

THE BLUE LETTER



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August 22, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

We enjoyed a wonderful employee appreciation event on Thursday at the Sports Complex with over 100 staff members enjoying a picnic and fun interaction. It was great to see many retirees and host the largest number of retirees at any recent picnic. Special thanks to our grill masters, Ben Borton and Rich Hopkins, and to Sherri Howard, Angela Swartz, and Leann Hanf for organizing the food. Thanks to all the departments for pitching in and bringing food to share with the group. We are blessed to have a tremendous group of dedicated employees who perform great service that makes Vandalia an amazing community and we appreciate Council supporting our employee appreciation events to recognize our staff's work.



This week, staff from Finance, Human Resources, and CMO met with representatives from McGohan Brabender to review our health care plan and discuss options and budget for the upcoming year. McGohan Brabender representatives will be attending the September 2nd Study Session to provide Council and staff with updates on health care coverage and expenses as well as trends in the health care industry.

The Division of Fire recently participated in joint Haz-mat training with the Dayton Regional HazMat Team at the White Castle production facility on Peters Pike. We appreciate the collaboration between White Castle management and our fire crews along with the Regional HazMat team to make this a productive training exercise for everyone involved.

Fire Marshal Scott Jacobs and Chief Follick attended the International Association of Fire Chiefs annual conference in Orlando where they participated in various workshops and presentations to bring valuable information back to the Division of Fire.



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During the past two weeks, VPD officers made nine traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in three traffic citations, four written warnings, and two verbal warnings while working four additional enforcement hours.

On Thursday, IT Director Darren Davey and I attended the first Municipal Cyber Summit hosted at Secure Cyber in Moraine. The Summit included presentations from various government employees and an attorney on the importance of establishing cybersecurity policies and training requirements to meet new state legislation requirements and how to protect our cyber infrastructure from vulnerabilities.

City offices will be closed for Labor Day on September 1st. The VRC will be open from 7:00 am to noon for fitness, gymnasium, and track only. Our next Council Study Session and Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd due to Labor Day.

On Monday, September 1 from 6:00-8:00pm, Parks & Recreation will be hosting a Doggy Pool Paw-ty at Cassel Hills Pool! This event is free for VRC members and Cassel Hills Pool members and residents. Dogs will have a great time in the pool on the last day of Cassel Hills Pool season. From enjoying pup cups to other dog related activities, this event is a howlin' good time of all things doggy!

Our Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th at Cassel Hills Golf Course. Invitations have been mailed out to city businesses, and we are looking forward to this opportunity to interact and network with our business representatives. If any Council member plans to attend, please be sure to RSVP with Angie so we can add you to the list. Special thanks to Sherri Howard for her work in preparing and sending out the invitations.

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 22, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – August 22, 2025;



3. Information Update - Chief Follick – August 22, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – August 22, 2025;
5. Information Update - Parks & Recreation Director McCracken – August 22, 2025;
6. Information Update - Police Chief Sucher – August 22, 2025;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – August 22, 2025;
8. Senior Center September 2025 Newsletter
9. Paddle – Palooza 36-Hour Pickleball Marathon





To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: August 7, 2025
Re: Information Update for August 9 - 22, 2025

- A permit has been issued for improvements to be made for a new tenant at 1669 Capstone Way. The company will be utilizing 286,000 square feet of the 728,000 square foot facility. Much of the space will be utilized as warehouse with a small section of the space for office use. We continue talks with other potential users of this facility and some of the vacant property in Stonequarry Crossings.
- I conducted a business retention meeting with Amelia Holley at the Cintas facility on Center Drive. Ms. Holley took over as General Manager of this plant in 2024. Cintas continues to be a great asset to our business community, and they are very happy with their location here in Vandalia.
- Our team continues to meet with our architect, WDC Group, on the final design of the new Public Works Facility. Our goal is to still have the final design completed, award bids and have a contract in place by year's end.
- Ben Borton and I also continue to meet bi-weekly with our consultant and the Montgomery County Engineer's Office on the final design of the DIA Northeast Logistics roadway project. Right of Way negotiations have begun with certain property owners along the route where right of way acquisition is needed early for utility relocations.
- You and I attended the Dayton Area Manager Association meeting this Friday. This month's meeting was held at the new Benham's Grove Event Center in Centerville.
- We have begun the preparation and entering of information for the 2026 Operations and Capital Improvement Budget.
- Bridgette Leiter, Kristen Carnes, Leann Hanf, you and I met with McGohan Brabender staff this week to discuss our upcoming health care renewal.
- Staff from City Manager's Office, DES and Fire Department held our monthly Development Meeting this week. Discussions revolve around ongoing projects and upcoming developments to make sure everyone is involved and has input on the projects moving forward.
- This week we had a contractor mow our 25-acre parcel at the intersection of Peters Pike and Capstone Way. We have had some interest in the property, and it had become overgrown with weeds and small trees.

- Ben Graham, Mike Hammes and I met with the pastor at Cassel Hills Church of Christ on Brown School Road to discuss partnering with them on some amenities for the Vandalia Bikeway Connector that now runs in front of their property. Potential ideas are a rest area with benches and a canopy. They have also offered to designate, with signage, some spots in their parking lot for people to park their vehicles while they utilize the path.
- There are two items scheduled for the August 26 Planning Commission meeting. One applicant is seeking a PUD Plan and Preliminary Plan approval for a residential development on Mulberry Road south of the Copperfield Development. The second application is for 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 been used three times during this reporting period.
- Rich Hopkins is taping the September episodes of Focus Vandalia this week. September videos will include, back to school topics, Police Department Open House, our upcoming Touch-a-Truck event, Fire Department Open House, and information about our annual leaf collection beginning in October.
- Our Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing invitations have been mailed. Special thanks to Sherri Howard for all of her efforts for this event. This year's event will be held on September 9th at Cassel Hills Golf Course.
- This Thursday we held our annual employee appreciation picnic at the Sports Complex. The highlight of the picnic each year is that we invite former employees who have retired from the city. This year we had great weather and a great turnout with 13 retirees attending.



Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: August 20, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending August 22, 2025

1. Kristen attended a council study session and meeting. She presented the YTD July 2025 financial report.
2. Principal and interest payments on the Bond Anticipation Notes were paid, and the new note for the remaining balance on both the fire engine and new ladder truck (note matures in August 2026) was completed this week. The debt is due to be paid in full in 2026 (fire engine) and 2031 (ladder truck).
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, you, Rob Cron and I met with representatives from McGohan Brabender to discuss the upcoming budget for healthcare.
5. I met with you, Rob Cron and Ben Borton to discuss financing for the new Public Works building.
6. Kristen Carnes, Rob Cron, you and Leann Hanf met to discuss healthcare revenues and expenses in preparation for the renewal discussion meeting with representatives from McGohan Brabender.
7. Several members of the Finance staff enjoyed the Employee Appreciation Day picnic in the park.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 8/21/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 22, 2025

1. Crews responded with Butler Township Fire to southbound I75 on August 8th for a passenger vehicle fire. No injuries were reported.
2. Trainings this reporting period were SCBA confidence training and joint Haz Mat Training with the Dayton Regional Haz Mat Team. All crews prepared and planned responses to the White Castle Production site on Peter's Pike. A big thank you to White Castle for accommodating everyone and participating in is a great partnership with all entities.
3. Fire Marshal Jacobs and I attended the International Association of Fire Chief's FIR conference in Orlando. We attended multiple classes and gained some valuable information to bring back to the Division of Fire.
4. Strike team crews attended the ribbon cutting for the new and improved Robinette Park on August 15th. We are happy to be a part of welcoming our community back to this loved park.
5. The Division of Fire is happy to announce (and brag a little) that they are the reigning champions of the Police vs. Fire Wiffle ball challenge. Members of both divisions came out to play on Saturday, August 16th. Fun was had by all, and we are looking forward to the next one.
6. C-shift crews were quite busy the evening and into the night of August 17th. The drone and drone crews were called to assist police crews in locating a possible injured person (later to be found safe and sound). Before wrapping up that response, crews were called to a fire alarm on Poe Ave. to find a water leak that had been going on over an extended amount of time through the weekend. The damage on Poe Ave was significant and crews worked to clean up as much water as they could. Also, during this time, crews dealt with



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an increase in other additional EMS calls for service. Crews did not get a lot of rest but did great handling all the responses.

7. Admin Assistant Jacobs, Capt. Morrett, Lt. Holbrook, and I attended a bi-annual meeting with Medicount on Tuesday August 19th. Medicount is our EMS billing company and their representative, Jennifer Miller, met to review our status with billing, revenue, and other misc. items during this time.
8. Members of the Division of Fire were happy to attend the Picnic in the Park Employee Appreciation event on Thursday, August 21st. Thank you for another great event.
9. Strike team crews will be on site at the first home football game on Friday, August 22nd. The Division of Fire will be available for any EMS needs that may arise. Crews will also be there to cheer and support out 2026 Fall athletes, Go Aviators!

Memo



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: August 20, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending August 22, 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. **Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley: Counseling and Wellness Services.** Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley is committed to supporting the mental health and well-being of individuals and families throughout our community. Through their Counseling and Wellness Center, they offer a variety of professional behavioral health services designed to address stress, anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns. These programs provide accessible and confidential support, with a focus on helping individuals build resilience, improve overall wellness, and achieve long-term personal success. By utilizing these services, employees and community members alike can benefit from a stronger foundation for both their personal and professional lives.

For additional information regarding the Counseling and Wellness Center and the services available, please visit the following link: [Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley Counseling and Wellness Center](#).

4. **August: Sleep Awareness – Sleep Apnea Symptoms & Treatments.**
Most people at some time experience the effects of lack of sleep — that feeling of being groggy, irritable, and maybe reaching for a coffee boost. Without enough good, quality sleep, it's harder to function at our best. Sleep apnea is a potentially serious disorder that interrupts nightly rest. It happens when someone stops breathing repeatedly during the night — depriving the body and brain of oxygen. A person with sleep apnea may stop breathing hundreds of times in a single night. If left untreated, sleep apnea may increase the risk for serious health problems, such as stroke, high blood pressure, heart conditions, and diabetes.

Types of Sleep Apnea

There are two main types of sleep apnea. While they may share similar symptoms, they have different causes — and some people may even have both:

- Obstructive sleep apnea (more common): Caused when throat muscles relax, making the airway narrower and restricting oxygen flow.
- Central sleep apnea: Occurs when the brain does not send the proper signals to the muscles that control breathing.

