

THE BLUE LETTER



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September 20, 2024

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

Employee Spotlight
September, 2024



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We have attached the "yard sign" informational flier. It is that time of year.

There will be no Blue Letter on Friday, September 27, 2024.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Mark Schwieterman
Interim City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Cron – September 20, 2024;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – September 20, 2024;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – September 20, 2024;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – September 20, 2024;
5. Information Update - Recreation Superintendent McCracken – September 20, 2024;
6. Information Update - Chief Althouse – September 20, 2024;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – September 20, 2024;
8. Information Update - Senior Center – October Newsletter;
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10. Yard Sign Flier;





To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: September 19, 2024
Re: Information Update for September 7 - 20, 2024

📍 Congratulations to Micki Weber for being chosen for this month's Employee Spotlight.

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- 📍 Last Tuesday we held our Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing. We had 9 teams for the event. It was a great networking event for our staff and local business community leaders. Thank you to all the staff that helped put on this event. Also thank you to Mayor Herbst, Councilwoman Aivalotis-Weaver and Councilman Lewis for attending the event.
- 📍 Last week Mike Hammes and I attended the Vandalia Development Corporation meeting where they were to consider financial assistance for a potential new project in Vandalia and two separate Façade Improvements. The VDC approved all three requests.
- 📍 I attended the I70/75 Development Association monthly meeting last Friday. This month representatives from the Dayton Realtors Association were the presenters. They gave an update on the trends and state of residential real estate in our region.

- I attended the Business First Outreach Event on Thursday September 19th held at the Dayton Convention Center.
- Ben Borton and I met with the Public Works staff to give an update on the progress to date of the programming of a new Public Works Facility. The City Council was also given an update in last Monday evening's Study Session.
- We finished up our department budget meetings last week. The Finance Department has input all the information and provided us with current numbers and projections that we reviewed this Friday.
- Ben Borton and I attended the Transportation Review Advisory Committee (TRAC) presentations this week at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. We were there to support the Montgomery County Engineer's office as they presented the DIA NE Logistics (Ring Road) project that we are partnering with them on. This application is for financial assistance with the right of way acquisition and utility relocation portion of the project. The total request is for \$1,960,000 of the \$2,450,000 estimated total cost of this next phase.
- You, Ben Graham, Mike Hammes and I met to discuss the upcoming Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals items.
 1. The Planning Commission will have a case on September 24 for a rezoning of approximately 85 acres at 7848 S. Brown School Road from Residential Agriculture to RSF-4 Residential.
 2. The Board of Zoning Appeals will have a case on September 25 for a variance at 168 for the installation of a 6' privacy fence up to the front building line.
- We had another utilization of our Block Party Trailer again during this period. It was used for an event at a neighborhood block party on Frisco Lane. The block party has been utilized 13 times to date this year.
- We held our most recent Employee Appreciation event on Wednesday September 18th at the Senior Citizens Center. Thank you to everyone that attended the Taco Bar and a special thanks to Sherri Howard and Leann Hanf for coordinating the event and to Toni Williams for being a great host.
- We met with the developer that is requesting the rezoning on Brown School Road to discuss their proposed plan for the property and the process for approvals.
- We also met with the owner and their engineer to discuss the storm water management plan and other items for the proposed truck facility at 1175 Industrial Park Drive.
- You and I met with Kameron Anderson from Senator Sherrod Browns's office to get an update on the already approved and potential funding in the works for the Robinette Park and Helk Park upgrades.

Memo



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance
Date: September 17, 2024
Re: Information Update - Period Ending September 20, 2024

1. I attended a council study session and meeting.
2. I participated in a healthcare renewal meeting with staff and representatives from McGohan Brabender to discuss the upcoming 2025 plan year.
3. Department budget meetings for 2025 are now complete and final preparations are underway to complete the 2025-2029 Proposed Budget books for presentation and discussion during the upcoming Council Budget workshops.
4. I attended a Tri-Cities Finance Committee meeting. I presented the August 31, 2024, YTD financials.
5. Finance staff appreciated the invitation to the Employee Appreciation Luncheon.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: MARK SCHWITERMAN, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 9/19/2024
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

1. Fire Marshal Jacobs visited the workers at Vandalia's Oktoberfest before the annual festival began to review extinguisher usage, locations and safety tips to help workers and guests stay fire safe. Additionally, VFD task force crews were able to standby at the event if anyone would need assistance from the Division of Fire.
2. All Vandalia-Butler students are back at school now and our crews have been busy working alongside our schools for a great start to the new year.
 - Crews were at Helke Elementary on day one to welcome Kindergarteners to school.
 - Crews attended an event at Demmitt Elementary where they were honored to escort "Optimus Prime." Optimus Prime meets with local students to discuss the effects and prevention of bullying.
 - The Prevention Bureau and crews attended passport to safety at Helke Elementary. Passport to Safety is a long-time program in the city for our Kindergartener's. Students learn about fire safety and have an opportunity to meet fire crews and tour apparatus.
3. Other events in the City that crews and the Prevention Bureau have been busy with are:
 - Touch a Truck event at the Rec Center on September 14th.
 - Buckeye Harley Davidson held an event on September 14th where the ladder crew participated in a flag display from our ariel device.
 - The Vandalia Market on September 18th, EMS crews were available on site if needed by anyone.

The Division of Fire is proud to attend these kinds of events. It allows our crews to meet with the community, to show off and explain our equipment and be able to teach all



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

ages of our community about EMS and fire safety. It also allows for a quick response to anyone attending that might need our emergency services as well.

