
The Blue Letter

November 27, 2024

Honorable Mayor & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Leaf Collection - Leaf collection officially ends on December 3rd, however, depending on weather, crews will plan to make a few more passes throughout the city to collect leaves.

2024-2025 Annual Report/Calendar - The Vandalia-Butler High School Honor Society will once again be distributing the 2024-2025 Annual Report/Calendar to every residence and business on Saturday, December 21, 2024. Every Annual Report/Calendar will be delivered in shrink-wrap to prevent damage due to exposure to moisture. In appreciation of their community service, the City will contribute to the Honor Society's scholarship fund.

Monday, December 2, 2024, Study Session:

The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Study Session:

Monday, December 16, 2024, Items:

Resolution: Robinette Park Design – The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting to waive the formal bidding process and enter a professional services contract with OHM Advisors of Columbus, Ohio for the planning, design, engineering, compilation of bid documents, and associated processes relating to the next phase in the Robinette Park Renovation Project. The primary purpose of this stage of the project is to build a splash pad, shelter, parking, and other park amenities (e.g., site furnishings, lighting, and vehicle access points). OHM Advisors has previously worked with City staff to develop the Robinette Park conceptual design as well as the restroom building design and bidding process. Based on OHM's understanding of our community and the project scope, this professional services agreement is the best option for advancing the project in a cost effective and efficient manner. Parks and Recreation is recommending waiving the formal bidding process and entering a professional services contract with OHM Advisors of Columbus, Ohio in an amount not to exceed \$68,500 for the planning, design and associated processes relating to the next phase in the Robinette Park Renovation Project.

Resolution: General Pay Plan – Staff is recommending one title change, two position additions, and one pay group reclassification. This adjustment will allow the City to continue to attract and retain high-performing, quality employees.

Resolution: Part Time Pay Plan – Staff is recommending two pay group reclassifications. This adjustment will allow the City to continue to attract and retain high-performing, quality employees, specifically in our recreation camp program area.

Resolution: Lease Renewal for Storage – The City would like to extend our lease with Air Commerce for the use of storage space located at 2800 Old Springfield Road. The space is 5,885 SF and is being offered to the City for a rate

of \$2,589.40/month in 2025 and \$2,667.87/month in the second amendment to the original lease. This represents an annual increase of 3% from previous years. All utilities are included in this lease rate.

Discussion Items:

Code Amendment: Parking of Commercial and Recreational Vehicles – At the request of Council, Staff has prepared a set of photos showing various types of trailers and commercial vehicles. These photos all come from violations filed with Planning & Zoning from May 2023 through November 2024. Staff have also provided a copy of the current regulations on trailer parking.

Aggregation - The City of Vandalia is currently a member community of an Electric Aggregation program that was established by the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC). The annual savings for our residents have been estimated to be \$353. The current program has fixed pricing through the end of 2025. MVCC anticipates that we will go back out to the market in the Spring of 2025 for a new Electric Aggregation program for a period beginning in January of 2026. MVCC is also interested in obtaining pricing for a Gas Aggregation program. They anticipate that they would go to the market in the Spring of 2025 for pricing of a program that would start in the Fall of 2025. We need to express our desire to participate in the Gas Aggregation program in early December.

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

Council Meeting:

Introduction: Recreation Coordinator Athletics Maecie Burkhardt - Mr. Schwieterman will introduce Recreation Coordinator Athletics Maecie Burkhardt who began employment November 18, 2024.

Resolutions:

Resolution 24-R-65: Phase II Tree Replacement – We are proposing to replace many of the street trees along our National Road corridor. Over time the trees have outgrown their useful life in these locations. Staff intend to replace approximately 98 trees in three phases with the total project being completed next fall. Staff have consulted two nurseries to identify what species of tree are most appropriate for the conditions and have received proposals from both companies to purchase and plant the trees. Staff is recommending entering into an agreement with A. Brown & Sons Nursery, Inc. for the purchasing and planting of 98 street trees at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

Resolution 24-R-66: Final Plat: PC 24-13 – Tuskegee Airmen Drive Dedication Right-of-Way – The City of Dayton intends to dedicate 1.730 acres of land as public right-of-way along the newly realigned Tuskegee Airmen Drive. 0.402 acres of this dedication is in the City of Vandalia, requiring Final Plan approval. On November 12th, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Ordinance – Emergency Reading:

Ordinance: 2025 Budget and Budget Adjustment Items – This ordinance authorizes appropriations for FY 2025. The City's operating, capital, and revitalization budget is a policy document and fiscal plan that we use to set out anticipated revenue and expenditures for accomplishing a variety of public services over a given time.

