ready to begin working with the Division of Fire immediately to get a contract reviewed and signed, to onboard us as a client, to complete our Medicare/Medicare verifications, and to train our personnel. The goal would be to return to EMS billing services within the next 30-60 days. The City has not sent out EMS bills since early February due to dereliction by the prior contractor. Medicount has agreed to assist us with billing these aging EMS calls. Medicount has a well-established reputation with several local clients and has been in business for nearly 30 years.

Resolution 24-R-27: Helke Park Sport Court Maintenance Project – The Parks and Recreation Department is recommending awarding the bid for the Helke Park Sport Court Maintenance Project to A-to-Z Asphalt of Vandalia,

Ohio at a price of \$58,770. On March 21, 2024, we publicly opened and read proposals received for the project, advertised in the Daily Court Reporter on March 8 and 15, 2024. Three (3) companies requested the bid specifications packet with only A-to-Z Asphalt submitting a formal bid proposal for the project. This project includes repairs and resurfacing of six (6) tennis courts and eight (8) pickleball courts.

The 2024 CIP budget has \$55,000 allotted for this project based on a price quote received during our budget preparation process. The total bid amount submitted by A-to-Z Asphalt for this project is \$89,755 (\$61,970 for tennis court repairs and \$27,785 for pickleball court repairs). As a result of our Joint Facility Use Agreement with the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education, the cost of repair and maintenance work to the tennis courts will be shared equally and the cost for pickleball court repairs are the sole responsibility of the City. Based on the agreement the costs for the project will be follows:

- City of Vandalia - \$58,770
- Vandalia-Butler Schools - \$30,985

Vandalia-Butler Schools will be invoiced separately for their portion of the cost. We are recommending the balance of funds (\$3,770) come from current balances in the capital project budget for Parks and Recreation.

Resolution 24-R-28: Vehicle Maintenance Bid - Division of Police – On February 26, representatives with the Division of Police opened and read aloud two bids received to perform vehicle maintenance and mechanical service on the Police Division's fleet. These bids were received from Muffler Brothers and Accel Automotive & Tire. Both bids had the proper tax affidavit and forms. Accel Automotive & Tire offers the lowest bid on most maintenance and common vehicle services, such as oil changes and tire rotation, while Muffler Brothers offers these same services at slightly higher prices. The bid contract is for two years with the possibility of a two-year extension.

Accel Automotive has been the contracted vehicle maintenance provider for VPD for the past four years and provided adequate service during the contract period. However, there have been multiple times in the renewal period where Division vehicles were dropped off in the morning and not serviced until later in the day, causing evening shift officers to pick them up after hours. The Division has had several larger mechanical issues beyond normal maintenance where the costs for repairs were much higher at Accel than at other local repair shops. Additionally, over the past year, Accel has had several instances where they were in violation of City property ordinances on the storage and parking of vehicles as well as exterior maintenance issues with their site. The Division of Fire has also noted Accel Automotive stores flammable and combustible materials in violation of fire codes. Due to these violations and issues, the Division recommends City Council award the two-year contract to Muffler Brothers, a local repair shop, for vehicle maintenance and mechanical repairs on the Police Division's vehicles not to exceed \$40,000 per year with the possibility for renewal for an additional two-year period.

Resolution 24-R-29: Objecting to the Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit - The Ohio Revised Code permits the City to object to the renewal of a liquor permit and request a hearing with Liquor Control, if one or more of the statutory grounds for objecting to the renewal is present. The former Oscar's bar at 320 N. Dixie Dr. sustained smoke, fire and structural damage in December 2022. It has been uninhabitable since the fire and there are no utility services to the structure. The City condemned the building on January 16, 2024, and no appeal was filed nor repairs made. The Law Director and Chief Building Official have recommended that the City object to the renewal of the liquor permit as the premises does not conform to the building, safety, or health requirements of the City which is one of the grounds for denial of a liquor permit under Ohio Revised Code 4303.292(A)(2).

Resolution 24-R-30: Additional Payment to ODOT for Webster Street Project - The City of Vandalia and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) have previously agreed to partner in the Resurfacing of Webster Street from Stop Eight Road to Little York Road. Final plans have been approved by ODOT and the bids were opened on April 4, 2024. We received Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) for 80% of the project in an amount up to \$717,131.00. Based on the estimated cost of the project, the City previously paid ODOT \$178,200.00 for the local estimated share. Bids for the project came in higher than estimated by ODOT. Per the contract with ODOT the City is responsible for 100% of the costs over the grant amount of \$717,131.00. Our additional cost to move the project forward and to allow ODOT to award a contract is \$179,349.00. This brings our total share of the project to \$357,549.00, which is 33.27% of the total project cost. To continue the project and to receive the grant funding, it is necessary for the City Council to consider this change and to approve a supplemental appropriation in the same evening. This is undesirable and staff avoids such a request of the legislative body whenever possible. Staff requested that ODOT delay the approval process; however, this request was rejected by ODOT. In 2021, the City of Vandalia applied for STP funds for the first time and designated Webster Street because the need to resurface the street aligned with the funding timeline. Although the increase in cost is less than desirable, the City has the funds available in the Safe and Stable Fund. Further, I recommend approval because the City will be able to perform a needed \$1,074,680 paving project for \$357,549 in local dollars.

