

THE BLUE LETTER



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August 8, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

As summer moves along, staff continues to remain busy with many projects, activities, and events to keep our community a great place for our residents and businesses. We are actively preparing for the 2026 budget season with city departments being trained on the new ClearGov budget software being hosted by the Finance Department.

On July 28, the Police Division held a promotion ceremony at the Justice Center where I had the opportunity to swear in Administrative Captain Brian Krimm, Sergeant Jerrod Fraley, and Sergeant Nelson Clymer to their new positions. We enjoyed the celebration with their colleagues and family present and congratulate each of them on their promotion. We will provide an introduction and ceremonial Oath of Office for all three members at the August 18th Council meeting.



On July 29, ACM Cron and I met with State Representative Phil Plummer and Senator Steve Huffman to discuss our new Public Works Facility project. Our lobbyist, Patrick Schwartz, from Highbridge Consulting coordinated the meeting. He will be assisting us later this year when we apply for funding in the 2026 State Capital Budget to help fund our facility. All three agreed the PW Facility was a worthy project that they could support including in the upcoming state capital budget.

Last Tuesday, Law Director Jerry McDonald and City Planner Mike Hammes hosted a training meeting for members of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. The topics covered included the roles of Council, Planning Commission, and BZA Appeals Board; Variances; Code Amendments; Planned Unit Developments; Conditional Uses; and the Purpose of Zoning Code. We recorded the meeting and will provide a link to the recording for PC & BZA members who were unable to attend and for any Council members who wish to listen to it.



The City hosted our area of the annual river cleanup on Saturday, August 2nd as part of the regional *Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River*. This organization's goal is to coordinate volunteers to pick up and remove trash along the Great Miami River from Indian Lake to the Ohio River each year. With the help of Vandalia's **Scout Troop 307** and City staff volunteers, we picked up trash/debris from Old Springfield/Ross Rd to Taylorsville Dam via canoes/kayaks. A special thanks to **Adventures of the Great Miami** for providing the livery service and **Fox's Pizza Den Vandalia** for graciously donating free pizzas to feed the volunteers!



On August 5, the Police Division hosted National Night Out at the Sports Complex. This event was well attended and included the annual bike rodeo; hayrides; static displays of Police, Fire, and Public Works vehicles, a SWAT vehicle with robot, and a drone; DJ music; complimentary food, games; prizes, and wonderful night of interaction between residents and staff. Special thanks to all the city departments who assisted and made it an enjoyable evening for everyone. Special thanks to the Bicycle Advisory Committee for conducting the bike rodeo to teach young riders property safety when riding their bikes.

Several staff members participated in the annual Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing this week. It was a great event with fabulous weather and was completely full this year. Thanks to all our local businesses that donate to make this event a great success. Also, thanks to the Cassel Hills Golf Course staff for being a great host.



During the past three-and-a-half weeks, VPD officers made nine traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in three traffic citations, five written warnings, and one verbal warning, while working eight additional enforcement hours.

Public Works crews installed Purple Heart banners along National Road in preparation for National Purple Heart Day on August 7th. They also recently erected *Purple Heart City* signs at several strategic entry points to the city. We honored Purple Heart Day on August 7th with social media posts to honor those military veterans who sacrificially served our country to protect our freedom.

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1st for Labor Day. The Recreation Center will be open from 7:00 am to noon for Fitness, Gymnasium, and Track only.



The Robinette Park Playground ribbon cutting will be on Friday, August 15th at noon. We invite Council, staff, and the community to join us for the celebration of the new playground equipment.

Senior city staff attended the *2025 Global Leadership Summit* the past two days at Christian Life Center. This international leadership conference is hosted in Chicago and live streamed to multiples sites across the world. This year's speakers included Craig Groeschel, Juliet Funt, Erica Dhawan, Nick Saban, Walker Hayes, Gabriel Salguero, Thasunda Brown Duckett, David Ashcraft, Tasha Eurich, Bradley Rapier, James Hewitt, Stephanie Chung, John Maxwell, Christine Caine, and Jon Acuff. Their presentations were powerful and informative as these leaders shared their stories and provided valuable information and insight on transformation leadership.