4. On September 13th crews responded to the Metro Parks for a fall with traumatic injury on a trail. Crews were able to extricate a patient using our Gator vehicle and transfer to the ambulance for transport to the hospital.
5. Crews responded on September 15th to Northbound I-75 with Tipp City FD on an accident involving a motorcycle. A patient was transported from the scene to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.
6. This reporting period, crews are working on Rescue Training. A big thank you to the Parks and Rec Garage for allowing us to use their location and area to be able to conduct our training.
7. The Division of Fire would like to say thanks for the September Employee Appreciation event held on September 18th. The Fiesta Taco Bar is a favorite, lunch was delicious and enjoyed by all.
8. Eight of our new part-time employees have been on-boarded this reporting period and will be on their regular schedule soon. A big welcome for these employees to the Division of Fire. All new hires have or will be participating in an orientation and all will attend live fire training next week.

Memo



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: September 19, 2024

Re: Information Update – Period Ending September 20, 2024

1. **Flu Shots, anyone?** Hock's Pharmacy will be here administering flu shots on **Tuesday, October 15th from 7:00am – 9:00am in the DES Conference Room at the Municipal Building.**

Medical Plan Members: Bring the completed (attached) Flu Vaccine Form & your insurance card when you come in for your shot. Flu Shots are free to all Medical Plan Members and their families, when processed through insurance! Children should be age 16 years or older.

Non-Plan Members: If you are not on our medical plan and have coverage elsewhere, please bring that insurance card and complete the attached form, so that your insurance can be billed directly. If your plan does not cover flu shots, and you would like to have the shot, there is a \$35 (Regular flu shot) charge and \$75 (High Dose) flu shot for individuals older than 65. Please bring cash.

2. **Save the Date!** Open Enrollment is scheduled for November 4th – 15th. More information to come in the upcoming weeks!
3. **September: National Suicide Prevention Month.** 988 is the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for Ohioans. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, there are resources available!
 - **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** Those experiencing a mental health crisis, and their loved ones, can reach out to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline through call or text to 988 or chat online at [988Lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org). This easy-to-remember three-digit number ensures confidential, cost-free, 24/7 support for Ohioans experiencing mental health crises. 988 establishes a direct link to empathetic, easily accessible care and support for individuals facing emotional distress, such as thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or concern for a friend or family member. Ohio's 988 plan is an integral component of the state's broader commitment to delivering high-quality, person-centered crisis aid in communities statewide. Remember, there is hope and the lifeline is effective. You're not alone during times of crisis.
 - **What Happens When I Call 988?** First, you'll hear a message telling you that you've reached the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. You'll then listen to hold music while you're being connected with a trained crisis worker at the crisis center closest to you. This person will ask you to describe your crisis, listen to you, provide support, and share any resources that may be helpful.
 - **Determining When to Call 911 vs 988: Mental Health Emergency or Crisis?** While 911 is for immediate, life-threatening emergencies, 988 serves as a resource for those experiencing a mental health crisis. A mental health emergency is a life-threatening situation and necessitates an immediate response from law enforcement or paramedics. A person may be actively trying to harm themselves or someone else. In other situations, a person may be out of touch with reality, be unable to function properly, or may be out of control. Examples include an active suicide threat, self-injury that needs medical attention, severe intoxication, or apparent drug overdose. A mental health crisis is not life-threatening. Intervention may be possible without an immediate response from law enforcement or paramedics. Examples of a mental health crisis includes talking about suicide or planning to harm oneself, overuse of drugs or alcohol, or extreme depression, anxiety, or other mental illness symptoms.



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Alicia McCracken, Recreation Superintendent
Date: 9/19/2024
Re: Information Update – Period ending September 19, 2024

VPRD management staff participated in budget review meetings with Finance and CMO staff.

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center continues to have high averages for visits. From September 4th-16th 1,069 people visited. There were 11 days in that 2-week time frame the center was rented.

Van Tran driver, Franz Gantner has taken on more days to help the program. He will now be driving a couple of Fridays for the Vantran program.

GOLF DIVISION

League Play is starting to come to an end, this is the last week for evening leagues. Morning leagues continue to the first week of October.

The annual Business Appreciation Day golf outing on Tuesday September 10th. There were about 40 players at the event.

Ground crew continues to work hard keeping the golf course playable during this drought. We have had many compliments on the shape of the course given the lack of rain.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

Recreation Staff are now officially Kiwanis Club members. We look forward to partnering with this service club to promote both of our organization's mission and values.

Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken completed the Financial Sustainability Certificate Program this week.

Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken and Facilities Superintendent Rudy Wells are working with an Eagle Scout to install a Food Truck at Helke Park. The structure will be like the Little Libraries, giving the community a place to give and take non-perishable foods.

An end of the season survey was sent via email to Cassel Hills Pool members, we have 25 surveys submitted to date.

The Annual Touch-a-Truck event took place Saturday, September 14 from 10:30am-1pm at the Vandalia Sports Complex. We had all a record high attendance for this event, attracting around 1,000 visitors.

The popular Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 12th from 12pm-6pm at the Sports Complex.

Rock the Rec Halloween Party will be held Saturday, October 26th from 12pm-4pm.

Youth NFL Flag Football weeks #1 and #2 have went great! Butler High School Stadium has been secured for playoffs on October 27th and November 3rd.

We've completed 4 weeks of Lollipop soccer program. The 5th and final week is September 21. Many thanks to Beth Rosencranz- Vandalia-Butler Women's Varsity head coach for her time and organization to successfully run the program. She and her players have done an outstanding job working with the Lollipop participants!

Interleague play continues for youth soccer with Huber, Englewood and Tecumseh in all divisions except Lollipop and Mighty Mites. I have received a couple positive comments about leaving northern SAY soccer and playing closer to home. To date, there have been no issues.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The contractor has completed the Sports Complex outer loop pathway asphalt overlay project. Parks staff worked to cut out a clean edge in the turf along the pathway edges, this greatly helped in creating a successful outcome.

Recreation Asphalt Maintenance Project is currently underway.