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Variance: BZA 24-10 Driveway Entrance and Intersection Signs – 4160 Little York Road - 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 proposal involves adding 5 driveway entrances and intersection signs that are 8 square feet in area. On November 13th, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Variance: BZA 24-11 Total Accessory Structure Area and Setback – 3075 Stop Eight Road – The Applicant, James W. Hostetter, has requested a variance to permit the construction of a 576 square foot carport for the property located at 3075 Stop Eight Road. The proposal involves adding a new carport with an existing detached garage that will cause the total area of all accessory structures to exceed 600 square feet, 40% of the principal building footprint, and 4% of the lot size. In addition, the carport will have a 6-inch setback from the primary building. On November 13th, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval with one condition.

Variance: BZA 24-12 Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System– 675 Waldsmith Way – The Applicant, Imabin Ekpelu has requested a variance to allow the installation of a ground-mounted solar energy system for the property located at 675 Waldsmith Way. The proposal involves the installation of three 10-panel arrays, totaling 30 panels in a residential zoning district. On November 13th, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Variance: BZA 24-13 Maximum Sign Area – 2 East National Road - Accel Automotive – The Applicant, Jamie Sites, on behalf of Accel Automotive has requested a variance to permit the installation of a new wall sign on the building's secondary facade for the property located at 2 East National Road. The proposal involves adding a 47.75 square foot (10.25 square feet larger than permitted) wall sign on the building's secondary facade facing North Dixie Drive. On November 13th, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, December 2, 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. You may contact the City at 937-415-2256 or aswartz@vandaliaohio.org for the phone number and link to this meeting. 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 6:00 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.**

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Mark Schwieterman
City Manager

CC: Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Vandalia Senior Center December Newsletter
2. December VB Food Pantry Flyer

Vandalia Senior Center

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Come Celebrate the Holiday on Friday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up to enjoy a catered dinner by Lyons Catering at 6:00 p.m. Then be entertained with holiday music performed by the bell choir from the Vandalia United Methodist Church. There will be a gift card given away as a door prize.

To sign up, go to box #3 in the hallway by the office. Follow the directions to pay \$16 by cash or by check to the Vandalia Senior Club then sign your name to the list showing that you paid. Sponsored by The Silver Activity Committee. **Deadline: November 25**

MENU

Roast Turkey Dressing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Pumpkin Pie or Apple Pie



Take a Trip with Prime Tours:



We are expecting the flyers from Prime Tours to arrive any day now so continue to check the holders at the center and the website at <https://vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel>. If you would like to go ahead and reserve your place on one of the overnight trips below write your \$100 deposit check to Prime Tours. Come in and pick up the information page to fill out or go online and print it out. Put your deposit and information in box #4 in the hallway by the office or mail it to the Vandalia Senior Center. Write travel on the envelope.

May 6:	Mystery day trip
July 8 to 10:	Frankenmuth, Michigan with other stops
September 15 to 18:	Pennsylvania Dutch Country & more
December 8 to 11:	Smokie Mountain Christmas including visiting the Biltmore Estate

Lunch & Learn

Stillwater Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, December 3, at Noon

Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will bring your food. The Vandalia-Butler Chamber Choir will continue their tradition of singing for us on the first Tuesday in December. Kevin Wilson has now retired. The choir is now under the direction of Kierstyn Ludlum. Kierstyn graduated from Vandalia and remembers singing for us when she was a student.



