

# THE BLUE LETTER



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July 11, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

The past month has been filled with many fun-filled activities and events in Vandalia. It has been great to see the community's excitement and involvement in various activities and enjoying the summer weather while getting out to meet neighbors, support local businesses, and enjoy the City's great amenities.

On Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the City hosted *Stars, Stripes, and Songs* at the new amphitheater with the U.S. Air Force's *Band of Flight* performing a variety of musical tunes to entertain attendees. These talented musicians who serve our military and are stationed at Wright-Patt AFB perform dozens of concerts annually while travelling to various military bases and community events. There were approximately 250 in attendance at this engaging concert, and we look forward to keeping them as an annual performer.

Air Show weekend kicked off with FlightFest at the Sports Complex on Friday and Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. FlightFest was a collaboration between the Chamber, Air Show officials, and the City. Friday evening's event featured food trucks, vendors, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds pilots and crew staff, other air show performers, and a special appearance by the Lt. Dan Band, featuring Gary Sinise, with nearly 4,000 in attendance. Saturday evening's event featured music by the band Pulse. We received many positive comments from the community and attendees commenting on how much they enjoyed this event. There were no major issues, disturbances, injuries, or medical emergencies during the festivities.

Although air show weekend dealt us with hot temperatures this year, we enjoyed a wonderful event with various military and air show performers performing a spectacular show. Special thanks to our police, fire, and public works employees who worked extra hours to provide support, protection, and assistance for the event over the weekend.

On Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, the City hosted the Chamber's annual Food Truck Rally at the Sports Complex for another great event for families and guests to participate in. Although the weather was not the most conducive, there were still plenty of fun times with various food options and other enjoyable activities.



On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the City hosted the annual Star-Spangled Celebration at the Sports Complex featuring food trucks, music, vendors, and a spectacular fireworks show. The Fire Division worked closely with Rozzi's Fireworks during set-up and inspections. There were no major incidents or issues during the evening's festivities and the crowd enjoyed the fireworks. Special thanks to Butler Township and supporting partners, including Airport Toyota, Smedley's Chevrolet, Beau Townsend Ford, Fifth-Third Bank, Digital Cowboy, and Pickrel, Schaeffer, & Ebeling in making this one of the region's best Independence celebrations.

I want to thank Council and staff for participating in Monday evening's Council Retreat. We had an evening packed with updates on our bike path extension project, a Fire Training facility, the new Public Works Facility, the Tri-Cities upcoming construction project, utility rates review, updates to the City's Personnel & Policy Manual, residential development projects, and a presentation by Synergy. I appreciate the feedback and comments from Council in providing support and direction on these projects.

On Tuesday morning, July 8<sup>th</sup>, fire crews were dispatched to a possible structure fire on Stop Eight Road. Crews arrived to find no fire but quickly determined the incident was a hazardous materials leak. Dayton Regional Haz-Mat was requested and responded to the scene to mitigate a hydrochloric acid leak within the building. Vandalia Fire crews along with multiple mutual aid companies and police set up a safety zone and traffic restrictions in the area that were in effect for approximately five hours.

Brumbaugh Construction installed the new bridge over the CSX rail lines during the 3-day closure of US-40 over Taylorsville dam. Brumbaugh also completed the final grade and seeded by the MetroPark's north dam parking lot. Security Fence is waiting on AES to set the meter for the new traffic signals power at the National Rd/Brown School Rd intersection before they can use the new system. The old traffic signal poles and mast arms will be taken down and reassembled at S. Brown School Rd/Cassel Creek Dr/Scholz Dr intersection.



Ohio HB 96 recently passed and includes requirements for cities to formally adopt a cybersecurity plan. I.T. Director Davey is working to update our current cybersecurity and disaster recovery plan and get additional input from departments in September. After the plan is updated, we will submit the plan to City Council for approval.



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 – July 11 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – July 11, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – July 11, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – July 11, 2025;
5. Information Update - Interim Parks & Recreation Director McCracken – July 11, 2025;
6. Information Update - Police Chief Sucher – July 11, 2025;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – July 11, 2025;
8. Information Update - IT Manager Davey – July, 11, 2025;
9. June 2025 Division of Fire Monthly Statistics
10. Senior Center August 2025 Newsletter



**To:** Kurt Althouse, Interim City Manager  
**From:** Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager  
**Date:** July 10, 2025  
**Re:** Information Update for June 21 – July 11, 2025

Congratulations to Chad Baughman as being selected for this month's Employee Spotlight.

**Employee Spotlight**  
**July, 2025**



**Chad Baughman**  
**ENG/GIS Technician**

Chad Baughman has served as Vandalia's Engineering/GIS Technician for more than 25 years, playing a vital role in keeping the City running smoothly.

He designs construction drawings for projects like water main replacements, sewer lines, and street repairs, and manages GIS mapping for zoning and utility planning. "I enjoy taking an idea from a concept to a set of drawings and then seeing it actually built," Chad says.

Chad also handles administrative work at Poplar Hill Cemetery, helping families with both preplanning and during difficult times. "It's nice to help people get the help they need," he shares.

What he enjoys most? The people. "Vandalia residents are always friendly and appreciative of the work we do."

Thank you, Chad, for your years of service and dedication to our community!



- 📍 I attended the MVRMA Board meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was discussed at the meeting the path going forward with Mark Wending, the Executive Director, announcing his retirement. We also discussed the desire of another community to join MVRMA.
- 📍 You and I attended the Tri Cities Wastewater Authority monthly board meeting on June 25. The CMAR contractor for the plant improvement was there to give a short presentation of where we are with the project to date.
- 📍 I met with Ohio Economic Development Association's president & CEO, David Zak to give him an update on things going on in Vandalia and more specifically our economic development efforts and programs. [Click here](#) to see their post on LinkedIn about his visit.



- ♥ Ben Borton and I participated in a joint meeting with Montgomery County Engineer's Office, Montgomery County TID, Miami County Engineer, Butler Township, City of Union and Monroe Township to discuss many of the ongoing and proposed roadway and development projects surrounding the airport. We plan to meet monthly just to keep everyone updated and on the same page as we all try to encourage development but also try to minimize the impact to roadways and our residents.
- ♥ Ben Lickliter and I met with representatives from Hampton Golf to discuss our golf course operations. They spent a couple days here at Cassel Hills to provide an evaluation of our entire operations. We look forward to hearing what they have to say in their report.
- ♥ You and I met with Patrick Schwartz from Highbridge Consulting. Patrick gave us an update on many legislative items at the state level and we also discussed the potential to submit our Public Works Facility as a project for some potential funding in next year's State Capital Budget.
- ♥ We also met with State Representative Rodney Creech to discuss our Public Works Facility funding, asking for his support. I also took Mr. Creech on a tour of our existing facility and the site for our new complex.
- ♥ Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the City Council Retreat this past Monday. This less formal setting is a great way to share things with City Council to get some feedback and direction on upcoming issues and projects. We have a lot of exciting opportunities coming up and it is great to see the support from City Council.
- ♥ We continue to meet with WDC Group to review the progress of the engineering and design of the new Public Works Facility at 810 Northwoods Boulevard. Meetings are scheduled every two weeks to answer questions and keep the project on schedule. Our goal is still to have the project out for bid and award a contract in late 2025.
- ♥ You and I attended the Dayton Development Coalition's Regional Economic Development Forum this week held at GE Aviation's facility in Beavercreek. The Dayton Region continues its momentum in economic development with many projects already in progress or projected for the near future.
- ♥ I met with two separate companies these past two weeks that have interest in the large facility at 1669 Capstone Way. Several inquiries have come in within the past couple months.
- ♥ The Planning Commission met on July 8<sup>th</sup> to review four items that will be moving forward to the next Council Study Session on July 21<sup>st</sup>.
  1. PUD Amendment & Final Plan for Redwood Phase 3 on Park Center Drive.
  2. PUD Rezoning & Preliminary Plan for Residential Development on Corporate Center Drive.
  3. Rezoning at 3675 Wyse Road from Office/Industrial Park to Highway Business and Industrial.
  4. Conditional Use at 3675 Wyse Road for Truck Facility in Industrial District.
- ♥ Mike Hammes, Ben Graham, Ben Borton and I met with developer for the Foxfire Subdivision. We discussed their proposal for moving forward with Section 8 of the development. Seventeen of the twenty-nine lots in Section 9 have been issued building permits with several homes already completed.

# Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: July 9, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending July 11, 2025

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1. I participated in first round interviews for Parks & Recreation Director.
2. I attended a council retreat.
3. Kristen Carnes, Tiffany Barnes and I participated in an Accounts Payable Automation System Demo by Tyler Technologies. The new feature will enhance the processing of citywide payment remittances with the addition of electronic approvals on all invoices. The new system will provide flexibility by streamlining the current process with paperless functionality and maintain deadlines in which the payments are released to vendors.
4. I attended a meeting with you and Rob to discuss updates regarding Community Reinvestment Area.
5. Natalie Montgomery and I attended a meeting with you regarding recent OP&F legal changes.
6. I participated in training webinars (Part 1 and 2) for Operating & Maintenance Budget by ClearGov.
7. You and I participated in two preparation conference calls regarding the upcoming Land Acquisition Note renewal for the debt on the Stonequarry Crossing land.



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## DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

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**TO:** KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF  
**DATE:** 7/10/2025  
**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING JULY 11, 2025

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1. Recently, our area has been under a heat advisory. The Division of Fire has taken to social media to remind the community to be weather aware, to stay cool and to stay safe. The Division of Fire social media posts will have useful information on recognizing heat emergencies and when to call 911.
2. The Division of Fire participated at the Dayton Air Show and the festivities leading up to the show weekend. New this year, was the Flight Fest event on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. This new event took place instead of the annual parade. The Division of Fire provided EMS strike teams throughout the City for the various events and for the Air Show through the weekend. The show was a hot one, but crews were ready to serve and assist when needed.
3. The Division of Fire is sad to report the passing of our long-time Fire Chaplain, Steve Veg, on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Veg provided his services and care to multiple fire departments in the northern Miami Valley for over 30 years and had been with the Vandalia Division of Fire for 22 years. Chaplain Veg was laid to rest on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Known to us as "Chappy", he will be missed along with his stories and care around the firehouse.
4. The Division of Fire provided an EMS Strike Team to the Chamber of Commerce Food Truck Rally on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Division of Fire provided an EMS Strike Team on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Huber Heights Star Spangled Fireworks event. We are always glad to be able to help out our neighbors.
6. Training for crews this past reporting period was Surgical Cric training with Premier Health and Stroke training with Kettering Health.



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## DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

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7. The Division of Fire participated in another fun and successful Star-Spangled Celebration event on July 3rd. The Prevention Bureau was especially busy the day of and leading up to the event, working closely with our shooting crew with set up and inspections. Crews on duty July 3<sup>rd</sup>, also provided strike teams for any needs the crowd may have had.
8. A “big thank” you to Butler Community Church “Lunch Crew” who provided lunch to our on-duty crews July 6<sup>th</sup>. The recognition and care are very much appreciated.
9. On July 8<sup>th</sup> crews were called to a structure fire on Stop Eight Road. Crews arrived to find no fire but quickly determined the incident was a hazardous materials leak. Dayton Regional Haz Mat was called to the scene who mitigated a hydrochloric acid leak within the building. Vandalia crews along with multiple mutual aid companies and police set up a safety zone and traffic restrictions in the area that were in effect for about 5 hours that morning.

# Memo



**To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager**

**From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager**

**Date: July 8, 2025**

**Re: Information Update – Period Ending July 11, 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. McGohan Brabender Advocate Team. Do you need help navigating a claim or billing? Employees can submit their cases to McGohan Brabender's Advocate Team. This service is locally based and free of charge. <https://client.mcgohanbrabender.com/new-request-to-mbs-customer-advocate-team/>
3. **Heat Safety Prevention**  
<https://www.osha.gov/heat/heat-app>
4. **Supreme Court Upholds ACA Preventative Care Mandates.** On June 27, 2025 the US Supreme Court [upheld](#) Congress' ability to have many of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) preventive care mandates be determined based on "A" and "B" recommendations of the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). As a result, there is no change to the method for determining which ACA preventive care services non-grandfathered medical/Rx plans must cover in-network without cost sharing.

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager  
From: Alicia McCracken, Interim Parks & Recreation Director  
Date: 7/9/2025  
Re: Information Update – Period ending July 10, 2025

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July is Parks and Recreation Month!

Check out the Vandalia Parks and Recreation Facebook page as we interview staff about their passion for Parks and Recreation! <https://www.facebook.com/VandaliaRec>

RECREATION CENTER

1. VRC annual pool shutdown is Monday, July 28-Friday, August 8.
2. VRC Birthday Parties for June 2025: 20- Non-resident; 9- resident
3. VRC Attendance for June 2025- 17,400 compared to 15,452 in June 2024.
4. YTD active Insurance Based Memberships- 1,349
5. July's Free Class Spotlight is Zumba with Jessica, Thursdays at 10:30am in the studio.
6. We have 135 people participating in the 25 days of Summer Challenge.
7. We had 175 Insurance Based Members visits 10 times or more in June.
8. Michele Reckner has joined the front desk staff.
9. The VRC outdoor playground connected to the Ricky's Tiny Tikes is complete.



RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

1. The 8u Girls were the Champions of the end of season tournament in Tipp City this season!



2. The Boys G-ball (8U) in-house tournament finished with the Reds coming in first place. Runner up being the Rockies. They are pictured below.





3. 10u Boys All-Star team won the Boro Bash All-Star Tournament on June 27-29.



4. Youth Soccer and NFL Flag Football registrations continue. We have 325 kids signed up for both leagues.
5. Cassel Hills Pool attendance for June was 6,060 compared to 4,884 in June 2024. To date we have sold 545 Resident/Taxpayer passes and 428 Non-resident passes. Pool memberships are now ½ off for the remainder of the season.
6. Picnic Party w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Tuesday, July 1, Eat Pretty Darling led this youth cooking class at the senior center. Participants learned cooking skills while creating a delicious picnic dinner that they were able to enjoy outside. There were 5 participants enrolled in this program.
7. Stars, Stripes, & Stretch Goat Yoga: On Tuesday, July 1, the Grazing Ground hosted Stars, Stripes, & Stretch Goat Yoga at the VRC. There were 10 participants signed up for this patriotic-themed yoga session, which combined gentle stretches, joyful goat interactions, and plenty of red, white, and blue vibes!
8. American Sky w/ Miss Elissa: On Wednesday, July 2, Miss Elissa led an adult painting class at Helke Park! There were 8 participants registered for this program. Those in attendance painted a red, white, and blue "American Sky" through step-by-step instruction from Miss Elissa.
9. Sand Volleyball Camp w/ Skyhawks: Skyhawks will be hosting Sand Volleyball camp from July 14-18 at the Sports Complex from 9:00am-4:00pm each day. Campers ages 8-13 will learn a variety of volleyball skills in addition to learning leadership and teamwork skills as well! There are currently 8 campers registered for this program.
10. Sizzling Sides w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Tuesday, July 15, Eat Pretty Darling will be leading an adult cooking class where participants will explore delicious and refreshing summer barbecue sides that are perfect for elevating their next cookout! There are currently 5 participants registered for this program.
11. Summer Splashtacular: On Friday, July 18, we will be hosting our Summer Splashtacular at the Sports Complex from 11:30am-2:00pm. This is a free event where we will be teaming up with the Fire Department to provide a soaking good time! There will be a food truck and B & J's Shaved Ice on-site as well!
12. Parent & Me Adventure Camp: On Monday, July 21, we will be holding our second Parent & Me Adventure Camp Day at Helke Park! The theme is Animal Adventure. Campers and their parents will be able to participate in a variety of fun games, crafts, songs, and animal themed activities. There are currently 6 participants registered for this program.
13. Multi-Sport Camp w/ Skyhawks: Skyhawks will be hosting Sand Volleyball camp from July 21-25 at the Sports Complex from 9:00am-4:00pm each day. Campers ages 7-12 will try multiple sports and learn the rules to go along with them. Beyond skill development, participants will also learn sportsmanship and teamwork. There are currently 6 campers registered for this program.

14. Paulette's Princess Party- Frozen Extravaganza: On Tuesday, July 22, Paulette's Princess Party will be hosting a Frozen Extravaganza at Art Park as part of the Summer Series. The show will feature Frozen characters, interactive performances, and plenty of unforgettable moments. There will also be food trucks and face painting onsite for the event.
15. Stars, Stripes and Songs w/ USAF Band of Flight: The United States Air Force Band of Flight played at Art Park on Thursday, June 19. We had around 250 at the event and the band was engaging like always. We look forward to keeping them as an annual performer.
16. We're in Week 7 of Summer CampREC, and it's been an amazing summer so far! Each week has had between 55–60 campers, and everyone has been having a great time with our field trips, guest presenters, and themed activities. Recreation Coordinator Sara Moyer and Camp Supervisor are conducting mid-summer evaluations for camp staff.
17. On Thursday, July 10, Nathan Teller, our VPRD summer intern, will be leading a camp day as part of his summer internship project. He's been working to plan and coordinate all beach-themed activities for the day and will be facilitating them with the help of our camp counselors.

#### CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

1. We had over 11 inches of rain in the month of June. Golf Superintendent Marty Szturm has only watered greens twice and fairways once through end of June. A normal season he waters almost every day.
2. Clubhouse held another rental this past period with 40 guests.
3. Golf Pro Ben Lickliter met with the Butler High School golf coaches to finalize their home schedule.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. The Monday and Friday seated exercise class broke a class record this week of 20 participants.
2. As of the end of June, we have 743 Vandalia Senior Center members and 15 of them joining in June.
3. One-way Vantran rides for June 2025- 189; year to date Van Tran rides- 821

#### FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. Parks staff is non-stop mowing, rains so far this year have contributed to a lot of grass growth. Seasonal staff is doing a great job helping us keep up.
2. Staff ran the northeast roof drain stormwater drain at the Clubhouse . They also removed several areas of roots and it is flowing correctly now.
3. We had some AES power issues which required staff to check and reset some of our HVAC equipment, timers etc.
4. Parks Staff is in the process of completing the soil work around the new Robinette Park playground. The playground installation contractor is completing the punch list today. Turf installer is scheduled Thursday and Friday to complete the turf and mound install.
5. Even with all the rain, new trees require the root ball to be watered as needed. We have been watering street trees and other newly planted trees as needed.
6. With the rain, comes weeds in our landscape bed areas . Crews have been working to keep all our landscape beds in good condition. We applied mulch to some of our bed areas at the sports complex prior to the recent special events.

7. Baseball field preparations continue with ball game prep and weed control on our infields and warning tracks.
8. Buildings staff repaired multiple city flag poles, clips and ropes.

# Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse  
City Manager

From: Brandon Sucher  
Police Chief

Date: July 10, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending July 11, 2025

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1. During the past three weeks, VPD officers made 11 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in four traffic citations and seven written warnings while working eight additional enforcement hours.
2. Flight Fest took place on June 20 and 21, with the first night being a large event including the Thunderbirds pilots, the Lt. Dan Band with actor, Gary Sinise, and other air show performers. Though over 10,000 people registered online for the event, there were no major issues, disturbances, injuries, or medical emergencies.
3. VPD handled traffic and parking for the air show on June 21-22 without incident.
4. On June 24, Chief Sucher participated in the first round of interviews for the City's new Parks & Recreation Director.
5. Detectives charged a 33-year-old male subject for Strangulation. The male suspect was an acquaintance of the female and strangled her during sexual intercourse. The female lost consciousness twice and had several visible injuries to her neck, throat, and face. The male suspect was arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Jail.
6. On June 26, the Division hosted the assessment center portion of the promotional process for the next sergeant.
7. Chief Sucher attended the second round of interviews for police sergeant during the week of June 30.
8. On July 1, Luke Mitchell started his internship at the Vandalia Police Department. He will be with us during the month of July. Luke is a Vandalia Butler graduate and plays football for the University of Dayton. Luke will be exposed to how the police department works.
9. On July 2, Officer Sommer participated in a Focus Vandalia video for the upcoming National Night Out.

10. On July 3, Captain Walker and Officers Christian, Fraley, Myers, Stelzer, and Stout worked the Star-Spangled Celebration at the sports complex. Due to the detonation of a device in a trash barrel in a neighboring community, VPD's officers attended a joint briefing with VFD to communicate standards and plans in the event of a possible large-scale critical incident. There were no significant events or traffic issues, and all vehicles exited the complex by 10:45 p. m.
11. Detectives charged a 32-year-old subject for Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. The male suspect took his ex-girlfriend's car keys and vehicle without her consent while visiting her son at 7575 Poe Avenue.
12. On July 7, Chief Sucher participated in the City Council Retreat.
13. On July 9, Captain Walker attended a leadership meeting in Miamisburg where local law enforcement command staff collaborated on shared interests & current events.

## Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager  
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service  
Date: July 10, 2025  
Subject: **Information Update for June 21 – July 11, 2025**

### **Development & Engineering Services (DES)**

Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project: During the commissioning process, some components were found to not communicate as they should with other components of the sanitary lift station. Those “issue” components were changed out and the lift station is now operational.

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: Brumbaugh Construction installed the new bridge over the CSX rail lines during the 3-day closure of US-40 over Taylorsville dam. Brumbaugh also final graded and seeded by the MetroPark’s north dam parking lot. Security Fence is waiting on AES to set the meter for the new traffic signals power at the National Rd/Brown School Rd intersection before they can use the new system. The old traffic signal poles and mast arms will then be taken down and reassembled at S Brown School Rd/Cassel Creek Dr/Scholz Dr intersection.



Kenneth Avenue Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: Sturm Construction connected the new water main to the existing main at Larry Ave/Kenneth Ave and subsequently decommissioned the old water main. Sturm has been working on concrete curb & sidewalk repairs and soil restoration. Sturm is planning to mill & pave Kenneth Ave late-July to early-August.

Tionda, Mossview, Ranchview (TMR) Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: M&T Excavating has new water main installed on all of Tionda Dr and to the north side of National Rd. All this new main has been filled, tested, and received passing results. M&T has started connecting the new main to other existing crossing water mains and new services to residences.

2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining project: Insight Pipe Contracting has completed the sewer main lining work for this year's project. Their chemical grouting subcontractor will perform the grouting of service laterals into the main at a later date.

2025 Street Resurfacing: Barrett Paving Materials has milled all the streets for this year's project. Barrett plans to complete the paving work by the middle of next week with final thermoplastic striping, traffic signal loop repairs, and raising of manhole (MH) lids & water main valve box lids to follow.

Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs):

| Anticipated Start | Project                                                        | Contractor                                               |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Autumn            | Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (N)<br>Watermain & Resurfacing | Apparent low: CG<br><i>Construction &amp; Utilities*</i> |

\*Going to Council for award on 7/21

The following sites have been inspected or reviewed by DES staff:

- 19 of the 29 single-family homes in Foxfire Section 9 under review, construction & inspection, or completed
- Ongoing inspections: Redwood Phase 2 apartments at the east end of Park Center Dr
- Ongoing inspections: Rodz Builders office at 234 W National Rd
- Ongoing inspections: Curry & Grill restaurant at 722 W National Rd (old Stubbies)
- Construction started: Fifth Third ATM at 750 W National Rd (Imperial Shopping Center)
- Application under review: All Phase Electric supplier at 7496 Webster St
- Application under review: Electro Polish metal finisher at 6161 Ventnor Ave
- Application under review: new single-family home at 85 Stonequarry Rd

Eggeman Engineering & Consulting continues performing traffic counts for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) throughout town (zero cost to City). These could be seen as black hoses stretched across the roadways attached to counting devices.



As part of our water tower maintenance contract, USG Water has started preparing the outside of the Inverness Ave water tower for a new exterior paint coating. With this new coating, the new City branding will be updated, making this the first water tower in the City with the new logo. In preparation for this work, Public Works (PW) crews drained the tower. The City can maintain adequate water pressure and supply utilizing only 2 of the 3 City water towers with close monitoring & support from NAWA.



During this period, I met with multiple residents to review and discuss the current drainage on their properties. It is worth reminding residents that **direct discharge of water (from gutters, etc.) onto a neighboring property is not allowed in the City**. With the large amount of rainfall in short storms we have been experiencing this spring/summer, some residents have been trying to alleviate their problems by discharging the water away and accidentally causing more problems for neighbors.

I participated in the first-round interviews for the new Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director.

Construction Inspector Games and I attended an ODOT pre-construction meeting for the emergency repairs to the Stop Eight Rd bridge from the bridge hit this past autumn.

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Cron and I attended a Miami/Montgomery County Coordination meeting to discuss the ongoing infrastructure improvement projects around the airport.

I met with JP Mohler to discuss a potential new revenue stream for the City through filing for a refund on the State's excise fuel tax. Our bulk fuel used for City vehicles is already federal tax-free but does include some State tax that is potentially refundable for certain specialized equipment (Fire apparatus, Police patrol cruisers, large PW vehicles, etc.).

DES staff met with P&R staff and OHM Advisors to discuss and help finalize the Robinette Splashpad project documents.

