

THE BLUE LETTER



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September 19, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

The past few weeks have been filled with many exciting events and activities around the City as we move into the Fall season.

The City hosted the Sister Cities Oktoberfest on September 5-6 at the Sports Complex and experienced a great turnout this year. The Fall weather accompanied this year's event, and it was a great time to see many friends and neighbors who took time to enjoy German food, drinks, crafts, and entertainment over the weekend. We appreciate all that Sister Cities of Vandalia does to promote our community and collaborate with our sister cities, Lichtenfels, Germany; and Prestwick, Scotland.



On September 9, we hosted our annual Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing at Cassel Hills Golf Course. We had fabulous weather for this year's event and welcomed representatives from various businesses and companies in the city. This year, we had nine teams play the course and enjoy a meal following the game. Special thanks to Minster Bank and CenterPoint Energy for sponsoring this year's outing. Also, a big "thank you" to Sherri Howard, Rich Hopkins, Angie Swartz, Rob Cron, and Ben Lickliter for organizing and planning this activity.



On Saturday, September 13, we hosted the Vandalia Touch-a-Truck event from 10:30 am-1:00 pm at the Sports Complex with a sensory friendly time from 10:30-11:15 am. Several hundred people attended this event. There were 30+ different vehicles at this event for families to touch, climb in, and enjoy! From fire trucks to construction equipment, we had it all! Special thanks to Public Works, Police Division, and Fire Division for participating with their specialized vehicles.



This past Wednesday, the City hosted an Employee Appreciation Taco Bar lunch at the Senior Citizen Center. This is always an enjoyable time to recognize and thank our dedicated employees for their work and commitment to serving our community. This is typically our most popular employee lunch and staff enjoyed a great time eating tacos and interacting with other city employees. Thanks to Sherri Howard, Angie Swartz, Leann Hanf and Rich Hopkins for organizing these employee appreciation events!

On September 16, Fire Division B-shift along with an EMS student was recognized by Premier Health for a cardiac-save they handled. It was a momentous time for the shift to receive this life-saving award and experience the appreciation from the patient and her family who attended the event. Great work B-shift for your extraordinary efforts in saving a life!

On September 16, directors and staff from all city departments attended a Cybersecurity Training and Workshop hosted by I.T. Manager Darren Davey in the Community Room. Manager Davey covered topics on the vulnerabilities of spam and malicious emails, the risks of cyber-attacks on local government, sources and examples of cyber-attacks, and how to prevent and lower our risks to being a victim of a cyber-attack. He also covered the requirements of Ohio House Bill 96 that requires all local governments to enact a Cybersecurity Policy which incorporates plans to address cybersecurity issues. Thanks to our Information Technology team who work hard to reduce our vulnerabilities and keep our networks secure.

The Police Division hosted their annual Open House on September 18 at the Justice Center. This year's event featured drone demonstrations, tactical scenario training simulator, tours of the Police Department, police vehicles, family-fun games, and free food. This is always a great way for citizens to meet our police officers and support staff as well as get to experience the equipment and training that police officers utilize in protecting our community.

The Vandalia Bikeway Connector project continues to progress and is nearing completion. AES set the new electric service meter at S. Brown School Road/Cassel Creek Drive/Scholz Drive intersection and Security Fence has changed the intersection over to new traffic signals. The remaining work includes installing the enclosed fence on the new bikeway bridge, completing intersection concrete curb ramps, asphalt resurfacing E. National Road from Foley Drive to Brown School Road, and restriping E. National Road and S. Brown School Road. Staff in collaboration with ODOT and our partners are coordinating the ribbon cutting ceremony for this project.

DES, Police, and Fire staff met with the hotel operators for their annual hotel/motel license meeting. Inspections for their 2026 licenses are expected to be completed by end of October.

During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 11 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in three traffic citations, five written warnings, and three verbal warnings while working eight additional enforcement hours. One of the stops resulted in an off-route, oversized-load. The driver was cited for multiple violations, put out of service, and his permit was revoked.