Limit: 80



Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tues., December 10 at Noon

Cory Routson from Momentum Health will bring your lunch. Tom Hisson is a retired naturalist who ended his career as the Education Director at Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. He is also a great nature photographer. Tom will present "Spring Returns to Ohio". He will show you photos beginning in the dead of winter and gradually move to trees budding and native flowers blooming. Come be reminded of what you have to look forward to in a few months. Limit: 75

Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, December 12, at **11:00 A.M.**

Robin Kent from Brookhaven will have their chef prepare your lunch. The band, The King's English, is returning to perform their holiday show. Sign up to sing along with the music. The band appreciates your tips after the show to help pay their travel expenses. Limit: 75



Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, December 13, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring food



from their kitchen. Christmas is a time of hope. That is why Toni Williams will be telling you about Hope, Bob Hope, that is. This presentation is more about the man than his comedy. You will hear about the good and the bad, the spectacular and the appalling. Come and learn some things that you didn't know about this familiar icon. Limit: 70

Lunch & Learn

Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, December 17, at Noon

Jackie Dalton from the Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Mike Wells is returning for his annual visit to play and sing lots of great Christmas carols. He hopes that you will sing along too. Before each song, Toni Williams will give you information about the carol and the audience will need to guess which carol is going to be sung next. Limit: 75



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



Sign up to eat out at Harrison's on Tuesday, December 10, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 106 E. Main St. in Tipp City.

Directions: From the Senior Center, turn right onto Dixie/25A. Continue to the light at 571 and turn right. Cross over 75 and the railroad tracks. Go three more blocks to S 2nd St. Harrison's is on the corner. You can park along one of the streets or park in the church parking lot that is on your right 1 1/2 blocks before you get to Harrison's.



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.

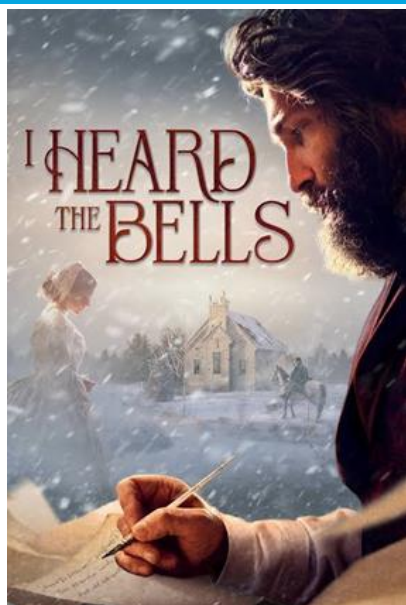
90+ and Lifetime Members: Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

FREE Christmas Cards

Members have been bringing in new Christmas cards all year. Toni has been storing them until this time of year. Beginning on November 12, you can go through the free Christmas cards and pick out all the ones that you can use.



Information



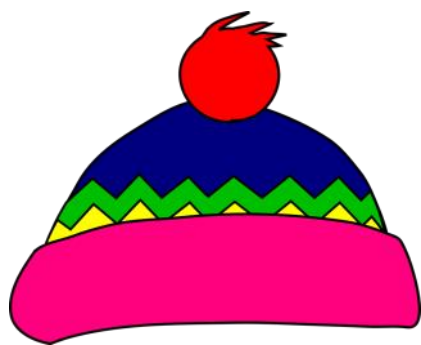
Christmas Movie on Monday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m.

You know the famous song, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day". Before it was a song, it was a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. In the movie, *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is known as America's poet who leads an idyllic life, until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by the Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen. The sound of Christmas morning reignites the poet's lost voice, and he discovers his rekindled faith, so he again puts pen to paper.

PG Drama / History 1 hr. 50 min.

Christmas Movie on Monday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m.

In the movie, *Candy Cane Lane*, Christopher Carver (Eddie Murphy) loses his job right before Christmas. He needs money. Christopher decides to enter the Candy Cane Lane contest so he can win and get the prize money. Things start to turn strange after he buys decorations from an elf at the Kringle Store. The mischievous elf decided to do something to the decorations that Christopher took home. Come watch the antics that follow. **PG Comedy / Adventure 1 hr. 57 min.**



Winter Donations Needed This Year

The Springfield soup kitchen has over 300 homeless people of all ages that they feed. They asked us to collect donations again. Bring in new or gently used, clean winter coats, winter jackets, winter scarves, hats, gloves, socks, outer clothing for infants, blankets, sleeping bags, and socks. Please do not bring in regular clothing. There are boxes in the back of the dining room for your donations. The collection will end on January 31.

