

The Blue Letter

December 20, 2024

Honorable Mayor & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

City Office Closed - City offices will be closed **Tuesday, December 24** and **Wednesday, December 25** in observance of the Christmas holiday. City offices will also be closed on **Wednesday, January 1, 2025**, in observance of the New Year holiday. The Rec Center will be open December 24 from 7:00 a.m. until noon - fitness area, track and gymnasium only, December 25 the VRC will be closed, December 31 the VRC will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closed New Year's Day. **The first Council meeting in 2025 will be Monday, January 6, 2025.**

City Offices Closed - City offices will be closed Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The second meeting in January will be held on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Recycling - The Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments are offering Vandalia residents free recycling of their Christmas trees. Residents can drop off their trees at the Sports Complex until January 31. Beginning the first week of January, residents can also dispose of Christmas trees by placing them at the curb for pickup by Rumpke on your regular trash day.

While not currently golf season, earlier this week we took delivery of our **new golf carts**. We will be ready for the 2025 season.



Please note that this will be the last Blue Letter of 2024. Our next Blue Letter will be issued on January 10, 2025.

Monday, January 6, 2025, Council Meeting - The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Study Session:

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

Monday, January 6 2025, Items:

Action Items: 2025 Annual Council Appointments to Various Committees - Mrs. Swartz's attached memo outlines the list of annual councilmember and staff appointments to various regional organizations, and local boards and committees, including the current representatives. We will discuss specific appointments at the Monday, January 6 Study Session. Council will have the opportunity to vote on the official appointments during the Monday, January 6, 2025, Council meeting.

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, Items:

Resolution: Golf Course Rough Mower – The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting to purchase a Toro Groundsmaster 4000-D Rough Mower from Century Equipment/ A Jerry Pate Company through the Sourcwell Contract #031121-TTC a total cost of \$96,932.18. The 2025 capital budget has \$105,000 allocated for the purchase based on a price quote received during our budget preparation process. This specialty piece of equipment provides versatility when mowing fairway rough areas, following the contour of the terrain so there isn't scalping of turf. The golf maintenance division's current Rough Mower proposed for replacement is a 2016 Toro model with 2,227 hours of service.

Resolution: Golf Course Tee Mower - The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting to purchase a Toro Greensmaster 3150-Q Triplex Tee Mower from Century Equipment/A Jerry Pate Company through the Sourcwell Contract #031121-TTC a total cost of \$50,762.25. The 2025 capital budget has \$60,000 allocated for the purchase based on a price quote received during our budget preparation process. This specialty piece of equipment provides versatility in the ability to mow tees, green banks, and collars. The golf maintenance division's current Triplex Tee Mower is a 2007 Toro model with 3,685 hours of service.

Discussion Items:

Fire Command Vehicle – Under \$50k - The Division of Fire requested 2025 CIP funds to replace the Division of Fire's 2015 Ford Police Interceptor. This vehicle is being used as a first response command vehicle, by the Fire Chief. The truck is a "front line" emergency response vehicle that when replaced will have over 70,000 miles on it. The 2015 truck will be rotated down to the Fire Prevention Bureau. We have sought out quotes from other local dealers, all have declined as they do not have a "fleet vehicle program". Currently there is no information available on 2025 "state bid vehicles". As in the past we are working to get the vehicle ordered while the order window is open to avoid missing the opportunity to get the vehicle under the current quoted price and to avoid having to wait for the 2026 model year. The quote that we have received from Beau Townsend Ford is for a 2025 Ford F150 four-wheel drive (6' bed) pick-up truck at the purchase price of \$47,210.00. The Division of Fire budgeted \$75,000.00 for this project. The remaining money will be used to upfit the vehicle with decals, truck cap, emergency equipment, radios, and MDT computers.

Shared Resources Center Agreement – City Administration is recommending that we continue our relationship with the Shared Resource Center (Mark Schwieterman) during 2025. The current plan is to have Mark assist the Interim

City Manager on a regular basis (20 hours per week) during January and February. The fee would be \$8,400 per month for this advisory service. The agreement would also allow for “as-needed” hourly rate (\$200 per hour) consulting service for the last 10 months of 2025. The City Manager’s Office 2025 budget includes \$16,800 in funding for SRC services.

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

Council Meeting:

Communications, Petitions and Awards:

Oath of Office: Interim City Manager Kurt Althouse - Mayor Herbst will administer the Oath of Office to Interim City Manager Kurt Althouse.