Ordinance – First Reading:

Ordinance 24-08: Signs VCCO – Included in the packet is a memorandum from City Planner Hammes recommending amendments to Chapter 1220 of the Vandalia Zoning Code. The proposed amendments would create exceptions for existing nonconforming signs in the Vandalia City Center Overlay. This request was initiated by staff after discussion and recommendation for application by the Vandalia City Council. On March 26th, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

Ordinance – Emergency Reading:

Ordinance 24-06: Supplemental – Mrs. Leiter will discuss and request approval of the following supplemental appropriation Ordinance for the following reason:

Police-Fire-Street CIP Fund:

Street Maintenance

\$179,349 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the additional amount due to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Webster Street Resurfacing project.

Ordinance 24-07: Assessments January, February, and March - This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, weed cutting and property maintenance.

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Variance: BZA 24-05 Side Yard Setback - 1333 Helke Road - The Applicant, Mr. Matthew Beam has requested a variance to allow a 600 (15x40) square foot addition to his house that does not meet the minimum 20-foot side yard setback requirement for the property located at 1333 Helke Road. The Applicant has proposed adding an addition to his house that would have a 15-foot side yard setback. March 28, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Conditional Use: PC 24-01 Hotel/Motel in the O/IP District – 3675 Wyse Road - Enclosed is a memorandum from Mr. Hammes wherein Greg Monnig of Woolpert, Inc, on behalf of Choice Hotels International Inc., has submitted an application requesting conditional use approval for the property located at 3675 Wyse Road. The applicant seeks to construct a Hotel on the property. Hotels are a conditional use in the Office / Industrial Park (O/IP) district. On March 26th, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval with conditions.

March Bill Listing – Mayor Herbst will deliver the March 2024 Bill Listing.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be an in-person meeting in the Council Chambers at 333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377. The meeting is open to Council, staff, and the public to attend in-person. The meetings will be accessible for viewing through Zoom. A link to the online meeting is available on meeting agenda, which will be posted at <https://vandaliaohio.org/462/City-Council-Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos>. Please note, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, 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 5:15 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. Shred Day Flyer;
2. March 2024 Fire Statistics;
3. Dayton Water Letter;
4. Citywide Policy Goals
5. MyVandalia App Flyer;
6. Employee Appreciation Events;
7. Senior Center Newsletter;
8. Pay Period Change Memorandum and Supplements; and
9. Job Creation and Revitalization Area Market Analysis Recommendations.

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Friday, May 17

9 a.m. to Noon

Vandalia Municipal Building

333 James Bohanan Memorial Drive

Bring your unwanted documents to this drive-up paper shredding event! Unwanted documents may include old tax returns, processed checks, loan documents, financial reports and papers that might include Social Security or credit card account numbers. There is **NO NEED** to remove paper clips, staples, rubber bands or folders. All paper collected will be recycled.



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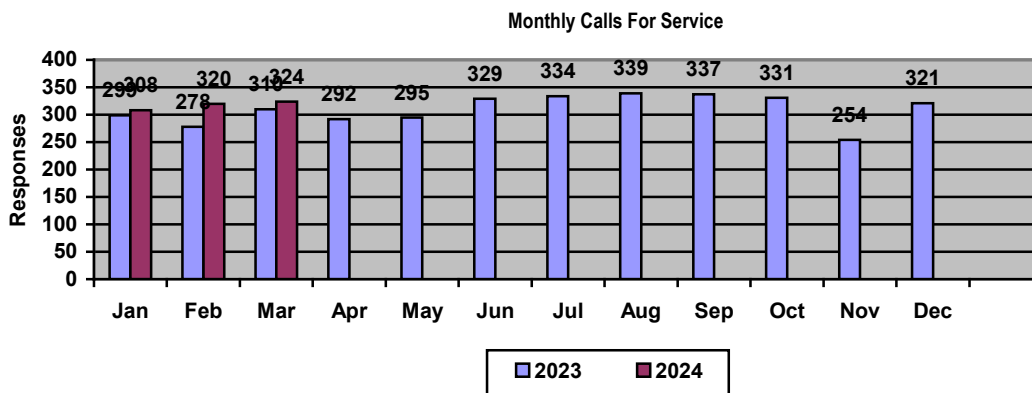


MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: MARCH 2024 STATISTICS
DATE: 4/13/2024
CC: DAN WENDT, CITY MANAGER

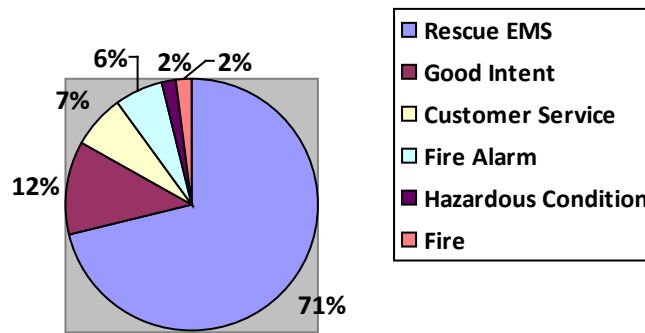
CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Division of Fire responded on 324 calls for service in March (231 EMS calls and 93 fire calls). An average of approximately eleven 11 calls for service per day.



Overlapping Call Volume: A statistic that we can track now is how many of our calls for service overlapped (or occurred simultaneously) during this evaluation period. In March, approximately **88%** of the call volume, overlapped.

Crews responded to 324 calls for service in March, the chart below outlines call types:



The Major Incident Types in March were (%) of the total call volume/month):

1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (71%) - All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
2. Good Intent Calls (12%) - Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
3. Customer Service Calls (7%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
4. Fire Alarm Calls (6%) - This type call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
5. Hazardous Condition (2%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
6. Fires (2%) – Crews responded to no significant dollar loss fires in March

MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA

In March, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid nine **(9)** occasions and we received mutual aid on thirteen **(13)** occasions.