Additionally, the Police Division is competing in the annual Light Ohio Blue best patrol vehicle competition. This statewide online competition features patrol and public safety vehicles from across the state featured on the Light Ohio Blue website. Individuals can register to vote once a day for their favorite patrol vehicle. Use the QR code to cast your vote each day for our Police Division or visit <https://lightohioblue.org/ohios-2025-first-responder-photo-challenge/>.

Congratulations to Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Bryan Sowers for being September's Employee Spotlight. Bryan plays a vital role in providing safety education programs and instructing life-saving skills that benefit our community.

Our All-Employee, two-person golf scramble is scheduled for Thursday, October 9 at 4:00 pm at Cassel Hills Golf Course. All Council and city employees are invited to join in for a fun-filled round of nine holes of golf while enjoying interacting with each other. Employees wishing to participate can reserve their spot by sending an RSVP to Rich Hopkins (rhopkins@vandaliaohio.org).

The next CommUnity Newsletter, featuring Butler Township, City of Vandalia, and Vandalia-Butler Schools news, is in draft form and being proofed. It is tentatively scheduled to be mailed out next week to all community members.

As reminder, the Vandalia Recreation Center hours will change on October 1 with a new opening time of 5:00 am. Future hours for the VRC will be from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm year-round. Special thanks to Director McCracken and all the Rec staff for adjusting the hours to accommodate members who enjoy early morning exercise.

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 – September 19, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – September 19, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – September 19, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – September 19, 2025;
5. Information Update - Parks & Recreation Director McCracken – September 19, 2025;
6. Information Update - Police Chief Sucher – September 19, 2025;



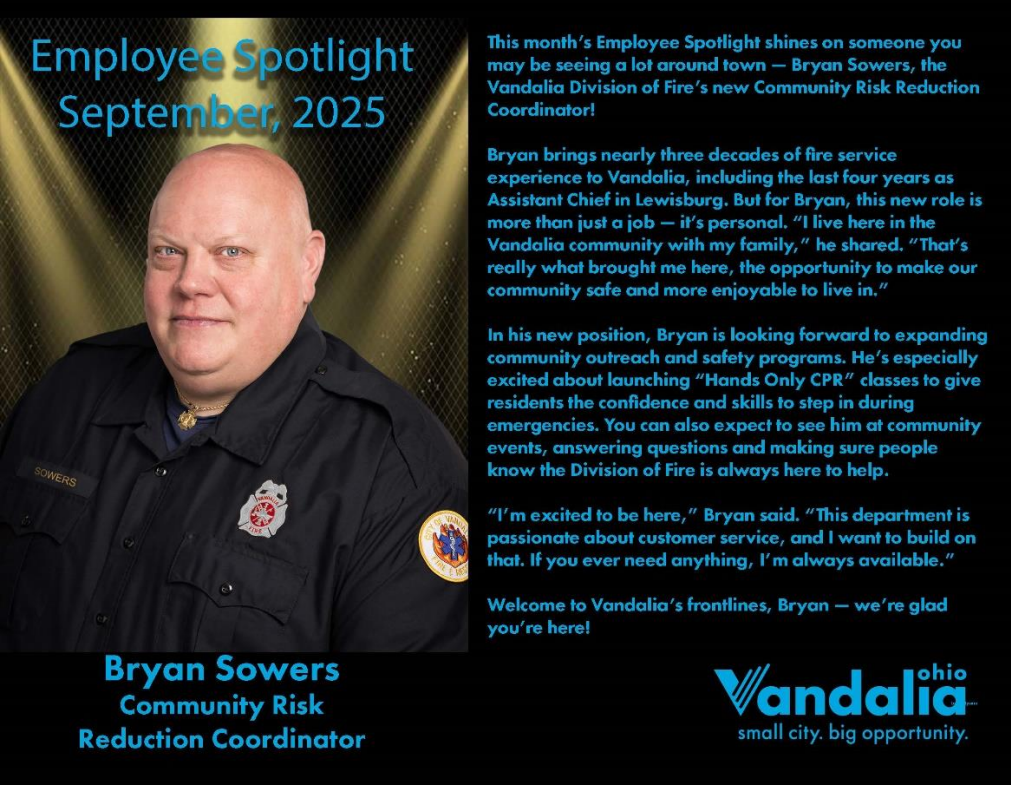
7. Information Update - Director Borton – September 19, 2025;
8. Senior Center September 2025 Newsletter
9. August 2025 Division of Fire Monthly Statistics
10. August 2025 Crime Statistical Report Summary
11. Homecoming Community Tailgate