Introduction and Oath of Office: Police Officer Alexander Plummer - Mr. Althouse will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Police Officer Alexander Plummer who began employment January 6, 2025.

Introduction and Oath of Office: Police Officer Hunter Stout - Mr. Althouse will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Police Officer Hunter Stout who began employment January 6, 2025.

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Resolutions:

Resolution 25-R-01: Tree Clearing at 810 Northwoods for Public Works Facility – The City of Vandalia has acquired approximately 16 acres of land at 810 Northwoods Boulevard for a site to construct a new Public Works Facility. We have gone through the programming stage and have developed a budget estimate for the project that was recently approved as part of our 2025 Capital Improvement Budget. We are about to begin the final design phase of the project that will take several months. The site we will be using is heavily wooded and due to environmental regulations, the tree clearing can only be performed between November 1 and March 31. In an effort to keep the project on schedule, we would like to authorize a contract to have this work performed prior to March 31, 2025. Due to the short time frame to get the work done, we requested proposals from two land clearing companies that could proceed immediately and have the work completed by March 31, 2025. Elevated Ground Solutions submitted the lowest and best proposal of \$92,620.11. Assistant City Manager Cron recommends that we enter into an agreement with Elevated Ground Solutions to perform the site clearing work at 810 Northwoods Boulevard at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00. The additional amount would be to cover any additional items that may need to be performed to satisfy any terms of the access agreement.

Resolution 25-R-02: Architect for Public Works Facility – On September 18, 2023, City council Approved Resolution 23-R-60 authorizing us to enter into a Master Services Agreement with WDC Group for the Programming Phase of the Engineering and Design of a new Public Works Facility. This has been completed and we are ready to proceed with the project as it has been approved in the 2025 Capital Improvement Budget. We have received a proposal from WDG Group for the final Architecture/Design fee and Construction Contract Administration fee. These fees are based on a percentage of the estimated construction costs per the Master Services Agreement. We

recommend entering into an agreement with WDC Group for the Phases 2 & 3 portion of the Architecture/Design and Construction Contract Administration for the Public Works Facility and site at a cost of \$2,083,930.

Resolution 25-R-03: Victory Park Playground Equipment - The Parks & Recreation Department is recommending waiving the bid process for the purchase and installation of a new playground unit at Victory Park, authorizing the purchase through the State of Ohio Procurement Program with Landscape Structures of Delano, Minnesota at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. 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 \$100,000 for the playground project at Victory Park. Funding for this project will come from a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant and \$50,000 from the City of Vandalia CIP fund.

Resolution 25-R-04: Five Yard Dump Truck #20 Cab & Chassis – In the 2025 Capital Improvement budget, we have appropriated a total of \$307,000 in various funds to purchase a new single-axle five-yard dump truck to replace our current Public Works truck #20, with over 38,405 miles before this snow & ice season. The dump trucks are used throughout the year on a daily basis moving spoils, hauling brush, gravel, asphalt, and general maintenance. Our six main snow & ice vehicles are responsible for clearing over 210 lane miles of roadway during the snow & ice events. We received government pricing for a Peterbilt and Sourcewell contract pricing for a Kenworth for a new single-axle five-yard dump truck cab & chassis. Director Borton recommends we waive formal bidding and purchase the cab & chassis as specified from Palmer Trucks / Kenworth of Dayton at their quoted price of \$128,367.00.

Resolution 25-R-05: Five Yard Dump Truck #20 Upfit - Resolution: Five Yard Dump Truck #20 Upfit - As mentioned above, in the 2025 Capital Improvement budget, we have appropriated a total of \$307,000 in various funds to purchase a new single-axle five-yard dump truck to replace our current Public Works truck #20. The dump trucks are used throughout the year on a daily basis moving spoils, hauling brush, gravel, asphalt, and general maintenance. Our six main snow & ice vehicles are responsible for clearing over 210 lane miles of roadway during the snow & ice events. We received a quote from K. E. Rose Company of Huber Heights for the upfit of snow & ice equipment with government discount pricing. We have used the K. E. Rose Company in the past for most of our snow & ice upfits and they have performed excellent work at a reasonable price. Director Borton recommends we waive formal bidding and purchase the upfit dump body with snow & ice equipment as specified from K.E. Rose Company with government incentives for \$168,925.00. The total of the cab & chassis and the upfit is \$297,292.00, which is \$9,708.00 under the amount appropriated.

