

THE BLUE LETTER



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March 21, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

This past week we welcomed warmer temperatures and Spring weather as we begin preparing for outdoor projects around the City and see golf resume at Cassel Hills Golf Course.

Last Wednesday, I attended the monthly Greater Dayton Mayor's & Manager's meeting hosted by the Miami Conservancy District at the Engineer's Club of Dayton. Representatives from the MCD provided a historical insight on the development, engineering design, and progression of MCD over the years as well as the significant protection they offer our region with levies, water dams, and watershed areas.

Congratulations to Captain Rich Morrett for his recent promotion to Fire Captain! Rich has served as the Fire Division's Community Risk Reduction Coordinator (CRRC) and proved to be a great candidate for the vacant fire captain's position. We wish him the best in his new role. The Division of Fire has posted the CRRC vacancy on the city's website and will be seeking a new candidate to fill this position.

We welcome Dakota Sizemore to the Parks & Recreation Department! Dakota Sizemore began employment as Maintenance Technician for Building Maintenance on March 12. Dakota is a graduate of National Trail High School and a U.S. Navy Veteran, serving as a Machinist Mate on a submarine for five years. Dakota brings building maintenance experience in preventative maintenance, facility maintenance, and electrical repair.

Representatives from Fire, Police, DES, and Parks & Recreation have been conducting Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments (THIRA) at city facilities over the past several weeks to identify safety concerns and potential risks. These assessments include recommendations on how to improve the safety and offer protection for staff, customers, and infrastructures.

The City hosted a Code Enforcement Workshop on Thursday, March 20 in the basement of the Municipal Building. Kip Millikin has been organizing these workshops for several years and they are always very well attended by code enforcement officials from around the region. This workshop focused on post-tornado and other weather damage assessments with speakers from Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service.



On March 14th, crews repaired a water main break near 443 Halifax Dr on a 6" main to a fire hydrant at their start of shift. This is our **19th repair for the winter season**, compared to 8 total last winter.

At Monday evening's Council Meeting, Council approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union #957, representing our Public Works employees. We appreciate the work of staff and the PW employees for reaching a reasonable agreement in a timely manner and look forward to implementing the new agreement on March 31, 2025, at the expiration of the current agreement.

I will be travelling to Washington, D.C. on the afternoon of March 25th and spending March 26th on Capitol Hill to meet with U.S. representatives and their staff with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). As police chief and interim city manager, I will be sharing my concerns and opposition on federal legislation that calls for larger and bigger semi-trucks on roadways in Ohio and across the U.S. Our objective is to protect motorists from these larger and heavier trucks and protect our infrastructure from the potential damage that these heavier trucks could cause on our roads.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Kurt E. Althouse
Interim City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Cron – March 21, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – March 21, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – March 21, 2025;
4. Information Update – Director Clark – March 21, 2025;
5. Information Update – Operations Captain Walker – March 21, 2025;
6. Information Update - Director Borton – March 21, 2025;
7. February 2025 Fire Division Stats Report
8. February 2025 Police Division Crime Stats Summary Report
9. Vandalia Senior Center April Newsletter





To: Kurt Althouse, Interim City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: March 7, 2025
Re: Information Update for March 8 - 21, 2025

- 📍 We have been working with our realtor and various vendors to schedule and perform all of the inspections on the building at 10 W. National Road before the end of our due diligence period. We have received reports from most inspections and at this point there are no concerns with the property.
- 📍 You and I met this week with representatives from Woodard Development to discuss some potential development ideas on some key properties in the city. We also have a meeting scheduled with Synergy Mills in the coming weeks. We plan to bring some of their ideas for discussion to the upcoming City Council Retreat.
- 📍 I attended a webinar on “Everything you wanted to know about Data Centers.” The discussion was about their need of land, utilities and the creative ways to economically benefit from them locating to your city.
- 📍 I attended the Tax Incentive Review Council meeting at the Montgomery County Auditor’s Office on Thursday, March 20th. They review our annual report that is required each March.
- 📍 We are excited to have an agreement in place with Teamsters Local Union #957, representing our Public Works Division. We feel that this collective bargaining agreement is a good win for both parties and leads to a great relationship moving forward. A big thanks to representatives from both sides on working together in a timely manner to get the agreement in place before the current contract expires on March 30th.
- 📍 Ben Borton and I participated in the monthly progress meeting for the DIA Logistics Roadway project with Montgomery County Engineer’s Office and the design team from Carpenter Marty. The current focus is finalizing the right-of-way plans to begin acquisitions needed for the project.
- 📍 We had our first meeting with WDC Group and Choice One Engineering for the final design of our Public Works Facility this week. Clearing of the site for the facility also continues. The contractor is on schedule to have all of the trees down before the environmental deadline of April 1.
- 📍 I attended the Dayton Development Coalition’s 1st Quarter Local Economic Development Officials meeting on March 21st. The DDC gave updates on federal budget, imports and exports, state legislation and the 2025 priorities and opportunities.

- I also attended the I70/75 Development Association's monthly meeting. Wright State's Dr. David Wilkinson spoke on The Macro Economic Climate affecting Dayton and how we may be affected.
- The Planning Commission will have two items on their March 25th agenda for consideration:
 1. Site Plan review at 234 W. National Road for a new facility for Rodz Builders.
 2. A city-initiated code amendment to the Interstate and Limited Highway Sign Overlay District.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals will have one item on their April 9th meeting agenda. The owners of 1200 Wilhelmina are requesting a variance to the rear yard setback for the construction of a deck.
- We hosted a Code Enforcement Workshop on Thursday March 20 in the basement of the Municipal Building. Kip Millikin has been organizing these workshops for many years now and they are always very well attended by code enforcement officials from around the region. This workshop focused on post-tornado and other weather damage assessments with speakers from Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in Wilmington.
- The next taping of Focus Vandalia is scheduled for March 27. Topics for the April editions are, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, the upcoming Sweet Treats Festival, Youth in Government Day, Tax Season tips and Spring Cleaning as a home maintenance issue.
- Rich Hopkins and Darren Davey are working on getting the website ready for Garage Sale Weekend which is scheduled for May 15-18. Residents will be able to register their garage sale, and we will publish a list of the garage sale locations and items for sale before the weekend starts.
- Rich has also been working with the Parks and Recreation Department updating their Cassel Hills Pool Member & Visitor's Guide and the postcard invitation for this year's Corporate Challenge kickoff meeting.
- Rich has also updated the Employee Directory with pictures and names of all full-time city staff.
- Our new large format printer has been delivered and is now in use. Darren has already produced various media items with the printer including new signage, banner, window clings and the artwork for the Vandalia Butler Girls State Championship Bowling Team signs that will be installed on Dixie Drive near the high school.
- Many staff members along with several City Council members attended the Vandalia Butler Chamber's Annual meeting and awards ceremony. Congratulations to Vice Mayor Blakesly on being presented the Marvin Link Distinguished Service award. Also, thank you to Rich Hopkins for another great State of the City video.
- Vice Mayor Blakesly, Rich Hopkins and I attended the Vandalia Butler High School pep rally celebrating the Girls Bowling Team's State Championship. Vice Mayor Blakesly presented and read a proclamation congratulating the team.
- Angela Swartz and I attended the Ribbon Cutting for the newly remodeled Residence Inn by Marriott in Butler Township.

Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, Interim City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: March 18, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending March 21, 2025

1. I attended the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting.
2. Finance continues to provide data to the compilation team and auditors from Plattenburg and Associates for the 2024 Annual Report and audit.
3. I attended a Tri-Cities Finance Committee meeting. I presented January 31, 2025, YTD financials.
4. I attended the council study session and meeting. I presented February 28, 2025, YTD financials.
5. I attended a 2026 healthcare planning meeting with representatives from the City and McGohan Brabender.
6. I participated in a Zoom meeting that included a demonstration of a digital budget book that streamlines the budget process from baseline to adoption and produces an efficient and effective electronic budget book.
7. Kristen and I met with staff from IT and CMO to discuss various policies.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLLIICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 3/19/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING MARCH 21, 2025

1. The Division of Fire was featured on the City's Focus Vandalia this reporting period. The highlight of this episode was to inform the city of the Hyper-Reach resource available that will notify residents, or anyone signed up with important alerts such as outages, weather and more. Residents can sign up via the city's website for text, call, or both and will be notified of important events, and alerts within our city.
2. Training for the Division of Fire crews this reporting period consisted of Driver/Operator training. Also, Tech rescue involving rope to prepare for next month's drill at the water tower.
3. The Division of Fire welcomed seven new part-time members to our crews. These men and woman had orientation on March 12th and will continue with day trainings before joining their regular shifted crew in a few weeks. We are happy to welcome, Brice Hildebrand, Thomas Herzog, Tyler McDavid, Blaine Babel, Nicholas Fleming, Olivia Dubard and Chris Bayes to the fire dept. family.
4. On March 13, the Firefighters and Company Federal Credit Union brought to the Division of Fire a donation of CO alarms. This donation will allow us to continue to provide no cost alarms to our residents who may need one.
5. The Division of Fire is pleased to announce that former CRRC Rich Morrett has been promoted to the rank of Fire Captain. Rich was sworn into his new role at the Monday, March 17th Council Meeting, and we are all excited within the division of this new chapter in Rich's career with us. Congrats Rich!
6. Due to Captain Morrett's promotion, the Division of Fire has a vacancy for the Community Risk Reduction Coordinator's (CRRC) position. This position has been posted on the city's website and the hope is to fill this vacancy quickly.
7. The Division of Fire is always taking to social media to remind our citizens to be weather aware. Spring is a season that brings a variety of inclement weather. Because of these weather events, the City participated in a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 19th at 9:50am.
8. On Monday, March 17th, I attended a recruiting event at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. I spoke to current fire/EMS students enrolled at the school and answered questions about the fire service career along with discussing potential positions that could be available to the students before and after graduation.
9. On Wednesday, March 19th, the Division of Fire hosted the Miami County Fire Chief's for their monthly meeting at Station One.



To: Kurt E. Althouse, Interim City Manager
From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: 3/20/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending March 20, 2025

RECREATION CENTER

- Spring CampREC: While schools are closed for Spring Break (March 31-April 4), Spring CampREC will offer fun and engaging activities! Throughout the week, campers will have the opportunity to use the climbing wall, go swimming, participate in gym games, make spring-themed crafts, and more! Currently, there are 20 participants registered.
- Adult Easter Egg Hunt: On Friday, April 4 at 8:00pm, we will be hosting an Adult Easter Egg Hunt at the Recreation Center! Eggs will contain candy and raffle tickets. After the hunt is over, everyone will meet back in the VRC Gymnasium to count eggs and begin a prize raffle. Currently, there are 55 participants registered.
- On Wednesday, March 5, Maecie and Sara were able to visit Butler High School for a seasonal hiring recruitment effort. They set up a table near the lunchroom and provided information to interested students. They were able to speak with many students about the various job openings available at the Rec Center for both the spring and summer seasons.
- Sara attended the third session of the Advanced Leadership Training through the Miami Valley Communications Council on Thursday, March 6. This session focused on strategies to inspire a shared vision across our organization and departments. They explored the significance of understanding our own vision and goals and discussed effective methods for communicating these ideas with our team.
- Thus far in 2025, we have processed 558 Insurance based memberships for the VRC. These can be a combination of new and renewed from 2024.
- Sara Moyer, Maecie Burkhardt, and Aaron Messenger met with Miami Valley CTC students on March 18 to view presentations on the students' first project, which was a pickleball themed event for the City of Vandalia.
- Kiosk Mode for Front Desk: Alicia and Aaron are meeting to review the Kiosk Mode for Rec Trac as a front desk option for members. This would create a member scan in station at the Front Desk, where people can scan themselves into the VRC instead of waiting in line.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

- Senior Center Coordinator Toni Williams continues to work with local healthcare industry providers to provide events and programs for Senior Center members. She recently

partnered with Trinity In Home Care, Brookhaven, and First Light Home Care on several Lunch & Learn events and wellness classes.

- The total number of people entering the Senior Center from March 4 to March 17 was 985 people, including evenings, weekends, and rentals. There were 928 members who came to the center on the 9 days it was open. This averages 103 members per day

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

- Youth Basketball season wrapped up on Saturday March 15th. Medals were awarded to tournament champions and runners-up for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th divisions. Macie sent out post-program surveys to all participants in 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade levels. We are excited to see those results come back to update the program accordingly.
- The Youth Baseball/Softball coaches meeting and team draw was held on March 19 at the Senior Center. All coaches received rosters, practice schedule and equipment at the meeting. Final registration numbers are very similar to 2024 program numbers at this point in time.
- Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken accompanied Vandalia-Butler Foundation members Frank Beeson and Denise Eder to Middletown to meet with local tournament organizers concerning a 24-hour Pickleball event that the Foundation is considering offering as a fundraiser in the Fall at the Helke Pickleball courts. The VB Foundation is looking to partner with us for the event. We look forward to collaborating with them.
- Corporate Challenge Kick Off social will be Friday, April 11th- Alicia will be getting invites out in the next week or so! We already have a new team interested and I believe committed- Ernst Concrete.
- Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken attended a recent Kiwanis Club Meeting to discuss a Life Skills Series for teens/young adults. She will be assisting the club with this project.
- Rudy and Alicia met with local Girl Scout leaders to discuss the logistics of the Kindness Rock Garden at the Art Park. They are working on some signage and then plan to get them set up sometime in the next few weeks.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

- Dakota Sizemore began employment as Maintenance Technician for Building Maintenance on March 12. Dakota is a graduate of National Trail High School and a U.S. Navy Veteran, serving as a Machinist Mate on a submarine for five years. Dakota brings building maintenance experience in preventative maintenance, facility maintenance, and electrical repair.
- Field preparations for our youth baseball and softball programs are underway at the Sports Complex and Helke Park. Spring soccer fields have been set, marked and currently in use.
- Stump and soil work is complete for the next phase of tree replacement on National Road. Once the trees are dug at the nursery, the installation will take place later this month.
- Cassel Hills Pool seasonal preparations have begun. Repainting of the swim lane targets is being completed.
- All maintenance staff attended CPR/AED/First Aid certification. Many thanks to Alicia for including our garage staff in this opportunity.

