

THE BLUE LETTER



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May 29, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

The past few weeks have been filled with many special and memorable activities around the City that demonstrate the commitment our residents, citizens, staff, and leaders have in making Vandalia a wonderful place to live, work, and enjoy life.

The Vandalia Sweet Treats Fest was held at the Vandalia Sports Complex on Saturday, May 10 with a great turnout. Everyone was invited to indulge their sweet tooth in a symphony of flavors! We had a variety of sweet treats, non-food vendors, live music, and other activities to enjoy!

On May 16th, the City hosted our annual shred day in the front parking lot of the Municipal Building. This event is always a great resource for our residents as they stop by to drop off sensitive documents and paperwork that we shred free-of-charge.



Additionally, we use this time to shred documents that have reached their public records retention expiration and clear space in the Municipal Building. A special "thanks" to Rich Hopkins for organizing this event

and all the departments who provided employees to assist residents in unloading their vehicles and carrying boxes of documents to the shred truck. This year, we filled two trucks with shredded paperwork.



Vandalia-Butler High School hosted a special Memorial Day Program on May 16th to honor our military veterans and pay tribute to the Vandalia-Butler graduates who paid the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our nation and defending our freedom. The students and staff do a great job in honoring our military as we approach Memorial Day. We appreciate the opportunity to attend the ceremony and have many representatives from the city present. Public Works crews installed Veteran banners, Purple Heart banners, and American flags in preparation of Memorial Day.



Public Works employees welcomed third grade students from Smith Intermediate School and St. Christopher School to the PW Garage for the annual Kids Days at PW. Kids were able to “drive” the street sweeper, raise/lower dump truck snowplows, ride up in the sign/lift truck, sit in various PW equipment, and learn about how we make street signs, our water distribution system, motorized sewer cameras operated by TCA (wastewater treatment plant), and generally learn about what public works employees do to keep the City operational during all seasons.

The Division of Police honored all fallen officers, including Lieutenant James E. Bohanan, during National Police Memorial Week May 12th through 16th. Police officers are remembered who died in the line of duty while serving their communities.



The Division of Fire celebrated EMS Week May 18th through 24th. Thank you to all our EMS providers for their hard work and dedication to the service.

On May 19, we held a joint press conference with the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce and the CenterPoint Energy Air Show officials to announce details of the upcoming FlightFest being held on June 21 & 22 at the Sports Complex. This free, family-friendly event will be filled with an opportunity for people to meet the air show performers, visit food truck vendors, see a variety of static parade vehicles, and enjoy a concert by the Lt. Dan Band, led by Gary Sinise and his non-profit organization, the Gary Sinise Foundation.

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On May 21, Chief Sucher and Captain Walker attended the memorial service for retired police officer Mike Kimbrel. Mike retired from VPD in 2024 with more than 25 years of police service and was known by many students as “Officer Mike” when he taught the DARE Program in the School District.

We held the Ribbon Cutting for the new Amphitheater at the Vandalia Art Parks on Thursday, May 22. There was a great turnout for the event. A dedication was made, naming the Amphitheater after Bill Jergens, a long-time Vandalia supporter and owner of R.B Jergens. R.B. Jergens donated many hours of labor and materials to get phase one of the amphitheater project started several years ago. Another highlight of the evening was the music of the Michelle Robinson Band. This was a great kick-off to a summer full of events at the Vandalia Art Park. Many thanks to everyone who played a role in bringing this concept to reality and who participated in this impressive event.



The City held its first Employee Appreciation Event of the year on Wednesday, May 28th with an Ice Cream Social for all staff at the Sports Complex. Although the weather was less than conducive for ice cream, it was a special time to show our appreciation to our employees for the dedicated service they provide each week.



We have seven businesses registered for the 37th Annual Corporate Challenge scheduled for June 2-6. The Corporate Challenge consists of various games, challenges, and friendly competitions with teams from local businesses and government entities each evening of the week. Participating businesses include GE Aerospace, Johnson Electric, Inteva Products, Lincotek Medical, Kentner Sellers CPAs, PSA Airlines, and City of Vandalia. We are looking forward to another excellent event.

We have scheduled this year's Neighborhood Beautification Day event. It will take place on the morning of Saturday, June 7th from 8:00 am to noon. Ben Graham has coordinated the event and secured Rumpke to assist as well as volunteers from GE Aviation. Ben has distributed flyers to all residents in the area, notifying them of the event and letting them know they can sign up for assistance from our group of volunteers to spruce up their properties. A flyer for the event is attached.

ACM Cron and Public Services Director Borton attended a grant review meeting for the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access (Ring Road) project. The project was submitted for ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding for the Construction phase at \$17.6 million. Previous phases (Preliminary Engineering, Detailed Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition) were funded at 80% federal/20% local. The 20% local is being split generally at 70% Montgomery County Engineer Office (MCEO)/30% City due to the project limits within each jurisdiction. **After grants and project split, the City is projected to pay only ~\$1.1 million of this roughly \$28 million total project cost**, which will improve the roadway, drainage, and add a shared use path from Inverness Ave to the Chewy facility on Lightner Rd.