I met with American StructurePoint to discuss the results of this year's bridge inspections in the City, through their contract with ODOT (zero cost to City).

DES & PW staff have held numerous internal meetings in preparation for the upcoming budget season. Engineering/GIS Technician Baughman and I met with Choice One Engineering to look at some potential stormwater and sanitary projects to address issues found during inspections.

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

Public Works (PW) Superintendent Hayslett and I coordinated with NAWA in preparations for the next round of 3-year testing for lead & copper requirements.

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

PW Superintendent Hayslett and I attended the monthly TCA technical committee meeting.

**Public Works (PW)**

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd):

Chief Building Official (CBO) Mastrino, ACM Cron, PW Superintendent Hayslett, IT Manager Davey, Electrical/Building Inspector Martin, and I continue to meet with WDC Group, Choice One Engineering, and other subconsultants on a 2-3 week basis to discuss the new facility and assist with the development of the final design. The plan is to have this project out for bid this autumn and construction to start soon after.

Streets:

Crews fixed the manhole (MH) at National Rd/Foley Dr; the MH riser was offset and the blocks below the casting were deteriorated. Crews did a good job pouring 8 cubic yards (CY) of low strength mortar (LSM) around the MH and installing new concrete riser rings under the MH casting. This work with finished with recycled asphalt to the roadway surface using our hot box trailer.

Crews also fixed a MH on National Rd, across from Larry Ave, by installing new concrete riser rings under the MH casting, resetting the casting/lid, and topping with recycled asphalt to the roadway surface.

Crews removed concrete around a few MHs on Stoney Springs Rd that was deteriorating. This allowed Barrett Paving to put asphalt directly around the MH for a better finished roadway surface.

Crews repaired a catch basin (CB) and replaced some sections of curb/gutter on Little York Rd. Crews did a great job with handling traffic control and flagging around the work at this tight location on a high traffic roadway.

Crews finished spraying around guardrail and began spraying curb gutters as part of our annual herbicide program. Crews started on the east side of the City and are working west.

#### Storm Sewer:

Crews investigated a sinkhole on Stoney Springs Rd by hydro-excavating down to the concrete storm pipe. Crews found an offset joint and were able to pour concrete around the pipe to seal it and prevent the sinkhole.

A sinkhole on Elva Ct was reported and coned/barreled to prevent drivers from hitting it. Crews have started hydro-excavating to locate the issue near the large 72" storm pipe under the roadway.

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

#### Water:

Crews did a great job installing new 1-1/2" water meters on S Brown School Rd for multiple apartment buildings. These larger meters are more difficult to install and are located in old outside meter pits which make for hard working conditions. Crews also installed a new 3" meter at Adare Pharmaceutical and continued installing new water meters inside residences.

Crews performed the monthly water shut-offs of delinquent water accounts for the Water division of the Finance department (70 this month).

Crews fixed a water main break at the well house in Taylorsville MetroPark for the golf course irrigation system. Crews did a great job cutting out old valves and installed a repair clamp on the 10" water main.

#### Sanitary Sewer:

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

#### Other Services:

Crews installed & removed signage, barricades, and No Parking signs for the Air Show, Flight Fest, and Star-Spangled Celebration.

Crews came in to set up/tear down cones on Northwoods Blvd in the morning & afternoon each day of the Air Show and were on-call/ready to help whenever the Police Division needed.

Crews installed Star-Spangled Celebration banners and American flags for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Crews removed these after the holiday and installed Bee City banners.

Crews performed 3 burials at Poplar Hill cemetery during this period.

Crews performed 145 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

The monthly large item debris drop-off event will be this Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Also, this Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>, Scene 75 will be having a Touch-A-Truck event at their facility. Crews will be bringing some equipment to allow the public to get up close and explain some of the work PW does for the community.

#### Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics repaired a coolant hose on the Fire Division's Engine and wiring on utility truck #2. The mechanics also serviced Medic 1 and Medic 2.

The mechanics worked with Rodoc (formerly Midway Trailer Sales) to receive our new equipment tilt trailer.

Head Mechanic Skaggs has also been requesting and reviewing quotes for the 2026-2030 capital improvement budget items.

# Information Update



**To:** Kurt E. Althouse  
City Manager

**From:** Darren Davey, IT Manager

**Date:** July 10, 2025

**Subject:** Information Update for June 21 – July 11, 2025

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1. The installation of the new Mitel phone system will include approximately 250 phones, and the deployment process will take a few weeks to complete. We do not yet have a confirmed cutover date for the new phone system or a finalized schedule for user training. I expect to have more information available by next week and will share updates as they become available.
  2. Ohio HB 96 includes requirements for cities to formally adopt a cybersecurity plan. I will update our current cybersecurity and disaster recovery plan and get additional input from departments in September. After the plan is updated, I will submit the plan to City Council for approval.
  3. I took pictures and video of several construction projects over the past few weeks. This includes the bikeway project, Ranchview Dr, Kenneth Ave, and the new public works parcel. I also filmed portions of Flight Fest and provided aerial surveillance during the event in coordination with the VFD.
  4. The IT Department further expanded our offices in the basement of the Justice Center, taking over a small portion of the basement that was used by the Public Defender's Office. This gives IT additional space for storage and an office. I have moved my office from the "IT Common Area" to the newly acquired office across the hall.
  5. Paul, Ben, and Thai continue to do a great job supporting the daily helpdesk tasks as well as working on new projects and hardening our security. Much of what they do behind the scenes often goes unnoticed, and they are constantly taking on new responsibility and learning new skills. We are fortunate to have such a great IT Team!

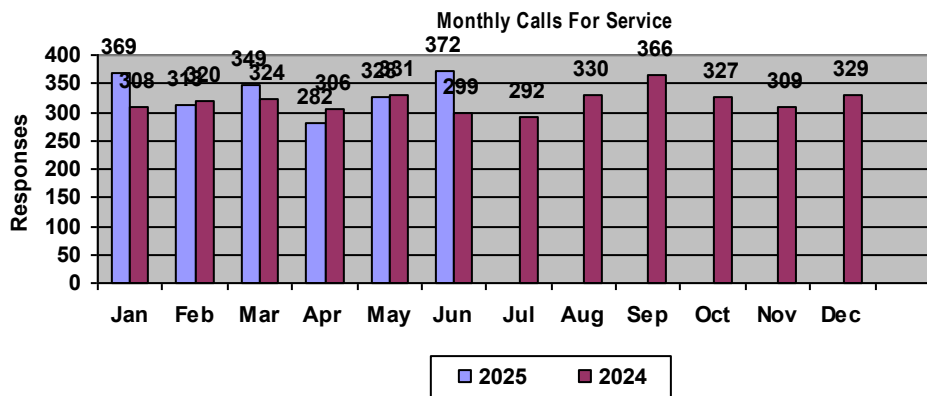


## MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ALL PERSONNEL  
**FROM:** CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF  
**SUBJECT:** JUNE 2025 STATISTICS  
**DATE:** 7/11/2025

### CALLS FOR SERVICE

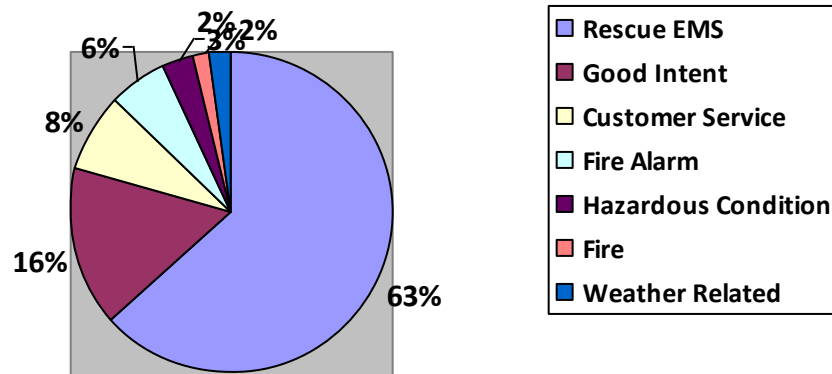
The Division of Fire responded on 372 calls for service in June (235 EMS calls and 137 fire calls). An average of approximately twelve 12 calls for service per day.



**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 June approximately **29%** of the call volume overlapped.

Crews responded to 372 calls for service in June, the chart below outlines call types:

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



1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (61%) - 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 (16%) - Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
3. Customer Service Calls (8%) - 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 (6%) - 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 (3%) - 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 (2%)- Fire loss reported **\$22,200** in June.
7. Severe Weather/Weather Related Response (2%)- wires down, arching wires, trees down, damage assessment, and/or road clearance.