The Division of Fire welcomed four new part-time members to the department. The new employees attended orientation on July 28th and will continue with training before joining their regular shift crew in the next few weeks. We are happy to welcome Austin Adams, Anthony Peters, Jason Pierron, and Johan Tolly to the VFD family.

I am excited to announce that Aaron Messenger will be promoted to Recreation Superintendent effective Monday, August 11th. Aaron fills the vacancy that was created with Alicia McCracken was appointed Parks & Recreation Director. Aaron is an eight-year employee with Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department, serving as special events coordinator (part-time), recreation coordinator, and recreation facility manager. Aaron recently completed his master's degree in public administration at Wright State University and earned the top rank in his MPA class. During his tenure at Vandalia, Aaron has been instrumental in developing and implementing several new youth programs, special community events, facility improvements, and been active with the Vandalia Arts Council. We congratulate Aaron on his new role!

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 – August 8, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – August 8, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – August 8,, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – August 8, 2025;
5. Information Update - Parks & Recreation Director McCracken – August 8, 2025;
6. Information Update - Police Chief Sucher – August 8, 2025;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – August 8, 2025;
8. Robinette Park Ribbon Cutting 8.15.25





To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: August 6, 2025
Re: Information Update for July 26 – August 8, 2025

- You and I met with Representative Phil Plummer and Senator Steve Huffman to discuss our new Public Works Facility. Our lobbyist, Patrick Schwartz, from Highbridge Consulting coordinated the meeting. He will be assisting us later this year when we apply for funding from the 2026 State Capital Budget to help fund our facility. All three agreed this was a good project that they could support including this in the state capital budget.
- You and I attended the July Tri Cities Wastewater Authority Board meeting last week. We received an update on all of three of the large capital improvement projects going on. We also discussed the transition process of taking over the operations of the plant in house.
- We received additional training during this period from Finance Director Bridgette Leiter on the new ClearGov budget software that we will be using this year. We look forward to the added capabilities with this software.
- We are working with a potential tenant for a portion of the building at 1669 Capstone Way. Their team has been working with our building department to make sure they can meet all design and operational requirements to move forward with the tenant upfit of the facility.
- Law Director Jerry McDonald conducted a training session for several of our Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members last week. This is good periodic training for the members to understand their roles in the process and things they should consider when making recommendations to City Council.
- Ben Graham attended the Bicycle Advisor Committee Meeting on August 4th. Members of the committee also participated in the National Night Out event, conducting a bike rodeo teaching youngsters' proper safety when riding their bikes. Six bicycles were also raffled off at the rodeo that were donated by Abbey Credit Union. Bike helmets were also donated by Dayton Children's Hospital and offered to all participants.
- There is one item scheduled for the August 12 Planning Commission meeting. The applicant is seeking a PUD Plan and Preliminary Plan approval for a residential development on Mulberry Road south of the Copperfield Development. We also have one application for the August 26 meeting. A major PUD Amendment at 55 Foley Drive to convert the existing Collision and Body Shop to a Lincoln Dealership.

- Our Block Party Trailer has had with 13 reservations made so far this year. It has already been booked out for the entire month of August.
- Rich Hopkins is in the early planning stages for the next joint CommUnity Newsletter for fall. Stories will include the Bikeway Connector project opening soon, the Fall Festival, and the Robinette Park Ribbon Cutting.
- Several staff members participated in the annual Vandalia Butler Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing this week. It was a great event with great weather. Thanks to all of our local businesses that donate to make this event a great success. Also, thanks to the Cassel Hills Golf Course staff for being a great host.



Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: August 5, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending August 8, 2025

1. The Finance Team would like to congratulate and wish Alicia McCracken the best of luck as she begins her new role as Parks & Recreation Director.
2. The Finance Team would like to congratulate and wish Aaron Messenger the best of luck as he begins his new role as Parks & Recreation Superintendent.
3. I continue to participate in training on various modules in the new budget software, ClearGov for the upcoming Budget season, and provide training to the budget teams in each of the departments citywide.
4. Kristen Carnes, Leann Hanf, a representative from McGohan Brabender, and I met to discuss the upcoming budget for healthcare.
5. I assisted in both the pre- and post-pricing process of determining the final price for the upcoming sale of the Bond Anticipation Notes.
6. I appreciated the opportunity to attend the 2025 Global Leadership Summit.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 8/6/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 8, 2025

1. Training for crews this reporting period has been Confined Space Training. Currently, the Rec Center indoor pool has been drained for annual maintenance. This is a good opportunity for crews to make use of the drained pool facility for our yearly Confined Space Training. Crews also got in some rope rescue reviews with the new part-time members we recently hired.
2. The Division of Fire welcomed four new part-time members to our crews. The new employees attended orientation on July 28th and will continue with training before joining their regular shift crew in a few weeks. We are happy to welcome Austin Adams, Anthony Peters, Jason Pierron and Johan Tolly to the fire dept. family.
3. On July 29th, crews responded to a single vehicle accident that resulted in a broken fire hydrant located on Engle Rd.
4. Crews responded to S. Dixie Drive on August 1st for a reported gas leak. Crews were able to quickly isolate the leak to a dryer.
5. Crews are still out and about this summer stopping by and enjoying local lemonade stands. The Division of Fire holds an annual contest for summer lemonade stands, where the winner(s) can run our Open House Lemonade Stand the first Sunday in October with all profit being retained by the young entrepreneur(s).
6. On August 2nd, crews were called to the intersection of Dixie and National on a two-vehicle accident.
7. Crews assisted Butler Township Fire Dept. to quickly contain a fire located at the Boston Stoker commercial facility on Engle Rd. on Monday, August 4th.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

8. A Command Staff Meeting was held on August 6th. Items discussed were but not limited to, hiring updates, goals, and a priority focus was on the 2026 budget.
9. The Division of Fire attended the annual National Night Out on August 5th at the Vandalia Rec Center. This event is hosted every year by the Division of Police and is an event that we are happy to participate in.
10. I attended the Global Leadership Summit on August 7th and 8th. The event was held at the CLC on Little York Road.

Memo



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: August 6, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending August 8, 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/>

August – Sleep Health Awareness Month. Think you do just fine getting 5 or 6 hours of sleep? Like the nearly 35% of adults getting less than the recommended 7+ hours, you are short-changing yourself. Sleep affects every aspect of your waking life — it is essential to your overall well-being.

Poor quality and insufficient sleep has short-term and long-term consequences. In the short-term, poor sleep may result in loss of attention span, poor decision making, fatigue and irritability, while long-term implications, which are more compelling, include an increased risk for obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke, and depression.

While the amount of sleep you need will change over the course of your life, and sleep needs vary from person to person, it is recommended that adults get 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night.

Getting adequate sleep helps:

- Maintain brain function
- Reduce your risk for disease
- Improve daytime performance and safety
- Improve your emotional health

A list of "to-do's" that may help you snooze:

Power down to recharge	Blue light from screens can disrupt your circadian rhythm and affect your ability to sleep. Turn off your mobile devices at least 30 minutes before you head to bed.
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Keep a regular pattern of bedtime and waking	Try going to bed and waking up around the same time every day (yes, even on the weekends).
Make your bedroom all about sleep	A comfortable mattress, pillow and bedding will help you get a good night's sleep. Keep your room dark, cool and quiet (you may consider using "white noise" to mask startling sounds).
Say "no" to that late-day "cup of joe"	Because it is a stimulant, caffeine may disrupt sleep. Avoid caffeine after lunch. Also, avoid alcohol before bed. Even though alcohol might make you feel sleepy, it can disrupt sleep later in the night.
Still awake?	If you don't fall asleep within 20 minutes or so, get up and go into another room and do something relaxing, such as reading or listening to soft music until you feel tired.

A health care provider may help diagnose a sleep disorder by asking questions about sleep schedules and habits. It's important to let your provider know if you think you might have a sleep problem, such as feeling sleepy during the day, not waking up feeling refreshed or you are having trouble adapting to shift work.