Building Maintenance staff have applied the three coat process in protecting the stone wall surfaces at the Robinette and Art Park restroom buildings.

Cassel Hills Pool expansion joint maintenance work is being completed. The joint had been failing for years and we had been patching, the pool developed a leak over the winter months at this joint and more advanced maintenance was required.

We continue to have staff watering young trees, shrubs, etc. We will continue this practice until we get adequate rainfall.

Landscape planting have been installed at several new sign locations.

Staff did some tree work at Seger Park with the help of Public Works bucket truck.

Thanks to Robert Martin for working with the sign contractor and for electrical ground boxes, etc. for certain signs, once these boxes are installed, we will be adding soil around these signs, landscape planting to follow.

RECREATION CENTER

The gymnasium floor resurface project is complete.

We have a conditional offer out for the Recreation Coordinator- Programs/Special Events. We are looking forward to filling this position and continuing all the great programs and events we currently offer.

One Pot Wonders w/ Eat Pretty Darling: This program happened on Tuesday, September 17 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Vandalia Senior Center. There are 7 adults who signed up for the program.

Learn to Sew: Pizza Pillows w/ Miss Bec: This program happened on Tuesday, September 17 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Vandalia Recreation Center. There are 8 kids who signed up for the program.

Information Update



To: Mark Schwieterman
Interim City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse
Chief of Police

Date: September 19, 2024

Subject: Information Update Ending September 20, 2024

1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 16 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in one traffic citation, 14 written warnings, and one verbal warning, which included 5 warnings for violating No Parking zones, while working 12 additional enforcement hours. While working commercial motor enforcement, officers additionally made two stops and issued two written warnings on passenger vehicles.
2. Officer Sommer attended the community first responder day in Centerville. This First Responder Day was hosted by Sinclair Community College and provided an opportunity for first responders from across the Miami Valley to meet and interact with citizens from various communities. 
3. VPD officers shared coffee and donuts with residents at Hearth & Home on Monday September 9. We enjoyed the interaction with the residents while sharing laughs.
4. On September 9, Joshua Blackburn joined VPD as a public safety specialist. Joshua graduated from Stivers School for the Arts and served in the U.S. Navy from 2000-2008. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from University of Phoenix and worked at Kettering Health Network as a dispatcher from 2009 to 2024. He most recently worked as a docket specialist at Montgomery County Common Pleas Court. We welcome Joshua to our VPD team! PSS Blackburn will be introduced to the City Council and staff at a future Council meeting.
5. On September 9, VPD administration staff met with you and Finance Department staff to review our 2025 budget proposals. We appreciate participating in this process as we prepare for personnel costs, operational expenses, and capital projects in the upcoming year while being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars.
6. On September 10, I was honored to receive the *Patriot Award* from the Transportation Security Administration presented by Federal Security Director of Ohio Donald Barker at a ceremony held at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. This award commemorates men and women across Ohio who have made significant contributions to the security and welfare of the United States and State of Ohio. The ceremony also commemorated the sacrifices of public safety employees

who perished in performing their duties on 9/11 and included a FDNY lieutenant as a guest speaker who worked at Ground Zero.

7. On September 10, Officer Sommer attended a Montgomery County OVI Task Force meeting at the AAA building on Main Street. September ends the fiscal year for the Task Force and contracts are being prepared for the FFY 2025. Officer Sommer discussed statistics and found our police department statistics are very good and we spent our money wisely.
8. On September 11, Officer Sommer hosted the first day of *Passport to Safety* at Helke Early Learning Center. Dr. Thorne from the Dixie Veterinarian clinic spoke to the kindergartners about pet and animal safety. Lifeguards from the Vandalia Recreation Center spoke to the students about water safety.
9. On September 12, Officer Sommer helped escort Optimus Prime to Demmitt Elementary School for an anti-bullying presentation to the students and staff.
10. On September 12, I participated in a virtual meeting with representatives from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and education community to review and draft a new topic on Incident Debriefing for the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy as part of the recommendations from the Attorney General's Blue Ribbon Task Force.
11. On September 14, Officer Sommer participated in the Touch-a-Truck event at the Vandalia Recreation Center by displaying one of the PD's patrol vehicles.
12. On September 13, I met with School Superintendent Rob O'Leary, Safety Director Bill Wertz, and Butler Twp. Police Chief John Porter to discuss school safety topics and address community concerns related to student and staff safety.
13. On September 16 and 17, Officer Sommer participated in the Passport to Safety Program along with Vandalia Fire Department on fire safety at Helke Early Learning Center. Approximately 180 students attended.
14. On September 18, Officer Sommer gave a personal safety presentation to the realtors at Keller Williams in conjunction with Realtor Safety Month. Approximately 20 people attended the presentation.
15. On September 18, Officer Sommer attended the Vandalia Market at the Vandalia Recreation Center. He passed out numerous bags with safety brochures and items.

16. PSS Deborah Wright was selected as VPD's new Support Services Manager after two rounds of interviews. PSS Wright has served VPD since 2012 and worked previously as a dispatcher at Hollywood (FL) Police Department and Hamilton County (OH) Communications Center. Deborah graduated from the Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology in 2005 and completed her master's degree in Public Administration in 2018. PSS Wright will assume her new role as the Support Services Manager on November 1 to replace SSM Anissa Kanzari who will be retiring on October 31. We congratulate Deborah on successfully completing the promotional process and her new upcoming role.
17. On September 19, I attended a security and safety committee meeting for the Dayton Air Show at the Wright Bros. Aero office. As an air show board member, I will be working with various representatives from across the region in reviewing safety and security protocols at the Air Show to ensure this event remains safe for all participants and attendees.



Public Service Information Update

To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: September 19, 2024
Subject: **Information Update for September 7 – 20, 2024**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Barrett Paving & Materials and their subcontractors raised the remaining manhole lids on streets resurfaced this year and fixed missing pavement markings.