Sleep Apnea Symptoms and Risk Factors

Snoring is often one of the most recognized signs of sleep apnea, but it is not the only symptom. Other common symptoms may include:

- Trouble sleeping
- Morning headaches
- Waking up with a dry or sore throat
- Waking up feeling like you're choking or gasping for air
- Excessive daytime fatigue
- Anyone at any age can develop sleep apnea, but certain risk factors increase the likelihood, including:
 - Excess weight
 - Older age
 - Family history of sleep apnea
 - Use of alcohol, sedatives, or tranquilizers
 - Smoking
 - Medical conditions such as congestive heart failure, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, or Parkinson's disease
 - Nasal blockage from a deviated septum, allergies, or sinus issues

Treatment Options and Lifestyle Tips

For mild sleep apnea, lifestyle adjustments may help manage symptoms:

- Weight loss
- Avoiding alcohol and sleeping pills
- Using a position pillow
- Sleeping on your side instead of your back
- Quitting smoking

For more severe sleep apnea, additional treatments may include:

- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP): A machine that provides steady airflow to keep the airway open during sleep.
- Dental devices: Special mouth guards or retainers that keep the tongue in place to maintain an open airway.
- Supplemental oxygen: May help in cases of central sleep apnea.
- Surgery (last resort): Procedures may include tissue removal, jaw repositioning, or implants, depending on the patient's needs.

Getting Help for Sleep Apnea

If you are concerned about sleep apnea, start by scheduling an appointment with your primary care provider. Based on your symptoms, they may refer you to a sleep clinic for testing, either at home or in a clinic setting. A sleep specialist can then recommend the most effective treatment plan.

Tip: If you share your bedroom with someone, consider bringing them along to your appointment. Since you are asleep during symptoms, they may be able to describe what they've observed to help your provider better understand your situation.

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Alicia McCracken, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 8/21/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending August 21, 2025

Thank you to all that came out for the Robinette Ribbon Cutting!



RECREATION CENTER

1. VRC Labor Day Hours- 7am-Noon- Fitness, Gymnasium and Track Only.
2. Beginning October 1st- VRC hours will be year round Monday-Friday 5am-9pm. Weekend hours will remain the same.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

1. The Lollipop program had its first session on Saturday, August 16th. We had 102 kids enrolled in the Lollipop Program this year. Thank you to the Butler Girls Soccer Team for helping with the program!



2. Fricker's won the gold bracket for the Men's Summer Softball league and Hit and Runners won the silver bracket.



3. Fall Adult Softball leagues will begin in September. We have 14 teams registered.
4. Cassel Hills Pool is in "weekend only" hours through Labor Day.
5. CampRec prep for the 2026 season has started! Sara Moyer has started to edit the training materials based on the feedback I received from staff and observations I had over the summer. Sara is also looking into bringing back the Counselor in Training Program to help with the younger CampREC group.

Programs and events run during this period

6. ABC's are Yummy w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Saturday, August 9, Eat Pretty Darling will led a preschool cooking class where participants explored the alphabet all while baking delicious ABC muffins! It was a tasty way to learn about letters and healthy ingredients through hands-on cooking. This program had 7 participants registered.
7. Dorie & The Daddy-O's: On Saturday, August 9, Dorie & The Daddy-O's performed at Art Park! Families were entertained with fun and energetic Rock-a-Billy originals and classic tunes. This was a free performance that welcomed everyone to join in on the interactive performance! There were around 40 people at this performance.
8. Sunset Palm w/ Miss Elissa: On Monday, August 11, Miss Elissa led a Sunset Palm adult art program at the Rec Center. Participants enjoyed the summer vibes and artsy atmosphere as Miss Elissa guided them step-by-step through painting a colorful ocean sunset with a palm tree silhouette. There were 6 participants registered for this program.
9. Lunchbox Legends w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Tuesday, August 19, Eat Pretty Darling led a youth cooking class where participants learned how to pack their own healthy and delicious school lunches. Participants learned the skills to create balanced, tasty meals for the whole school year! There were 4 participants registered for this program.

Upcoming Programs & Events

10. Art Outside The Box w/ Art Adventures: From Monday, August 18- Friday, August 22, Art Adventures hosted a weeklong art camp designed for young, creative explorers! This camp is all about breaking boundaries, thinking creatively, and expressing oneself in new and exciting ways. Campers will engage in a variety of artistic activities that challenge their imaginations and encourage them to see the world through a new lens! There were 14 campers enrolled.
11. STEAM Lab Camp w/ STEMILY Studios: From Monday, August 18- Friday, August 22, STEMILY Studios led a STEAM Lab Camp that blends sciences, technology, engineering, art, and math into hands-on projects. Campers had the chance to grow crystals, sculptures, and build squishy circuits. Each day was packed with exciting challenges that sparked curiosity and creativity! There were 11 campers enrolled.
12. Homeschool Takeover: On Friday, August 29, from 11:30 am-2:00 pm, we will be hosting a Homeschool Takeover at the VRC. Homeschool groups and families are invited to come out and enjoy everything the VRC has to offer: swimming, climbing wall, gym activities, and Luther's Jungle.
13. Doggy Pool Paw-ty: On Monday, September 1 from 6:00-8:00pm, we will be hosting a Doggy Pool Paw-ty at Cassel Hills Pool! This event is free for VRC members and Cassel Hills Pool members and residents. Dogs will have a great time in the pool on the last day of Cassel Hills Pool season. From enjoying pup cups to other dog related activities, this event is a howlin' good time of all things doggy!

CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

1. Commercial Irrigation continues work on the irrigation system. We closed down a hole for construction for the first time during the project..
2. Golf Maintenance Staff coordinated a fence repair from a fallen tree for a resident.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. Beau Townsend Ford/Lincoln/Nissan renewed there annual ad in the monthlhy VSC newsletter.
2. Staff is working on getting a timeline in place for the fire alarm replacement.
3. We have had 13 new members so far in August.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. Parks Staff installed the refurbished bronze plaque honoring James Robinette and placed it on the south wall of the new restroom / storage building at Robinette Park.
2. A contractor applied asphalt sealcoat, stop bars, dividing lines and handicap stall painting at the Recreation Center. This area failed last year after 4" rain event.
3. Buildings Staff is working on preparing a storage room and office area at the Municipal Building.
4. VRC Pool annual shutdown is completed. Issues with the UV system and some plumbing continue.
5. Parks staff continue landscape bed maintenance including mulch at our larger areas. Seasonal help worked in applying 80 cubic yards of mulch this summer at areas including the Recreation Center, Justice Center and Municipal Building.
6. Staff watered new trees in our landscape beds, including the street trees along National and Dixie, for a total of approximately 130 trees.

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Brandon Sucher
Police Chief

Date: August 21, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending August 22, 2025

1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made nine traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in three traffic citations, four written warnings, and two verbal warnings while working four additional enforcement hours.
2. On August 8, Crime Prevention Officer Sommer spoke to children at Early Beginnings about police.
3. Officer Sommer attended the OVI Task Force news conference kicking off the fall blitz on stopping OVI's.
4. On August 9, Chief Sucher, Captain Walker, and Captain Krimm attended a range day for retiree qualification.
5. Captains Walker and Krimm attended a monthly leadership meeting in Centerville on August 13. The group is a networking opportunity that shares ideas and strategies regarding leadership and current law enforcement priorities.
6. On August 14, all supervisory staff attended virtual training as a group on software for critical incident response and special event pre-planning. The software, CERA, is provided through a BJA Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding grant. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding to programs that use technology to improve school safety.
7. On August 16, VPD officers participated in a charity wiffleball game against members of VFD to raise money for Vandalia-Butler students.
8. On August 18, Captain Krimm, Sergeant Fraley, and Sergeant Clymer were sworn in before Council for their recent promotions.
9. On August 19, Chief Sucher completed a shooting range inspection at Miami Valley Shooting Grounds.
10. Captain Walker attended a virtual R.A.N.G.E. Task Force Board meeting on August 20. We currently dedicate one detective position as a part-time member of the task force.

11. We hosted a quarterly hotel meeting on August 21 at the Justice Center. Captain Walker, Sgt. Lawson, Off. Sommer, and Off. Christian attended the meeting along with representatives from the Division of Fire and Development & Engineering Services.
12. Officers attended our Phase II range training August 21-22. This phase focused on safe tactics for traffic stops and approaches. The training did not involve any live fire. We utilized our simunition training equipment to put officers in realistic scenarios.
13. On August 12, VPD hosted a dispatch training class through the Public Safety Group on how to handle difficult callers. Attendees included 16 dispatchers from multiple agencies.
14. SSM Wright attended an annual 9-1-1 Technical Advisory Committee meeting for Montgomery County on August 15. This meeting is held to update all area PSAPs on changing laws, 9-1-1 standards, and the progression of the NextGen 9-1-1 phone system.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: August 21, 2025
Subject: **Information Update for August 9 – 22, 2025**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project: City staff received training on the new generator at the National Rd lift station as part of the project.

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: Brumbaugh Construction has installed the wooden railing along sections of the off-road path. Security Fence continued working on the intersection traffic signals, getting the S Brown School Rd/Cassel Creek Dr/Scholz Dr intersection ready for the switch over to the new signal system.

Kenneth Avenue Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: Sturm Construction is finishing punch list items to close out the project.

Tionda, Mossview, Ranchview (TMR) Watermain Replacement project: M&T Excavating has completed installing of all new water service laterals up to the existing curb stop water valves at residential properties. They also connected the 6" private service main loop (two connections) serving McDonald's and Super 8 during night work to minimize disruption to business operations. Ogelsby is currently finishing the concrete curb and sidewalk repairs. M&T is scheduled to mill and pave all project roadways next week.

2025 Street Resurfacing: This project is complete.

Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (DSRD) Watermain Replacement project: CG Construction began installed new water main on Damian St, starting at Pool Ave. The new main from Pool Ave to Romanus Dr has been filled and tested. The next section from Romanus Dr to Marcellus Dr has been filled and will be tested next week. CG will have to close Hertlein Ln to install the water main in this stretch.

2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining project: Insight Pipe Contracting's chemical grouting subcontractor Lake County Sewer has started the grouting of service laterals into the main on Brocone Dr. This work is expected to take only a couple weeks, and this year's project will be completed.

Updates from sites inspected or reviewed by DES staff:

- Foxfire Section 9: homes continue to be erected; Fischer Homes corrected a drainage issue on Deerhurst Dr.
- Redwood Phase 2 apartments: all footers are installed; first building's walls are going up.
- Oscar's (320 N Dixie Dr): staff met with adjacent tenant about concerns from the condemned Oscar's structure.
- Menasha Packaging Company (1669 Capstone Way): issued permit for tenant upfit of one-third of the building.
- 3935 Image Dr: met with new tenant awaiting construction drawings for tenant upfit.
- Crazy Cat Carwash (20 Helke Rd): addition work of an automatic wash bay continues.

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Cron, DES staff, Fire Chief Follick, and Fire Marshal Jacobs met for our monthly development meeting on August 18th to discuss ongoing and proposed projects, ensuring all parties remain aligned and informed.

ACM Cron and I attended the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access ("Ring Road") project's monthly design status meeting on August 21st.

DES & PW staff enjoyed the employee appreciation Picnic in the Park with fellow City workers and the opportunity to catch up with some of the City's retirees on August 21st.