- Maintenance staff applied preemergent to several areas that see the quickest warm up of soil temperatures. These areas included the pavers along National and Dixie, the Brown School landscape bed and the 12 medians on Dixie Drive and National Road. Fertilizer was also applied over the plant material in these areas.
- Maintenance staff tilled the Community Garden plots, placed identification stakes, and transported compost piles back to the garage compost area. The gardens are ready for use.
- Staff are currently changing out of some of the metal signs at Helke Park. The new signs have the city blue as the background color. Thanks to Public Works for making these signs.
- AED units (7) were placed back in their park locations. Due to the cold weather over the winter, the units went into alarm mode, so we stored them in the park garage through the cold months.

CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

- Golf Superintendent Marty Szturm and staff have started mowing tees, greens and fairways as spring arrives. Play is picking up now that the weather has improved in March.
- Food Service Operations Assistant Carl Hafer completed his Manager Certification in Food Protection license. This keeps our food operation up to date with the Ohio Department of Health. Congratulations Carl.
- League meetings have started with league play just a few weeks away.

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
Interim City Manager

From: Ben Walker
Operations Captain

Date: March 20, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending March 21, 2025

1. During the past three and a half weeks, VPD officers made 13 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 13 written warnings, including three for parking violations, while working eight additional enforcement hours.
2. You, H/R Director Leann Hanf, and I completed second round interviews with police officer candidates on March 10.
3. PSS Solberg and PSS Still completed a 32-hour EMD training course on March 12. Both trainees are now certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers.
4. On March 11 and March 18, Sgt. Nagel and I attended planning meetings for the upcoming North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Assembly being held in the City of Dayton, May 21-26, 2025. The Division of Police will provide mutual aid assistance during this event according to need.
5. On March 12, VPD's command staff attended a leadership seminar presented by the FBI. The seminar was hosted at the Centerville Police Department and was beneficial for our supervisory staff.
6. I met with Scene 75 representatives on March 18 to discuss their interest in contracting with the Division for security services during their busier evenings.
7. Captain Sucher and I hosted a law enforcement leadership meeting at the Justice Center on March 19, with representatives from other agencies in the area. This group provides valuable networking to support each other with challenges as well as successes.
8. Crime Prevention Officer Sommer met with two prospective PILOT Program members this week. The previous Explorer Program is being transitioned to the PILOT (Police Inspiring Leaders Of Tomorrow) Program.
9. Over the past couple weeks, Captain Sucher and Officer Sommer met with department heads reference THIRA. THIRA is a risk assessment for all the city buildings in Vandalia.



10. The City's HR received applications from three police sergeants who will be participating in the upcoming captain's promotional process. These sergeants will participate in two rounds of interviews and an assessment center being conducted by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. We met this week with the lead assessor to provide city demographic information and agency highlights.
11. On Friday, you attended the Police Executive Leadership College graduation held in Dublin as president of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. You were able to congratulate each graduate while presenting their certificates of completion. The PELC program provides exceptional leadership development training for law enforcement professionals from across Ohio.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, Interim City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: March 19, 2025
Subject: **Information Update for March 8 – 21, 2025**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project: Outdoor Enterprise has been working on final restoration for this project. Their electrical subcontractor has been wiring up the sanitary sewer lift station near the National Rd Driving Range. Commissioning (startup and final testing) of the lift station is planned for the beginning of April.

Bikeway Connector project: Brumbaugh Construction has continued placing the foundations and constructing mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall #2 (next to the Taylorsville Dam). Security Fence, the traffic signal subcontractor, has been working on the new traffic signal mast arm foundation at the S Brown School Rd/Cassel Creek Dr/Scholz Dr and National Rd/Brown School Rd intersections.

Precision Concrete Sawcutting has completed the majority of the sidewalk grinding of trip hazards on specific streets in the City. There are a couple of locations remaining for this year's work.

2025 Curb/Sidewalk project: Coate Construction has begun removing and replacing concrete on Stoney Springs Rd.

Kenneth Avenue Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: DES staff have scheduled a pre-construction meeting with Sturm Construction for March 26th. Currently Sturm anticipates a project start of the beginning of April. Notices will be sent out to residents informing them of the upcoming project after we get a confirmed start date from Sturm.

Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs):

Anticipated Start	Project	Contractor
May	Tionda, Mossview, Ranchview Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing	M&T Excavating
Summer/Autumn	2025 Street Resurfacing	<i>Bid opening April 11th</i>
Summer	2025 Cast-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Sanitary Sewer Lining	<i>out for bid soon</i>
Autumn	Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (N) Watermain & Resurfacing	<i>out for bid May/June</i>

Four (4) houses in Foxfire Section 9 have completed footing foundations with another one starting today (3/19).

Utility infrastructure is almost complete at the Redwood Apartment Neighborhood Phase 2. Mass earthwork grading is underway and building plans for all units are approved for construction.

The framing and insulation inspections at the final duplex on Maridon Ct (896/898) to complete the Brown School Woods Section 4 have passed and is currently in the drywall stage.

Footers for the duplex at the end of Waldsmith Way (681/685) have been poured and approved.

The certificate of occupancy (CO) has been issued for the house at 540 O'Hara Ct.

Inspections of the old Rite Aid building at 10 W National Rd for the due diligence period of the property sale have continued and are nearly completion.

DES staff have been inspecting repairs at 3420 Stonequarry Rd from their recent kitchen fire.

The addition to Living Word Church at 926 E National Rd has been conducting flow tests with DES staff for the sprinkler system.

DES staff have been assisting the Parks & Recreation (P&R) department with annual maintenance agreements.

On March 11th, I attended the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce annual meeting & awards with other City staff. A big congratulations goes to Vice Mayor Mike Blakesly for his service to the community and achieving the honor of the Marvin Link Distinguished Service Award!

On March 17th, DES, City Manager's Office (CMO), and Fire Marshal Jacobs met for our monthly Development meeting.

On March 18th, I met with Fire division staff and their concrete contractor at Fire House #2 to discuss their upcoming concrete work adjacent to the Bikeway project.