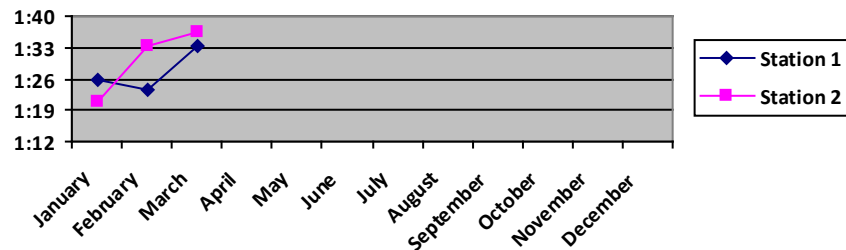
In March, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on **(21)** occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on twenty-six **(17)** occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received (1754)	Mutual Aid Provided (1616)	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided
Butler Fire (57-101)			21	17
Brookville (57-003)				
Bethel Miami (55-221)				
Clayton Fire (57-121)	1			
Dayton Fire (57-011)				
Dayton Airport (57-002)		4		
Englewood (57-001)	3			
Harrison Fire (57-107)	2	4		
Huber Fire (57-125)	3	2		
*Riverside Fire (57-115)				
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)				
West Milton Fire (55)				
Philipsburg Fire (55-)				
Trotwood Fire (57-113)				
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)		3		
Totals	9	13		

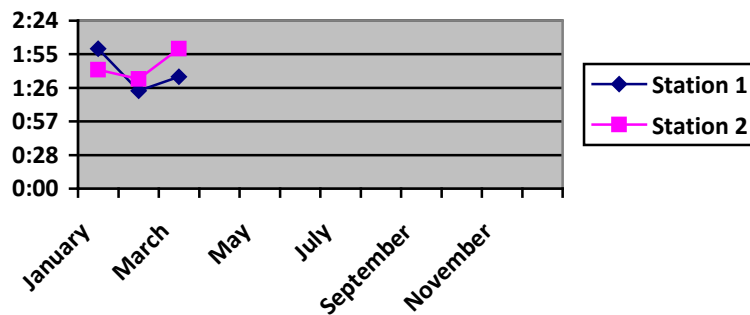
RESPONSE TIMES

The average turnout time in March for EMS was 1:35 and for fire was 1:48, the average total response time for March was 6:49.

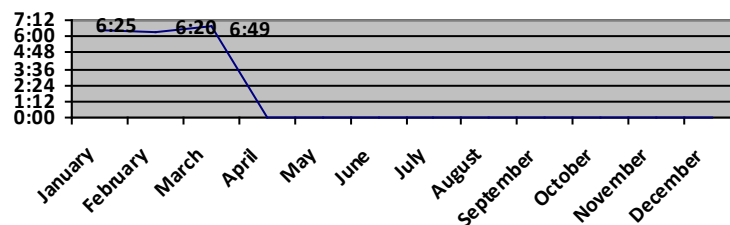
Turnout Times EMS Calls For Service By Fire Stations



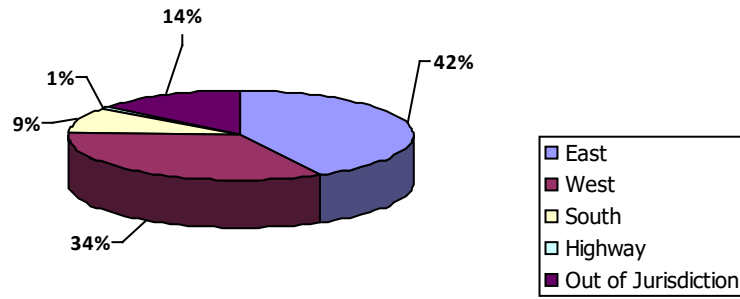
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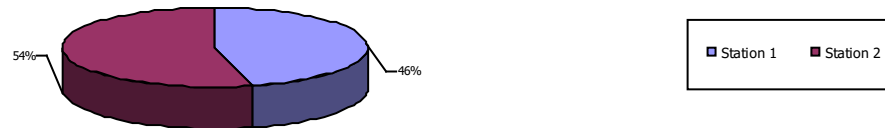
Overall Average Monthly Response Time



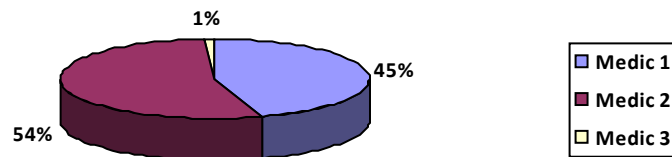
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION



TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH

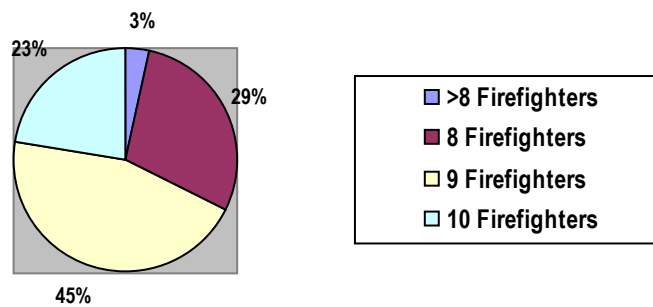


Monthly Staffing Levels

The information provided below, depicts the number of times that shifts were consistently staffed (for twenty-four hours) with personnel.