DES staff will hold our monthly staff meeting on August 22nd.

Communications Manager Hopkins helped me film a Focus Vandalia short for September on the upcoming leaf collection season and what to do with leaves before October 6th.

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

PW Superintendent Hayslett and I attended a meeting with NAWA and Dayton Water on August 13th about the water distributions' interconnections to assist with updating NAWA/Vandalia's emergency water contingency plan.

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

PW Assistant Superintendent Fulton and I attended the monthly TCA technical committee meeting on August 20th.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd):

City staff met with WDC Group for our biweekly design status meeting on August 13th and Enzo's Cleaning Solutions on August 19th to discuss wash bay solutions for the new facility.

Progress continues on removing some old easements on the parcel for a future, never-built addition to the adjacent shopping center.

Streets:

Crews continued spraying curb gutters as part of our annual herbicide program.

PW Assistant Superintendent Fulton programmed the school zone lights at Demmitt Elementary and Butler High School.

Storm Sewer:

Crews laid a storm extension along the curb on Crestwood Hills Dr near Kenbrook Dr to alleviate a safety issue from a constant discharge onto the sidewalk on the west side. Several new concrete sidewalk sections and an asphalt patch were placed with this small project.

Crews did a safety training session on the road widener attachment. This attachment is used on the back of a dump truck to belt asphalt over to the side of the vehicle. It is generally used for berming along the side of the roadway but also works great for storm extension patches.

Water:

Crews continued installing new water meters.

Crews had to remove some concrete from a driveway approach and hydro-excavate a broken curb stop water valve at 202 W National Rd. The broken valve was replaced, so the water could be shut off to facilitate a water meter replacement.

Crews performed the monthly water shut-offs of delinquent water accounts for the Water division of the Finance department (~65-70 this month).

Crews had to hydro-excavate and replace some buried curb stop water valves to facilitate a couple of these shut-offs.

Crews assisted with the lead and copper samples for this cycle. These samples are collected and tested every 3 years to fulfill Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (OEPA) requirements for a water distribution system.

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.

Crews obtained monthly Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Program (MIPP) samples at Veolia Water and Pratt Industries.

Other Services:

Crews installed VB Aviators banners in preparation for the start of the new school year.

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

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

Crews performed 93 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

Crews met with Parks & Recreation Golf personnel to discuss this year's paving of golf cart paths and started the preparation work (grinding butt joints). Crews are prepping our trucks and equipment for this work with the hope to pave ~340 feet of cart path next week.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics repaired the arm bar switch on the skid steer and completed prep work on the leaf vacuum to ensure it's ready for the upcoming leaf collection season.

The mechanics also performed work on the single-axle dump truck #23. A leak was discovered in the oil pan, and a replacement has been ordered. Additionally, a cracked leaf spring was identified; plans are in place to take the truck to Acme Springs for replacement.

Vandalia Senior Center

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Are You Ready for Some Football?

The Vandalia-Butler High School has again invited you to enjoy a tailgate meal and a football game on Friday, September 19. You will eat at the old tennis courts at 6 p.m. They will have hot



dogs, chips, a cookie, and water. Then you will go to the game by 7 p.m.

Our team is playing against Tipp City. If you are a Vandalia or Butler Township resident and have a pass from the Board of Education, bring it with you. If you do not have a pass or are not a resident and you come to the tailgate, you will get into the game for free. You need to sign up on the bulletin board to attend the tailgate. **Deadline: September 12**

Directions: From the Senior Center, turn left onto Dixie. Just pass the Vandalia Library, turn left and continue back to the football stadium parking lot. Go to the old tennis courts near the Victory Bell for the tailgate. If the weather is questionable, go to door #9.

Matter of Balance Classes on Wednesdays from Sept. 24 to Nov. 12 from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.



Were you unable to attend the class in the summer? Do you need a refresher course? How is your balance? Could it be better? Charles Briggerman with the Injury Prevention Center at Miami Valley Hospital would like to help you with your balance beginning on September 24 and continuing for every Wednesday through November 12. This program will last for 8 weeks. Try to attend 5 or more sessions. You will receive a packet of handouts and practice exercises for balance. Limit: 40

Chili Dinner on Friday, September 26, at 5:00 p.m.

There will be a chili dinner planned by the Senior Club Committee that will include chili and salad along with crackers, cheese, onion, and dessert for \$5.00. Glenn Parks will entertain you with his great banjo playing plus there will be additional activities.

To sign up, go to the hallway by the kitchen to the wooden desk on the wall and take an envelope to put in \$5.00. Put your name and phone number on the outside. Drop it in box #3. Then print your first and last name on the posted list. They need to be able to read your name to put it on a name tag. Minimum: 25 **Deadline: September 19**



Lunch & Learn

Stillwater Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 2, at Noon

Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will bring your food. Jennifer Lorenzetti is returning to present "Behind the Lens: Important Moments in the History of Photography". Photography has been around for less than two centuries, but, in that time, it has changed the way we see the world. Come to hear about the best moments of photography from the first blurry images to our current image-obsessed culture. Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 9, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Joseph Helfrinch will return with his many instruments. Come enjoy Joseph's many interesting tunes, folk songs, and fun stories. There will be a tip bowl at the end if you wish to thank Joseph for his time and help with travel expenses. Limit: 100

Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Thursday, September 11, at Noon

Pam Cupp from Brookhaven will have their chef, Brad, prepare your lunch. Mark Risley will present "The Legend of Roswell". In 1947,