During the past two weeks, VPD officers made six traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations while working eight additional enforcement hours. These stops resulted in three citations and three written warnings. An additional five stops were conducted on commercial vehicles during regular patrol hours, resulting in four citations and one written warning. During regular patrol an additional 170 passenger vehicles were stopped, resulting in 43 citations, 121 written and 13 verbal warnings.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager



CC: Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Cron – May 29, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – May 29, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – May 29, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – May 29, 2025;
5. Information Update – Director Clark – May 29, 2025;
6. Information Update – Police Chief Sucher – May 29, 2025;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – May 29, 2025;
8. MVRPC 2024-2026 traffic counts map
9. Neighborhood Beautification Flier
10. Thunderbirds at the VRC
11. Steve Clark's Retirement Send Off





To: Kurt Althouse, Interim City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: May 28, 2025
Re: Information Update for May 11 - 30, 2025

- We held the Ribbon Cutting for the new Amphitheater at the Vandalia Art Parks on Thursday May 22. There was a great turnout for the event. A dedication was made, naming the Amphitheater after Bill Jergens, a long-time Vandalia supporter and owner of R.B Jergens. R.B. Jergens donated many hours of labor and materials to get phase one of the amphitheater project started several years ago. Another highlight of the evening was the music of the Michelle Robinson Band. This was a great kick-off to a summer full of events at the Vandalia Art Park.



- I attended the I-70/75 Economic Development monthly meeting on May 16th. This month's speaker was Lance Oaks from Oak Tree Development. His presentation was very informative, speaking about the residential housing development in the Dayton region and discussing the importance of new residential developments to the region to be able to support the workforce demands with the recent proposed business development.
- Angela Swartz and I attended Montgomery County's Business First meeting held at their newly renovated Madison Lakes facility. There were two presenters at this month's event. Kennedy Dennard from the Ohio Department of Veterans Services gave an update on programs and assistance available to help our veterans enter the workforce. Jennifer DeFrancesco, Dayton VA's Medical Director, provided an overview of all of the great things the Dayton V.A. can offer our Veterans.

- We met with CenterPoint Energy representatives about some of their ongoing and upcoming gas main replacements. They are in the early stages of planning for a large transmission main replacement in the western portion of the city. This major project is tentatively scheduled for 2028-2029.
- City Manager office staff met for one last time in preparation for the Air Show weekend. Invitations were mailed out last week. Volunteers have been secured for registration and shuttling our guests to the chalet. Transportation has been confirmed and we will hold a volunteer driver meeting on Friday, June 13th to go over the details with drivers.
- Several staff members met with WDC Group to review the progress of the engineering and design of the new Public Works Facility at 810 Northwoods Boulevard. Our goal is to have the project designed and ready to put out for bid late this fall.
- Mike Hammes, Ben Graham and I met with a potential residential developer to discuss their ideas for a new development in the city.
- I am attending the Dayton Area Managers Association meeting on Friday. We are continuing our discussion from last month on ways to re-energize the group and foster more participation and engagement from members.
- You and I met with Kathryn Holbrook from AES Ohio. Kathryn is the new community connector for our area taking over for Holly Wiggins who has retired.
- Planning Commission met on May 13th to consider a rezoning at 3320 Benchwood Road from Residential Single Family (RSF-1) to Highway Business (HB). 3320 Benchwood is the last remaining residentially zoned property on Benchwood Road. Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals met on May 14th to consider a variance for minimum lot frontage on the property being developed as “The Landing” at 650 Pool Avenue. The developer and builder have decided to build the structures on separate lots instead of their original plan to have all buildings on the same lot. The Board recommended approval of the variance.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on June 11th to consider a variance for the total accessory structure area at 842 Donora Drive.
- City Planner Mike Hammes participated in the Coalition of Age-Friendly Communities meeting.
- Staff has condemned the property at 911 Stewville Drive after the recent fire at that location.
- Corporate Challenge is just around the corner, beginning next Monday. Rich Hopkins is actively recruiting team members to fill all of the events. This year’s corporate Challenge will take place Monday through Friday next week.
- We held our first Employee Appreciation event, an Ice Cream Social, on Wednesday, May 28 at the Sports Complex.
- Rich Hopkins will be finishing up the taping of June’s Focus Vandalia videos next week. Topics for June will be the Vandalia Flight Fest, Star Spangled Celebration, Police Open House, Pollinators Week and the Mobile Sensory Unit.

- Rich is also working on topics for the next edition of the MyVandalia Magazine. We also anticipate the CommUNITY Newsletter to be distributed to all Vandalia and Butler Township residents in the next few weeks.
- We have scheduled this year's Neighborhood Beautification Day event. It will take place on the morning of Saturday, June 7th from 8:00 am to noon. Ben Graham has coordinated the event and secured Rumpke to assist as well as volunteers from GE Aviation. Ben has distributed flyers to all residents in the area, notifying them of the event and letting them know they can sign up for assistance from our group of volunteers to spruce up their properties. A flyer for the event is attached.
- I joined many other staff members at the Vandalia Butler High School's Memorial Program on Friday, May 16th.

Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: May 27, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending May 30, 2025

1. **Reminder:** Please remember to notify Payroll of any direct deposit changes *prior* to closing your bank account. This will ensure you are paid timely and will not have to deal with any paper checks! To make a change, please complete a Direct Deposit Authorization form found on the CityWide drive ([\\dfs1\CityWide\Human Resources\Current Employees](#)). Be sure to sign the form and include a voided check or bank letter. *All documents should be returned to Payroll in paper form!*
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 council study session and meeting.
4. Kristen and I met with the Implementation Manager from ClearGov via Zoom to discuss final data input and the next step in the process to prepare for the 2026 Budget season.
5. I attended a NAWA Board meeting where I presented the April 2025 YTD financial information.
6. Income tax staff are working diligently on processing and auditing tax returns received during the tax season.
7. The annual process of the debt payment and issuance of a new Land Acquisition Note (LAN) for the Stonequarry Crossings development, and Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for the fire engine and ladder truck has begun and will continue with the passage of legislation in May and June. The new LAN and BAN notes will mature in July/August 2026. The LAN debt is scheduled to be paid in full in 2036. The BAN debt is scheduled to be paid in full in 2026 (fire engine), and 2031 (fire ladder truck).
8. Finance staff participated in the annual City-wide shred day.
9. I attended a TCA Finance Committee meeting where I presented the April 2025 YTD financial information.

10. Natalie and I participated in a ClearGov personnel training session.
11. I attended a meeting with several representatives from the City and School regarding TIF calculations and future payments.
12. I attended a meeting with you, Rob and two council members regarding utility rates.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 5/28/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING MAY 29, 2025

1. There were multiple events in the city during this reporting period that the Division of Fire was able to provide an EMS strike team for the Sweet Treats Festival on May 10th, the Vandalia Market on May 21st at the Rec Center, and, the ribbon cutting for the new amphitheater at the Art Park on May 22nd.
2. The 2025 Spring Officer Development Meeting was held on May 12 for the Division of Fire officers. Leann Hanf from Human Resources also attended this meeting to review some of the policies and procedures that are in place between the two departments.
3. Training during this reporting period for Division of Fire crews has been auto extrication training and active shooter training. A big “thank you” to our Building Maintenance Garage for allowing the crews a space to cut on cars and to Scene 75 for allowing crews to use their facility outside of normal operating hours to get in some good training.
4. The Division of Fire is happy to announce the 3rd annual lemonade stand contest. Contest rules have been posted to our social media. Our crews are looking to get out into the community to attend any young lemonade stand entrepreneur’s event. The winner will be invited to the Division of Fire’s Open House in October to run a lemonade stand at our event. All materials will be provided and 100% of the money earned will be for the stand operator. This is another way for our crews to stay engaged with our young community members during the summer months.
5. C-Shift crews were on hand to assist with Shred Day at the City Building on May 17th.
6. Fire Marshal Jacobs and I participated in the annual Vandalia Butler Schools Memorial Day program on Friday May 16th.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

7. Shortly after midnight on May 18th, crews responded to Stewville Drive on the report of an apartment fire. Upon arrival, crews found heavy fire in a second story apartment. One occupant jumped from a second story window and a second victim was rescued from the first floor by the Ladder 3 crew. One person was transported to the hospital in serious condition the other was treated while on scene. American Red Cross was on site to assist occupants. Thank you to our mutual aid partners, Butler Township, Huber Heights, Englewood and Clayton for the assistance.
8. The Division of Fire celebrated EMS Week May 18th through 24th. Thank you to all our EMS providers for their hard work and dedication to the service.
9. On May 23rd, crews responded to a car fire on Northbound I-75 at the Benchwood Road exit. No one was injured and the incident closed the ramp and two lanes of traffic.
10. Thank you from the Division of Fire for the first Employee Appreciation Day of the year with an ice cream social at the Rec Center on May 28th.

Memo



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: May 28, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending May 29, 2025

1. **City of Vandalia – Benefits Site.** Remember to keep up on those preventative screenings! Healthy employees are happy employees! 😊 Do not forget to review your Summary of Benefits for your medical plan to stay well informed on what is covered, and for what you may be responsible. All of our Summary of Benefits for every line of coverage we offer can be found on our [Xplore](#) site!
2. **Crisis and Emergency Care Hotlines.** Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness month? Are you or someone you know in need of emergency services? Click the links below for helpful resources.
 - a. [Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)
 - b. [Substance use Helpline](#)
 - c. [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
3. **Mental Health and National Physical Fitness & Sports Month: May 2025**

Mental Health

Talking about depression, anxiety or other issues that may affect your mental health isn't always easy. But you're not alone. Millions of people in the U.S. are affected by mental health issues each year. So let's start the conversation. Learning how to talk about and understand the mental health challenges you or a loved one may be facing may be the first step. Then, you may learn ways to cope and start feeling better.

Understanding Mental Health

Mental health describes conditions that may affect your emotional, psychological and social wellbeing. When we talk about mental health, it includes anxiety, depression or other conditions. Mental health may also include things like substance use, eating disorders or psychiatric conditions like schizophrenia, in which people perceive reality abnormally and may have hallucinations or delusions. We tend to think of mental health as part of the larger picture of our overall behavioral health.