All Clean!

The City of Vandalia evening maintenance crew once again took the last several weeks of October to buff the waxed floors and clean the carpeted floors in the Senior Center so they are ready for another year.



Art

FREE Mini Calendar Class on Wednesday, December 4, at 1:00 p.m.

Candy Jones will give each member a kit with pre-cut paper designs, embellishments, post-it note pad, and mini calendar. The example shown is similar but not one of the design choices. Limit: 12



Ceramics Class on Friday, December 6, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will help you paint Helga who is wearing a tree hat. Helga has holes to let the light see through. Helga is 5 1/2 " tall and 4" wide at the base. You are using Mindy's paints, brushes, and materials for this project. Cost: \$15 Limit: 15

Christmas Riddles

1. What do snowmen call their offspring? Answer: Chill-dren.
2. Knock knock! Who's there? Tree! Tree who? Answer: Tree wise men.
3. Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party? Answer: He had no-body to go with.
4. What do elves use to make last minute repairs? Answer: Ig-glue
5. What do you call a disrespectful reindeer? Answer: Rude-olph
6. Why didn't the stocking eat Christmas dinner? Answer: He was stuffed!
7. Where do Santa and the elves go to swim? Answer: The North Pool
8. What kind of pictures do elves take? Answer: Elfies
9. What do you use to decorate a canoe for Christmas? Answer: Oar-naments
10. Who brings Christmas presents to fleas? Answer: Old St. Tick
11. Where does Christmas come before Thanksgiving? Answer: In the dictionary
12. Where do snowmen go to dance? Answer: The snowball
13. Why do mummies like Christmas so much? Answer: Because of all the wrapping!
14. What kind of bug hates Christmas? Answer: A humbug
15. What's the name of the best elf singer? Answer: ELFis Presley
16. What do you call Santa when he goes down a chimney with a fire at the bottom?
Answer: Krisp Kringle
17. How does a snow globe feel? Answer: A little shaken!
18. What did Adam say the day before Christmas? Answer: "It's Christmas, Eve."
19. If athletes get athlete's foot, what do astronauts get? Answer: Missiletoe.
20. Where do the three wise men go to get their robes tailored? Answer: Bethle-hem.
21. Where do elves go to vote? Answer: North Poll
22. Why is a foot a good Christmas gift? Answer: It fits right into the stocking.
23. Where does Santa put his suit after Christmas? Answer: in his Claus-et

Movies

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

Movie on the First Friday, December 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Taylor Ries from Troy Rehabilitation

The movie, *From Time to Time*, is a haunting ghost story spanning two worlds, two centuries apart. In December, 1944, while staying at his grandmother's house (Maggie Smith) during the last days of the Second World War, 13-year-old Tolly is magically transported back in time, appearing as a ghost to his ancestors and helping to solve an age-old mystery.

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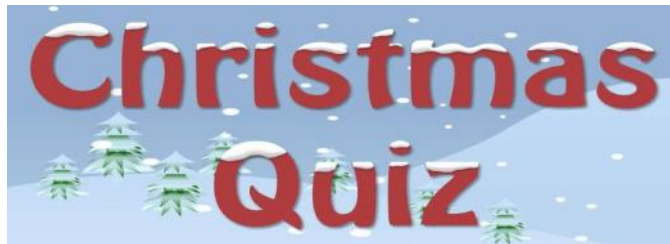
Adventure / Fantasy

1 hr. 35 min.



Thank-you From the Veterans

The Amvets picked up 17 quilts made by the Super Sewers to give to veterans. Members donated another 6 blankets, 3 quilts, and 64 afghans to hand out!