In March:

1. Staff below our minimum recommended staffing level of 8 (**1 shift 3%**)
2. Staff at our minimum recommended staffing level of 8 (**9 shifts 29%**)
3. Staffed with at least nine (9) personnel (**14 shifts 45%**)
4. Staffed with at ten (10) personnel (**7 shifts 23%**)



April 10, 2024

Dear Valued Water Customer:

On April 10, 2024, the U.S. EPA issued new regulations regarding PFAS in drinking water. These new regulations include Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) of 4 parts per trillion (ppt) for two PFAS compounds, PFOA and PFOS, and 10 ppt for PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA (commonly known as GenX chemicals) in drinking water (<https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>). Water utilities have five years from the date of issuance to be in regulatory compliance with the MCLs.

As partners supplying water to the majority of the region, we want to use this opportunity to share Dayton's plans to comply with this new regulation. Dayton's PFAS Strategy was developed with the U.S. EPA and the Ohio EPA and the goal is to remove PFAS contaminants from drinking water. That includes decreasing the levels of PFAS in untreated water prior to treatment at the plant by transporting and blending of water from other wells that are PFAS-free, thereby extending the life of the treatment process and reducing ongoing operational costs.

Dayton continues to work closely with the U.S. EPA and the Ohio EPA to enable the City to meet the MCLs as soon as possible. We fully expect to meet the five-year compliance deadline through a combination of blending of water and installation of new treatment technology.

In October 2023, we hired an industry-recognized water utility consulting firm which is working with the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development and the City of Dayton to design advanced treatment for PFAS.

To support our PFAS Strategy, we have secured and continue to seek funding to address costs related to PFAS. We are also engaged in ongoing litigation to have those costs covered by responsible parties. Our goal is to secure funding in ways that protect all of our ratepayers.

We have learned much about the challenges posed by PFAS and how to adopt best practices for responding to those challenges. To learn more about PFAS and Dayton water, please visit <https://www.daytonohio.gov/PFAS> for more information.

Dayton Water, U.S. EPA, and Ohio EPA share the same goal of protecting public health. We will continue to evolve and adapt on this front to reach the goal of drinking water with no detection of PFAS.

Sincerely,



Michael Powell
Director, Department of Water



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.

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.

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BE CELEBRATING OUR FAVORITE SUPER
HEROES... YOU!

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION 2024



SEVEN BIG DAYS OF SWEET GRATITUDE!

CHECK IT OUT!!!

JUNE 12 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL
JULY 18 - PIZZA IN THE PARK
AUGUST 14 - PICNIC IN THE PARK
SEPTEMBER 18 - EMPLOYEE TACO BAR
OCTOBER 23 - DONUT BAR
NOVEMBER 6 - TEAM BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 16 - CITY COUNCIL EMPLOYEE
APPRECIATION DAY

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 12

THURSDAY
JULY 18

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 14

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 18

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 23

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 6

MONDAY
DECEMBER 16



Ice Cream Social
1 - 2 p.m.
Vandalia Sports
Complex



Pizza in the Park
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Helke Park



Picnic in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Vandalia Sports
Complex



Taco Bar
12:30 to 2 p.m.
Vandalia Senior
Center



Donut Bar
7 - 9 a.m.
Vandalia Justice
Center



Team Breakfast
8 - 9:30 a.m.
Cassel Hills
Clubhouse



City Council
Employee
Appreciation Day
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
All Locations

Vandalia Senior Center

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Puzzlemania on Monday, May 6, Beginning at 12:45 p.m.

We are going to try out our first ever Puzzlemania event. Randall Residence of West Milton is sponsoring the snacks and prizes. Sign up in teams of 1, 2, or 3 people. If you don't want others to join your team, just X out the other lines. There are enough 300 piece puzzles for 15 teams. You will be in the dining room and art room. From 12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., you will pick out a table, get a snack, listen to the guidelines, and go through preparations to start. Your team will have from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to complete the puzzle. If you need to listen to music, please bring ear buds so you will not disturb others.

Limit: 15 teams of 1, 2, or 3 people.

You Are Invited to One Lincoln Park on Thursday, May 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Do you like indoor house plants? Then Dana Chesser and Jonathan Carl would like to invite you to this event. The chef will prepare a lunch with 3 mini croissants with salad fillings, fruit cup, Basil Tomato soup, and dessert. Now and Zen DIY Studio will have a class on terrariums and house plants. Then you will choose a container, a plant, and accessories to build your own terrarium to take home. Now and Zen DIY Studio will have other items for sale also.



If you would like to tour the facility, just let Dana know that day. Deadline: May 16
Limit: 25 Directions: Take I-75 south to the Moraine exit. Turn left on N. Springboro Pike. Turn left on W. Dorothy Lane. Turn right on Shroyer Rd. Turn left on Isaac Prugh Way. Go to 590 Isaac Prugh Way and let the valet park your car.



You Are Invited to an Ice Cream Social on Fri., May 24, at 2:00 p.m.