Resolution 25-R-06: One Ton Dump Truck #16 Cab & Chassis – In the 2025 Capital Improvement budget, we have appropriated a total of \$125,000 in various funds to purchase a new one-ton dump truck to replace our current Public Works truck #16, with over 61,400 miles before this snow & ice season. The dump trucks are used throughout the year on a daily basis moving spoils, hauling brush, gravel, asphalt, and general maintenance. Our six main snow & ice vehicles are responsible for clearing over 210 lane miles of roadway during the snow & ice events. We received the State contract pricing and a quote with government discount pricing from Beau Townsend Ford of Vandalia for a new one-ton dump truck cab & chassis. Director Borton recommends we waive formal bidding and purchase the cab & chassis as specified from Beau Townsend Ford at their quoted price with government incentives of \$61,210.00.

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Variance: BZA 24-14 Front Yard Drive-Through ATM – 750 West National Road – Fifth Third Bank – Imperial Shopping Center - The Applicant, OptiVia Solutions, on behalf of Fifth Third Bank has requested a variance to allow a front yard drive-through ATM for the property located at 750 West National Road. The proposal involves adding an ATM with a drive-through in the front yard of the Imperial Shopping Center. On December 11th, 2024, the Board of

Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval with two conditions.

Variance: BZA 24-15 Minimum Lot Frontage – 304 North Dixie Drive - North Point Community Church - The Applicant, Robert Hussong, on behalf of North Point Community Church has requested a variance to not meet the minimum lot frontage requirement for the property located at 304 North Dixie Drive. The proposal involves allowing a place of worship to have 50 feet of lot frontage. On December 11th, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Conditional Use: PC 24-15 – 304 North Dixie Drive - North Point Community Church – Place of Worship in Neighborhood Business - Mr. Robert Hussong, on behalf of North Point Community Church, has submitted an application requesting Conditional Use approval for the property at 304 North Dixie Drive. The applicant seeks to establish a Place of Worship on the property. Places of Worship are a Conditional Use in the NB – Neighborhood Business district. On December 10th, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, January 6, 2025, 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 January 2025 Newsletter
2. 2025 Annual Council Appointments to Various Committees

Vandalia Senior Center

January, 2025 Volume 13 Issue 1



Join the Superbowl Pre-Party on

Friday, January 31, at 5 p.m.

Let's get the party started earlier to celebrate the excitement of Super Bowl LVIII! Wear your team colors to support your favorite team! There will be football trivia games and a 50/50 raffle. Three gift cards will be given away during this event. There will be lots of food.



MENU

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Cookies and Brownies

To join the fun and the excitement, sign up just as you did for the catered dinner. Go to box #3 in the hallway by the office. Follow the directions to pay \$7 with either cash or write a check to the Vandalia Senior Club and sign the paper when you have paid.

Time is ticking away.

Remember to renew your membership before the end of January!

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.

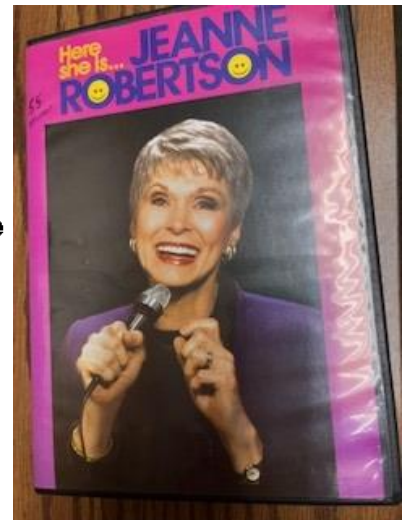
90+ and Lifetime Members: Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.



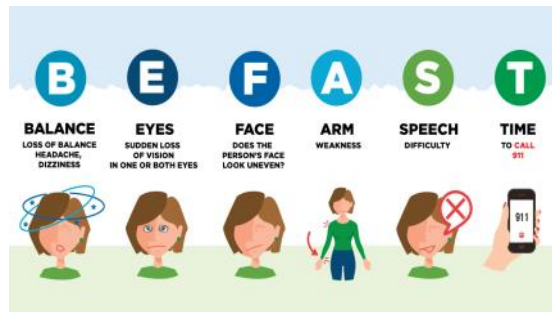
Lunch & Learn

Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tues., January 7, at Noon

Cory Routson from Momentum Health will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Let's celebrate the beginning of the New Year the way we have traditionally done it with lots and lots of laughter. Come enjoy award winning humorist Jeanne Robertson. You will be watching "Here She Is... Jeanne Robertson". Jeanne has 18 funny stories to tell you. This DVD is about an hour long. Limit: 75



RIO Lunch & Learn on Friday, January 10, at Noon



Jerry Shields from RIO (The Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio) will provide your lunch.