*****Check your answers to the Christmas Trivia Quiz on page 11.*****

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| 8. C | 9. W | 10. T | 11. E | 12. X | 13. BB | 14. Z |
| 15. O | 16. DD | 17. P | 18. CC | 19. F | 20. EE | 21. G |
| 22. J | 23. L | 24. K | 25. Y | 26. H | 27. D | 28. FF |
| 29. Q | 30. GG | 31. M | 32. U | 33. B | | |



MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Far From Home: A Novel by Danielle Steele
The Nightmare Before Kissmas by Sara Raasch
Christmas in Bethel by Richard Paul
The Temporary Roomie by Sarah Adams
The Thirteenth Husband by Greer Macallister

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Bikeriders
The Fabulous Four
Mother's Instinct
Thelma
Someone Like You

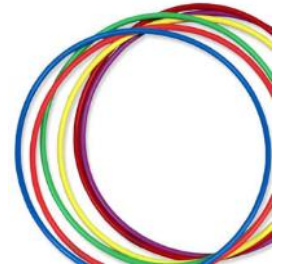


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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.
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 Thursday at 11:00 a.m. to Noon in 2025

Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will return in April, 2025, to answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices. Sign up to come to Tech Thursday starting in April 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



Winter Closings Policy Reminder

If the Vandalia Schools are closed for weather, the Senior Center will be closed. If the schools are on a delay, the center is open. If the schools are on a delay in the evening, be sure to recheck the news in the morning because sometimes the schools change to being closed if the weather becomes worse. When schools are not in session and the weather becomes questionable, the City will determine whether or not the Senior Center will open and will put closing information on the Weather Hotline: **937-552-2200**. The Weather Hotline is only updated when cancellations have been made. We encourage you not to drive to the Senior Center when the weather conditions are not favorable.

Cancellations, Changes, and Closures

ACTIVITIES

1. The Hula Hoop group will be canceled on Wed., December 18.
2. The Book Club is not meeting in December.
3. Pinochle and the art group will not be meeting on December 26.
4. There won't be any Tech Talk in December.
5. Bob Reed, the volunteer travel director, will not have office hours December 17 and 31.
6. There will not be any blood pressure or sugar checks in December.
7. The exercise class will not meet on Monday, December 23.
8. The colored pencil group will not meet on Friday, December 27.
9. Please hold all donations from December 18 to 31 while Toni is gone.

You can begin donating again in January.



BUILDING

1. The dining room will be closed on Thursday, December 5, until 10:30 a.m.
2. Toni will be out of the building beginning on Wednesday, December 18. She will return the afternoon on Thursday, January 2.
3. The building will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, December 31, and Wednesday, January 1. The building will be closed until 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 2.



Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Nancy Omlor. 937-890-5431
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, December 3, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Robin Eck from Englewood Health & Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, December 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Wednesday, December 11, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, December 13, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
6. Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will call bingo on Tuesday, December 17, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate December Birthdays on Wed., December 11, at 1:00 p.m.

Momentum 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: birthday napkins, decorated napkins, and seasonal napkins, regular and diet drinks, non-refrigerated individual creamers, art supplies, greenery, new greeting cards, and items for the free tables.

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack and by the white board: pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps, food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and for Cares4Kids box.

Card Room/Library: Leave books and puzzles on the fireplace for the librarian to put away.