What can cause mental health challenges?

Each person has their own story. Mental health challenges may come up any time, and at any age – even in children. Mental health may be tied to social or emotional experiences. Sometimes, mental health issues can result from past abuse or trauma. Family history, certain medical conditions or a brain disorder may also impact your likelihood of having a mental health condition.

Taking care of your mental health is important for your overall health. Your emotional state may impact your physical health, too. If you're struggling, seeking treatment may help you feel better so you can live a healthier life.

What are common behavioral health signs to look for?

Some mental health signs may be easy to spot — and some may be harder to notice than others. Mental health is complex, and signs differ for each condition or person. If you see some of these signs, it may be your signal that it's time to get help.

- Eating or sleeping too much or not enough
- Excessive worrying or fear
- Extreme mood changes
- Difficulty perceiving what's real and what isn't
- Inability to do daily activities or handle everyday stress
- Losing interest in people and activities
- Overuse of alcohol or drugs
- Strong feelings of irritability or anger
- Thoughts of harming oneself or others
- Thoughts of suicide
- Unexplained, ongoing aches and pains

While these may be some clues to look for, this list doesn't cover it all. Check out [mentalhealth.gov](https://www.mentalhealth.gov) to view a longer list of mental health concerns. You'll find helpful information about each.

What kind of support can mental health counseling offer?

Mental health and behavioral health specialists can help you cope with concerns like:

- Depression
- Anxiety or stress
- Alcohol or substance abuse
- Anger management
- Grief or loss
- Marital problems
- Domestic violence
- Eating disorders
- Compulsive spending or gambling

Seeking out or asking for help may be your most important step in taking care of yourself. [Learn how to choose a mental health provider.](#)

Exercise and Mental Health

It isn't often we find a no cost (and fun!) treatment for medical conditions — but there are many easy and affordable mood-boosting activities that are proven to help support mental health. (Things like meditation, journaling, social interaction or listening to music, for example.) However, exercise may be among the top picks for mood-boosting activities, offering many positive benefits. Not only is moving your body incredibly

important for your physical well-being, it's also something many of us need to help support a healthy mind. Let's take a look at how the benefits of exercise include more than what we may see on the scale.

What are the benefits of exercise on mental health?

Many of us may know that exercise is good for our health — but what contributes to these side benefits? For one, exercising increases blood circulation to the brain, which helps support the areas that control motivation, mood, stress and more. Plus, physical activity helps increase your brain's production of feel-good transmitters (chemicals), called endorphins. These powerhouse chemicals increase feelings of pleasure and well-being. All of this happens behind the scenes during and after a workout to help support a healthy mind. The result? Well, exercise can bring on a lot of positive things, like:

- Better sleep
- Less stress
- Improved mood
- Increased energy
- Reduced tiredness — and that can help increase mental alertness

What exercises can I do to improve my mental health?

It's almost impossible to go through life without feeling blue every now and then. After all, we live with stressors every single day. If you're looking to improve your mental health, getting up and moving around may be one of the best medicines. And here's a hint — there are no right or wrong exercises to help with anxiety, depression or stress. The key to an effective activity is finding one you like to do. Then, your body's biological reaction to exercise takes care of the rest. (It makes sense — if getting up and moving is fun, you'll be more motivated to do it.) Here's a list of exercises you may want to try:

- Running, walking or hiking
- Boxing
- Pilates
- Swimming
- Yoga
- Spin class
- Weight lifting

Talk with your doctor before significantly increasing your activity level. Ask about the amounts and types of activities that may be best for you.

Bonus points: Did you know spending time in nature comes with mental health benefits? Taking your workout moves outside can help improve your mood and emotional well-being. Here's another tip: group fitness classes can be a good way to form social connections and foster positive relationships to further support your mental health. Grab a friend, get moving, and get those endorphins pumping

How can I find motivation and stay on track with exercise?

Sometimes getting into a workout routine is easier said than done. Luckily, there are so many resources to help you get excited about exercise and stay on track — it's all about finding what works. Your health plan may even offer a rewards program that offers incentives and fitness tracking tools to help you set and reach your exercise goals.

Another option is to partner up with a workout buddy. Having someone you can rely on (and who can rely on you) is an effective strategy to create healthy habits. That accountability factor is a game changer (and planks and push-ups may be a lot more fun with a friend).



To: Kurt E. Althouse, Interim City Manager
From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: 5/27/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending May 29, 2025

RECREATION CENTER

- Summer CampREC: On Tuesday, May 27, Summer CampREC kicked off! We are full for all weeks of summer camp with 60 participants per week. During their time with us, campers will have the opportunity to utilize the gym, rock wall, sports complex, and more! They'll also go on field trips and have plenty of visits from special guests throughout the summer!
- Pokémon Playtime: On May 12, we hosted a Pokémon Playtime at the Rec Center. Kids ages 5 – 14 were invited to come out and enjoy a Pokémon filled time. Children brought in their phones, cards, or other mobile gaming systems to battle and trade Pokémon with each other! There were 12 participants registered for this program.
- Delivery of the new VRC fitness floor strength machines took place on May 19. All 13 new machines work and everything looks impressive as well as the new power rack. Recreation Coordinator Josh Berry was able to move things around in the fitness center and was able to keep both old and new squat racks. Patrons are very appreciative of the new equipment and keeping both squat racks.
- Morton Middle School 8th grade class used the VRC pool to complete a STEM project, testing cardboard boats that the students made. The students had a blast racing their boats in the lap lane section of the pool.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