Staff have posted the revised tentative 10-year street resurfacing plan to the City website.

Staff submitted grant funding applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for Damian Street, Soter Place, Romanus Drive and Desales Street Watermain Replacement and Kenneth Avenue Watermain Replacement projects.

The necessary legislation for the City's electric vehicle (EV) charging stations fees was approved by Council on September 3rd. Staff are still pushing AES for the service connections/electric meters, so the EV charging amenities can be operational for the public's use.

The inaugural year for the City's Block Party Trailer has seen the trailer used 13 times (including the upcoming Fire Division Open House on October 6th). As a reminder, this free amenity can be currently rented from April 1 through October 31 at <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/BlockParty>.

The Vandalia Redwood Phase 2 residential development has approved plans. Staff are just waiting on permit fees payment to issue the permit.

A certificate of occupancy (CO) was issued to 993 Falls Creek Dr for the new Ernst Concrete Headquarters, 76 Fordway Dr Suite 5 for Bee Safe Driving School, and 811 Falls Creek Dr for Waibel Electric.

Staff are reviewing construction plans for Crossfit Excess at 267 National Rd.

Assistant Public Works Superintendent JR Fulton and I attended the monthly TCA Technical Committee meeting on September 11th.

Assistant City Manager Rob Cron and I attended the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding presentation at the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) for the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access ("ring road") project on the 18th.

Public Works (PW)

Crews continued installing water meters across the City as part of the meter replacement multi-year project.

Crews took monthly Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Program (MIPP) samples at City sites.

Crews performed the monthly water shut-offs of delinquent water accounts for the Water Division of the Finance Department.

Crews placed asphalt for the sanitary sewer lateral repair at 402 Skyview Dr.

Crews poured concrete for the water service curb stop repair in the driveway approach at 834 Kenneth Ave and for the sidewalk section at 256 Echo Valley Dr.

Crews continued to make and install new branded street signs; the latest area being around the Robinette Park neighborhood.

Crews installed Autumn banners.

Crews performed 55 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

Crews performed 1 burial at Poplar Hill cemetery during this period. Crews placed and finished concrete for the Autumn monument foundation placement at Poplar Hill cemetery.

Crews poured concrete, placed asphalt, and helped install a drain tile for the Police Division's patio and shed at the Justice Center.

Crews manned the Large Item Debris Dropoff at the current PW facility and had equipment at the Touch-A-Truck event on the 14th.

The mechanics serviced tandem-axle dump truck #25 and one-ton truck #19 fixing a hydraulic issue.

In preparation for Leaf Pickup season, the mechanics serviced the leaf vac and worked on tandem-axle dump truck #24.

The mechanics worked on Fire Division's Engine #2 (check engine light on). The mechanics removed the light bar and emergency control on Fire Division's car #4.

Vandalia Senior Center

October, 2024 Volume 12 Issue 10



It's that time of year to renew your membership during the next four and a half months. Enjoy the fact that the City has not changed the membership dues since 2011!!

Renew Your Membership by January 31, 2025!

Your membership can be renewed September through January.

You can write a check to the City of Vandalia and mail it to the Vandalia 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 1935: You are turning 90 in 2025. Your membership is free!

Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

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



Volunteer Lunch on Friday, October 25, at Noon

While we truly appreciate the hundreds of people who donate items to the center all year, this volunteer lunch is just to celebrate those who volunteered their time on a regular basis at the center. It could be as a driver, teaching classes, on the Senior Club committee, cleaning tables regularly, and more. There will not be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Just RSVP to Toni that you are able to attend if you have been a volunteer this year.



Preparations to Get Ready to Honor Veterans for Veteran's Day

Toni will be putting up the photos of veterans in the dining room for almost 4 weeks from October 16 until Veteran's Day, November 11. She has kept the photos from previous years to use again. If you haven't given Toni a photo of veterans and active duty members from your family, please bring in your photos or email them to her. She will make a copy and add any names, ranks, and dates that you know.

Lunch & Learn

Stillwater Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tues., October 1, at Noon

Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will bring your lunch. Local paranormal Ghost Hunter Dave Miller will share his photos, stories, and findings of his investigations at local Dayton locations and other sites around Ohio. Dave has investigated a few select places across the United States such as Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville, Fort Jefferson in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana. Come hear about his adventures. Limit: 80



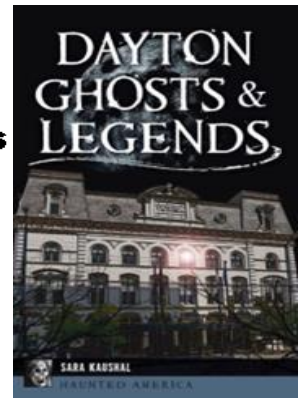
Hearth & Home of Vandalia Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 8, at Noon



Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home of Vandalia will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Brian Brenner is back! He will entertain you with his jokes and a wide variety of songs from many different artists. Limit: 100 Afterwards, Dennis Turner, will explain Issue 1 on the ballot about gerrymandering.