Jerry Shields, COTA/L and is the Rehab Liaison from RIO that is a joint venture between Premier Health and Encompass Health. It is a Joint Commission Stroke certified hospital. Jerry will talk to you about what a stroke is, the risk factors, typical signs and symptoms of a stroke, and what to do initially if you think someone is having a stroke. He will also talk about the side effects of medication, the importance of controlling your heart rate, blood pressure, and blood sugars. Jerry will further discuss the typical prognosis of a stroke, what the purpose of rehabilitation is, and strategies to increase movement and improve cognition after a stroke. Limit: 75

Jarvis Law Lunch & Learn on [Monday](#), January 13, at Noon

Megan Voigt with Jarvis Law will bring your boxed lunches. Adam Huffman, the managing attorney will present "Navigating the Next Stage of Life". He will talk about the importance of decision makers, legal planning, care options, and the Care Navigation program. Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 14, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will send your lunch from their kitchen. Katherine Watson from the Washington Township Centerville Library will present a talk about Charles Schultz and the Peanuts Gang. Learn about this cartoonist's life from early childhood through his formative years. Katherine will also tell you how Charles created some of the most beloved characters of our time. Limit: 100



Lunch & Learn

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

Jackie Dalton from the Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Rich Morrett from the Vandalia Fire Department will present "Fire and How to Extinguish It." Learn just how fast fire can travel. Learn the different uses of fire extinguishers and how to apply them. Rich plans to bring some special practice equipment for you to try out. Limit: 75



Ohio's Hospice Lunch & Learn on Friday, January 24, at Noon



Denise Moore and Jamie Brown from Ohio's Hospice will provide your lunch. Paula Shoemaker, a volunteer from Woodland Cemetery, will present a brand new talk called, "Influential and Notable African Americans at Woodland Cemetery". This presentation explores some of our most notable African Americans resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery and how they impacted the Dayton region. Here are just a few of the people who will be discussed: Norma and Bob Ross, Jeraldyn Blunden, James Parsons, James H. McGee, Jordan Anderson, and many more! Limit: 75

Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 28, at Noon

Donna Bargo will order your lunch and give you an Edward Jones Perspective booklet. Jordan Peterson will talk about many of the topics in the booklet. He will also answer any financial questions that you might have. Limit: 25

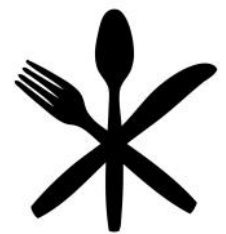


Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday of the Month

Sign up to eat out at Lincoln Square on Tuesday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 1320 Archer Dr. in Troy.



Directions: From the Senior Center, turn right onto Dixie Dr. then right onto National Rd. Turn left onto 75 N. Go past the Troy exit where Arbogast is and take the exit for Rt. 55. Turn right onto W. Market St. Take the first right onto Archer Drive and Lincoln Square is on the right.



Instead of taking 75 N, you can drive straight on Dixie Dr. which is 25 A. Then take a left on W. Market St. to Archer Dr.

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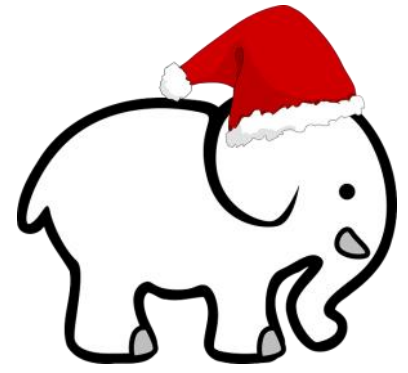
Using the Pool Room

You can use the pool room Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EXCEPT on Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The Super Sewers are using the room during those times.

It's Time for White Elephant Bingo Again on Monday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m.

One of your members thought of this in 2023 as a way to get rid of some of your unneeded Christmas presents or other unused items that you have. You have some homework to do in order to attend this bingo.