- The Art Park Amphitheater Ribbon Cutting Event took place on May 22. The weather wasn't perfect but that didn't stop a nice crowd for the event. As part of the ceremony, the amphitheater was officially named in honor of Bill Jergens. Many thanks to everyone that played a role in this impressive event.
- Cassel Hills Pool opened for the season on Saturday, May 24. Chilly weather had an impact on attendance as we only had 88 guests during the three-day period. To date, we have sold 137 Resident Passes, and 115 Non-resident Passes.
- Vandalia Sweet Treats Fest: This event was held at the Vandalia Sports Complex on Saturday, May 10 with a great turnout. Everyone was invited to indulge their sweet tooth in a symphony of flavors! We had a variety of sweet treats, non-food vendors, live music, and other activities to enjoy!

- Hula Workshop w/ Olohana's Polynesian Dance: On Friday, May 16, we hosted a free Summer Hula Workshop at the Art Park! The workshop, designed for the entire family, included learning basic steps of hula dance and a full dance routine. Approximately 70 people attended the workshop!
- We have seven businesses registered for the 37th Annual Corporate Challenge scheduled for June 2-6. Participating businesses include GE Aerospace, Johnson Electric, Inteva Products, Lincotek Medical, Kentner Sellers CPAs, PSA Airlines, and City of Vandalia. We are looking forward to another excellent event.
- Youth Baseball/Softball games have been affected by the recent rainy weather with numerous postponements. Recreation Coordinator Maecie Burkhardt is working to get all games rescheduled.
- Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken met with Smith Intermediate school staff at Art Park to place "Rocky" the snake. Start of snake below, it is much longer now with over 800 rocks! This collaborative project between the city and schools will remain in place for a couple of months.



CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

- Capital Electric was able to get the electric to the irrigation pumps taken care of last week. This allowed our existing irrigation system to be up and running for the season.
- Pro Pump and Controls completed the new irrigation pump panel installation that is part of the overall irrigation system project. Tim Bailey is adjusting our control satellites and hydraulics on the golf course.
- Golf Course maintenance staff fertilized the greens in early May and applied fungicides to the greens on May 15. The course is in great shape for the summer season.
- Commercial Irrigation and Turf, the contractor for the irrigation system project, has indicated they plan to mobilize and begin construction at Cassel Hills in early July. Golf staff will be communicating with golfers in advance of any hole closures during the project.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

- On May 6, two men from the Dayton Book Fair visited the Senior Center and left with ten boxes of books and puzzles that were overflowing the shelves.
- Life at the Senior Center got interesting on Friday, May 9. Work on Tionda Drive began, which shut down the road to traffic. The contractor began on Monday, May 12 replacing water lines. Toni Williams has emailed all the sponsors, speakers, and teachers to make them aware of the road closure and alternate routes to the facility.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

- Various full-time staff attended the following training sessions: Fall Protection, Confined Space, Chain Saw Operation and Aerial Equipment Operations. Great learning and skill improvement opportunities.
- Preparations for the ribbon-cutting for the Art Park Amphitheater. The Public Works department paved the final section of gravel access in the park. There is now access around the stage with access to the street for vendor vehicles, etc. No personal vehicle access will be permitted in the park.
- Park staff have taken on the maintenance of the 12 landscaped medians. We now feel we have enough staff to take these on and feel we can do a better job in maintaining them. For that reason, we have purchased an aerial board for use on the roadways as needed.
- The new Victory Park playground unit and safety surface installation has been completed. The playground has been inspected by our park staff and is now open for play.
- Final preparations were completed by maintenance staff for the opening weekend of Cassel Hills Swimming Pool.

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Brandon B. Sucher
Police Chief

Date: May 28, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending May 30, 2025

1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made six traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations while working eight additional enforcement hours. These stops resulted in three citations and three written warnings. An additional five stops were conducted on commercial vehicles during regular patrol hours, resulting in four citations and one written warning. During regular patrol an additional 170 passenger vehicles were stopped, resulting in 43 citations, 121 written and 13 verbal warnings.
2. SSM Wright attended the Motorola Summit Conference during the week of May 12. This conference focused on the technology used by VPD's Public Safety Specialists for both dispatching and record-keeping purposes as well as new software available for officers and dispatchers.
3. On May 14, VPD officers assisted with an emergency evacuation drill at St. Christopher School.
4. During the week of May 12, VPD sworn staff completed their annual range qualifications at the MCSO Range. This training was done during normal shift rotations to reduce training overtime and ensure proper road coverage during the week.
5. On May 12 and 13, Officer Blackford attended "Criminal Patrol" training in Sidney.
6. On May 16 in recognition of Police Week, Stonespring Skilled Nursing Facility provided the entire Division with lunch from Raising Cane's. Several other organizations and individuals dropped off cookies and other treats throughout the week.