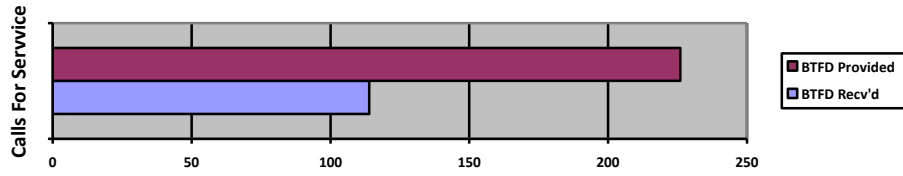
## MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA

In June, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on thirty-three **(33)** occasions and we received mutual aid on fifteen occasions **(15)** occasions.

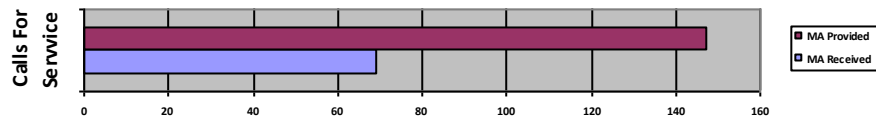
In June, we received a “joint response” from Butler Fire/EMS on seventeen **(17)** occasions and we provided Butler with a “joint response” resource on forty-two **(42)** occasions.

| Department              | Mutual Aid Received<br>(1754) | Mutual Aid Provided<br>(1616) | Joint Response Received | Joint Response Provided |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Butler Fire (57-101)    |                               |                               | <b>17</b>               | <b>42</b>               |
| Brookville (57-003)     |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Bethel Miami (55-221)   |                               | 1                             |                         |                         |
| Clayton Fire (57-121)   | 1                             | 1                             |                         |                         |
| Dayton Fire (57-011)    | 1                             | 1                             |                         |                         |
| Dayton Airport (57-002) |                               | 2                             |                         |                         |
| Englewood (57-001)      | 2                             | 3                             |                         |                         |
| Harrison Fire (57-107)  | 1                             | 3                             |                         |                         |
| Huber Fire (57-125)     | 8                             | 11                            |                         |                         |
| Riverside Fire (57-115) |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Union Fire/EMS (57-122) | 1                             |                               |                         |                         |
| West Milton Fire (55)   |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Philipsburg Fire (55-)  |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Trotwood Fire (57-113)  |                               | 2                             |                         |                         |
| Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)  | 1                             | 9                             |                         |                         |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>15</b>                     | <b>33</b>                     |                         |                         |

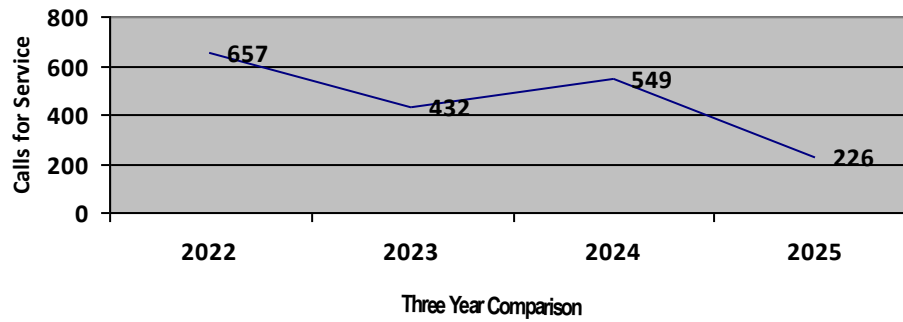
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**Mutual Rceived & Povided YTFD**



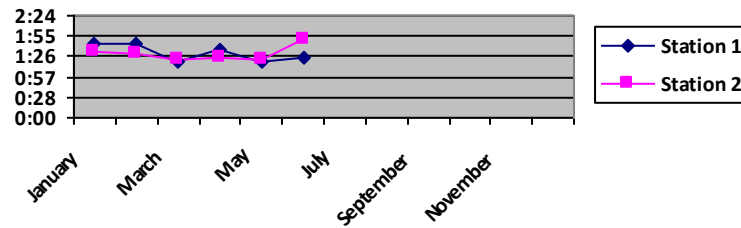
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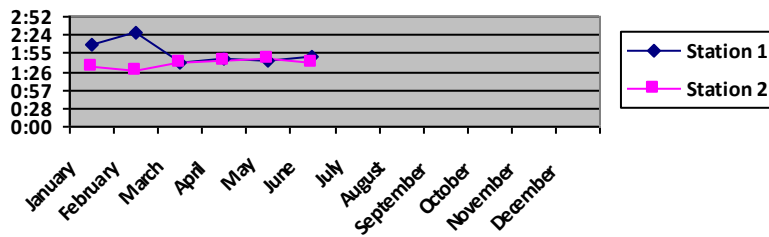
## RESPONSE TIMES

The average turnout time in June for EMS was 1:38 and for fire was 1:46 the average total response time for June was 6:48.

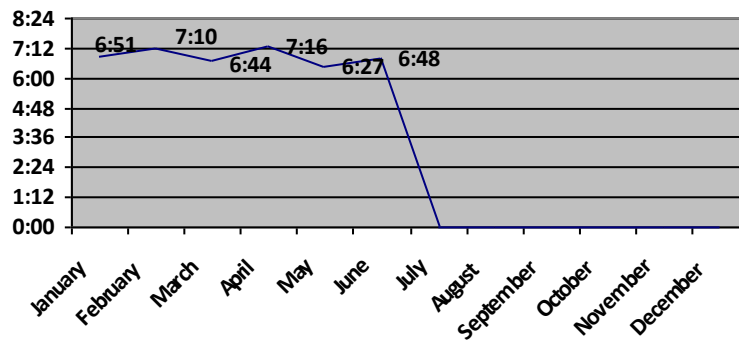
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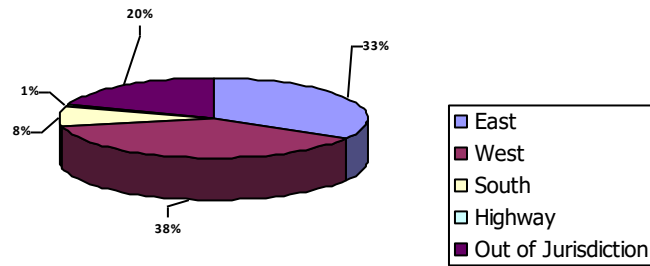
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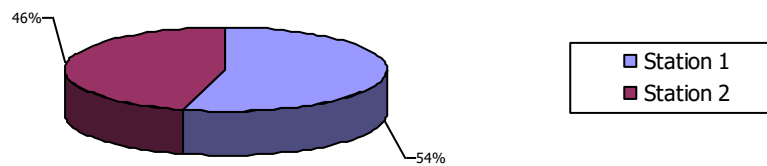
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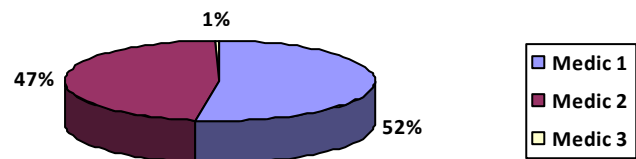
## CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT



## CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION



## TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH

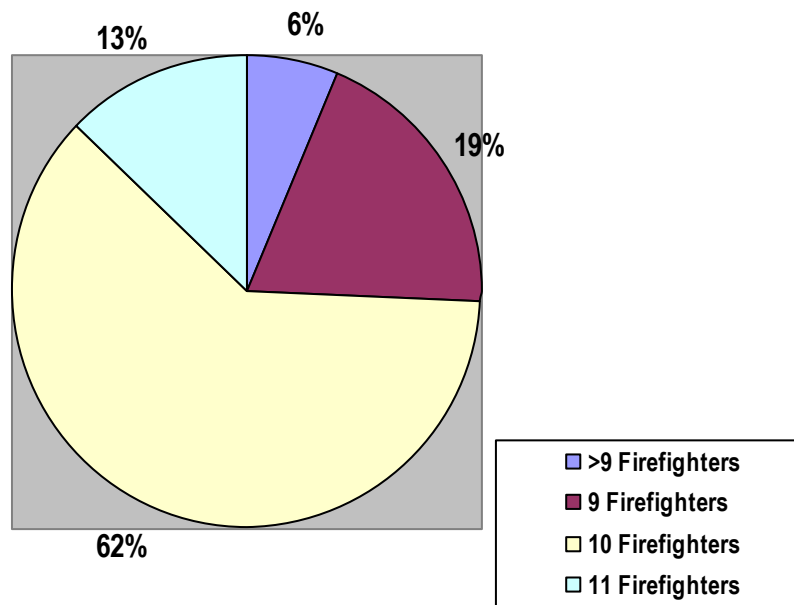


## Monthly Staffing Levels

The information provided below depicts the number of personnel on-duty, for a full 24-hour shift, per shift for the month. Our goal is to have eleven personnel per day (6 at Fire Station 1 and 5 at Fire Station 2), our minimum is nine (9), below that we are call-in/ordering in overtime.