To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: September 18, 2025
Re: Information Update for September 6 - 19, 2025

Congratulations to Bryan Sowers on being selected for this month's Employee Spotlight

A graphic for the "Employee Spotlight" featuring a portrait of Bryan Sowers, a man in a dark blue police uniform with a name tag that says "SOWERS". The background is dark with yellow light rays. The text "Employee Spotlight September, 2025" is in the top left. To the right of the portrait is a block of text about his role and experience. At the bottom left, his name and title are listed. At the bottom right is the Vandalia, Ohio logo with the tagline "small city. big opportunity."

Employee Spotlight
September, 2025

This month's Employee Spotlight shines on someone you may be seeing a lot around town — Bryan Sowers, the Vandalia Division of Fire's new Community Risk Reduction Coordinator!

Bryan brings nearly three decades of fire service experience to Vandalia, including the last four years as Assistant Chief in Lewisburg. But for Bryan, this new role is more than just a job — it's personal. "I live here in the Vandalia community with my family," he shared. "That's really what brought me here, the opportunity to make our community safe and more enjoyable to live in."

In his new position, Bryan is looking forward to expanding community outreach and safety programs. He's especially excited about launching "Hands Only CPR" classes to give residents the confidence and skills to step in during emergencies. You can also expect to see him at community events, answering questions and making sure people know the Division of Fire is always here to help.

"I'm excited to be here," Bryan said. "This department is passionate about customer service, and I want to build on that. If you ever need anything, I'm always available."

Welcome to Vandalia's frontlines, Bryan — we're glad you're here!

Bryan Sowers
Community Risk
Reduction Coordinator

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- Leann Hanf, you and I attended the Dayton Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting last Friday. Representatives for Joby Aviation were the speakers for the event. They gave an update on their much-anticipated project in the Dayton region.
- Ben Borton and I attended the Benchwood Station Opening Celebration in Butler Township. Improvements were made to Miller Lane from Benchwood Road to Maxton Road including a new round-about at Maxton Road.

- I had two Business Retention meetings during this period. I met with Lynne Henson, president at Superior Abrasives, at their facility. They are doing well at this location and are recruiting for a few new hires but are struggling to find qualified applicants as many area businesses are right now. I also met with Greg Wissman at Triad. Triad is doing very well and are pretty much at capacity, even with the new addition that was completed a few years ago.
- I attended the Business First Renewal meeting with representatives from the Montgomery Economic Development Department and other jurisdictions. The program renews on a five-year cycle, and we are coming up on the renewal in January. We discussed things that are working well with the program and what items we would like to see improved or more of a focus on.
- You and I met with Chris Royce to discuss the possibility of his group taking over the food, beverage, and hospitality operation at Cassel Hills Golf Course. Chris also made his presentation to City Council at last Monday's Study Session. We will be meeting with him again in the near future to discuss in more detail what a partnership would look like.
- You and I met with Aican McCracken and Ben Lickliter to review the summary report from Hampton Golf on Cassel Hills Golf Course. We identified some of the short-term suggestions that we feel can be made immediately.
- We continue to meet bi-weekly 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. They are working on an updated cost estimate for the project as we begin to discuss our financing options.
- 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.
- Several staff members from DES and City Manager's Office had our PUD Final Development Plan pre-application meeting with the developer and engineers for the Riverdale (Addison Properties) Development on South Brown School Road.
- Thank you to IT Manager Darren Davey for conducting our first Cyber Security Training. This first training session was a high-level view for our senior staff. We look forward to learning more about how to protect ourselves from cyber attacks.
- I attended the I-70/75 Economic Development monthly meeting this Friday. Representatives from St. Mary Development Corporation were the guest speakers and their topic was "Investing in Growth: Affordable Housing for a Stronger Community."
- Planning Commission will have one item on their agenda for the September 23rd meeting. The developer is requesting a rezoning for the last section of the Foxfire Subdivision from Residential Single Family (RSF) - 2 to Residential Single Family (RSF) – 4 and Agriculture (A). They also have one item scheduled for their October 14th meeting. The PUD Final Plan for Riverdale Section One.