7. On May 16, Chief Sucher and Captain Walker took part in a table-top mass casualty incident scenario as part of our ongoing public safety training strategy. The upcoming Flight Fest layout was used as an example and items learned will be put to use for future briefings and emergency response planning.
8. On May 16, Chief Sucher and Captain Walker attended the Vandalia-Butler High School Memorial service. This service honors those Vandalia-Butler service members who have been killed in action serving our country.
9. On May 19 and 20, Detective Coatsworth attended "Tech Threats and Trends" training in Centerville.
10. On May 19, Kailyn Overman was sworn in as VPD's newest police officer. She has previous experience with Jackson Center PD and Botkins PD. Her ceremonial swearing in took place at the City Council meeting that evening.
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14. On May 22, Chief Sucher and Captain Walker met with VFD personnel and the Chamber of Commerce to finalize details for the Flight Fest operational plans.
15. On May 23, Chief Sucher sat on a COPTALK panel for the Police Executive Leadership College in Dublin.
16. On May 27, VFD utilized the VPD training room for in-service training.
17. On May 28, Chief Sucher and Sergeant Nagel attended a meeting with airshow staff regarding Flight Fest coordination.
18. On May 28, Chief Sucher met with Chief Porter, BTPD, and South Community management to interview one of the two Mobile Crisis Responder candidates for our MCR program.
19. On May 28 and 29, Detective Estepp attended the "Law Enforcement Drug Summit" at THE Ohio State University.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: May 28, 2025
Subject: **Information Update for May 10 – 29, 2025**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project: All components for the sanitary lift station have been installed. This project is waiting on AES to set the electrical meter, so the station can be tested and commissioned into service.

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: Brumbaugh Construction has completed both Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) walls near the Taylorsville Dam and railroad tracks and is pouring the coping (concrete wall cap). Brumbaugh is trying to schedule CSX flaggers for the setting of the new bridge, which will cause a 3-day closure of US-40 between the railroad tracks and S Brown School Rd. Meanwhile, Security Fence continued working on the foundations for the new traffic signal mast arms and pedestrian pedestals at the National Rd/Brown School Rd and S Brown School Rd/Cassel Creek Dr/Scholz Dr intersections.

2025 Curb/Sidewalk project: Coate Construction has completed work in the Ashbury Farms neighborhood with Lancer Ave, Rader Dr, and Jan Ave to finish this year's project. Coate anticipates completing all work by 6/13, before Air Show.

Kenneth Avenue Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: Sturm Construction completed the sanitary sewer work in the curve and has installed all the new water services from Larry Ave to Virginia Ave.

Tionda, Mossview, Ranchview (TMR) Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: M&T Excavating has installed ~800 feet of new water main along S Tionda Dr, starting from S Dixie Dr, and is currently testing this section.

2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining project: Insight Pipe Contracting has completed the initial cleaning of these sanitary sewer mains. Insight Pipe will come back later in the summer to install the new linings.

2025 Street Resurfacing: Barrett Paving Materials plans to start the milling and subsequent paving work after Air Show.

Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs):

Anticipated Start	Project	Contractor
Autumn	Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (N) Watermain & Resurfacing	<i>out for bid in June</i>

The following sites have been inspected by DES staff:

- Certificate of Occupancy (CO) issued: Dayton Metro Pickleball at 6213 Miller Lane for tenant upfit of existing building
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) issued: CrossFit Excess at 267 W National Rd for the new gym build
- Another new home building permit issued: 707 Deerhurst Dr
- Various new home builds under construction & inspection in Foxfire Section 9 (now 11 of the 29 lots)
- Footing excavations adjacent to City sanitary sewer: Living Work Church at 926 E National Rd
- Final fire alarm inspection completed: Basic Vitamin at 300 Corporate Center Dr
- Final fire alarm inspection completed: Carter Express at 1655 Capstone Way

As part of Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) traffic count program (performed roughly every 3 years), Eggeman Engineering & Consulting will be deploying counting units for roughly 2-3 days each on the following roadways within the City:

- US-40 (8 counts)
- Dayton International Airport Access Rd (2 counts)
- National Rd (1 count)
- Cassel Rd (1 count)
- I-70 & I-75 ramps (tube counts)

As part of Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's (MVRPC) annual traffic count program, OAKS Engineering will be deploying video counting units on poles at the following roadways within the City this year (map attached). Locations are recounted every 3 years:

- Dog Leg Rd
- Peters Pk
- Helke Rd
- Dixie Dr (2 counts at 2 locations)

I attended the MVRPC May Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Cron, DES staff, and Fire Marshal Jacobs met for our monthly development meeting to discuss ongoing and proposed projects, ensuring all parties remain aligned and informed.

ACM Cron and I attended a grant review meeting for the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access (Ring Road) project. The project was submitted for ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding for the Construction phase at \$17.6 million. Previous phases (Preliminary Engineering, Detailed Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition) were funded at 80% federal/20% local. The 20% local is being split generally at 70% Montgomery County Engineer Office (MCEO)/30% City due to the project limits within each jurisdiction. **After grants and project split, the City is projected to pay only ~\$1.1 million of this roughly \$28 million total project cost**, which will improve the roadway, drainage, and add a shared use path from Inverness Ave to the Chewy facility on Lightner Rd.