On March 19th, Chief Building Official (CBO) Mastrino and I participated in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) with other City staff for the Recreation Center and Parks Maintenance Garage.

Property Maintenance Inspector Millikin's biannual Code Enforcement Workshop is scheduled for March 20th on the topic of post-tornado damage assessments and the role of code enforcement. The speakers will be from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in Wilmington.

We plan to hold our monthly DES staff meeting on March 21st.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd): The tree clearing is almost complete with the wood material to be mulched up and spread across site for erosion control. All trees will be down before the end of the month to meet the endangered bat species tree clearing restrictions.

Streets:

Crews installed new electrical conduit in preparation for the street trees on National Rd (from Perry St to Ranchview Dr) and S Perry St.

Crews changed Winter to Spring banners on National Rd.

Water:

On March 14th, crews repaired a water main break near 443 Halifax Dr on a 6" main to a fire hydrant at their start of shift. This is our **19th repair for the winter season**, compared to 8 total last winter.

Crews poured concrete to repair the driveway approaches at 207 Allenhurst Ave & 220 Hartshorn Dr and sidewalk sections at 528 Blue Jay Dr & 365 S Dixie Dr removed for previous water main break repairs.

Crews performed the monthly water shut offs of delinquent water accounts for the Water division of the Finance department (~68 this month).

Crews continued installing new water meters inside residences/businesses and outside in meter pits, where some have needed new angle valves which are located on the City side of the meter.

Crews continued turning (closing/opening) watermain valves to confirm operational status throughout the City. This is an EPA requirement to perform turning on 20% of all valves each year.

Sanitary Sewer:

Crews poured concrete to repair sidewalk and curb at 775 Spartan Ave removed for a previous sanitary sewer issue.

Crews obtained monthly Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Program (MIPP) samples.

Storm Sewer:

In preparation for the 2025 Street Resurfacing project, crews began repairing catch basins noted from last month's inspections on the streets to be resurfaced this year.

Other Services:

Crews performed 74 utility locates this period for Ohio 811

Crews performed one burial at Poplar Hill cemetery during this period.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics tested the hydraulics on one-ton dump truck #19, received the new tilt trailer (2025 CIP-appropriated) & sealed deck boards, and serviced the hydro-excavator vac truck #36.

The mechanics also serviced the Fire division's Medic 1 & 3 and ordered filters & supplies to service Ladder 3 in the upcoming weeks.

Negotiations are completed with Teamsters local union 957 for the 4/2025 – 4/2028 PW employees' contract. The new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) has been approved by the union members & Council and will start March 31st.

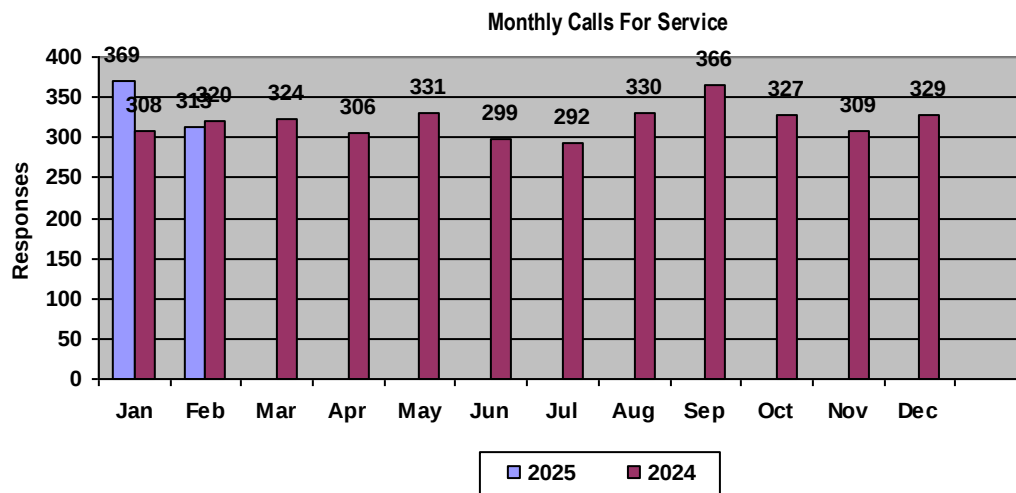


MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2025 STATISTICS
DATE: 3/17/2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE

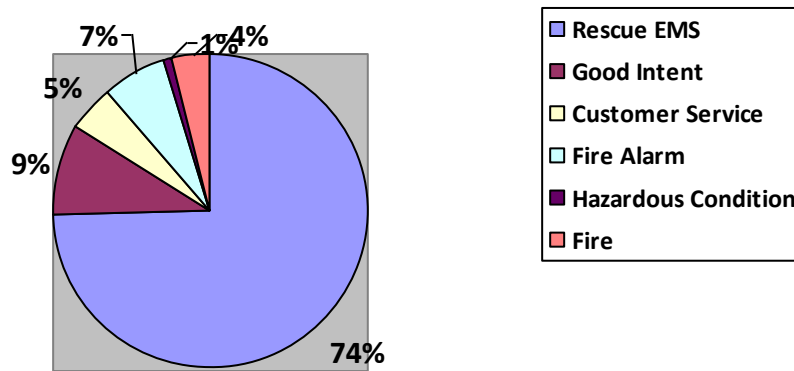
The Division of Fire responded on 313 calls for service in February (230 EMS calls and 83 fire calls). An average of approximately eleven 11 calls for service per day.



Overlapping Call Volume: A statistic that we can track now is how many of our calls for service overlapped (or occurred simultaneously) during this evaluation period. In February approximately **35%** of the call volume overlapped.

Crews responded to **313** calls for service in February, the chart below outlines call types:

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



1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (74%) - All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
2. Good Intent Calls (9%) - Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
3. Customer Service Calls (5%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
4. Fire Alarm Calls (7%) - This type of call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
5. Hazardous Condition (1%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
6. Fires (4%) - No Fire Loss Reported

MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA

In February, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on twenty-two **(22)** occasions and we received mutual aid on twelve **(12)** occasions.