Stonespring Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, October 10, at **11:00 A.M.**

Sarah Mather from Stonespring will order your food. Sara Kaushal, an author of several books, will present "Urban Legends". Urban Legends are scary and fun versions of folktales. How do they come about and what propels them forward? In this talk, Sara will explore common ghost stories, urban legends, monsters, and cryptids, along with some possible logical explanations for many of the stories. Limit: 75



Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, October 11, at Noon



Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your food. Rich Sommers from the Vandalia Police Department will talk about the process of how complaints are handled. What happens after you call 911? What can you expect after your call is taken? What steps does the police department go through? Limit: 70

Complete Solutions Lunch & Learn on **Monday**, October 14, at Noon

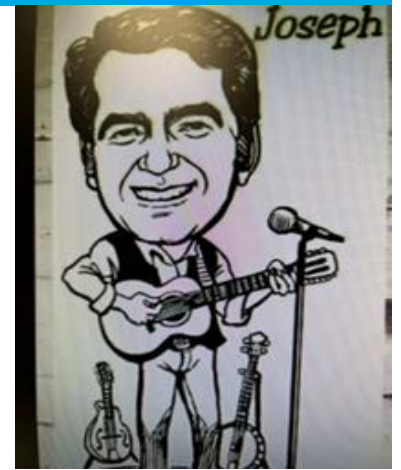
Scott and Michael Leonardi from Complete Solutions will provide your lunch. They will talk about the big changes in both Medicare and prescription drug plans in 2025. Learn the ins and outs of "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" that will significantly impact prescription drug coverages next year. They will give away a gas gift card at the end of the program. Limit: 100



Lunch & Learn

Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tues., Oct. 15, at Noon

Jackie Dalton from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. Joseph Helfrinch is returning to share many interesting tales and lots of wonderful music. Joseph plays several different instruments during his performance. Limit: 75



Troy Rehabilitation Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 21, at Noon



Taylor Ries from Troy Rehabilitation will order your lunch. Katherine Watson from the Washington Township Centerville Library will come to us by Zoom. She will present "The History of Witchcraft". Explore European witchcraft and learn about 16th and 17th century practices and assumptions about this magical part of history. Limit: 50

Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 22, at Noon

Donna Bargo and Jordan Peterson will bring your lunch. Donna will give you a booklet called a Perspective. Jordan will further discuss some of the topics in the booklet. He will also answer any financial questions that you might have. Limit: 25



Randall Residence Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 28, at Noon



Becky Devor from Randall Residence of West Milton and Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will bring your lunch from their kitchens. Amanda Carl from Browse Awhile Books in Tipp City will talk about the locations that are haunted in downtown Tipp City and the spirits which haunt those locations. Amanda will share some history about those locations and some of the spooky details. Limit: 75

Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 29, at Noon

Mandy Walter from Momentum Health will bring your lunch. Barbie Minnich, a nurse from Momentum Health will present "Fall Prevention". Falls are a common problem in the older population. Unfortunately, the older we get the more at risk we are of falling. Falls can have serious consequences with many people ending up in the hospital. There are ways that you can prevent a fall. First, you need to follow a healthy lifestyle and second, by changing some things around your home. Barbie will discuss a list of ways to prevent falls. Limit: 75



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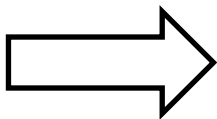
Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday of the Month

Sign up to eat out at Sake Japanese Steakhouse on Tuesday, October 8, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 7260 Miller Lane in Butler Township. You get soup and salad. Then you pick which meat you want along with the vegetables and rice that are all cooked in front of you on the large grill or you can order off the menu. You get to watch the "show" while your food is cooking. **Directions:** From the Senior Center, turn left onto S. Dixie Dr. Cross over Little York Rd. The third road on your left is Maxton Rd., turn left. When you get to the stop sign, Sake is almost straight ahead. If construction is still going on, you can only access Sake from Maxton Rd.



Sign Up to Get your Flu Shot on Tuesday, October 15

Several members of the Hocks Pharmacy staff will be here on Tuesday, October 15, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to give flu shots. They will be set up in the front of the art room. Up to 8 members can sign up in each 30 minute interval. First you fill out paperwork to bill your insurance then you will receive the flu shot.



You will find the craft classes and essential oils class on pages 4, 5, and 6.



FREE Christmas Ornament Class on Wed., October 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Toni Williams will help you create two easy to make wooden Christmas ornaments. Attach the paper then pick a wooden decoration to glue on. Then twist on the evergreen branch and either red berries, gold ornaments, or a bow at the top. You have the option of stamping or writing on the back. Limit: 14

Pumpkin Class on Friday, October 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will bring the supplies for this class. You will trace a pumpkin shape on a 8" x 10" canvas. Then fill in the shape with buttons. You can make a pumpkin with or without a face. Cost: \$5 Limit: 10



Art

FREE Paper Bag Scrapbook Class on Tuesday, October 8, at 1:45 p.m.

Antionette Adams from Siena Woods will step you through the process of making a decorative and colorful paper bag scrapbook. Limit: 15



FREE Mixed Media Class on Wed., Oct. 9, at 1:00 p.m.



Candy Jones will bring a variety of inks, stamps, craft paste, and stencils for you to create your design. You will be using a small spray bottle with ink and a heat gun to dry the project in between applications. You will be working on a 9x12 piece of watercolor paper. Once your project is completed, it can be cut down to be used for cards, journals or framing. Limit: 12



Angels Class on Wed., Oct. 16, at 1:00 p.m.

Debbie Millhouse will bring the supplies to create a decoupage angel. She will take you through the steps to make this pretty ornament. Cost: \$3 Limit: 15



Ceramics Class on Friday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey is bringing this stacked pumpkin for you to paint and decorate your home in October and November. It measures approximately 8" H with a 5 1/2" base. You will be using Mindy's paints, brushes, and supplies. Cost: \$15 Limit: 15



FREE Card Making Class on Tues., Oct.22, at 1:45 p.m.

Kathy Dunn will show you how to make the pumpkin card where you emboss with ink and embossing powder then use a heat gun. This will give the lines more definition, making it easier to color with markers. The colors will be your choice for this fall design. Sometimes it is hard to find designs for masculine cards. Linda Karns will teach you to make a card using one die cut and a stencil. This card would be appropriate for a man's birthday, a thinking of you card, or a winter or holiday card. Limit: 12



Movies

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

Movie on the First Friday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Taylor Ries from Troy Rehabilitation

In the movie, *Arthur the King*, Michael Light is desperate for one last chance to win. He convinces a sponsor to back his team of athletes for the Adventure Racing World Championship in the Dominican Republic. As the team gets pushed to the outer limits of endurance, a dog named Arthur comes along for the ride, redefining what victory, loyalty and friendship truly means. This is based on a true story. PG-13 Adventure / Family 1 hr. 47 min.