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Alicia McCracken, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 8/5/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending August 7, 2025

Congratulations to Aaron Messenger on his new role as Recreation Superintendent!

RECREATION CENTER

1. VRC Labor Day Hours- 7am-Noon- Fitness, Gymnasium and Track Only.
2. VRC Attendance for July 2025- 17,815 compared to 14,723 in July 2024.
3. Recreation staff is working on getting quote to replace the flooring in the fitness area.
4. August Free Class Spotlight is Cardio Physique with Sue- Saturdays at 7am in the studio.
5. August Free Climb Night- Tuesday, August 12th- 5pm-7pm
6. Coffee Talk- August 15th- 9am-11am- Sports Performance and Nutrition
7. 75 people successfully completed the 25 Days of Summer Challenge.
8. We had 226 Insurance Based Members visits 10 times or more in July.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

1. Nathan Teller, our summer intern finished up this past week! We appreciated his hard work this summer!



2. Registration for the Sept-Dec program guide begins Wednesday, August 6th at 7am.
3. Youth Baseball/Softball season is complete! Maecie has sent out surveys to parents and coaches and has received many responses.
4. Youth Soccer started practicing this week. We currently have 293 kids participating in the program. Opening Day is set for Saturday, September 6th.
5. NFL Flag Football registration is over. We have 140 kids participating this season. Opening Day will be Sunday, September 7th.

6. Fricker's won the Friday Coed Summer season! They went undefeated this season. Monday Men's league is starting tournament play this week.



7. Cassel Hills Pool attendance for July was 5,885 compared to 4,884 in July 2024. To date we have sold 569 Resident/Taxpayer passes and 446 Non-resident passes.
8. We've officially entered the final week of CampREC for the summer! Over the summer, I've enjoyed watching our campers grow and try new activities. It's also been great to see leadership skills improve with each camp counselor as the summer progressed. I've gotten lots of positive feedback from both campers and parents throughout the summer! It's been a great summer for everyone involved!
9. This week, we will also be recognizing all our "Camper of the Week" recipients from throughout the summer. We're excited to partner with McDonald's, who donated \$10 gift cards for each camper of the week to enjoy during a small gathering with some of our staff. We're excited to celebrate all the campers who have gone above and beyond this summer!
10. As we transition out of CampREC, we will continue to offer other camp opportunities until Vandalia Schools start again. Our upcoming camps include Skyhawks Sports Camps, Art Adventure Camps, Brixilated Camps, and STEMILY Studio Camps. There will be two camps offered each week through the end of August.

Programs and events run during this period

11. Vandalia Market: On Wednesday, July 23 we hosted the Summer Vandalia Market near the baseball concession stand at the Sports Complex from 5:00-8:00pm. Local vendors, food trucks, and local musicians were present at the event to help create a fun evening for everyone!
12. Beginning Golf Camp w/ Skyhawks: Skyhawks hosted beginning golf camp from Monday, July 28 to Friday, August 1 from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Sports Complex. This camp was for children ages 5-10 years old. This beginning program focused on fun and repetition with a games-based approach that can be played on any surface. Specialized equipment was used to ensure early success for young players. Key skills like putting and chipping were taught through engaging activities. There were 9 participants registered for this camp.
13. Campfire Story Night w/ Dayton Metro Library: On Tuesday, July 29 we partnered with the Dayton Metro Library to offer a Campfire Story Night at Helke Park! 45 participants joined us at the park with their blankets to enjoy a campfire, stories, s'mores, and fun! Mrs. Stringer from the Vandalia Library led the story time before we ended the night with marshmallow roasting!
14. Flag Football Camp w/ Skyhawks: Skyhawks hosted Flag Football Camp from Monday, August 4 to Friday, August 8 from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Sports Complex. This camp is for children ages 7-12. This program

teaches passing, receiving, kicking, and flag pulling, all while emphasizing heart and spirit. Participants gain confidence and learn life lessons like teamwork and leadership in a fun, supportive environment. There were 12 participants registered for this camp.