HOMEWORK: You need to bring two unused items to this bingo. One item needs to be packaged so you can't see it. It will go on the front tables. The other item will go on the regular table. Round One of the bingo will be only the wrapped White Elephant items. Then we will pause for everyone to unwrap what they picked. Round Two and Three will be the second item you brought in along with items that Toni Williams put on the table. There will be some Valentine or heart items also. Toni will be calling this bingo.



NEW: Memory Café on Monday, January 13, at 1:45 p.m.

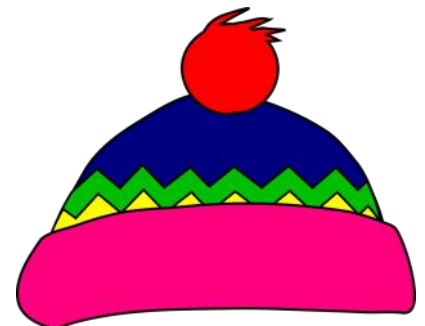


Brittany Mikolajewski from the Vandalia Public Library has created a new program that she would like to present each month. Everyone is invited to attend these fun activities but especially those experiencing some memory loss are welcome. Each session will last about an hour. Brittany will be doing activities that promote socialization as well as bringing back memories so you

can reminisce. She will have activities like classic television bingo, theme songs, and more. Toni Williams will provide a small snack. There won't be any prizes just lots of fun and some laughter. Brittany will return most months on the second Monday. Sign up to help your memory and have a good time.

Winter Donations Needed This Year: The Collection Will End on **January 31.**

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.



Art

A Clay Pot Snowman Class on Friday, January 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will bring the clay pots, paint, and other supplies for you to create this unique snowman. Cost: \$5 Limit: 15



An Essential Oils Class on Tuesday, January 14, at 1:45 p.m.

Christine Jordan with Red Lotus Essential Oils will help you make an essential oils natural hand sanitizer. Cost: \$5 Limit: 15



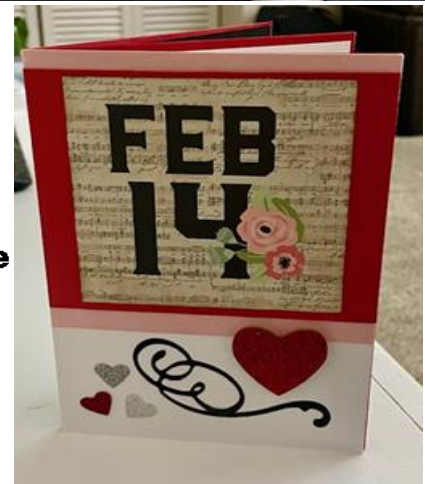
Ceramic Class on Friday, January 17, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a member and a vendor, is bringing you these cute, frolicking snow people to paint. Both of them stand about 7" tall and their arms reach out about 6". You will be using her paints and supplies. Cost: \$15 for the pair Limit: 15



FREE: Make Valentine Cards on Wed., January 22, at 1:00 p.m.

Toni Williams will have lots of paper, stickers, rubber stamps, cards, and much more for you to use to create two cards during the two-hour class. Sign up to make something creative to give to your Valentines. Limit: 12



FREE: Valentine Envelope Album Class on Friday, January 24, at 1:45 p.m.

Candy Jones will show you how to make a 5"x7" four page Feb. 14 album using red envelopes. There will be a variety of kits to choose from. You will be using glue, double sided tape, decorative scissors and doing some distressing of some of the decorations. 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, January 3, at 1:00 p.m.

In the movie, *Adeline*, a small Midwestern community becomes the epicenter for miracles when a mysterious woman brings a healing horse to town. A beautiful horse works to save people, both spiritually through her efforts as a therapy horse and literally when a tornado strikes. This movie is based on true events that happened at Serendipity Stables in Marysville, Ohio, just northwest of Columbus. The tornado happened in 2002. You can learn more about these stables at <https://www.mightycause.com/organization/Serendipity-Stables>.

PG Drama / Family 1 hr. 37 min.