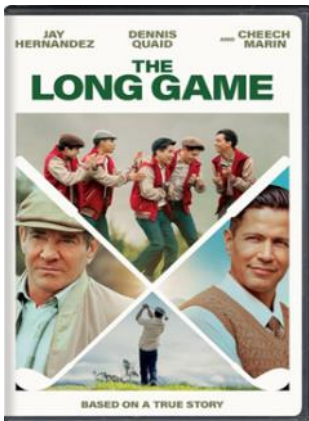


Movie on the Third Fri., Oct. 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Mandy Walter of Momentus Health

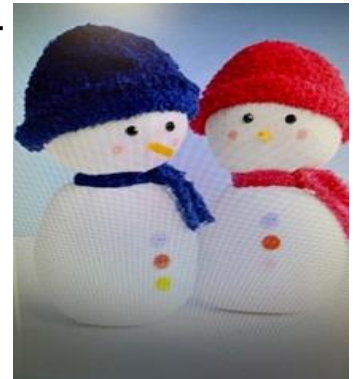
In the movie, *The Long Game*, five young Mexican-American caddies are determined to learn how to play and create their own golf course in the middle of the South Texas desert in 1955. During this era, there was prejudice against Mexican-Americans so they had difficulty achieving their goals. This is based on a true story.

PG Drama 1 hr. 52 min.



FREE Snowman Class on Wed., Oct. 23, at 1:00 p.m.

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring socks, rice, and more to make this cute, plump snowman. She will take you through the easy process to create your own snowman. Limit: 15



Essential Oils on Tues., Oct. 29, at 1:45 p.m.

Christine Jordan with Red Lotus Essences will help you make a cold and flu essential oils blend. She will also talk about the best oils to use for cold and flu symptoms. Limit: 15 Cost: \$5



Collecting: Afghans and Blankets for Veterans

Every year we collect crocheted or knitted afghans, lap size quilts, and new twin size blankets for Veterans. An afghan can be full size or lap size. Lap size is 36" x 36" or 36" x 40". The Super Sewers will also donate many lap quilts. All the donations need to be brought in before November 1. Give your donations to Toni in the office or Darby. The Amvets will distribute them to veterans.



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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Katherine, the Wright Sister by Tracey Enerson Wood
Glass Houses by Madeline Ashby
Under Her Spell by K. L. Cerra
The Night We Lost Him by Laura Dave
The Banned Books Club by Brenda Novak

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Ordinary Angels
Arthur the King
Priscilla
The Fall Guy
Wicked Little Letters

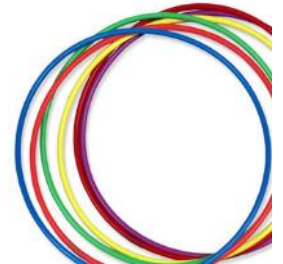


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

This is a chair exercise class that is often led by Bill Kistner or other members in the group. Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading the class on some of the Wednesdays right after the hula hoop class. The group might use the weights and exercise bands that are here at the center. Be prepared for a few jokes thrown out in between the exercises.

Mondays	10:00 to 10:45 a.m.	NEWLY ADDED
Wednesdays	11:00 to 11:45 a.m.	after hula hoops
Fridays	10:00 to 10:45 a.m.	

Tech Talk on the First & Third Thurs., Oct. 3 and 17, at 11:00 a.m. to Noon

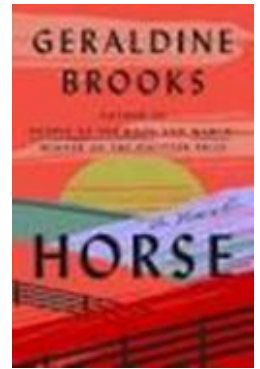
Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices. Sign up to come to Tech Thursday and Tom will do his best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you may learn something new! Please sign up.



Information

Vandalia Senior Center Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 1, to discuss the book, *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks. In Kentucky in 1850, an enslaved groom and foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to victories across the South. A young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union but he reunites with the stallion and his groom, far from the racetrack. This book is based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington. *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.



Work Done on the Building the Weeks of August 5, 12, and 19

Brian Bros. power washed the building. Then they sealed windows and more. They also removed cracked mortar between the bricks and replaced it. Last they sealed the brick exterior.



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The Nurses Want to Check Out Your Numbers

Nurses will be coming on the first and third Tuesdays 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. Nurses from Montgomery County Public Health will be here on October 1. Nurses from Premier Health will be here on October 15.

Holiday Flower Arrangements

The Flower Group will be making arrangements for the holiday season that will be for sale in the dining room. If you want to order a special arrangement, you need to put your order in before November 1.



Answers for the Logic Problem and Scrambled Words on Page 11

1. John wore the helmet and carried a pillowcase.
2. Gail wore a pink cape and carried a purse.
3. Tom wore a cowboy hat and carried a plastic bag.
4. Jenny wore a veil and carried a basket.



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| 1. witch | 2. sidewalk | 3. front door | 4. spooky |
| 5. vampire | 6. princess | 7. pillowcase | 8. firetruck |
| 9. basket | 10. skeleton | 11. candy | 12. parents |
| 13. dark | 14. tricks | 15. monsters | 16. friends |
| 17. action hero | 18. thank you | 19. clown | 20. ghost |

Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Darilyn 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. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, October 1, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, October 3, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, October 11, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Abigail Huges from Englewood Health & Rehab will call bingo on Monday, October 14, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will call bingo on Tuesday, October 15, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
6. Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
7. Susan Bush from Pleasantwood Senior Apartments & Townhomes will call bingo on Monday, October 21, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
8. Tina Timmons from Oasis Senior Advisors and Michelle Teska from Golden Hearts will call bingo on Monday, October 28.
9. Amber Tate from CareCore at Mary Scott will call bingo on Wednesday, October 30, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48



Celebrate October Birthdays on Wed., October 30, at 1:00 p.m.