"something" crashed in the desert outside of Roswell, New Mexico. Was it a weather balloon, a top Secret military project, or a craft from another world? This program takes a look at the iconic UFO story that just won't go away, including a possible connection with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Limit: 75



Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, September 12, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Join Vandalia-Butler City School District Superintendent Rob O'Leary, and Treasurer Jordan Shumaker, as they present the annual State of the Schools district update. Both District representatives will be available to answer questions after the presentation. Limit: 70



Lunch & Learn

Complete Solutions Lunch & Learn on Mon., Sept. 15, at Noon

Scott and Michael Leonardi from Complete Solutions will bring your boxed lunch. Scott Leonardi will tell you about all the new changes for 2026 Medicare plans. He will give you the updates that you need so you can plan ahead and decide if you need to make any changes for the next year. Limit: 100



Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 16, at Noon

Ellie Ungericht from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. Close your eyes and hear the voice of Louis Armstrong singing. Would you enjoy hearing that voice again even though Louis passed away in 1971? Then join us for this lunch, as Dean Simms and Rich Begel recall Louis Armstrong's life. Dean Simms is the leading Louis Armstrong artist in the country with a voice just like Louis's voice. They will be playing the trumpet and trombone. Afterwards, a bowl will be out to collect tips if you want to thank them for their impressive show and to help with travel expenses. Limit: 75



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Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Thurs., Sept. 18, at Noon

Jodell Davis from Momentum Health will bring your food. Dan Edwards is the Director of Communications for the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts. He was a radio DJ and tv news anchor for 40 years. Dan is a graduate of The Body Language Institute of Washington, D. C. He would like to share how your body language delivers your message. Dan will talk about the seven facial expressions that are as unique as fingerprints. He will tell you how to mirror the other person, how to control your body language, and much more. Limit: 75

Ohio's Hospice Lunch & Learn on Monday, September 22, at Noon

Jamie Brown from Ohio's Hospice will provide your lunch. Lee Ann Rose from Williamsburg, Virginia, will come to us by Zoom as Susan B. Anthony. You know her face from the one dollar coin. She was commemorated for fighting against slavery. Susan also worked for fifty years so that women could have the right to vote. Come enjoy this fantastic performance. Limit: 75



Lunch & Learns

Senior Mark Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 23, at Noon

Patty Hoelscher and Adam Fullenkamp from Senior Mark will provide your lunch. It is almost that time - Medicare Annual Enrollment. Are you feeling overwhelmed by the amount of information coming your way? Not sure where to turn for trusted help? Join Adam Fullenkamp as he helps navigate the ins and outs of Medicare and breaks down what you really need to know. He will be discussing the differences between Medicare Advantage and Medigap plans, giving an overview of drug plans, and explaining what you need to do during the Annual Enrollment Period. Plus, hear about some of the newest scams and scare tactics to steal your information and how to avoid falling victim to them. Limit: 75



Seniors Helping Seniors Lunch & Learn on Thursday, September 25, at Noon



Andy Spatt from Seniors Helping Seniors will bring your lunch. Andy will present "The Reset Plan: Effective Strategies for Sustainable Well-Being". Maintaining a healthy well-being starts from the inside out for any person. Andy will cover the keys which will help someone when stress becomes overwhelming especially if you are a caregiver. The keys will be practical and easy to utilize in your daily lifestyle. Limit: 75

Functional Lifestyle Solutions Lunch & Learn on Friday, Sept. 26, at Noon

Carrie Nicholas and Kimberly Newton will provide your lunch. Join Cyndi Hunter with Functional Lifestyle Solutions and discover simple, smart home modifications that can help you stay safe, independent, and comfortable right where you belong — at home. These experts will share practical tips and tools to make aging in place easier than ever. Let's talk grab bars, lighting, layout, and more — because your home should work for you, not against you. Limit: 75



Englewood Health & Rehab Lunch & Learn on Tues., Sept. 30, at Noon



Robin Eck from Englewood Health & Rehab will bring lunch from their kitchen. Joey DiGrazia from the King's English along with Garry Finton from Bobby D.'s Quartet group are returning. They were previously here on July 8. Come hear what tunes they have picked out for you to enjoy. After the show, a bowl will be out if you would like to thank them for their time and help with their travel expenses. Limit: 75



Art

FREE Fall Card Making on Wed., Sept.3, at 1:00 p.m.

You can create two cards from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be cards, paper, stickers, stamps, and much more to create cards with a fall theme, Halloween theme, or a Thanksgiving theme. All the equipment you need to complete the card will be available. Limit: 12



Painted Pot Class on Friday, September 5, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will have clay pots that are 4 1/2" H x 5 1/2" at the top. She will bring her ceramic paints for you to use on the pot. You can create your own design or use some of her dozens of stencils. She will give you an artificial plant to put inside the pot when you are finished. Cost: \$5 Minimum: 5 Limit: 15



Decoupage Pumpkin Class on Wednesday, September 10, at 1:00 p.m.

Debbie Millhouse, a member, will take you through the steps to make a beautiful decorated pumpkin. Debbie will have lots of napkins for you to choose from.

Cost: \$5 Limit: 12

*** Another class on page 6***



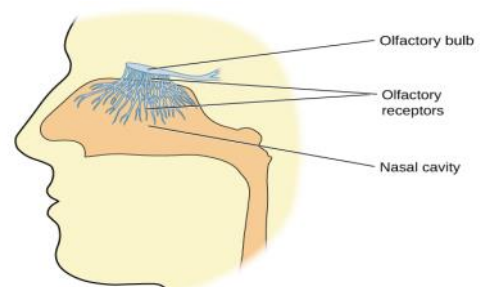
Earring Class on Mon., Sept. 22, at 1:45 p.m.