The Senior Club Committee is inviting you to this event. You will get scoops of ice cream in a cup. Then choose from 3 syrups and 4 types of toppings to put on your ice cream. All of this is being supplied by JD Frozen Custard in Englewood where they make their ice cream daily. The committee will also have games for you to play. There will be a 50/50 and a raffle for a gift card. Sign up by going to box #3 in the hallway and follow the directions to pay \$5 which is less than the price in their store. Deadline: May 17

Lunch & Learn

Shelby Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tues., May 7, at Noon

Kristi Xavier from Shelby Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation will bring your lunch. In honor of Memorial Day, Angie Hoschouer Berghius will present "Revolutionary War Soldiers". Woodland Cemetery has the distinction of having members of every war buried in the hallowed ground of the cemetery. Brave men such as Robert Patterson, Isaac Spinning, John Grimes, and others who served bravely in the Revolutionary War and later became prominent citizens of Dayton. Twenty of the 158 soldiers from that war rest at Woodland. You will hear their stories. Limit: 80

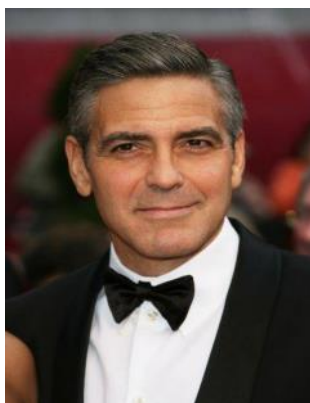


Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thurs., May 9, at 11:00 A.M.

Sarah Mather from Stonespring will order your lunch. Mark Risley is with the Oakwood Historical Society. He is a speaker for U.D. Lifelong Learning and a retired aircraft dispatcher. He will use his background to present "The Great Flood of 1913". It was one of the most renowned natural disasters for Dayton. Mark will take a look at Dayton before, during, and after the flood through vintage photographs. He will talk about the rescue and recovery efforts and the long-term effects of this event. Limit: 75

Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, May 10, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your food from their kitchen. Dr. Andrew Dyer from Take2Healthcare has lectured across the Miami Valley and is a regular host of the Saturday morning radio show, Take2Healthcare: Your Guide to Better Living on AM 1290 WHIO. Dr. Dyer will present "How to use foods, vitamins, and good habits to live healthy and well in an increasingly toxic world." This talk will explore natural options on how to get and stay healthy including utilizing diagnostic testing to determine your body's overall needs. Limit: 70



Springmeade Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, May 14, at Noon

Robin Shafer from Springmeade will order pizza for you. Cheri Brinkman, professor and author, will present "Hollywood on the Ohio". Unfortunately, George Clooney won't be able to attend but Cheri will be talking about him. Her talk is about the famous stars from stage and screen from southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky. Learn about the great film stars and directors from the silent era to modern day. This area has been a cradle of some truly remarkable performers. Limit: 75

Lunch & Learn

Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, May 21, at Noon

Jacquie Dalton from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. Lee Ann Rose is returning from Williamsburg, Virginia, by Zoom to present "Theodore Roosevelt". This is a performance in character and in costume as you can see from the photograph to the right. She will portray our 26th President who ushered our country into the 20th century. Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Friday, May 24, at Noon



Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home of Vandalia will bring your lunch. Lori Horstman, a professor, a certified dementia specialist, speaker, and trainer, will talk about some causes of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. She will tell you ways to try to prevent having those conditions as well as how to improve if you have one of these diseases. Lori is a very knowledgeable speaker. You will want to hear what she has to say. Limit: 100

Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, May 28, at Noon

Jennifer Terriaco will have Chef Aaron from Momentum Health of Vandalia prepare lunch for you. Many of the places that helped make Dayton a center of innovation were lost to history while others survived and adapted, representing the City's spirit of revitalization. Join Andrew Walsh, the author of *Lost in Dayton*, as he discusses his book and explores the diverse sites that form Dayton's disappearing legacy through photographs. Limit: 75



Randall Residence of West Milton Lunch & Learn on Friday, May 31, at Noon

Becky Devor from Randall Residence of West Milton will bring your lunch from their kitchen. In the mailed newsletters, it says that The King's English will be playing. Then they realized the group was double booked. Joey D. arranged for his friends, Bobby D. and the Quartet to fill in for him. We will collect donations at the end to thank them. Limit: 75

Lunch & Learns and More

Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday of the Month



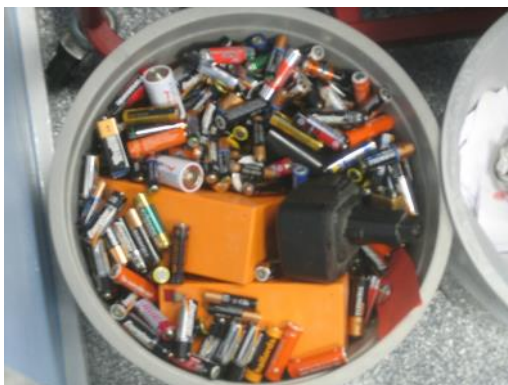
Sign up to eat out at Warped Wing Brewery & Smokery on Tuesday, May 14, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 6602 Executive Blvd. in Huber Heights. Directions: From the Senior Center, turn left onto Dixie. Cross over I-70 and continue to the light at Little York Rd. Turn left onto Little York. After the tunnel, turn left onto Rip Rap Road which



turns into Taylorsville Rd. At the light, turn left onto Old Troy Pike. Shortly after crossing I-70, turn right onto Executive Blvd. Drive almost to Brandt Pike. Just before the Rose Music Center, you will see Warped Wing on your right.

Kitchen Drawers for Members

This set of three drawers is located right behind the coffee pot in the kitchen. The items in these drawers are for members to use. You are at a Lunch & Learn and you just tasted the food before the speaker began and it needs salt and pepper. Go to the top drawer where there are many salt and pepper shakers. You brought food to share with your group but forgot your utensils and plates. The top drawer has plasticware. The middle drawer has cups and napkins and the bottom drawer has plates to use.