- The Board of Zoning Appeals will have one item on their October 8th meeting agenda. The resident at 775 Cassel Creek Drive is requesting a variance for a 6-foot fence in Zone A.
- Mike Hammes has contacted the St. John's Lutheran Church about vacating a portion of an ingress/egress easement on our property at 10. W National. They have agreed to this, and we are preparing the documents for them to sign so we can have recorded.
- The CommUnity Newsletter featuring the City of Vandalia, Butler Township and Vandalia Butler Schools is in the final stages of proofing and should be mailed out next week.
- We held our Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing on Tuesday September 9th at Cassel Hills Golf Course. We had great weather for this year's event. Thank you to all the staff that helped make this a great event and to those who participated in golf. This year we had nine foursomes in the event. Also, a big "Thank You" to Minster Banki and CenterPoint Energy for sponsoring the event.
- We are also looking for golfers to participate in the All-Employee Two-Person Golf Scramble on Thursday, October 9th. We invite all staff and Council Members to participate. This is your chance if you are new to golf to try it out in a fun event.
- Our next Focus Vandalia taping will be on Thursday, September 25th. Stories for next month will include Halloween Safety tips, Large Item Drop-Off, Leaf Collection and the Fall Festival.
- We had our Employee Appreciation Taco Bar lunch this week at the Senior Citizens Center. Thank you to everyone that helped organize the event and to all the employees that attended.

Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: September 16, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending September 19, 2025

1. Kristen Carnes, Emily Huwer and I attended a council study session and meeting.
2. Department budget meetings for 2026 are now complete and final preparations are underway to complete the 2026-2030 Proposed Budget books for presentation and discussion during the upcoming Council Budget workshops.
3. Finance staff appreciated the invitation to the Employee Appreciation Luncheon.
4. Kristen and I appreciated the opportunity to attend the 38th Annual Ohio Government Finance Officers Association Conference & Membership Meeting in Columbus this week.

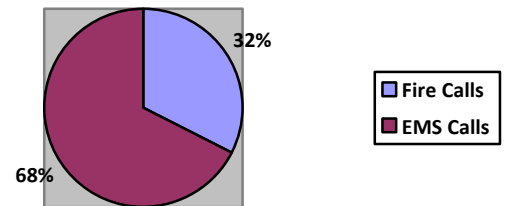


DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 9/18/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

1. Operations Update (August):

- August total incidents: **317** (Fire **103**, EMS **214**)
- August avg per day: **10**
- Total call volume is **up 6%** from same time in 2024
- Average total response time August = **6:31**
- Mutual Aid **provided 47** times, **received 19** times



2. **Notable responses-** B-shift was recognized for a Cardiac Save on September 16th. Crews along with an EMS student (a full-time firefighter from Piqua) were recognized by Premier Health. It was a great moment to be able to share this save with the crew, Premier Health, but most of all the patient and her family.

3. Training & Readiness



Night live burns fire training at the Dayton Training Center for all three crews on September 9-11, 2025.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

Lt. Holbrook and Lt. Willoughby are at Scott Tech II training September 15 –19, 2025. This will allow us to perform routine maintenance and testing on the Division of Fire's 35 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).



Crews were out in the community performing pre-planning and building familiarization and scene size up training with crews throughout the month of August (photo: shopping center on Dixie Drive across from the High School).

4. Public Education, Outreach and Community Risk Reduction

- Hosted the Regional Hazmat Team on tours and training at White Castle
- CRRC Bryan Sowers was spotlighted as the City's Employee Spotlight for September. Congrats Bryan!

5. Community engagement:

- September 5th - EMS strike teams were on site at the Vandalia Butler HS football
 - September 5&6th- EMS strike teams were on site at the Vandalia October Fest
 - September 12th- B-Shift crews attended "Field Day" at Hearth and Home of Vandalia
 - September 13th- C-Shift crews and apparatus were on site for the Rec Center Touch a Truck event
 - September 14th- A-Shift attended the annual Hog Roast honoring first responders at the Vandalia Nazarene Church
6. The concrete repair and replacement project at Fire Station 2 is nearing completion. A huge THANKS to Parks and Recreation for assisting us with getting the outside space for our crews finished. A concrete porch, food prep area, and a privacy fence have been installed.