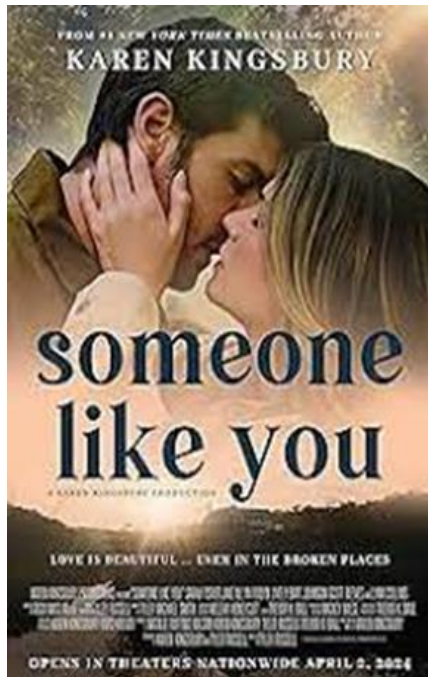


Movie on the Third Friday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Cory Routson from Momentus Health

In the movie, *Someone Like You*, Dawson Gage fell in love with his best friend in high school. He is now a talented young architect who unexpectedly and tragically loses his best friend. In his grief, Dawson decides to embark on a crusade to track down his friend's long-lost twin sister.

PG Drama / Romance 2 hr. 1 min.



Closed

The building will be closed until 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 2. We will also be closed on Martin Luther King Day on Mon., January 20.



Donation

Several times a year our shelves become overwhelmed with books and puzzles. At the beginning of November, we donated 48 boxes of books and puzzles to the Vietnam Vets.

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
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6 Exercise 10:00 Hand & Foot 12:30	7 Travel 9:00-12:00 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 BP & Sugar Check 11-12 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Bingo 1:45	8 Hula Hooping 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Bridge 12:00 Up & Down the River 12:30 Euchre 1:00	9 Duplicate Bridge 11:45 Art Group 12:00 Rummikub 12:00 Pinochle 1:00	10 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Poker 1:00 Bingo 1:45
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

When Stars Light the Sky by Elizabeth Camden
All the Water in the World by Eiren Caffall
Amber Alert by Kiki Swinson
Day One A Novel by Abigail Dean
The Color of Home by Kit Tosello

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Bad Boys: Ride or Die
The Throwback
Borderlands
Blink Twice
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

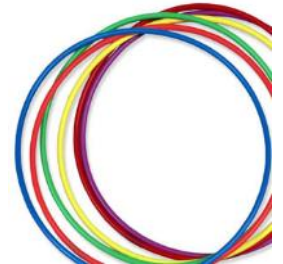


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 either Bill Kistner or Kathy Reedy or Roddy Keish. 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 Thursdays 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.



Calling Bob Reed, the Travel Director, with Travel Questions

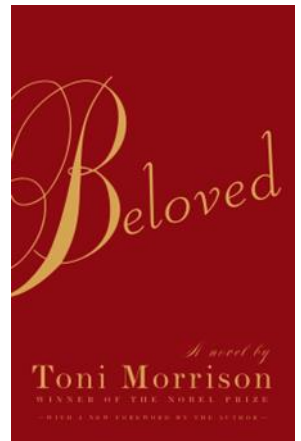
This is a reminder that Bob is a volunteer. He is getting calls about travel at all hours. Please respect his private time and only leave voicemails Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Information

Vandalia Senior Center Book Club Meets on the First Tuesday Each Month

The book club will meet on Tuesday, January 7, at 1:45 p.m. They will be discussing the book, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. The novel is based on the true story of Margaret Garner, who in 1856 escaped from a Kentucky plantation with her husband and their children. The book shares her life from her pre-Civil War days as a slave in Kentucky to her time in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1873. Although she lives there as a free woman, she is held prisoner by memories of the trauma of her life as a slave.



Public Health
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The Nurses Want to Check Out Your Numbers

Nurses will be here on the first and third Tuesdays most months 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 January 7.



Premier Health will be here on January 21.

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.



Answers to the ICE Word Questions on page 11

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| 1. Price | 9. Licorice | 17. Service |
| 2. Vice | 10. Crevice | 18. Lice |
| 3. Spice | 11. Splice | 19. Device |
| 4. Rice | 12. Mice | 20. Sacrifice |
| 5. Advice | 13. Thrice | 21. Cowardice |
| 6. Dice | 14. Slice | 22. Juice |
| 7. Police | 15. Nice | 23. Notice |
| 8. Office | 16. Twice | 24. Choice |



Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Barb Weikert. 937-715-9303
Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Sandi Baylor. 937-694-2643
Thursday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by John Whitley. 937-241-8456



Bingo and Other Games



1. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, January 2, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, January 7, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, January 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Tuesday, January 21, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Toni Williams will call the White Elephant bingo on Monday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m.
6. Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Wednesday, January 29, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