Batteries Are No Longer Being Collected

The City of Vandalia is no longer collecting used batteries to take to recycling. So what now? I checked the EPA website. It says common alkaline and zinc-carbon batteries which include 9 Volt, AA, AAA, C, D and some button cells can go in your regular trash. Some button batteries and other single use batteries are made of lithium metal. They are commonly used in watches, hearing aids, car remotes, and medical devices. The EPA website

suggests you place each battery in a separate plastic bag or place electrical tape over the battery's terminals or around the entire button. For those, you need to go to the Earth911 website or call 1-800-CLEANUP (253-2687) to find out where they can be dropped off. Batteries Plus told me they take used batteries. They charge \$.99 per pound. The website also said some Lowe's and Home Depot stores will take rechargeable batteries.

Art



Ice Dying a Scarf Class on Thursday, May 2,
from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. AND 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Yes, this is a two-part class on the same day. Cass Barth will take you through the steps to make an ice dyed scarf. You have to give the ice time to melt and go through the dye. Then you come back and rinse out the scarf. You will let it dry at home. Cost: \$15
Limit: 10

FREE Card Making Class on Wednesday, May 8, at 1:00 p.m.

You can make two cards between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. There will be lots of scrapbook papers, stickers, stamps, and more with flowers, butterflies, and things with a summer theme. There will be lots of



equipment and other items to embellish your cards. (The card in the photo is just an idea.)
Limit: 12



FREE Flower Arranging Class on Wednesday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring a variety of flowers, greenery, twine, ribbon, florist floral wrap, and vases. You will be making a bouquet with fresh flowers. Limit: 15

FREE Bird Decoration Class on Wednesday, May 22, at 1:00 p.m.

Candy Jones will take you through the steps to make this delightful bird. You will cut fabric with a bird template. Then you will use a template to cut a wing out of denim wide ribbon & burlap. Next you will attach the bird to watercolor paper with Mod Podge. Last you will use a glue gun to put on a button and a gemstone for an eye. Limit: 12



Ceramics Painting Class on
Friday, May 31, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a ceramics vendor and a member, is bringing this cute patriotic gingerbread character for you to paint. You will be using her paints, brushes, and materials. Cost: \$8 Limit: 15



Movies

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

Movie on the First Friday, May 3, at 1:00 p.m.

In the movie, *Queen Bees*, fiercely independent senior Helen (Ellen Burstyn) agrees to temporarily move into a nearby retirement community while her house undergoes repairs. There she encounters a lusty widow (Ann Margret), cutthroat bridge tournaments, and a hotbed of bullying "mean girls," (Jane Curtin) and an interesting man (James Caan). PG-13 Comedy/Romance 1 hr. 40 min.



Movie on the Third Friday, May 17, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Jennifer Terriaco of Momentus Health

Trust me with the movie, *The Cokeville Miracle*, since it is a little different than what I normally show. This is a true story. On May 16, 1986, a disgruntled former town Marshall and his wife took the Cokeville Elementary School in the tiny town of Cokeville, Wyoming, hostage with their homemade bomb. The children in this small ranching community later told stories of divine intervention before and after the bomb went off. The miraculous events transformed the lives of hundreds of people, including those who witnessed angels and received heavenly help.

At the end of the movie, you will get to meet many of the children who are now adults with families of their own. PG-13 Mystery / Thriller 1 hr. 34 min.



Join the Games

There are members that will teach you some of the games. Come in on Tuesdays at 1:45 p.m. to learn to play Hand & Foot. Show up on Wednesdays by 12:30 p.m. to find out how to play Up & Down the River. You need to bring about 50 pennies with you. On Thursdays, you can learn Rummikub beginning at noon and Pinochle at 1:00 p.m. Join the Mah Jong group on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to learn the game with tiles. If you know how to play poker, the poker group will show you some new kinds of Poker games. A dollar buys you 100 chips.

If you are already a bridge player whether you are interested in being a regular or a substitute, call the hosts listed on page 10. If you are interested in easy going party bridge, join the Tuesday morning group. If you want regular bridge, then talk to the host for the Wednesday afternoon group. If you play duplicate bridge, call Jim about the Thursday afternoon group.



MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
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	6 Hand & Foot 12:30 Puzzlemania 12:45	7 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 BP & Sugar Check11-12 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Book Club 1:40 Bingo 1:45	8 Hula Hooping 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 12:30 Card Making 1:00	9 Travel 9:00-12:00 Lunch & Learn 11:00 Duplicate Bridge 11:45 Art Group 12:00 Rummikub 12:00 Pinochle 1:00
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Dead Tired by Kat Ailes

The Lady with the Dark Hair by Erin Bartels

Just for the Summer by Melody Carlson

Seven Summers by Paige Toon

Life and Otter Miracles by Hazel Prior

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Color Purple, the musical

Freelance

Next Goal Wins

Anyone But You

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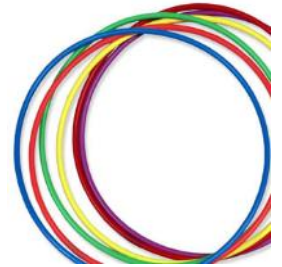


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 some of the 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 Bill Kistner.

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.