In June:

1. Staff **below our minimum** recommended staffing level of 9 (**2 shifts 7%**)
2. Staff at our minimum recommended staffing level of 9 (**14 shifts 47%**)
3. Staffed with at least ten (10) personnel (**10 shifts 33%**)
4. Staffed "fully" with (11) personnel (**4 shifts 13%**)



# Vandalia Senior Center

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## Enjoy a Spectacular Performance by Jessica Michna on Monday, August 25, at 12:30 p.m.

Linda Ankney from Medigold sponsors a historical performance by Jessica Michna. This year Jessica will portray "Molly Brown from Hard Scrabble to High Society." Remembered as "The Unsinkable" Molly Brown, the lady was more than a survivor of the Titanic disaster. Gold prospector, gambler, and card shark barely scratches the surface of this brave, dynamic woman. Learn about Molly's fascinating life. Cookies will be served. This is not a Lunch & Learn. Limit: 100



## Fall Bingo on Wednesday, August 13, at 1:30 p.m.

This is not a White Elephant bingo so there is nothing to bring. The prizes will be fall items donated by the members over the past year along with lots of miscellaneous "prizes" that were also donated. Toni will be calling this bingo. Sign up to have some fun.

## Medical Plan Changes on Tuesday, August 12, at 1:45 p.m.

Are you or a family member a recipient of the Medicare/Medicaid dual low-income Medicare plans? Several plans are going away completely including UHC MyCare. Come meet with Michael Leonardi from Complete Solutions so he can share the changes that are coming during the Annual Open Enrollment period. Due to government regulations, he is not allowed to provide a meal when discussing Medicaid topics, but Toni will serve cookies. Meet Michael in the dining room.



## Momentum Health Lunch & Learn

on Tuesday, August 5, at Noon

Jodell Davis from Momentum Health will bring your lunch. Bobby D. Music is returning. This impressive quartet plays some fantastic music. Two of the members of this group are also vocalists. We will collect tips at the end to thank them for their time and to cover their travel expenses. Limit: 75

## Lunch & Learn

### Downsizing Allies & Momentus Health Lunch & Learn on Friday, August 8, at Noon

Olivia Nicodemus from Downsizing Allies and Jodell Davis from Momentus Health will provide your lunch. Denise Swick, the owner of Downsizing Allies and Swick Realty for 36 years and a Vandalia native along with Olivia will present "The Weight of Clutter". They will explore the emotional, financial, and mental toll excess belongings can have on our lives, especially during life transitions like downsizing. Downsize Allies will outline practical steps to help you let go of what no longer serves you—while maximizing peace of mind, time, & home equity. Whether you're considering a move or simply want to plan ahead, this presentation will provide valuable insights & practical tips. Limit: 75

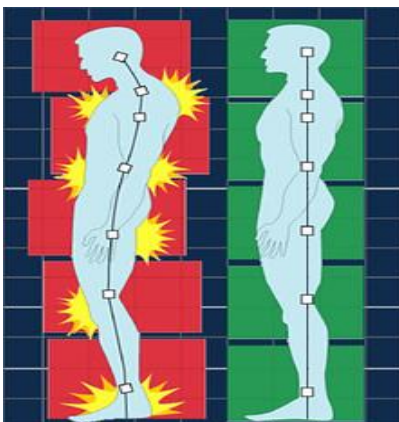


### Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Monday, August 11, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Jennifer Patterson Lorenzetti is returning to present "History of Key West: Becoming a Tourist Destination". Key West was shaped in the twentieth century by such figures as Henry Flagler, Julius Stone, and Ernest Hemingway, all of whom contributed to the development of the current, tourist oriented culture. Come hear some of the stories of these unforgettable men! Limit: 100

### Otterbein Lunch & Learn on Tues., August 12, at Noon

Robin Shafer from Otterbein will order your pizza. For over 20 years, the Yellow Springs Brass Quintet has entertained countless audiences with popular tunes like Hang On Sloopy, Pink Panther theme, Tiger Rag, Pennsylvania Polka, and similar sprightly tunes. Come and enjoy a good "toe tapping time". At the end of their performance we will collect tips to thank them for their time and to cover their travel expenses. Limit: 75



### Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thursday, August 14, at Noon.

Sarah Mather from Stonespring will order your boxed lunch. Abbey Palmer from Taylor Wellness Chiropractic will talk about posture and nutrition. She will explain how a posture screening is done. Abbey will discuss some of the common posture problems that they see in their practice and some ways to fix those problems. She will do some group chair posture stretches and give you a handout of the stretches to take home. Limit: 75



## **Lunch & Learn**

### **Trinity In Home Care Lunch & Learn on Mon., August 18, at Noon**

Lily Knopp from Trinity In Home Care will bring your lunch. Lily, an Exercise Physiologist from Trinity In Home Care, will be educating you on the A to Zzzzz's for a better night's sleep. Sleep is a necessity of life as important as food, air, and water. Come learn how to sleep better, how much sleep you need, and how to unplug before bed. Limit: 40



### **Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 19 ,at Noon**

Ellie Ungericht from The Laurels of Huber Heights will provide your lunch. Jeff John, a professor from Wright State, will share photos taken by the Wright Brothers. The December 1903 image of the Wright brothers' airplane in its first flight has been called "the most reproduced photo in the world." It is one of three photos taken that day. This

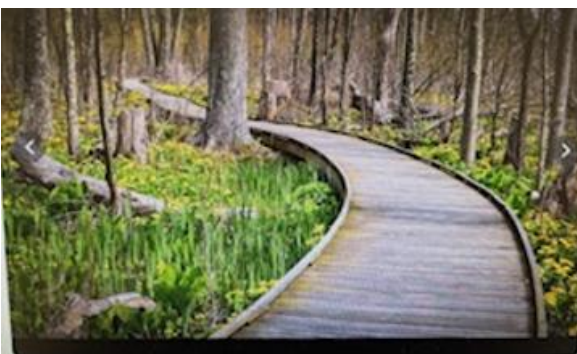
presentation will show and discuss their photographs and strategies for recording their experiments. It includes family photos, photos from the Kitty Hawk dunes, the first flights images, and of course their days at Huffman Prairie, on what is now WPAFB. The program includes special content: a unique reconstructed panorama that places the viewer in the middle of the flying field in 1905, and some of the images' surprising details. Limit: 75

### **Goodbye Neuropathy Lunch & Learn on Thurs., Aug.21, at Noon**

Melissa Shannon with Goodbye Neuropathy Treatment Center by HealthQuest will provide your lunch. Many seniors experience symptoms such as pain, numbness, and tingling in their feet or hands, impacting their quality of life. Dr. Prewitt conducts seminars that provide crucial information about the progressive nature of neuropathy and the importance of early intervention. A personalized treatment plan, devoid of medication, surgery, or injections, is a gentle yet effective option for seniors. Limit: 75



### **First Light Home Care Lunch & Learn on Friday, August 22, at Noon**



Candance Allen from First Light Home Care will bring your lunch. Madison Brown is the Preserve Manager for the Cedar Bog Nature Preserve in Urbana. She will talk about the history of the bog and its management. Madison will also share some fun facts and show you lots of photos of plants in bloom in the bog. Limit: 75



## Lunch & Learns



### Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tues., August 26, at Noon

Donna Bargo from Edward Jones will order your lunch. She will give you an Edward Jones Perspective Booklet. Jordan Peterson will discuss some of the articles in the Perspective. He will try to answer any financial questions that you might have. Limit: 25

### Day City Hospice Lunch & Learn on Thurs., August 28, at Noon

Kim Adkisson from Day City Hospice will bring your lunch. Susie Wilkins is an RN with Day City Hospice. She is going to talk about Advanced Directives and tell you stories about the people that she has worked with over the years. Susie will tell you what worked and what didn't work for her clients. Limit: 40



### Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Fri., August 29, at Noon

Pam Cupp from Brookhaven will have their chef prepare your meal. George Lovett, elder law attorney of Lovett & House Co., LPA, will be here to discuss wills, guardianships, powers of attorney, trusts, Medicaid, and nursing home planning. Attendees of this lunch seminar can receive a complimentary Health Care Power of Attorney and Living Will. There will also be the opportunity to schedule a free consultation for a future day. Limit: 75

### Lunch & Learn Courtesies So Everyone Can Enjoy the Lunch and the Program

1. The Super Sewers work on the side of the dining room on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. Please patiently wait until they move the tables back and open the curtains before sitting on that side of the room.
2. Please arrive by noon. We need an accurate head count to know there is enough food for everyone and to decide on serving sizes.
3. It usually takes until 12:15 to serve the food. After serving is finished, there cannot be an expectation of food. Sponsors usually leave right after serving. Some of the sponsors take the leftover food with them.
4. Please turn your phone off or to vibrate. Please don't talk to your neighbors during the program so everyone can enjoy the presentation or entertainment.
5. Please don't get up during the program except for medical or restroom emergencies. Please throw your trash away after the program is over.