Upcoming Programs & Events

15. ABC's are Yummy w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Saturday, August 9, Eat Pretty Darling will lead a preschool cooking class where participants will explore the alphabet all while baking delicious ABC muffins! It's a tasty way to learn about letters and healthy ingredients through hands-on cooking. This program currently has 7 participants registered.
16. Dorie & The Daddy-O's: On Saturday, August 9, Dorie & The Daddy-O's will be performing at Art Park! Families will be entertained with fun and energetic Rock-a-Billy originals and classic tunes. This is a free performance that welcomes everyone to join in on the interactive performance!
17. Sunset Palm w/ Miss Elissa: On Monday, August 11, Miss Elissa will lead a Sunset Palm adult art program at Art Park. Participants will enjoy the summer vibes and artsy atmosphere as Miss Elissa guides them step-by-step through painting a colorful ocean sunset with a palm tree silhouette. There are currently 5 participants registered for this program.
18. Pokémon Playtime: On Monday, August 18, Rec Leaders will be leading Pokémon Playtime at the Rec Center! Participants will have plenty of time to participate in all things Pokémon! Card trading, mobile gaming, and Pokémon battles are all on the schedule! There are currently 2 participants registered for this program.
19. Lunchbox Legends w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Tuesday, August 19, Eat Pretty Darling will lead a youth cooking class where participants will learn how to pack their own healthy and delicious school lunches. Participants will leave with the skills to create balanced, tasty meals for the whole school year! There are currently 4 participants registered for this program.

CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

1. With great weather last weekend, the first 3 days of August were extremely busy. We collected \$22,000 in revenues.
2. Fitzwater Tree Company is working on clearing trees and brush for AES around the power lines.
3. Commercial Irrigation has gone to four 10-hour days and no overtime, this will help in not interfering with weekend play.
4. The Clubhouse hosted a 93rd birthday party on August 3rd. 38 guests were at the party.
5. Butler High School golf season is starting this week.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. As of the end of July, we have 752 Vandalia Senior Center members and 9 of them joining in June.
2. One-way Vantran rides for July 2025- 209; year to date Van Tran rides- 1,030- July 2025 Vantran rides was the highest in program history besides October of 2023 we had 215 One-way rides.

3. VSC and VRC Member, Joyce Mason at the age of 87 competed in the National Senior Games in Iowa and came back with medals! Gold in Hammer, Bronze in Discus and Shot and 4th in Javelin. Way to go Joyce!



FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. Parks Staff borrowed the loader from Public Works as we had several large limbs and trees down where the loader was needed for cleanup- Jeffers Park, Helke Park and the Sports Complex. We appreciated the use of this piece of equipment from PW!
2. Soccer field preparation is well underway. The field layout, goals and nets are in place. Parks Staff plan to paint the field markings this week.
3. Asphalt maintenance contractor was onsite at the Recreation Center correcting some failures from last year.
4. VRC pool shutdown work is underway. Contractors have been onsite replacing and painting damaged duct work from last year's ceiling painting project. Heat exchanger tube bundle and face plate have been replaced and new PVC replacement from the heat exchanger to the gate valves is complete. The fire department completed several days' worth of confined space training in the surge pit and were onsite when our staff cleaned and inspected the pit. We have sanded the rough areas in the pool floor and walls and filled some areas with the anticipation of getting one more year out of the original surface coating. Staff cleaned return ducts grating, tile and grate work, cleaned and polished the slide tower handrails, some painting, etc. needing attention during this shutdown period. We plan to continue with pool maintenance tasks through Friday.
5. A domestic water pipe is leaking at Cassel Hills Clubhouse. The repair has been scheduled for Tuesday morning, August 12. Water supply to the building will be shut off for approximately two hours during this repair.
6. Buildings Staff is coordinating price quotes, repairs and remodeling to support the City Manager's Office. Staff is renovating an unused office to a storage room at Municipal Building.

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Brandon Sucher
Police Chief

Date: August 6, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending August 8, 2025

1. During the past three-and-a-half weeks, VPD officers made nine traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in three traffic citations, five written warnings, and one verbal warning, while working eight additional enforcement hours.
2. On July 28, a promotional ceremony was held in the Community Room for Captain Brian Krimm, Sergeant Jerrod Fraley, and Sergeant Nelson Clymer. Congratulations to them on their success in the promotional process.