Christmas Trivia Quiz

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| 1. Was the Yule Log a Christian or pagan tradition? ____ | A. Merry Christmas |
| 2. How many feathers does an adult male turkey have? ____ | B. Ebenezer |
| 3. What color does Elvis say his Christmas will be? ____ | C. Scraggly looking tree |
| 4. What country supplies the most ice skates? ____ | D. Russia |
| 5. Where do you find the snood on a turkey? ____ | E. Maryland |
| 6. Is mistletoe poisonous? ____ | F. Danced around |
| 7. How do you say Merry Christmas in New Zealand? ____ | G. Hen |
| 8. What is a Charlie Brown Christmas tree? ____ | H. 50% |
| 9. What is wrong with the Grinch's heart? ____ | I. 3,500 |
| 10. Where do you dance and prance in <i>Jingle Bell Rock</i> ? ____ | J. Clausophobic |
| 11. What state uses <i>Oh Tannenbaum</i> for their state song? ____ | K. General Electric |
| 12. What is Santa's name in Spain? ____ | L. 3.5 million |
| 13. Who first recorded <i>The Christmas Song</i> ? ____ | M. Rockefeller Center |
| 14. What are Scrooge's two favorite words? ____ | N. Blue |
| 15. What color is the Grinch in <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> ? ____ | O. Green |
| 16. What is a tom, a gobbler, or a jake? ____ | P. Irving Berlin |
| 17. Who wrote the song <i>White Christmas</i> in 1942? ____ | Q. 3 hours |
| 18. What city was the setting for <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> ? ____ | R. Canada |
| 19. What did Frosty do when the magic hat was on his head? ____ | S. Yes |
| 20. What U.S. state is the leading producer of Christmas trees? ____ | T. Jingle Bell Square |
| 21. What is a female turkey called? ____ | U. Shepherd's crook |
| 22. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? ____ | V. Forehead |
| 23. How many live Christmas trees are used each year? ____ | W. Two sizes too small |
| 24. What company made the first electric Christmas tree lights? ____ | X. Papa Noel |
| 25. What is the biggest turkey on record? ____ | Y. 86 pounds |
| 26. What percent of Americans eat turkey on Christmas? ____ | Z. Bah! Humbug! |
| 27. What country had a female Santa called Babouschka? ____ | AA. Pagan |
| 28. What group created the first charity Christmas card in 1949? ____ | BB. Nat King Cole |
| 29. How long must a snowstorm last to be a blizzard? ____ | CC. New York City |
| 30. Who wrote <i>A Charlie Brown Christmas</i> ? ____ | DD. Male turkey |
| 31. What "center" in New York is famous for its tall tree? ____ | EE. Oregon |
| 32. What object inspired the shape of a candy cane? ____ | FF. UNICEF |
| 33. What is Scrooge's first name? ____ | GG. Charles Schulz |

Turn to page 6 to check your answers.



Travel

For the Diamond Tours trips, write a \$100 deposit check to Diamond Tours. Also fill out the slip of paper at the bottom of the page or get the form at the Senior Center or on the web-site. Drop it in box #4 in the hallway by the office or mail it to the Senior Center.

April 28 to May 3: Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, & Historic Norfolk \$889 pp
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7 days, 6 nights

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.

Name: _____ Name of Roommate: _____

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Vandalia Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Market

Sunday, December 8 | 4:00pm - 7:30pm

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

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: Free

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Cuddly Christmas Cat Yoga w/ Purrfect Additions – Thursday, December 5

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

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$10 per person

Pick from 2 sessions: 6:30pm-7:30pm or 7:30pm-8:30pm

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Studio

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



Bringing Home the Tree w/ Miss Elissa – Monday, December 2 – 6pm-8pm



Enjoy the most wonderful time of year with a fun and customizable Christmas painting + hot cocoa at the Vandalia Recreation Center! Your instructor, Elissa, will guide you step-by-step through painting "Bringing Home the Tree" on a 16x20" canvas while you sip a yummy cup of hot cocoa and enjoy festive snacks! 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, November 29.

Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Snow Creation Contest

Let your creativity sparkle like freshly fallen snow and participate in our Snow Creation Contest! Bundle up and hit the snowy canvas as you sculpt, shape, and craft your icy masterpiece. This contest will last from December 1 to February 14. All photos of your snowy creations should be emailed to Sara Moyer at smoyer@vandaliaohio.org. The winner will be announced on Friday, February 21!

To register and for information about activities and classes offered above, visit vandaliareccenter.com or stop into the Vandalia Rec Center Front Desk!



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[https://vandaliaohio.org/341/
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Vandalia Senior Club

2024 Committee:

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Vandalia Residents \$15 single - \$25 dual

Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

**A resident is defined as someone who pays
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**Membership for anyone over 90 is free but
you must notify the office to continue to get the newsletter.
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