## Art

### **FREE Sunflower Decoration Class on Wednesday, August 6, at 1:00 p.m.**

Candy Jones has designed a project for you to create. The petals and stems of the sunflowers will be pre-cut from paper. You will distress them and attach them to a 6" x 6" wood sign. Limit: 12



### **FREE Painted Plaque Class on Thursday, August 14, at 1:45 p.m.**

Jodell Davis from Momentus Health of Vandalia will bring the supplies you need to paint this wooden plaque. The plaque is 7" H x 4" W. You will have a beautiful decoration to hang up at home or give away to someone. Limit: 20

### **Ceramic Class on Friday, August 15, at 1:30 p.m.**

Mindy Shockey will provide you with her paint and brushes. You will have the same choices as in June and July. You can choose from:

Fairy houses from the left:

fushia house 11.75" x 8.5"; sunflower

house 9.25" x 9"; mushroom house 8.25" x 9.5"; There will also be mushrooms and fairies available. Limit: 15 Cost: fairies \$5 each; mushrooms \$10 each; fairy houses \$15 each



### **Decoupaged Candleholder on Tuesday, August 19, at 1:45 p.m.**

Debbie Millhouse has another decoupage project for you. She will bring all the supplies and guide you through the process. Cost: \$3 Limit: 12

\*\*\*More classes on page 6.\*\*\*

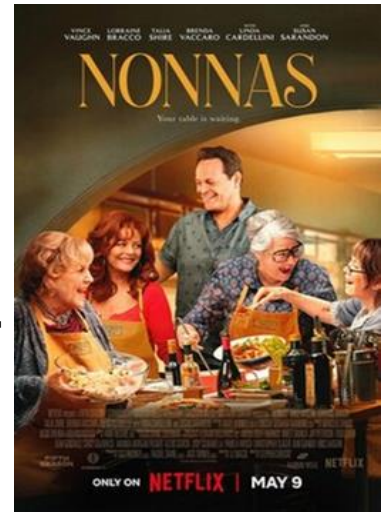


## Movies

**Movie on the Third Friday, August 15, at 1:00 p.m.**

**Snacks by Jodell Davis from Momentus Health of Vandalia**

The movie, *Nonnas*, tells the true story of Joe Scaravella, the owner of the New York City restaurant, Enoteca Maria, who risks everything to honor his deceased mother by opening a restaurant with actual Italian grandmothers as chefs. The stars include Vince Vaughn, Lorraine Bracco, Talia Shire, Brenda Shire, Brenda Vaccaro and Susan Sarandon. Be sure to watch the real photos at the end of the movie. PG Biography/Comedy/Drama 1 hr. 54 min.

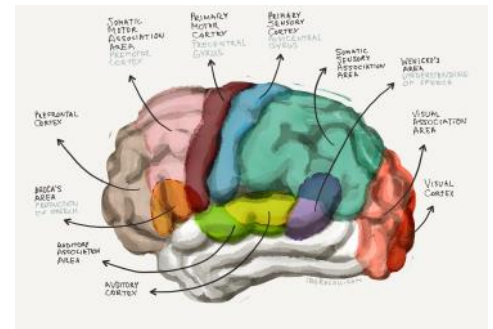


**FREE Card Making on Wednesday, August 20, at 1:00 p.m.**

Toni Williams will have tables filled with blank cards, stickers, scrapbook paper, and more for you to create two cards by 3:00 p.m. You can make cards with flowers and birthday cards and more. Limit: 12

**An Essential Oils Class on Tues., August 26, at 1:45 p.m.**

Christine Jordan from Red Lotus Essential Oils will help you make an essential oils blend to help your memory and cognitive function. Cost: \$6 Minimum: 5 Limit: 15



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

Sign up to eat out at TJ Chumps at 7050 Executive Blvd. in Huber Heights, on Tuesday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m.

**Directions:** From the Senior Center, turn right on Dixie. Turn right on National. Turn right on Brown School Rd. Turn left at Taylorsville Park and go across the dam. Turn right on Bridgewater. Turn left on Taylorsville. Turn left on Old Troy Pike. Cross over 70. Turn right on Executive Blvd. Drive near The Rose Music Center. TH Chumps is on the right.



| MON                                                                                  | TUES                                                                                                                                                                                                           | WED                                                                                                                                                        | THUR                                                                                                                                                | FRI                                                                                                                                |
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|       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                    | 1<br>Mah Jong 9:00<br>Colored Pencils 9:30<br>Exercise 10:00<br>Poker 1:00                                                         |
| 4<br>Exercise 10:00<br>Hand & Foot 12:30                                             | 5<br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br>Super Sewers 9:00<br>Bridge 9:45<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:40<br>Book Club 1:40<br><b>Bingo 1:45</b>                                                 | 6<br>Hula Hooping 9:30<br><b>Drumming 11:00</b><br>Bridge 12:00<br>Up & Down the River 12:00<br>Euchre 1:00<br><b>Sunflowers 1:00</b>                      | 7<br>Duplicate Bridge 10:30<br><b>Tech Talk 11:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:30<br>Pinochle 1:00<br><b>Bingo 1:00</b><br>Scattergories 1:30               | 8<br>Mah Jong 9:00<br>Colored Pencils 9:30<br>Exercise 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Poker 1:00                       |
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| 18<br>Exercise 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 12:30          | 19<br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br>Super Sewers 9:00<br>Bridge 9:45<br>Golden Qi 10:00<br>BP checks 11-12<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:40<br><b>Decoupage</b><br><b>Candleholder 1:45</b> | 20<br>Hula Hooping 9:30<br><b>Drumming 11:00</b><br>Bridge 12:00<br>Up & Down the River 12:00<br>Euchre 1:00<br><b>Card Making 1:00</b>                    | 21<br>Duplicate Bridge 10:30<br><b>Tech Talk 11:00</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:30<br>Pinochle 1:00<br>Scattergories 1:30 | 22<br>Mah Jong 9:00<br>Colored Pencils 9:30<br>Exercise 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Poker 1:00                      |
| 25<br>Exercise 10:00<br>Hand & Foot 12:30<br><b>Jessica Michna Performance 12:30</b> | 26<br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br>Super Sewers 9:00<br>Bridge 9:45<br>Golden Qi 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:40<br><b>Essential Oils 1:45</b>                                      | 27<br>Hula Hooping 9:30<br><b>Drumming 11:00</b><br>Bridge 12:00<br>Up & Down the River 12:00<br>Euchre 1:00<br><b>Birthdays 1:00</b><br><b>Bingo 1:30</b> | 28<br>Duplicate Bridge 10:30<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:30<br>Pinochle 1:00<br>Scattergories 1:30                           | 29<br>Mah Jong 9:00<br>Colored Pencils 9:30<br>Exercise 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Poker 1:00<br><b>Bingo 1:45</b> |

## Exercise & Information

### NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

*This Is Not a Game* by Kelly Mullen

*A Killer Wedding* by Joan O'Leary

*The Widow* by John Grisham

*Remain* by Nicholas Sparks & M. Night Shyamalan

*Salty, Spiced and a Little Bit Nice* by Cynthia Timoti

### NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

*Valiant One*

*Black Bag*

*Reagan*

*The Shift*

*Homestead*

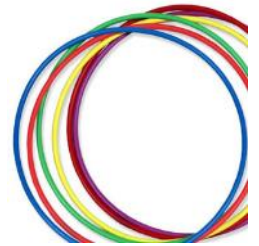


### FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 lower cholesterol levels. These hoops are what the pros use in the gyms and rehab centers.