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

Randall Residence of West Milton 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

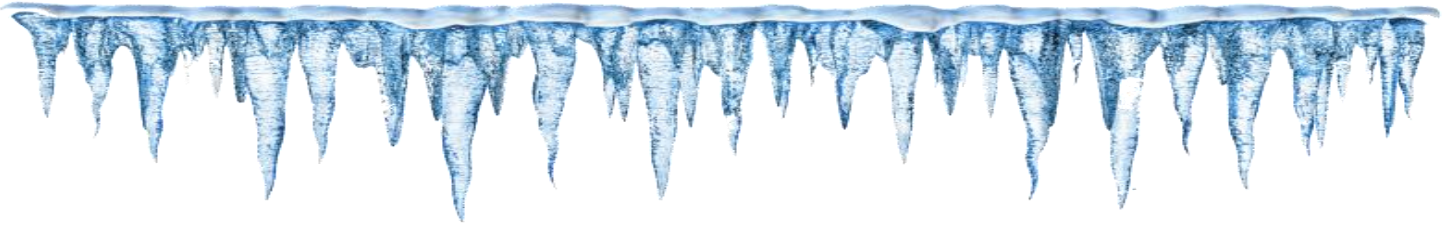
*****Please give ALL donations to Toni.** Some items can be used by the center.

Leave in the Office: Especially need: *Diet Coke, *Coke, and *other drinks, *chips, *birthday napkins, and seasonal napkins, 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.

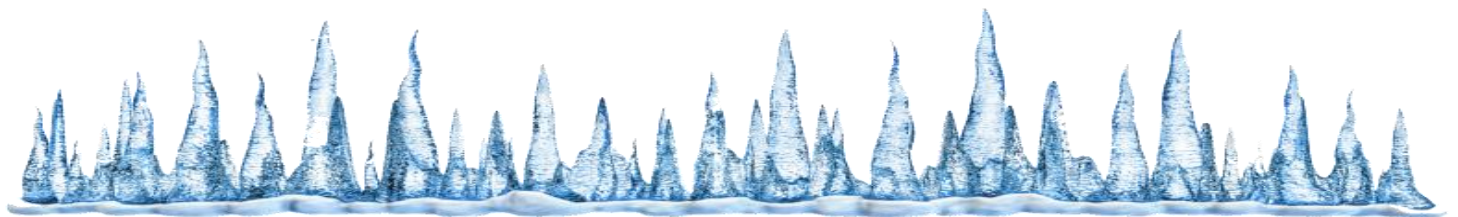
Card Room/Library: Leave books and puzzles on the fireplace for the librarian to put away.





ICE Words How many words can you figure out that end in ice? The answers are on p. 9.

1. The tag is put on by a store employee. _____
2. The world would be better off without this. _____
3. It improves the flavor of food. _____
4. A food that is regularly eaten in Asian countries. _____
5. It is easier to give this than receive it from someone else. _____
6. These are small cubes used in playing some games. _____
7. They protect the public and enforce our laws. _____
8. This is a room usually with a desk where work is done. _____
9. This candy used to come in only red or black flavors. _____
10. This is a large crack or a split. _____
11. To unite two things by interweaving strands and securing the ends _____
12. These are small rodents that we don't want in our homes. _____
13. Another word for something occurring three times. _____
14. What you do to a turkey or a cake. _____
15. What you say about something that is pleasant. _____
16. When you do something again, do it _____.
17. This is a religious ceremony. _____.
18. These are tiny unwanted insects often in your hair. _____
19. It is a mechanical instrument. _____
20. This is an act of an offering. _____
21. The opposite of brave. _____
22. You can drink your orange as a _____.
23. If you look at something, you _____ it.
24. If you make a decision, you make a _____.



Travel

We appreciate all the work that Bob and Kathy Reed do year round for the travel program. They are both just volunteers. Bob and Kathy are not compensated for their time and efforts.

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 website. Drop them 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
\$1129 single

June 9 to 13: Niagara Falls & Toronto \$865 pp \$1035 single You need a passport.

October 5 to 11: Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, & Plymouth \$989 pp \$1218

For the Prime Tours trips, write a \$100 deposit check to Prime Tours. Also fill out the paper that comes with the flyer. You can pick it up at the center or go online. You can also register and pay by credit card online at GoPrimeTours.com.