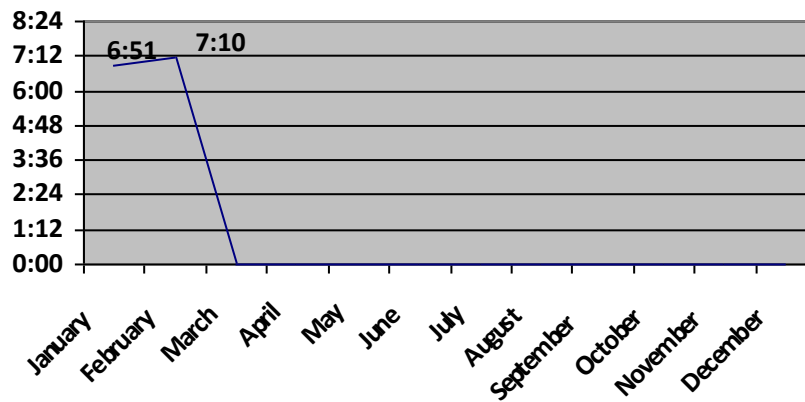
In February, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on fourteen **(14)** occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on forty-four **(44)** occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received (1754)	Mutual Aid Provided (1616)	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided
Butler Fire (57-101)			14	44
Brookville (57-003)				
Bethel Miami (55-221)				
Clayton Fire (57-121)	2			
Dayton Fire (57-011)		2		
Dayton Airport (57-002)				
Englewood (57-001)	2			
Harrison Fire (57-107)	1	6		
Huber Fire (57-125)	6	9		
Riverside Fire (57-115)		1		
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)		1		
West Milton Fire (55)				
Philipsburg Fire (55-)				
Trotwood Fire (57-113)				
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)	1	3		
Totals	12	22		

RESPONSE TIMES

The average turnout time in February for EMS was 1:36 and for fire was 2:25 the average total response time for February was 7:10.

Overall Average Monthly Response Time



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION

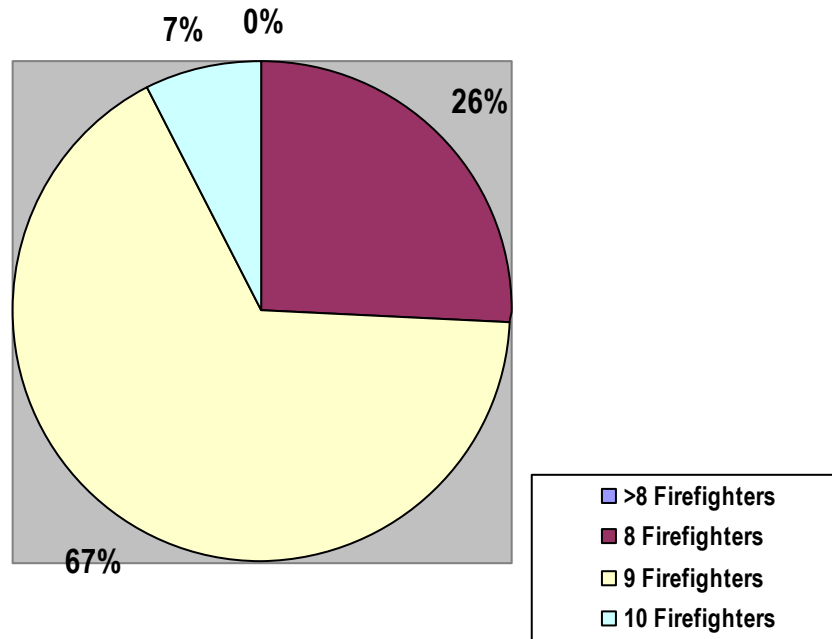
TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH

Monthly Staffing Levels

The information provided below depicts the number of times that shifts were consistently staffed (for twenty-four hours) with ten (10) personnel.

In February:

1. Staff **below our minimum** recommended staffing level of 8 (**0 shifts**)
2. Staff at our minimum recommended staffing level of 8 (**7 shifts 25%**)
3. Staffed with at least nine (9) personnel (**18 shifts 64%**)
4. Staffed with at ten (10) personnel (**2 shifts 7%**)



Memorandum



To: City Council Members
From: Kurt E. Althouse, Police Chief
Date: March 15, 2025
Subject: February 2025 Crime Statistical Report Summary

Total calls for service to the Communications Center increased minimally to 932 calls in February 2025 compared to 931 calls in February 2024. There were 809 citizen-initiated calls for service (down 1.9%), and there were 123 officer-initiated calls (up 16%) in February 2025.

VPD investigated no homicides or robberies and investigated two rapes in February 2025. There were three assaults and two domestic violence offenses reported in February 2025, compared to six assaults and four domestic violence offenses in February 2024. Domestic violence and assault cases are both down 50% in February 2025, compared to last February. Year-to-date, assault offenses are down 12.5% and domestic violence offenses are down 63.6%.

There were no burglaries reported in February 2025 compared to three burglaries reported in February 2024. In 2025, burglaries/breaking & entering incidents decreased by four offenses, felony thefts decreased by 25% for a total of nine offenses, auto thefts are down 50% for a total of three offenses, and misdemeanor thefts decreased by 47% for a total of nine offenses when compared to 2024.

There were two criminal damaging/vandalism complaints in February 2025, down from four incidents last February. Criminal damaging and vandalism offenses are down 20% YTD (one incident) compared to last year for a total of four incidents this year. VPD officers focused on being visible in residential and business areas of the city to display a strong police presence and prevent crime. Officers made two felony drug arrests, and three misdemeanor drug arrests in February 2025 compared to one felony drug arrest and three misdemeanor drug arrests in February 2024.

VPD made the same number of arrests in February 2025 with three felony arrests and 18 misdemeanor arrests compared to five felony arrests and 15 misdemeanor arrests last February. VPD officers charged four juveniles with an offense in February 2025, compared to five juveniles in February 2024. There is a 12.5% increase in juvenile arrests in 2025. These charges have primarily included sex offenses, domestic violence, drug and/or alcohol violations, and thefts.

During February, VPD officers made 308 traffic stops while patrolling Vandalia's roadways, a 9% increase. These stops resulted in 61 citations, 240 written warnings, 32 verbal warnings, and 12 stops with other dispositions. Speed citations and other citations are up over 12% in 2025, while OVI arrests increased 300% with four arrests in February 2025, compared to one arrest February 2024. Parking citations remained the same with three parking violations in February 2025, the same number as in February 2024. These parking citations have primarily been violations of commercial vehicles parked in restricted areas on highway exit ramps.

VPD officers investigated 16 traffic crashes in February 2025, compared to 20 traffic crashes investigated in February 2024. Overall, traffic crashes are up 8.6% (3) in 2025 compared to 2024. Officers will continue to patrol Vandalia's roadways and work traffic enforcement to keep our roadways safe and reduce traffic crashes.

Officers responded to fewer alarm drops than a year ago with a decrease from 54 business and residential alarms in February 2024 to 50 alarms in February 2025. Overall, alarm drops for 2025 are up 13.4% compared to 2024.