Cass Barth and Toni Williams will step you through the process of making a pair of earrings. You will have lots of beads to choose from. Then you will put them on a head pin. You will form a loop at the top to connect it to the earring wire. Cost: \$3 Limit: 8

An Essential Oils Class on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 1:45 p.m.

Christine Jordan from Red Lotus Essential Oils will discuss essential oils that help with sinus and allergies. You will make an essential oils blend to take home.

Cost: \$6 Minimum: 5 Limit: 15



Movies

Movie on the First Friday, September 5, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Kim Adkisson from Day City Hospice

In the movie, *A Dog's Way Home*, Bella, as a puppy, finds her way into the arms of Lucas, a young man who gives her a good home. When Bella becomes separated from Lucas, she soon finds herself on an epic 400-mile journey to reunite with her beloved owner. Along the way, the lost but spirited dog touches the lives of an orphaned mountain lion, a down-on-his-luck veteran, and some friendly strangers who happen to cross her path. **G Family/Adventure/Comedy 1 hr. 37 min.**



Movie on the Third Friday, September 19, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Jodell Davis from Momentus Health of Vandalia

In the movie, *Green and Gold*, a fourth-generation dairy farmer, on the brink of losing his farm to the bank, wagers everything on a bet involving his beloved Green Bay Packers. His granddaughter pursues a music career to save what they have worked for their entire lives.

PG Drama 1 hr. 45 min.



Ribbon Lei Class on Tuesday, September 30, at 1:45 p.m.

Olohana was here in June with her spectacular Polynesian dance troupe. She is returning to show you how to make a ribbon lei. It will take 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Cost: donation to help with the cost of the ribbon. Limit: 20



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

Sign up to eat out at Roosters at 5571 Merily Way in Huber Heights, on Tuesday, September 9, 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. At the next light, turn right on Merily Way. Roosters is on the left. **Alternate:** Take 75 S then 70 E. Take the first Huber Heights exit and turn right. Turn left onto Merily Way at the next light.



MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Welcome to Murder Week by Karen Dukess

Etiquette For Lovers and Killers by Anna Fitzgerald Healy

The Codebreaker's Daughter by Amy Lunn Green

What We Can Know by Ian McEwan

The Rules of Falling For You by Mollie Rushmeyer

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

The Alto Knights

Retribution

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A Working Man

In the Lost Lands

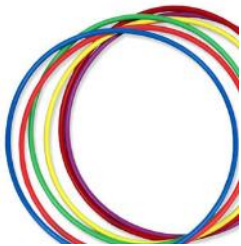
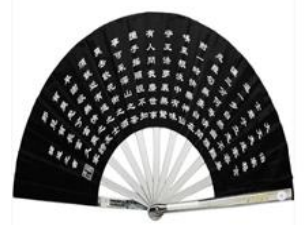


FREE Exercise Class on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 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 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.



Window Blinds in the Card Room/Library

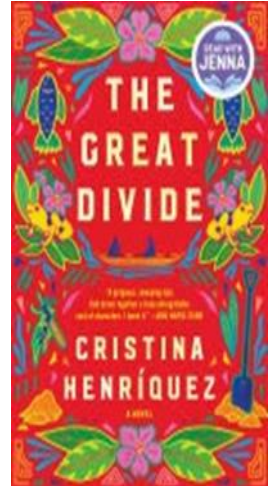
The blinds in the three windows in the card room / library were purchased in 1987 from JCPenney at the Salem Mall. The blinds had multiple problems. The City paid to have them replaced on July 15 by Budget Blinds of Northwest Dayton.



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, September 2, to discuss *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henríquez. It is said that the Panama Canal will be the greatest feat of engineering in history. But first, it must be built. Scientist John Oswald has journeyed to Panama to eliminate malaria. But everything hangs in the balance as his wife Marian falls ill herself. When John witnesses an act of bravery and compassion from Ada, he hires her on the spot as a caregiver for his wife. This fateful decision sets in motion a sweeping tale of ambition, loyalty, and sacrifice. *The Great Divide* explores the lives of the laborers, fishmongers, journalists, protesters, doctors, and soothsayers who lived alongside the canal during the construction - those rarely acknowledged by history even as they carved out its course.



Check Your Numbers on the 3rd Tuesday

Nurses from Premier Health will be in the dining room on Tuesday, September 16, from 11:00 a.m. to noon to check your blood pressure and sugar numbers.

Afghans, Quilts, and Blankets for Veterans

Every year we collect crocheted or knitted afghans, lap size and 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.



Check Your Answers to the Questions on Page 11

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|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. cube | 2. 4 | 3. Eaton, Ohio, | 4. solid, liquid, gas |
| 5. noun | 6. land with water on 3 sides | 7. homonyms | |
| 8. 82 cents | 9. 10 toys | 10. antonyms | 11. broad, flat land |
| 12. 1 cent, 10 cents, 25 cents | 13. 3 | 14. cat, cent, cot, cut | |
| 15. In God We Trust (United States of America) | | 16. 5:50 | |
| 17. 15 minutes | 18. 2/6 | 19. 466 | 20. 13, 13, 15, 11 |
| 21. 8, 6, 9, 9 | 22. 134 | 23. Williams's | 24. fossils |
| 25. try it again another way | 26. ce, ci, cy | 27. Dear | |



Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Melva Jenkins 937-832-8992
Wednesday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267
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, September 2, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk and Cathy Compton from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Jodell Davis from Momentus Health will call bingo on Tuesday, September 9, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will call bingo on Tuesday, September 16, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Wednesday, September 24, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate September Birthdays on Wed., Sept. 24, at 1:00 p.m.