3. On July 29, PSS James was able to attend an online course regarding redaction law updates. She is now able to provide updated information to keep the Communications Division in compliance with Ohio Public Records law.
4. On August 5, PSS James represented dispatch by attending National Night Out. She was able to interact with the community and share information about our dispatch and records sections.
5. On July 30, representatives with VPD visited Springboro PD to learn more about the Support K-9 Program and potential implementation by VPD.

6. On July 31, Crime Prevention Officer Sommer presented a safety plan to Neely Dental. It was attended by Dr. Neely's staff of approximately ten employees. Officer Sommer addressed some of the staff's safety concerns and presented them with ideas for handling their concerns.
7. On August 2, SSM Deborah Wright and I attended the Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River. Volunteers and city staff assisted with cleaning trash along a three mile stretch of the river.
8. On August 5, SSM Wright and Administrative Assistant Shannon Green attended training on our new city budgeting software.
9. On August 5, VPD hosted National Night Out at the Sports Complex. This event was well attended. Special thanks to all of the city departments who assisted and to the community for joining us.
10. On August 6, we held first round interviews for qualified candidates for the position of police officer. Second round interviews will be held next week to fill one vacant police officer position.
11. On August 6, Captain Walker attended a meeting on behalf of VPD for the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial.
12. On August 6, Captain Walker attended the Miami Valley Crime Prevention Association Meeting.
13. On August 7 and 8, Captain Walker and I attended the Global Leadership Summit at CLC.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: August 6, 2025
Subject: **Information Update for July 26 – August 8, 2025**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project: Capital Electric has installed the light poles and continues to install the electrical for the security lighting at the new Dog Leg Rd and National Rd lift stations.

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: Brumbaugh Construction is finishing up the asphalt work on the off-road path near the Taylorsville dam. Security Fence removed the existing poles & mast arms at National Rd/Brown School Rd and erected these at S Brown School Rd/Cassel Creek Dr/Scholz Dr. Oglesby will start the concrete work for the new intersection curb ramps soon.

Kenneth Avenue Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: Sturm Construction's subcontractor Robinson Concrete finished the concrete curb & sidewalk repairs, and another subcontractor has milled off the asphalt roadway surface & paved the project area.

Tionda, Mossview, Ranchview (TMR) Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: M&T Excavating installed the remaining new water main on Ranchview and Mossview Drs and it has been tested. M&T will be working on connecting new water service laterals to residences' existing curb stop valves on Ranchview and Mossview Drs. Ogelsby completed the concrete curb & sidewalk repair work on Tionda Dr.

2025 Street Resurfacing: Barrett Paving Materials' subcontractor Aeromark still has some final thermoplastic pavement marking to place.

Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (DSRD) Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing: A pre-construction meeting was held on July 29th. CG Construction plans to start at Damian St/Pool Ave next week (8/11).

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

- 17 of the 29 single-family homes in Foxfire Section 9 under review, construction & inspection, or completed (7 have issued COs)
- Ongoing inspections: Redwood Phase 2 apartments at the east end of Park Center Dr (lumber going up on the first of the 11 buildings)
- Ongoing inspections: Living Word Church addition at 926 E National Rd (steel going up)
- Application under review: tenant upfit of half the building at 1669 Capstone Way
- Application under review: condominium building at The Landing (650 Pool Ave, old Willow pool)

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's (MVRPC) Safe Streets for All's (SS4A) first round of public outreach & engagement has started. MVRPC is developing a comprehensive road safety action plan (the SS4A) and invites everyone to provide input to identify pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety issues.

To learn more about this SS4A plan and provide input, please visit MVRPC's website (<https://www.mvrpc.org/transportation/safe-streets-all-action-plan>).

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Cron and I attended the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access ("Ring Road") project's monthly Right-of-Way Acquisition status meeting on July 28th and monthly design status meeting on July 31st.

ACM Cron, you, and I attend the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce's (Chamber) monthly First Friday event at the Vandalia library on August 1st.