Momentus Health of Vandalia will provide the birthday cakes. 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

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

Leave in the Office: Coke and Diet Coke, seasonal napkins, non-refrigerated individual creamers, art supplies, greenery, new greeting cards, and items for the free tables.

Logic Problem: Halloween Mix-Up

Four friends want to go trick-or-treating but they got everything mixed-up. Use the hints below to figure out what each friend wore and the container that was carried.

1. Gail does not wear anything on her head.
2. John collects his candy with a pillowcase.
3. The cowboy uses a plastic bag to collect his candy.
4. Neither John nor Tom dressed as a bride.
5. The bride did not carry a purse. (Check your answers on page 9.)



	cowboy hat	helmet	pink cape	veil	plastic bag	pillow- case	basket	purse
John								
Gail								
Tom								
Jenny								
plastic bag								

Unscramble the words below that go with trick-or-treat.

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| 1. cithw _____ | 11. nacyd _____ |
| 2. aeiklwds _____ | 12. tensapr _____ |
| 3. notrf odor _____ | 13. rakd _____ |
| 4. posyok _____ | 14. skcirt _____ |
| 5. arepimv _____ | 15. stormnes _____ |
| 6. sipcenrs _____ | 16. diresnf _____ |
| 7. willsapcoe _____ | 17. naocti ohre _____ |
| 8. kifcruetr _____ | 18. ahknt oyu _____ |
| 9. tabkes _____ | 19. wonlc _____ |
| 10. nksoteel _____ | 20. sogth _____ |



Travel

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

October 16-19 West Virginia: 4 days, 3 nights \$1049 pp \$100 deposit
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December 15-18 New York City: 4 days, 3 nights \$1544 pp \$1884 single \$100 deposit
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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 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 only 9 a.m. to Noon

Or call Bob at 937-313-9692 and leave a voicemail.



Please only call Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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3:30pm - 5:45pm



Parks & Recreation Information



Spooky House w/ Miss Elissa– Monday, October 21 from 5:30pm–7:30pm

Get into the Halloween spirit with a “Spooky House” painting. Your instructor, Elissa, will guide you step-by-step through painting a fun and spooky scene on a 16” x 20” canvas that you’ll be able to display at Halloween for years to come! No experience necessary! Step-by-step instruction, all painting supplies - and festive snacks are included!

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$35 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center– Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, October 18th.

Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Charcuterie Board Making w/ Dayton Charcuterie Gal – Friday, October 11, from 6:30pm–8:30pm

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

Ages: 21 years old and older

Fee: \$60 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered in advance for this program.

Walk-ins will not be accepted. Scan the QR code to register!



New Zealand Dance Workshop – Saturday, October 19, from 4:00pm–7:00pm

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



Ages: 8 years old and older

Fee: Ages 8-12- \$15 Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be register for this program by Thursday, October 17th.

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Memorandum



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Kurt Althouse, Police Chief
Date: September 19, 2024
Subject: August 2024 Crime Statistical Report Summary

Total calls for service to the Communications Center decreased 4% from 1,184 calls in August 2023 to 1,066 calls in August 2024. There were 942 citizen-initiated calls for service (down 8.5%), and there were 124 officer-initiated calls (down 20%).

VPD investigated no homicides, rapes, or robberies in August 2024. There was one assault, and three domestic violence offenses reported in August 2024 compared to five assaults and two domestic violence offenses in August 2023. Domestic violence cases increased by one during August; but they are down 3% YTD with 34 incidents in 2024 compared to 35 incidents in 2023. Assaults are up 23% with 37 assaults reported YTD in 2024 compared to 30 assaults during the same period in 2023. The increase in assaults is attributed to more juveniles involved in fights and charged with assault as well as more impaired and/or mentally ill individuals being suspects in assaults.

There were three burglaries reported in August 2024 compared to five burglaries reported in August 2023. Thus far in 2024, burglaries/breaking & entering increased by three offenses, felony thefts increased 3.8% for a total of 81 offenses, auto thefts are up 28% for a total of 32 offenses, and misdemeanor thefts increased by 22.6% for a total of 65 offenses. Many of these thefts and breaking & entering offenses are attributed to thefts from vehicles left unlocked or unsecured and committed by teen suspects from out-of-town who often target neighborhoods overnight.

There were nine criminal damaging/vandalism complaints in August 2024, up from six incidents last August. Criminal damaging and vandalism offenses are up 9% YTD compared to last year for a total of 48 incidents this year. VPD officers have focused on being visible in residential and business areas of the city to display a police presence and prevent crime. Officers made two felony drug arrests and no misdemeanor drug arrests in August 2024 compared to two felony drug arrests and two misdemeanor drug arrests in August 2023.

VPD made fewer arrests in August 2024 with five felony arrests and 19 misdemeanor arrests compared to nine felony arrests and 29 misdemeanor arrests last August. VPD officers charged three juveniles with an offense in August 2024,

compared to eight juveniles in August 2023. There is a 26.8% decrease in juvenile arrests YTD in 2024. These charges have primarily included sex offenses, domestic violence, drug and/or alcohol violations, and thefts.