Overall, 2025 has seen a decrease in robbery, burglary, felony & misdemeanor thefts, auto theft, assaults, and domestic violence. There has been an increase in felony & misdemeanor drug arrests. There has also been an increase in all arrests and a moderate increase in traffic crashes and alarm drops. VPD officers will remain focused on patrol activities, crime prevention, 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
February 2025

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2024 Y-T-D	% Change	% Clear
How Calls Received:																
Total Calls for Service	976	932											1908	1858	2.7%	N/A
Citizen Initiated = 809	85.96%	86.80%											1648	1623	1.5%	N/A
Officer Initiated = 123	14.04%	13.20%											260	235	10.6%	N/A
9-1-1 Call = 256	27.15%	27.47%											521	595	-12.4%	N/A
Homicide	0	0											0	0	0.0%	100.00%
Rape	0	2											2	2	0.0%	100.00%
Robbery	0	0											0	1	-100.0%	100.00%
Assault	4	3											7	8	-12.5%	100.00%
Burglary/B&E Total	0	0											0	4	-100.0%	100.00%
Residence	0	0											0	2	-200.0%	100.00%
Non-residence	0	0											0	2	-200.0%	100.00%
Theft - Felony	4	5											9	12	-25.0%	22.22%
Theft - Misd	6	3											9	17	-47.1%	77.78%
Motor Veh Theft	3	0											3	6	-50.0%	100.00%
Arson	0	0											0	0	0.0%	100.00%
Crim Dam & Vandal	2	2											4	5	-20.0%	25.00%
Drug Offenses (Fel)	2	2											4	2	100.0%	0.00%
Drug Offenses (Misd)	3	3											6	5	20.0%	100.00%
Domestic Violence	2	2											4	11	-63.6%	100.00%
Totals	26	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	73	-34.2%	62.50%

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CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2024 Y-T-D	% CHG
Criminal Arrests:															
Felony	4	3											7	15	-53.33%
Misdemeanor	24	18											42	29	44.83%
Juvenile	5	4											9	8	12.50%
Total	33	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	52	11.54%
Traffic Stops:															
Stops with Citations	31	61											92	99	-7.07%
Stops with Written Warnings	245	240											485	362	33.98%
Stops with Verbal Warnings	39	32											71	152	-53.29%
Stops with Other Dispositions	2	12											14	10	40.00%
Total Traffic Stops	317	345	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	662	623	6.26%
Traffic Arrests/Citations:															
OVI	5	4											9	6	50.00%
Speed	20	35											55	39	41.03%
All Other	51	75											126	157	-19.75%
Parking	1	3											4	12	-66.67%
TOTAL	77	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194	214	-9.35%
Traffic Accidents Investigated:															
Fatal	0	0											0	0	0.00%
Injury	3	9											12	9	33.33%
Property Damage	19	7											26	26	0.00%
TOTAL	22	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	35	8.57%
Alarms:															
Business	58	44											102	86	18.60%
Residential	2	6											8	11	-27.27%
TOTAL	60	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	97	13.40%

An Opportunity to Share Your Good Luck of St. Patrick's Day and the Blessings of Easter

Donna Naseman is a member who also volunteers with Brethren Disaster Ministries. She wondered if the members of the Vandalia Senior Center would be interested in helping out. Donna connected Toni with Helen Wolf who is the District Disaster Co-coordinator. This group creates hygiene kits that they distribute to people in disaster areas that are homeless or in temporary shelters. If you would like to share your good fortune and help out, the items needed are listed below. All of the items must be unused or new. The box for these donations will be near the white board in the main hallway next to the Food 4 Kids donation box. The collection will last for two months beginning on March 13 and ending on May 13. If you would like more information, go to the Church World Services website at cwskits.org.



1. 1 gallon resealable plastic bag
2. wash cloth
3. fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
4. toothbrush (in original packing)
5. bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
6. travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
7. travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, new only)
8. travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, new only)
9. travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)
10. sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum, packaging removed)



Food 4 Kids Program

We have had a donation box for the Food 4 Kids program sponsored by First Light Baptist Church for almost ten years. They give backpacks full of food to the more than 100 kids in the Vandalia School district that are on free or reduced lunches. The kids get the backpacks on Fridays, 52 weeks a year. They need individual servings that don't take a can opener, a stove or an oven. There is a flyer with a list of food items on the small table near the box. You can also write a check to First Light Church and mail to: Care4Kids, 575 S. Dixie Dr., Vandalia 45377.

Lunch & Learn

Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, April 1 at Noon

Cory Routson from Momentum Health will have his chef prepare a meal for you. Dennis Turner, law professor at the University of Dayton, will present, "Where Would You Like to be Arrested?" He will compare aspects of the United States criminal justice system with a couple of European criminal justice systems. After some exploration and discussion of those systems, members of the audience will be asked if they were going to be arrested, which system would you prefer to adjudicate their cases. Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tues., Apr. 8, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Bobby D and the Quartet are returning to entertain you again. They last came to the center for Valentine's Day. The band consists of a guitar, bass guitar, saxophone, and drums. You can sing along with the vocals or just enjoy tapping your foot to the lively music. There will be a donation bucket to help cover their expenses. Limit: 100

Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thursday, April 10 at **NOON**

Sarah Mather will order food from Chick-Fil-A. Liz Ball, who draws the Hidden Treasures hidden picture puzzles for the Dayton Daily News and has illustrated over 40 books, will be showing you how she draws hidden picture puzzles. She will also have hand-outs and demonstrate a special step-by-step "How to Draw" our own hidden picture. If you have questions or can't find a hidden item, this is the time to ask her. Liz's books will be available.

Limit: 75



Randall Residence of Tipp City Lunch & Learn on Fri., Apr. 11, at Noon

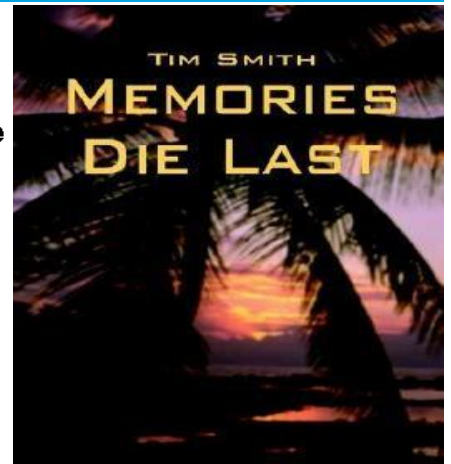
Courtney Peck will bring your lunch. Courtney will share information about their "Aging Gracefully" program. She will talk about the options of Independent Living, Assisted Living, In-Home Care, Memory Care, and Long-Term Care. Hopefully, this information will empower you to make decisions with confidence in the future for what best suit your needs, while keeping you in control of your choices. Limit: 75



Lunch & Learn

Affinity Hospice Lunch & Learn on Monday, April 14, at Noon

Tyler Vassar from Affinity Hospice will bring your lunch. Tim Smith writes for several newspapers including the Tippecanoe Gazette. He has been a writer for 24 years and just published his 30th book. Tim is going to present "So You Want to Write a Book?" He will tell things most people don't realize about the process of writing and getting published. Tim will include a lot of funny stories from his 24 years in the business. He may bring along some of his books that can be purchased. Limit: 75



Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, April 15, at Noon

Jaidyn Tout from the Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Lee Ann Rose from Williamsburg, Virginia, is returning by Zoom. She will be portraying Abigail Adams. Abigail was the wife of John Adams, our second President, and the mother of John Quincy Adams, our sixth President. Abigail ran the family farm while John was away. She also handled their finances and investments. John would rely on her for advice. Abigail and John were the first couple to live in the White House. Abigail took an active role in politics after her husband was elected. Limit: 75

Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, April 22, 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



Functional Lifestyle and Engaging Days Lunch & Learn on Thursday, April 24, at Noon



Kimberly Newton from Functional Lifestyle and Abbey Osborne from Engaging Days will bring your lunch. Being able to move around safely and to do things in life is very important. It also gives you a better quality of life. Trish Hall, a physical therapist with Functional Lifestyle, will show you ways to improve your balance and stay more flexible. There will be some exercises to try out. She will have a handout for you also. Limit: 75

Information

Siena Woods Lunch & Learn on Friday, April 25, at Noon

Antoinette Adams from Siena Woods will bring your food. Tom Hissong, a naturalist and excellent nature photographer, is retired from Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. He will present "Ducks and Sandhill Cranes". Join Tom on an exciting trip to Whitewater Memorial State Park in Liberty, Indiana, to see thousands of the beautiful Sandhill Cranes who spend their winter there. You will also go birding for beautiful ducks, geese, and swans who survive the cold weather. Limit: 75



Oasis Senior Advisors and Golden Hearts Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, April 29, at Noon



Tina Timmons from Oasis Senior Advisors and Michelle Teska from Golden Hearts Senior Care will bring your lunches. Preparing for our future care isn't always easy. Michelle Teska and Tina Timmons will be providing valuable information on planning for what lies ahead. Strategies to remain at home as long as possible and understanding the options in the community if we cannot safely stay. They are experts in their fields and want to share their resources and knowledge with you. Limit: 30

Memory Café on Monday, April 14, at 1:45 p.m.

Brittany Mikolajewski from the Vandalia Public Library is returning with another fun activity to promote socialization and to help you reminisce about your memories. Everyone is invited but especially those experiencing some memory loss. Sign up to enjoy this fun event. It will last about an hour. A snack will be provided.



Lunch & Learn Times

All Lunch & Learn times will now be serving lunch at noon starting in April. This will include the Thursday lunches.

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

Sign up to eat out at Company 7 BBQ on Tuesday, April 8, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 1001 S Main in Englewood. There is an entire fire engine inside the restaurant. Directions: From the Senior Center, turn right onto S. Dixie. Turn left onto National Rd. At the light at S. Main, turn left. It is at the corner of Wenger and S. Main up on the hill.



Art

Sea Glass Picture Class on Fri., April 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will have all the supplies you need to create this cute spring scene on canvas. You will be using sea glass, a hot glue gun, a Sharpie marker, and paint. There needs to be a minimum of 4 members signed up to have the class. Cost: \$5 Limit: 15



FREE Tea Cup Bird Nest Class on Tuesday, April 8, at 1:45 p.m.

Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will bring the supplies to make this darling bird's nest. Limit: 12



FREE Decorated Pig Class on Wednesday, April 9, at 1:00 p.m.

Candy Jones will bring supplies to make this cute whimsical pig. The picture will be 9" x 8". You can choose from many patterned and solid papers. For the body of the pig, you will be

tearing and using Tacky Glue to glue on pieces of paper. You will outline with a Sharpie marker and use a glue gun for the embellishments. Limit: 12



An Essential Oils Class on Wed., April 16, at 1:00 p.m.

Christine Jordan with Red Lotus Essential Oils will help you make a soothing essential oils bedtime spray. Cost: \$6 Limit: 15



Ceramic Class on Friday, April 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a member and a vendor, has 4 unique mushrooms for you to choose from. They range from 4" to 6" tall. The caps are about 4" across. If you started painting your fairy house in March, bring it back to finish painting it on April 18. Cost: \$10 each Limit: 15



Turn to page 8 and 9 for more craft classes.

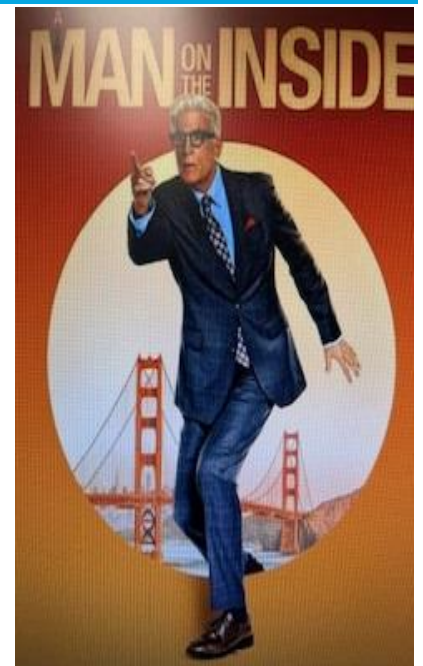
Movies

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

Snacks by Taylor Ries with Troy Rehabilitation

Several people told Toni to watch *The Man on the Inside* with Ted Danson. It is a fun series and it is worthy of the Senior Center. Since the episodes are short, we can binge watch the series over two days. Episodes 1 through 4 will be on April 4. It will be 1 hour and 51 minutes.

Charles, a retired professor, recently lost his wife and his relationship with his daughter isn't the best. His daughter told him to get a hobby instead he got a job at a retirement home. That is when things start to get interesting! PG Comedy / Drama



Movie on Monday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m.

You only have to wait over the weekend to find out what happens next! Charles is finding out all kinds of interesting things while he tries to solve several mysteries. Then several people discover what is really going on and life changes for Charles. Episodes 5 through 8 will take 2 hours and 2 minutes.



Movie on the Third Friday, April 18, at 1:00 p.m.

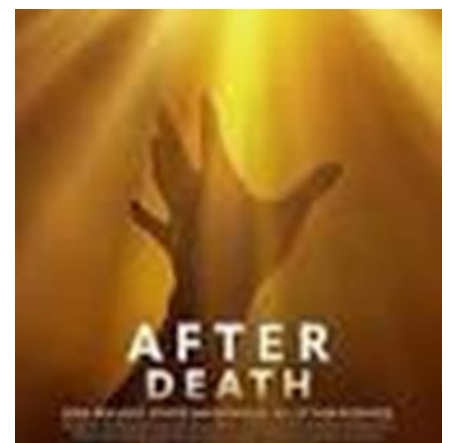
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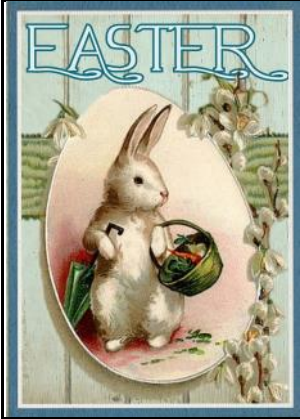
In the movie, *Here*, you travel through for several hundred years to the present day, a single plot of land becomes a site for life, love and loss for the families who build their homes there. Multiple generations of couples and families inhabit the same home over the course of a century. The movie moves back and forth between different families that have lived in the same home. PG-13 Fantasy / Drama 1 hr. 44 min.