DES staff met with CenterPoint Energy about an upcoming large transmission line replacement project slated for construction in 2028-2029.

Northern Area Water Authority (NAWA) –water supply treatment:

PW Superintendent Hayslett and I attended the NAWA Outfall Channel project 50% drawing review meeting for the plant's new outfall to the Great Miami River.

I attended the NAWA board meeting with yourself, Finance Director Leiter, and ACM Cron.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority (TCA) – wastewater treatment:

Public Works (PW) Superintendent Hayslett and I attended the monthly TCA technical committee meeting.

I attended the online bid opening for the TCA Mud Run Relief Sewer project to observe how an electronic bidding platform is used during the process.

DES & PW staff joined fellow City staff members to perform the annual Shred Day service for residents.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd): Chief Building Official (CBO) Mastrino, ACM Cron, PW Superintendent Hayslett, and I met to discuss the new facility. We plan to meet again with WDC Group to review the current design this Friday.

Streets:

Crews continued right-of-way (ROW) trimming of brush and vegetation along streets with the Trackless machine.

Crews filled potholes on N Dixie Dr, Airport Access Rd, and other various locations throughout town.

Crews installed Veteran banners, Purple Heart banners, and American flags in preparation of Memorial Day.

Crews completed the installing and wiring for the new set of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) for the crosswalk on Stonequarry Rd at Helke Rd.

Storm Sewer:

Crews fixed sinkholes starting to form near 267 W National Rd and 791 Deer Creek Dr due to issues with existing storm pipes and patched the roadways.

Crews continued to sweep the streets to remove debris from the curb gutters and prevent materials from being washed into the storm sewer during storm events.

Crews continued repairing catch basins on roadways planned for resurfacing this year.

Water:

Crews continued installing new water meters inside residences/businesses and outside in meter pits. Crews also passed out notices to residents who need to call the Water Division of the Finance Department to schedule the replacement of their inside water meter.

Crews replaced a broken main valve on S Tionda Dr old water main needed for the TMR project and fixed a water main break in the old main damaged by the removal of some unknown water service lines to the old Police Station at the current Seger Park.

Crews started fixing fire hydrants issues reported by the Fire Division during their annual hydrant flushing of the water mains and inspections.

Sanitary Sewer:

Crews performed monthly sanitary sewer lift station maintenance: making sure pumps are working correctly, pump float balls are cleaned, and documenting hourly pump reads.

Other Services:

Crews welcomed third grade students from Smith Intermediate School and St. Christopher School to the PW Garage for the annual Kids Days at PW. Kids were able to drive the street sweeper, raise/lower dump truck snowplows, ride up in the sign/lift truck, sit in various PW equipment, and learn about how we make street signs, our water distribution system, motorized sewer cameras operated by TCA (wastewater treatment plant), and generally learn about what we do to keep the City running.

Crews staffed the monthly large item debris drop-off event at the PW garage. This free service is available to residents on the second Saturday of each month from March through October, between 8am and 2pm.

A FREE service to Vandalia residents!

What can I bring to Large Item Dropoff?

Brush
Limbs
Dirt
Construction Debris
Fencing
Bricks and Blocks

What items are not accepted?

Refrigerators
AC Units
Appliances containing freon
Paint
Upholstered furniture
Tires
Batteries