We held our portion of the yearly river cleanup on Saturday August 2nd as part of the regional *Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River*. This organization's goal is to coordinate volunteers to pick up and remove trash from the Great Miami River from Indian Lake to the Ohio River each year. With the help of Vandalia's **Scouting Troop 307** and City staff volunteers, we picked up trash/debris from Old Springfield/Ross Rd to Taylorsville Dam via canoes/kayaks. A great thank you to **Adventures of the Great Miami** for providing the livery service and **Fox's Pizza Den Vandalia** for graciously donating pizzas free of charge to feed the volunteers!



I was grateful for the opportunity to engage with City and Township businesses during the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing at Cassel Hills Golf Course on August 5th, alongside other City staff.

DES & PW staff met with Finance Director Leiter and Assistant Finance Director Carnes a couple times to learn the new ClearGov software for this year's budget cycle submission.

I will be attending the Global Leadership Summit on August 7th and 8th with other City senior staff, hosted at the Christian Life Center.

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

PW Superintendent Hayslett and I attended the monthly technical committee meeting and Outfall Channel project review meeting for the plant's new outfall to the Great Miami River on August 6th.

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

TCA crews finished videoing sections of the sanitary sewer for the planned 2026 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining project, which has been awarded \$50,000 in CDBG funds.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd):

City staff continue to provide requested information to WDC Group to continue the design process for the new facility.

Streets:

Crews completed the asphalt patches at the National Rd/I-75 overpass bridge abutments.

Crews replaced a deteriorating curb section near 128 N Dixie Dr (Domino's Pizza) and in front of St. Chris on National Rd.

Crews continued spraying curb gutters as part of our annual herbicide program. Crews continue working west, currently pass Helke Rd.



Storm Sewer:

Crews repaired a catch basin (CB) at Echo Valley/Toptop Dr.

Crews repaired CB and a sinkhole at Damian St/Pool Ave. The cause of the sinkhole was a concrete storm pipe separating; crews poured concrete around the joint to fix and address the issue.

Water:

Crews installed a new concrete driveway approach, section of curb, asphalt patch, in front of the curb, and completed dirt work for the fire hydrant (FH) replacement near 918 La Tourrette Ct.

Crews replaced a FH hit by a vehicle near 9140 Dog Leg Rd that broke at the breakaway joint. This FH is back in service.

Crews shutdown another FH hit by a vehicle near 11063 Engle Rd. This FH will need to be hydro-excavated around the base and the entire FH assembly replaced next week; unfortunately, this FH did not break as designed at the breakaway joint.

Crews turned (closed & opened) main line valves in preparation for the DSRD project to confirm all needed valves are operational for the project.

Crews completed a 1-inch live tap on the water main and installed a new 1-inch corporation stop valve for the new single-family home at 675 Waldsmith Way. While on-site, crews also raised a FH and watch valve at the same location.

Crews continued installing new water meters.

Sanitary Sewer:

Crews cleaned the sewer main at 428 Halifax Dr, Bristol Dr (west of N Brown School) Rd, Spartan Ave, and N Brown School Rd in preparation for TCA crews' videoing.

Other Services:

Crews installed Purple Heart banners along National Rd in preparation for National Purple Heart Day (August 7th).

Crews will be staffed for the monthly large item debris drop-off event at the PW garage on this Saturday, August 9th. This free service is available to residents on the second Saturday of each month from March through October, between 8am and 2pm.

PW Technicians Nick Davidson and Ryan Malott assisted with the trash/debris removal from the river cleanup.

PW Technicians Gordan Haas and Ryan Malott staffed the National Night Out event on August 5th with some of our equipment for residents to see. Thanks to the all the City staff that make the event great each year, especially Crime Prevention Officer Sommers.

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

Crews performed 65 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics replaced teeth on the asphalt mill grinder head.

The mechanics also repaired an air leak on Fire Division's Ladder #3 and replaced the starter on their Utility truck.

Robinette Park Playground Ribbon Cutting

August 15th | 12pm

Join us for the grand opening of the NEW
Robinette Park Playground!

Robinette Park
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Vandalia, OH 45377