Movie on Monday, April 21, at 1:00 p.m.

A member watched *After Death* and she said it changed her thinking. She encouraged Toni to watch it then share it. In this documentary, many people relate their experiences of what happened to them while they were clinically dead for a long time. There are also scientists, researchers, and authors who were interviewed for this documentary.

PG-13 Documentary / Drama 1 hr. 48 min.

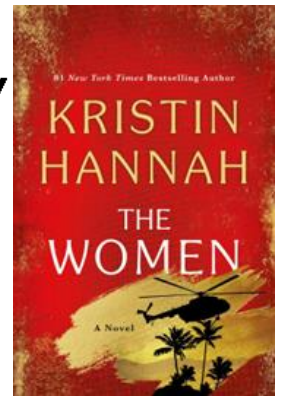


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Information

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

The book club will meet on Tuesday, April 1, to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. It is that rarest of novels—at once an intimate portrait of a woman coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided by war and broken by politics, of a generation both fueled by dreams and lost on the battlefield. In 1965 “good girl” Frankie McGrath images a different choice for herself when her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam. She impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America.



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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 with Montgomery County Public Health will be here on April 1. Rich Morrett from the Vandalia Fire Department will check your blood pressure on April 15.

FREE Card Making Class on Tuesday, April 22, at 1:45 p.m.

Kathy Dunn will teach you to make this clean and simple white card. The front will have a pleated look, a triple layer flower, accented with tri color prills.

Linda Karns uses a three-piece oval window card to create a card that can be used for birthdays, friends, a thank-you, or spring. There will be a choice of messages and a choice of embossing folders. You will learn how to drag a stamp pad across an embossed image. Limit: 12



How Is Your Balance? Could It Be Better?

There will be two Matter of Balance class programs this year. One will be every Wednesday in May and June from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. The second session will be from the end of September to the middle of November still on Wednesdays at the same time. You will receive handouts and practice exercises for balance. There will be more information about these classes in the May newsletter. Limit: 40 each time



Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

The Story She Left Behind by Patti Callahan

Saltwater by Katy Hays

A Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage by Asia Mackay

Unromance by Erin Connor

Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Things Will Be Different

Gladiator II

Here

Wicked

Conclave

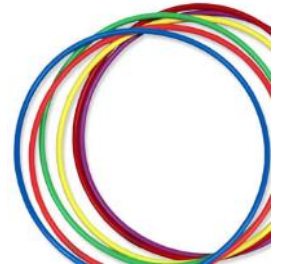


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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. On some Wednesdays, Christy Smith from Brookhaven will lead the 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.

Decorate a Bird House on Wednesday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m.

Debbie Millhouse will have all the supplies for you to create a beautiful bird house for spring. You will decoupage pictures on all four sides of the bird house. There is a hanger in the back so you can put it up somewhere. Cost: \$5
Limit: 15



Information

Bridge Hosts

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

937-832-8992

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

937-6942643

Thursday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by John Whitley.

937-241-8456



Bingo

1. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, April 1, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, April 11, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Susan Bush from Pleasantwood Senior Apartments will call bingo on Tuesday, April 15, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
6. Emily Hammond from Springfield Masonic Community will call bingo on Friday, April 25, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
7. Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Tuesday, April 29, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
8. Robin Eck from Englewood Health & Rehab will call bingo on Wednesday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48



Celebrate April Birthdays on Wednesday, April 30, at 1:00 p.m.

Cory Routson from Momentus Health will provide the birthday cakes. Please sign up if you have a birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing "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, *forks only, *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.



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EASTER SUNDAY BASKET BUNNY CANDY CARD CHICKS
CHOCOLATE CHURCH CROSS DYE EGGS FAMILY GRASS
HARDBOILED HIDE HOLIDAY HUNT SPRING VISITORS



JELLYBEANS

The internet says you can make 210 words using the letters in jellybeans. There are 17 two letter words, 53 three letter words, 79 four letter words, 41 five letter words, 16 six letter words, 3 seven letter words, and 1 eight letter word. How many can you figure out?

Travel

We appreciate all the work that Bob and Kathy Reed do year round for the travel program. They are both volunteers and 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 ***Full**

June 9 to 13: Niagara Falls & Toronto \$865 pp \$1035 single Passport needed. ***Full**

October 5 to 11: Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, & Plymouth \$989 pp \$1218 ***Full**
***Taking a waiting list for these three trips.**

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 15 to 17: Frankenmuth, Michigan with other stops \$689 pp \$809 for single

September 15 to 18: Pennsylvania Dutch Country & more \$1198 pp \$1339 single

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.

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 Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Name: _____ Name of Roommate: _____

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Vandalia Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 19 | 11:00am - 2:00pm

Bring the family out and have an "egg"cellent time at the Vandalia Easter Eggstravaganza! We will have egg hunts, baby goat petting zoo, arts & crafts, face painting, vendors, games & activities, food trucks, Easter bunny photo area, and more! Make sure to bring your own basket for the egg hunts

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex - Soccer Field Side

Easter Egg Hunt Times: 11:00am & 12:30pm

Easter Egg Hunt Ages: For ages 12 and under

Groups: 2 and younger, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Make sure to bring your own basket for the egg hunts



Adult Easter Egg Hunt—Thursday, April 5– 8:00pm

Time for the adults to relive their childhood egg hunt! Eggs will contain candy, raffle tickets and gift cards. After the egg hunt is over, everyone will meet back in the VRC Gymnasium to count eggs and begin the raffle. Participants will meet in the VRC Gymnasium no later than 7:45 pm to check in. The egg hunt will start promptly at 8:00 pm. Please bring a flashlight to this event.



Ages: 21 years old and older

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex; Meet in Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, April 2. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Quiche Brunch w/ Eat Pretty Darling– Tuesday, April 15– 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for a delightful brunch cooking class where you'll learn to create a delicious, seasonal quiche featuring fresh ingredients. We'll guide you through making a perfectly flaky crust and filling it with a blend of spring vegetables and herbs. Enjoy a relaxing, hands-on experience that's perfect for celebrating the flavors of the season.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, April 12. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Farm Animal Pots w/ Miss Bec– Tuesday, April 22– 6pm-7pm

Decorate a ceramic flowerpot to look like either a pig, cow, or chick, and learn to properly repot a flower with Miss Bec at the Sports Complex Concessions.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident/ Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex: Baseball Concession Stand

***Registration for these programs is online at vandaliaareccenter.com.**



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Vandalia Senior Club

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--MEMBERSHIP--

Age 55 or older

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Vandalia Residents \$15 single - \$25 dual

Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

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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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