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IMPORTANT - PLEASE BRING PROOF OF VANDALIA RESIDENCY

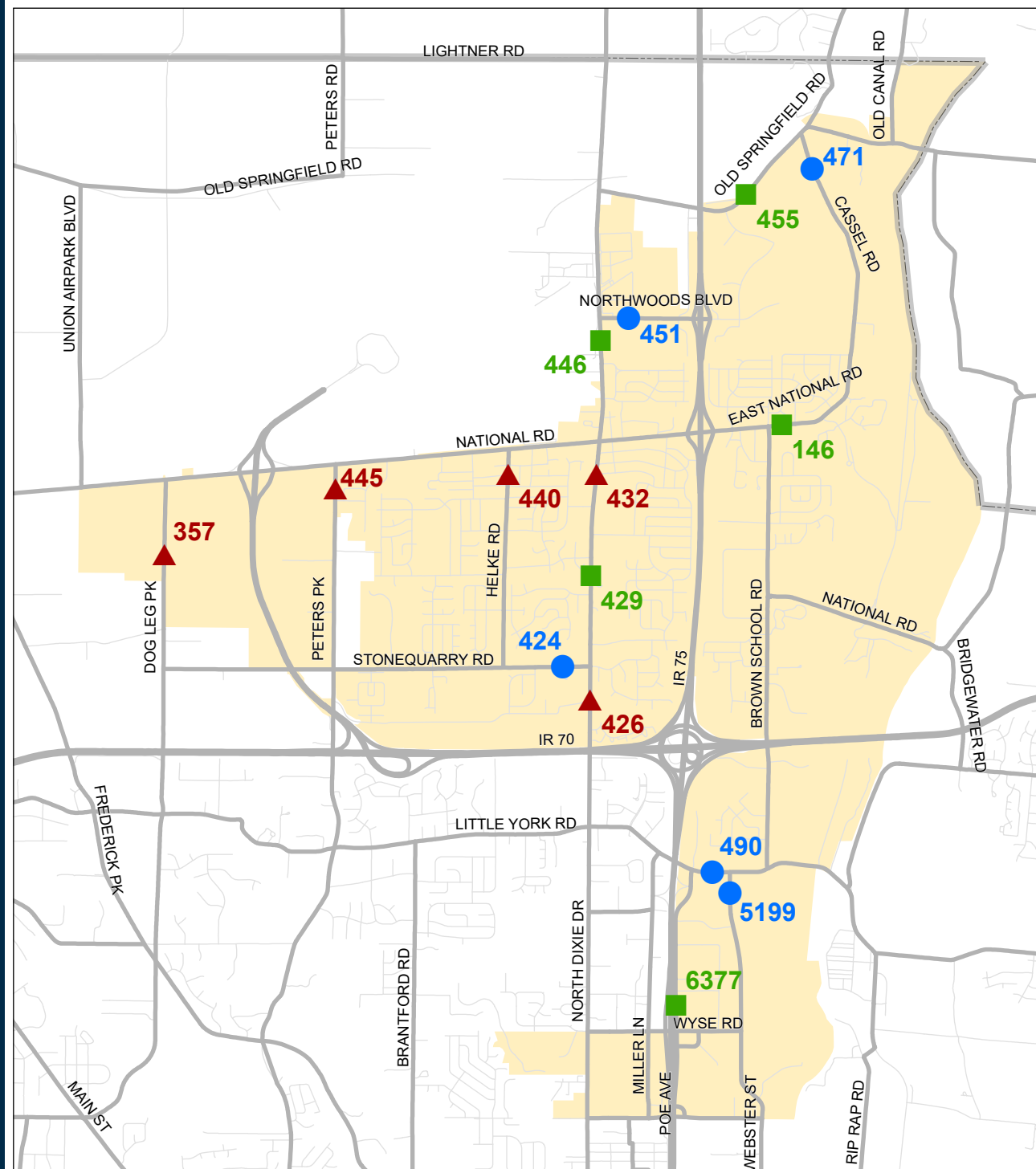
Crews poured the concrete for the last of the Spring placement of monument foundations at Poplar Hill cemetery and backfilled around all new monument foundations.

Crews performed 2 burials at Poplar Hill cemetery during this period.

Crews performed 106 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics repaired the alternator and fuel sending unit on the Front-End Loader, repaired a mounting bracket on the Trackless flail mower, and continued working on the Leaf Vacuum trailer engine repair.



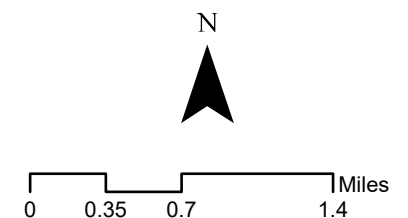
City of Vandalia

Program Locations by Year to Count

- 2024
- ▲ 2025
- 2026

- Major Roads
- Vandalia

Location descriptions can be found in the attached table using the ID number.



April 2024

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION DAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025
9:00 A.M. - NOON**

STREETS INCLUDED

Bosco Avenue • Damian Street
Desales Street • Hertlein Lane
Marcellus Drive • Neri Avenue
Paula Street • Pool Avenue
Pius Circle • Randler Avenue
Ricci Street • Romanus Drive
Soter Place • W Alkaline Springs Road



Your neighborhood is getting a makeover!

Join us on Saturday, June 7, 2025, for Neighborhood Beautification Day! Let our volunteers help you trim bushes, pull weeds, clear brush in your yard...

...and we will **haul it all away!**

This is your chance to clean out the garage and basement of old junky items just taking up space. We will have trucks ready to haul it away free of charge. If you can get your items to the curb, we will take it from there!

IMPORTANT: Haulers will not accept hazardous chemicals or fires. All upholstered furniture and mattresses will need to be wrapped in plastic.

PLUS - Free smoke detector checks and battery replacements will be available upon request.

Assistance is available!
Need help? Call (937) 415-2329.
Special assistance will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



For more information, contact
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THUNDERBIRDS

JUNE 20, 2025

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS WILL VISIT THE VANDALIA RECREATION CENTER AT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20 AT 9 A.M. TO DELIVER A YOUTH-FOCUSED PRESENTATION, WHICH WILL INCLUDE TOPICS ON LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONALISM AND GOAL ACHIEVEMENT. SPONSORED BY THE VANDALIA-BUTLER OPTIMIST CLUB AND VANDALIA PARKS & RECREATION

Admission to the event is free, but capacity is limited. Ages 5 & older.

Vandalia Rec Center, 1111 Stonequarry Rd, Dayton, OH 45414

Please RSVP via the QR code below



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THANK YOU FOR

37 YEARS

OF DEDICATION



Steve Clark, Vandalia Parks & Recreation Director, is retiring!

Let's celebrate Steve! Please stop by to congratulate him and reminisce about all the wonderful times he's had with us!

**FRIDAY
JUNE 13**

1-3PM

**HELKE
PARK
SHELTER #1**