During August, VPD officers made 243 traffic stops while patrolling Vandalia's roadways, a 2.6% increase. These stops resulted in 25 citations, 156 written warnings, 61 verbal warnings, and one stop with other dispositions. Speed citations and other citations are down 15% in 2024, while OVI arrests increased 32% in 2024 compared to 2023 with a total of 33 arrests year-to-date. Parking citations decreased from nine parking citations in August 2023 to one parking citation in August 2024. These parking citations have primarily been on violations of commercial vehicles parked in restricted areas on highway exit ramps.

VPD officers investigated 18 traffic crashes in August 2024, compared to 17 traffic crashes investigated in August 2023. Overall, traffic crashes are up 4% in 2024 compared to 2023. Officers will continue to patrol Vandalia's roadways and work traffic enforcement to keep our roadways safe and reduce traffic crashes.

Officers responded to more alarm drops than a year ago with an increase from 48 business and residential alarms in August 2023 to 75 alarms in August 2024. Overall, alarm drops for 2024 are down 6.3% YTD compared to 2023.

Overall, 2024 has seen an increase in criminal offenses, a slight decrease in arrests, a slight increase in traffic crashes, and a decrease in alarm drops. VPD officers will remain focused on patrol activities and traffic enforcement while addressing community concerns related to these areas to keep our city a great place to live, work, and play.

City of Vandalia Division of Police
Monthly Crime Statistical Report
August 2024

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2023 Y-T-D	% Change	% Clear
How Calls Received:																
Total Calls for Service	927	931	997	1104	1106	1080	1149	1066					8360	8704	-4.0%	N/A
Citizen Initiated = 942	86.08%	88.61%	87.96%	89.04%	90.87%	86.76%	87.99%	88.37%					7377	7426	-0.7%	N/A
Officer Initiated = 124	13.92%	11.39%	12.04%	10.96%	9.13%	13.24%	12.01%	11.63%					982	1278	-23.2%	N/A
9-1-1 Call = 287	31.61%	32.44%	33.70%	25.97%	30.29%	26.94%	26.46%	26.92%					2428	2584	-6.0%	N/A
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0	0.0%	100.00%
Rape	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0					6	4	50.0%	83.33%
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1	4	-75.0%	100.00%
Assault	2	6	3	12	4	3	6	1					37	30	23.3%	83.78%
Burglary/B&E Total	1	3	2	3	0	5	3	3					20	17	17.6%	80.00%
Residence	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	1					11	11	0.0%	100.00%
Non-residence	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	2					9	6	50.0%	55.56%
Theft - Felony	5	7	10	8	8	12	17	14					81	78	3.8%	55.56%
Theft - Misd	7	10	8	8	7	7	7	11					65	53	22.6%	96.92%
Motor Veh Theft	4	2	1	5	4	6	7	3					32	25	28.0%	65.63%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	1	0.0%	100.00%
Crim Dam & Vandal	1	4	8	8	8	4	6	9					48	44	9.1%	39.58%
Drug Offenses (Fel)	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	2					9	5	80.0%	33.33%
Drug Offenses (Misd)	2	3	0	1	2	4	0	0					12	19	-36.8%	50.00%
Domestic Violence	7	4	5	4	1	5	5	3					34	35	-2.9%	91.18%
Totals	33	40	39	52	36	46	53	46	0	0	0	0	345	315	9.5%	74.49%

City of Vandalia Division of Police
Monthly Crime Statistical Report
August 2024

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2023 Y-T-D	% CHG
Criminal Arrests:															
Felony	10	5	7	6	6	7	4	5					50	39	28.21%
Misdemeanor	14	15	24	29	19	22	25	19					167	175	-4.57%
Juvenile	3	5	1	7	7	2	2	3					30	41	-26.83%
Total	27	25	32	42	32	31	31	27	0	0	0	0	247	255	-3.14%
Traffic Stops:															
Stops with Citations	48	51	61	42	32	29	35	25					323	289	11.76%
Stops with Written Warnings	186	176	182	159	169	133	131	156					1292	1488	-13.17%
Stops with Verbal Warnings	76	76	88	82	75	99	67	61					624	391	59.59%
Stops with Other Dispositions	5	5	2	4	2	4	5	1					28	42	-33.33%
Total Traffic Stops	315	308	333	287	278	265	238	243	0	0	0	0	2267	2210	2.58%
Traffic Arrests/Citations:															
OVI	5	1	7	5	3	4	4	4					33	25	32.00%
Speed	16	23	36	19	18	13	15	12					152	179	-15.08%
All Other	82	75	92	62	54	56	61	56					538	455	18.24%
Parking	9	3	6	10	5	7	1	2					43	149	-71.14%
TOTAL	112	102	141	96	80	80	81	74	0	0	0	0	766	808	-5.20%
Traffic Accidents Investigated:															
Fatal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0					1	0	100.00%
Injury	5	4	6	7	3	8	5	8					46	45	2.22%
Property Damage	10	16	15	11	17	13	16	10					108	104	3.85%
TOTAL	15	20	22	18	20	21	21	18	0	0	0	0	155	149	4.03%
Alarms:															
Business	38	48	37	51	51	59	64	68					416	447	-6.94%
Residential	5	6	6	9	8	7	9	7					57	58	-1.72%
TOTAL	43	54	43	60	59	66	73	75	0	0	0	0	473	505	-6.34%

Where am I allowed to place my yard sign?



Yard signs are an easy and effective way to spread information. The City of Vandalia has rules and regulations on where those signs are permitted.

Rule #1:

Place signs only on private property.



Your front yard is the perfect place for a yard sign. However, the tree lawn, the patch of grass between the sidewalk and the street, is not. Always get permission from a property owner before placing a sign on someone else's lawn.

Rule #2:

Signs are not permitted in the Public Right of Way



The public right-of-way includes tree lawns, public walkways, traffic islands, and interstate ramps.



Rule #3:

Signs are not permitted on any utility poles or trees. This includes stop sign posts, telephone poles or any other utility pole.