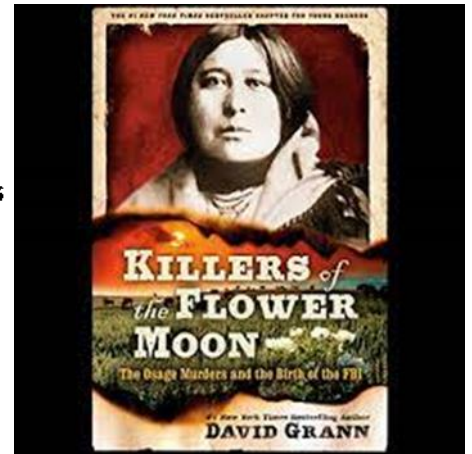
Tech Talk on the First & Third Thurs., May 2 and 16, at 11:00 a.m. to Noon

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

Information

Vandalia Senior Center Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 7, to discuss the book, *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured vehicles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. This was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.



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The Nurses Want to Check Out Your Numbers

Nurses will be coming in on the first and third Tuesday every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to check your blood pressure and blood sugar numbers. They will be sitting by the fountains in the dining room. The nurses will be here every month through November. Nurses from Montgomery County Public Health will be here on May 7. Nurses from Premier Health will be here on May 21.



This photo was taken in 2010. It was time for a luau with palm trees hanging from the ceiling. Everyone attending the dinner was wearing a lei and most had on brightly colorful shirts for the special occasion.



Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Darilynn Whittemore. 937-776-4686

Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267

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, May 2, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, May 7, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, May 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Brandie Lovato from Northwood will call bingo on Tuesday, May 21, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Shelli Jackson & Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Wed., May 29, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate May Birthdays on Wed., May 29, at 1:00 p.m.

Randall Residence of West Milton will provide the birthday cakes from their kitchen. Please sign up if you have a birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing "Happy Birthday". Everyone gets a piece of cake but the birthday people get theirs first!



Donations Needed

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

Leave in the Office: liters of pop (especially Coke and Diet Coke), unopened jigsaw puzzles, cold drink cups (16 to 18 oz.) (spring colors welcomed), seasonal napkins, non-refrigerated individual creamers, individually labeled flavored teas, art supplies, greenery, greeting cards, and items for the free tables.

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack and by the white board:

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.

On the fireplace in the card room/library:

books, movies, and jigsaw puzzles



Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are very interesting birds. The tiniest ones, Bee Hummingbirds, weigh less than an ounce and are only 2 inches long. These birds can fly in any direction, even backwards. They can hover in midair when sipping nectar from brightly colored flowers. Hummingbirds can beat their wings about 70 beats per second which can produce a buzz often audible to human ears. With all of this zooming around, they must eat at least half of their body weight each day to replace the calories they use. That means eating constantly from sunrise to sunset while visiting about 1,000 flowers in a day.



Hummingbirds fly solo not in flocks when traveling. Many hummingbirds start arriving in our area by late April. Many experts advise to put food out for them about two weeks before their expected arrival. Do not use red dye in a feeder but the birds are attracted to the color red. If your feeder isn't red then attach red labels or stickers to attract them. You can make a sugar water mixture for them. Mix 1 part white sugar with 4 parts water.

A habitat that offers food, water, shelter, and security attracts hummingbirds.

1. These birds love water especially moving water such as a sprinkler hose or a water fountain. This is perfect for them to take a bath.
2. Hummingbirds like shade. Shrubs, dwarf trees, and vines give them places to shelter.
3. The hummingbirds need space between plants to give them enough room to hover and then to move from flower to flower.
4. These birds do not have a keen sense of smell. They rely on bright colors to find their food. They like anything red especially. Tubular flowers tend to produce the most nectar. They are attracted to many annuals, including cleomes, impatiens, and petunias. Below is a list of perennials that attract hummingbirds. It is better to choose varieties that are in red and orange shades.

beard tongue
columbine
foxglove
pincushion flower
scarlet trumpet honeysuckle

bee balm
coral bells
iris

butterfly bush
daylily
larkspur
red-hot poker
summer phlox

catmint
desert candle
lily
scarlet sage
verbena

clove pink
flowering tobacco
lupine
soapwort
pentas



Travel

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

- May 5 to 7 Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan: Meet at the VRC. Check in: 6:30 a.m.
June 13 Day trip to Cincinnati, Ohio \$198 **This trip is getting close to going.
July 25 Day trip to Medina, Ohio, area \$180
October 16-19 West Virginia: 4 days, 3 nights \$1049 pp \$100 deposit
December 15-18 New York City: 4 days, 3 nights \$1544 pp \$1884 single \$100 deposit

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

- June 3-7 Mackinac Island: 5 days, 4 nights \$833 pp \$1012 single
**This trip is VERY close to going. Final payment is due now.
July 8-12 Chicago: 5 days, 4 nights \$787 pp \$936 single final payment due May 8
August 17-24 Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa in Canada: ***You need a passport
for this trip! 8 days, 7 nights \$1445 pp \$1744 single \$100 deposit
This trip is going!
October 7-11 Lancaster Show Trip & Dutch Country: 5 days, 4 nights \$860 pp \$1009
single \$100 deposit

NEW: 2025: Grand American Tours: Call Amy at 1-800-423-0247

**January 11-20 Labadee/US Virgin Islands/Antigua: \$2,773 to \$3,277 depending on
cabin Deposit \$550 per person Need passport**

**Aug. 27-Sept. 6 Alaska Cruise, Land & Rail: \$4,711 to \$5,841 depending on cabin for dbl
\$350 per pp deposit Need passport**

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>. You can mail your check to the Vandalia Senior Center or drop it in box #4 in the hallway by the kitchen or give it to Bob Reed in person. You also need to fill out the form at the bottom of this page and include it with your payment. You need to fill out the additional information form for Prime Tours that is attached to the trip sheet.