### FREE Exercise Class on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

This is a chair exercise class that is often led by either Bill Kistner, Kathy Reedy, or Roddy Keish. 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.

### FREE Drumming on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

This class uses drumsticks on trash cans. The trash cans were purchased by the members who are participating. The group will follow a class on YouTube to exercise by drumming and adding other movements. The class will be in the dining room.



### Tech Talk on the First and Third Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will be in the card room/library to answer your questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices. He will be here on August 7 and 21.





## Information

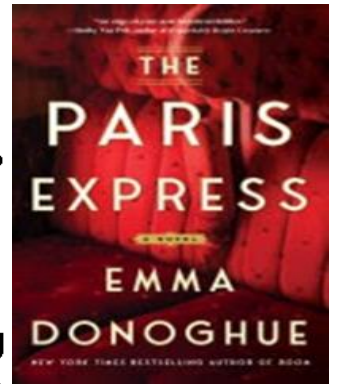
### Vandalia Senior Center Book Club Meets on the First Tuesday Each Month at 1:40 p.m.

The book club will meet on Tuesday, August 5, to discuss the book, *The Paris Express* by Emma Donoghue that is based on an 1895 disaster that was captured in a series of photographs. *The Paris Express* is set on a train packed with a fascinating cast of characters who hail from many countries.



### Free and Borrowed Items

Only the items on the free table and the new greeting cards can be taken home and kept. The books and puzzles can be borrowed then returned to the fireplace. Beverages are to be consumed at the Senior Center. All other items including canned beverages, kitchen items, supplies, and equipment are to stay at the Senior Center.



### Check Your Numbers on the 3rd Tuesday

Scott Jacobs from the Vandalia Fire Department will be in the dining room on Tuesday, August 19, from 11:00 a.m. to noon to check your blood pressure numbers.



### Afghans, Quilts, and Blankets for Veterans

Every year we collect crocheted or knitted afghans, lap size or twin size quilts and blankets. All of the items need to be new. An afghan can be full size or lap size. The lap size should be no smaller than 36" x 48". The Super Sewers will also be donating lap quilts. We don't have much storage room here so only bring these in during the month of October. Give your donations to either Toni in the office or Darby. The Amvets will pick them up at the beginning of November and distribute them to veterans.



### Answers to the County Fair Scrambled Words

- |                                    |                     |                      |                        |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. hogs                            | 2. floral displays  | 3. grandstand        | 4. horse races         |
| 5. cotton candy                    | 6. ring toss        | 7. carousel          | 8. craft shows         |
| 9. farm equipment                  | 10. chickens        | 11. pizza            | 12. steers             |
| 13. midway                         | 14. stuffed animals | 15. 4-H competitions | 16. rabbits            |
| 17. deep fried anything on a stick | 18. tilt-a-whirl    | 19. tractor pull     | 20. ferris wheel       |
| 21. balloon darts                  | 22. auctions        | 23. goats            | 24. carnival games     |
| 25. fruits & vegetables            | 26. bake off        | 27. campgrounds      | 28. music performances |
| 29. showing animals                | 30. harness races   | 31. sheep            | 32. water guns         |
| 33. curly fries                    |                     |                      |                        |

## Information

### Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Mary Ann Heckman 937-216-1235

Wednesday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Sandy Baylor. 937-694-2643

Thursday bridge at 10:30 p.m. is hosted by John Whitley. 937-241-8456



### Bingo



1. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, August 5, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk and Cathy Compton from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, August 7, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Toni Williams will call a fall bingo on Wednesday, August 13, at 1:00 p.m.
4. Robin Eck from Englewood Health & Rehab will call bingo on Wednesday, August 27, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Jodell Davis from Momentus Health of Vandalia will call bingo on Friday, August 29, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48

### Celebrate August Birthdays on Wednesday, August 27, at 1:00 p.m.

Jodell Davis from Momentus Health of Vandalia will provide the birthday cakes from their kitchen. Please sign up if you have a birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing. Everyone gets a piece of cake but the birthday people get theirs first!



### Donations

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

**Leave in the Office:** \*diet and regular drinks, \* 14 to 18 oz. cold beverage cups, seasonal and birthday 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:** newspapers, eyeglasses, pop tabs, used greeting cards, stamps including cancelled stamps (leave a border), cell phones, food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and food for Food 4 Kids

**Leave on the Fireplace in the card room/library:** books and puzzles





Think of everything at the county fair and unscramble these words. Check your answers on page 9.

1. sgoh \_\_\_\_\_
2. lalfor sispalyd \_\_\_\_\_
3. dantsdnagr \_\_\_\_\_
4. roseh acers \_\_\_\_\_
5. oottnc dancy \_\_\_\_\_
6. ginr sost \_\_\_\_\_
7. lacesoru \_\_\_\_\_
8. tarcf sswoh \_\_\_\_\_
9. mfra tenqeumip \_\_\_\_\_
10. henksicc \_\_\_\_\_
11. azzip \_\_\_\_\_
12. retses \_\_\_\_\_
13. yimdaw \_\_\_\_\_
14. sefufd sinlaam \_\_\_\_\_
15. -H4 ttiiooscmepn \_\_\_\_\_
16. bbrstai \_\_\_\_\_
17. pede efdir ganniyht on a kitsc \_\_\_\_\_
18. iltt-a-lihrw \_\_\_\_\_
19. ratcrot lupl \_\_\_\_\_
20. sirerf elewh \_\_\_\_\_
21. nolbola artsd \_\_\_\_\_
22. catsunoi \_\_\_\_\_
23. satgo \_\_\_\_\_
24. laacrvin sameg \_\_\_\_\_
25. tiifsur & eeealbtgvs \_\_\_\_\_
26. kbea fof \_\_\_\_\_
27. sondumpgrac \_\_\_\_\_
28. cusmi eeoaspcnfrm \_\_\_\_\_
29. winghos laaimns \_\_\_\_\_
30. sharesn scare \_\_\_\_\_
31. peshe \_\_\_\_\_
32. raetw sugn \_\_\_\_\_
33. yurcl sirfe \_\_\_\_\_



## Travel

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

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

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.

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

December 8 to 11: Smokie Mountain Christmas including visiting the Biltmore Estate  
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Feb. 13-21, 2026 Travel with Royal Caribbean to Baltimore, Charleston, Port Canaveral, Miami, and Grand Bahama. \*Passport required \$2171 to \$2408 depending on cabin.

October 4-11, 2026 Travel with Norwegian to Boston, Portland, Bar Harbor, St. John, Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. \*Passport required \$3119 to \$4820 depending on cabin.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parks & Recreation

### Sunset Palm w/ Miss Elissa– Mon., August 11 – 6:00pm-8:00pm

The sun will soon be setting on summer - but not just yet! Come paint a vibrant "Summer Palm" at the Art Park. Enjoy the summer vibes and artsy atmosphere as your instructor, Elissa, guides you step-by-step through painting a colorful ocean sunset with a palm tree silhouette on a 16"x20" canvas. No experience necessary! All painting supplies and \*step by step\* artist instruction included. Feel free to bring your own snacks and lemonade to sip as you relax on a summer evening with art!

**Ages:** 18 years and older

**Fee:** \$35 per person

**Location:** Art Park \*If weather is unfavorable, the program will move to the Vandalia Recreation Center

**Registration Deadline:** You must be registered for this program by Friday, August 8.

**Walk-ins will not be accepted.**



### Dorie & The Daddy-O's– Sat., August 9– 11:00am-12:00pm

Dorie & the Daddy-O's will entertain your family with fun and energetic Rock-a-Billy originals and classic tunes that will take you back to your childhood. They are a zany trio, that will get your foot tapping with our interactive performance. Bring the kids, grandparents, and dancing shoes for family entertainment at its best!

**Ages:** All ages welcome **Fee:** Free

**Location:** Vandalia Art Park



### Paulette's Princess Party– Tues., August 12– 5:30pm-7:30pm– Moana's Island Adventure

Get ready for a magical summer with Paulette's Princess Parties Summer Series! Join us for three enchanting shows, each with its own unique theme, featuring your favorite characters, interactive performances, and unforgettable moments. Each event will feature food trucks, face painting, and exciting family activities. Come out for one show or all three and make magical memories with us this summer!

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### 2025 Vandalia Senior Club

|                                            |                               |
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