May 6: Mystery day trip \$169; You need to pay in full for this trip.

July 8 to 10: Frankenmuth, Michigan with other stops \$689 pp \$809 for single

September 15 to 18: Pennsylvania Dutch Country & more TBA

December 8 to 11: Smokie Mountain Christmas including visiting the Biltmore Estate
\$1499 pp \$1689 single You can also do a hotel upgrade. See flyer.

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 for that company to include with your payment.



Bob Reed's Office Hours: Most Tuesdays 9 a.m. to Noon
Or call Bob at 937-313-9692 and leave a voicemail.

Please only call Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Name: _____ Name of Roommate: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Trip Destination: _____

Emergency contact—Name: _____ Phone number: _____

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**Vandalia
Recreation
Center**

2024

**Congratulations to the following
Employees on their Years of Service with
the Vandalia Parks & Rec Department!**

5 Years

- **Jen Brandenburg - VRC**
- **Mike Coberly - VRC**
- **Bailey Dahlinghaus - VRC**
- **Cheryl Heintl - VRC**
- **Molly Lipps-Clase - VRC**
- **Mike Pennington - Golf**
- **Nate Tegtmeyer - Parks Garage**
- **Nate Webb - VRC**

10 Years



Ennie Bowen - VRC



Lisa Pennington - Golf

Vandalia Recreation Center

New Year New ME, Wellness Fest – Friday, January 31 – 10am-1pm

Come on out to the Rec Center and experience some classes we have to offer. Each class will be an abbreviated version of the real class that would be experienced if attending a regular class. There will be health and wellness vendors like Hock's Pharmacy, blood & sugar checking, massage therapist, nutritionist, personal trainers and more to talk to and get info from.

Ages: 15 years old and older

Fee: Free for members and \$3 for Residents and \$5 for Non- Residents

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium & Fitness Studio



Free Climbing Wall Night– Tuesday, January 14– 5pm-7pm

Climbing the wall is an activity the entire family can enjoy.

Ages: 6 & older

Fee: Free

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

Does the weather have you moving your walking indoors?

Don't forget The Vandalia Recreation Center has an indoor walking track!

Free for VRC members and \$3 for non-members.



VANDALIA SENIOR CENTER

21 Tionda Drive South
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Open; Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Coordinator: Toni Williams

twilliams@vandaliaohio.org
Phone: 937-898-1232
Fax: 937-665-0796
[https://vandaliaohio.org/341/
Senior-Center](https://vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center)

Vandalia Senior Club

2024 Committee:

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

DATED MATERIAL: DO NOT DELAY

--MEMBERSHIP--

Age 55 or older

Younger Spouses are welcome!

The 2025 fees for members are:

Vandalia Residents \$15 single - \$25 dual

Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

A resident is defined as someone who pays
City of Vandalia property taxes.

Membership for anyone over 90 is free but
you must notify the office to continue to get the newsletter.

Your annual membership fees help offset some of
the costs of programming and support for the Senior Center.

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Memorandum

To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager

From: Angela Swartz

Date: December 17, 2024

Re: **2025 Annual Council Appointments to Various Committees**

At the January 6th Council meeting, the City Council will be asked to vote on the appointment of Councilmembers to Committees. This will be on the January 6th Study Session to discuss prior to the Council meeting.

The following is a list is the currant appointments:

Appointment of Representatives – 2025 MVRPC/TC

Vandalia is required annually to appoint a representative and an alternate representative to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Transportation Coordinating Committee. An individual must also be designated to serve as the Technical Committee member. Currently, Mayor Herbst is the representative, and Rob Cron is the alternate representative to the MVRPC. Ben Borton will be the delegate to the Technical Committee, and Chad Baughman is the alternate.

Appointment of Representatives – 2025 First Suburbs Consortium

The City of Vandalia is required annually to appoint two representatives and an alternate representative to the First Suburbs Consortium. The current representatives are Mayor Herbst and Councilmember Doogan. The current alternate is Vice Mayor Blakesly.

Appointment to the Montgomery County Community Improvement Corporation

This committee requires the Mayor of the City of Vandalia to be appointed annually.

Appointment to the Vandalia Development Corporation

This board requires two councilmembers' appointments – one Council appointment to be made in even years, currently Vice Mayor Blakesly, and one Council appointment to be made in odd years, currently Councilmember Aivalotis-Weaver. Hence, Council will be asked to appoint a VDC representative for the odd year appointment member.