Becky Devor of Randall Residence of West Milton 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, tea bags, 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



Most students are going back to school. Toni taught second grade for 26 of her 35 year of teaching. She has written some questions from the second grade curriculum for you to answer. Check your answers on page9.

1. What is a 3D shape that has 6 faces and they are all squares? _____
2. How many cups in a quart? _____
3. Where would you put commas in this sentence? I lived in Eaton Ohio a long time ago.
4. Name the three states of matter. _____
5. Think of the word toy. Is it a verb, adjective, noun, or adverb? _____
6. What is a peninsula? _____
7. Are these words antonyms, synonyms or homonyms? here/hear _____
8. How much money is 2 quarters, 2 dimes, 2 nickels, 2 pennies? _____
9. A girl picked out 3 toys then she picked out 7 more. How many does she have? _____
10. Are these words antonyms, synonyms, or homonyms? In & out up & down _____
11. Define the land called the plains. _____
12. You bought something for 64 cents. You paid with a one dollar bill. What change should you get back using the least number of coins? _____
13. How many syllables in habitat? _____
14. Put these words in ABC order. Cot, cat, cent, cut _____
15. What four words are on every coin and paper money? _____
16. What time is it if the short hand is between 5 and 6 & the long hand is on 10? _____
17. How much time has passed between 12:25 and 12:40? _____ minutes
18. You cut a pie in sixths and you eat 2 pieces. What is the fraction that you ate? _____
19. Add. $327 + 139 =$ _____
20. Add. $5 + 8 =$ _____ $9 + 4 =$ _____ $7 + 8 =$ _____ $6 + 5 =$ _____
21. Subtract. $17 - 9 =$ _____ $14 - 8 =$ _____ $18 - 9 =$ _____ $15 - 6 =$ _____
22. Subtract $308 - 174 =$ _____
23. What should you add to show that he owns the car? It is Mr. Williams _____ car.
24. What did humans find in the ground that showed evidence of dinosaurs? _____
25. If an inventor's experiment fails, what should the inventor do? _____
26. The letter c can make a k sound or an s sound. What letters come after the c to make the c have the s sound. C _____ C _____ C _____
27. Every letter should have a date and a greeting. If you are writing a letter to a friend, what should be the first word in the greeting? _____



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
\$1499 pp \$1689 single You can also do a hotel upgrade. See flyer.

2026 CRUISES! Call **1-800-423-0247** and ask for **Amy** to schedule your trip. Or make a reservation at grandamericantours.com.

CHANGE to BOTH cruises: an extra travel day was added at the beginning of the trip

Feb. 12-21, 2026 Travel with Royal Caribbean to Baltimore, Charleston, Port Canaveral, Miami, and Grand Bahama. *Passport required **\$2471** to **\$2708** depending on cabin.

October 3-11, 2026 Travel with Norwegian to Boston, Portland, Bar Harbor, St. John, Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. *Passport required **\$3221** to **\$3584** 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: _____

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Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, September 13 | 10:30am - 1:00pm



Get ready for a hands-on adventure at our Touch-a-Truck! Immerse yourself in a world of roaring engines, flashing lights, and endless exploration. It's a tactile delight where people of all ages can touch, climb, and marvel at an impressive lineup of vehicles – from mighty fire trucks to colossal construction machinery. Join us for a day of tactile thrills and honk-worthy fun! *10:30am-11:15am will be sensory-friendly*

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex
Free Event!



Parks & Recreation

Sunflower & Pumpkins w/ Miss Elissa– Mon., September 8– 6:00pm-8:00pm

The sunflowers are blooming, and pumpkins are popping up—fall is calling! Join Miss Elissa for a cozy painting session where she'll guide you step-by-step in creating a cheerful Sunflower & Pumpkin scene on a 16" x 20" canvas—no painting experience needed! Add your own creative touch with a word or phrase that speaks to you—like "Grateful," "Shine," or "Harvest Joy." All painting supplies and instruction are provided. Just bring yourself, maybe a friend (and a snack if you'd like), and head home with a fall masterpiece you'll be proud to display!

Ages: 18 years and older

Fee: \$35 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Thursday, September 4.

Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Ladies' Night in w/Eat Pretty Darling– Thurs., September 25– 6:00-7:30pm

Grab the gals and create delicious appetizers perfect for entertaining, paired with a refreshing mocktail. This hands-on class combines great recipes, good company, and a relaxing evening of cooking and sipping. Treat yourself to a night of culinary creativity and connection!

Ages: 18 years and older

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, September 22.

Walk-ins will not be accepted.

National Self-Care Awareness Month

Come dance with us as we celebrate National Self-Care Awareness Month this September!

The group fitness classes listed below are free for the whole month.

Monday 8:30 am Zumba w/Linsday & 6:30 pm Zumba Toning w/Annie

Tuesday 8:30 am Dance Fit w/ Angi

Wednesday 8:30 am Cardio Drum w/Julie & 6:30 pm

Zumba Hip/hop w/Annie

Thursday 10:30 am Zumba Toning w/Jessica

Friday 8:30 am Fit 2 Dance w/Cheryl

***All dance classes are free, except for Robert & Thelma's Zumba class on Tuesdays and Saturdays.**



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2025 Vandalia Senior Club

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Age 55 or older

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The 2025 fees for members are:

Vandalia Residents \$15 single - \$25 dual

Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

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

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

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

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