Bob Reed's Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. to Noon
Or call 937-313-9692, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Leave a voicemail.

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Parks & Recreation

May Spotlight: FREE Cardio Splash classes on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm with Linda

Come check out May's free fitness class with Linda. Use the resistance of the water to improve cardiovascular fitness, endurance, and strength. Depending on your level you can choose to either be in the deep area or shallow area of the pool during class. Come out on Wednesday evenings in May to try Cardio Splash!



Free Wall Night– May 14th, from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Every month we offer a free climb day for everyone to come and check out the wall. Come on in for great exercise and mix it up by climbing the wall!

Thank you to our 2024 Youth Sport Sponsors!

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Vandalia Sweet Treats Fest– Saturday, May 11, from 4:00pm-8:00pm

Indulge your sweet tooth in a symphony of flavors at our Sweet Treats Fest! Satisfy your cravings with a decadent array of treats that will transport your taste buds to a sugary wonderland. From heavenly cakes to delightful pastries, this event is a sugar-coated celebration where every bite is a blissful escape into a world of confectionery delight. There will be non-food vendors, live music, and other activities for you to enjoy!

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex

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May is VRC Mental Health Month

Your mental health is valuable, so spend time investing in yourself with the VRC to celebrate Mental Health Month in May! The VRC offers a supportive space where individuals can explore resiliency, mindfulness, and emotional balance. Together, we will embark on a month-long journey towards learning about mental health, fostering connections, empowerment, and the tools to navigate life's challenges with strength!



Programs Available:

- 1. Mental Health QR Code Scavenger Hunt:** From Wednesday, May 1 through Wednesday, May 15, there will be QR codes hidden in the parks. Scan the QR code to complete submission for each park. Listed are the parks that the QR codes will be in: Helke Park, Art Park, Sports Complex Playgrounds, Jeffers Park, Robinette Park, Victory Park
- 2. Youth Mental Health 101 with ADAMHS:** Wednesday, May 8, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. To register, please email Aaron Messenger at: amessenger@vandaliaohio.org. You must register for this session by Tuesday, May 7.
- 3. During the whole month of May, if you are participating in a group fitness class, each paying customer can bring an additional person as a guest at no charge.**
- 4. Entry into Luther's Jungle and Ricky's Tiny Tikes will be free on Thursdays during the month of May.**
- 5. Climbing the rock wall on Tuesday, May 14, and Tuesday, May 18 will be free of charge.**
- 6. Premier Health Mental Health Session:** Wednesday, May 22, from 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the VRC. This session will be an introduction to mental health with an adult-focus. To register, please email Aaron Messenger at: amessenger@vandaliaohio.org.

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Vandalia Senior Club

2024 Committee:

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Secretary	Dottie Ganter 937-898-7286

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the costs of programming and support for the Senior Center.

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2024 Full-Time Pay Period Changes

With the approval of City Manager Wendt, Finance will be permanently changing the pay period dates for full-time and permanent part-time employees to follow a Sunday-Saturday workweek rather than the current Wednesday-Tuesday workweek.

The current workweek has been a confusion to hourly employees throughout the years as it relates to overtime calculations. Making this change will create a more logical workweek for employees to track the number of hours they have worked in the week to avoid overtime. This change will also allow additional time for administrative and managerial staff to review and approve timecards in Executime before it is locked for payroll processing. I believe this is advantageous to employees, supervisors, and payroll.

For this transition, we will need paper timesheets for Pay #12 (Check Date 6/7/2024) and Pay #13 (Check Date 06/21/2024). For both pay periods, employees will be paid for their regular schedule and should see no shortage of pay on their paychecks, only the dates will reflect differently for this transitional pay period.

For Pay #12, a paper timesheet will be completed to reflect hours worked for the old pay period and one to reflect the hours for the new pay period. The timesheet showing the old pay period dates is being used to accurately calculate any overtime pay that is due to the employee, which should be limited to only emergency instances where possible.

For Pay #13, a paper timesheet will be completed to show all hours worked using the new pay period dates. Any overlapping dates that were already paid in Pay #12 will be paid in full again and will be counted toward any overtime calculation for the new pay period dates.

All full-time and permanent part-time employees will resume using Executime for Pay #14, which begins on June 16.

Attached you will find the old pay schedule and the new pay schedule. The dates that employees are paid will not be changed, simply the dates that fall within the pay period.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Finance Department, and we will be more than happy to help ease any burden this transition may cause.



Pay Period Adjustment Calendar

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Strategic recommendations

Market conditions dictate that Vandalia will need to take a phased approach to achieving its vision of a pedestrian-oriented downtown district. With few immediate opportunities to attract retail and dining businesses, the initial focus can leverage strong demand for better-quality, market rate apartments and condominiums in multifamily buildings. These can transition to mixed-use buildings on the street frontage. A secondary effort can enhance anchor businesses and buildings expected to remain in a redeveloped corridor. A larger retail and dining recruitment program can be implemented as conditions improve.

Strategy

The recommended strategy has three overlapping phases, with the transition between them depending on the pace of development. The intent of each phase is to capture the

market opportunity available at the time, effecting change to bring about the conditions that make it possible to support other uses.

Phase one

The initial phase should focus on collaboration with property and business owners, encouraging and facilitating investments in real estate and business enhancement, while beginning to assemble future redevelopment sites in core areas of the downtown.

- **Redevelopment.** There is an immediate demand for market rate apartments, senior housing, and condominiums that can be built at the rear of large lots on Dixie Drive, or on side streets. The City can support this by sharing the market case, and through financial or permitting assistance.