Memo



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: September 16th, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending September 19th, 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. **September: EAP Employee Newsletter from Premier Health.**

Saying Yes to an EAP Supervisor Referral

If your supervisor suggests visiting the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) because of performance, attendance, or a personal concern, don't hesitate. You might think, "I should handle this on my own," but EAPs exist to make getting help simple, confidential, and effective. EAPs quickly connect you with the right resources-saving time, reducing stress and preventing procrastination. Every contact is private, free of charge, and focused on getting you the right help. Managing difficulties alone often allows them to grow worse, precipitating a crisis. EAP professionals use proven approaches you may not easily find on your own. Employees who use the EAP often wonder why they didn't call sooner, realizing that what once felt overwhelming is now manageable. Saying yes to the EAP means choosing a faster, easier path to solutions with trusted guidance.

Learn to Neutralize Stress Triggers

Learn to manage (neutralize) stress triggers and you will better control your emotional response to them. A diary will help you discover what consistently creates irritability - traffic, a looming deadline, unexpected expenses, or communication challenges with loved ones. Neutralize these triggers by first recognizing your reaction - sudden irritation or resentment; feeling disrespected or dismissed or ignored; feeling judgmental; having an urge to argue, criticize, or withdraw. This self-awareness is half the battle. It allows you to take control of your response more easily. Then discover what works for you: counting to ten, letting go, laughing it off, taking a walk, reframing, or taking slow breaths. Neutralizing triggers is a life skill that builds resilience. Try it to improve relationships and make work and home life more rewarding.

Exercise and Creativity Can Help Ease Financial Stress

Financial stress and the weight of having no immediate solutions can feel crushing. It's easy to think the only

answer is "more money." Yet research shows exercise and creative pursuits sharpen focus, boost resilience, and spark problem-solving skills - all of which can indirectly improve financial outlook. Under stress, motivation for these activities often disappears. It feels counterintuitive to focus on them when money problems demand urgent answers, but these very habits can act as catalysts for change. Exercise lowers stress hormones, improves sleep, and sharpens focus, giving you the clarity needed to think strategically about money. Creative pursuits engage problem-solving skills and encourage new perspectives. The bottom line? Don't put your life on hold. Even small steps-ten minutes of movement or another healthy pursuit- can restore a sense of control and momentum. This renewed energy often carries over, helping you tackle financial challenges with resilience. The irony is that while these activities don't directly earn money, they build the mindset that makes solutions possible. Try it: If you're weighed down financially and feeling stuck, choose one healthy habit this week: exercise, journaling, or a hobby-and notice how it shifts your perspective on financial challenges.

Empathy's Power in the Workplace

The importance of empathy in the workplace can't be overemphasized. How would you rate your ability to sense others' unspoken concerns, recognize when a coworker is struggling, or adjust your communication style so it matches the needs of a coworker at the moment? If that ability is high, your coworkers are probably more inclined to share their ideas with you, admit mistakes, and trust your advice. Here's why: Your empathetic style creates a psychologically safe workplace. To grow empathy skills, be genuinely interested in maintaining positive relationships with coworkers. Slow down, give full attention, and resist the urge to interrupt or plan what you are going to say while they're speaking. Ask clarifying questions, and if you are sure you understand what your coworker just said, reflect back (i.e., I heard you say that...). This reflection is experienced as validating, and it will deepen your relationships, and you'll witness positive effects that ultimately make your job more meaningful.

Signs of Substance Abuse that Parents Overlook

Early warning signs of teen substance abuse are often subtle, but patterns emerge and that's the key. Overlooked symptoms include: 1) Insomnia, erratic sleep, or daytime drowsiness dismissed as normal adolescence; 2) Longtime friends abandoned for new groups they won't discuss; 3) Secretive phone use and reluctance to share daily activities; 4) Use of eye drops, heavy cologne, or perfume; 5) Declining grades; 6) Loss of interest in favorite activities; 7) Irritability, anxiety, mood swings, or changes in appearance and hygiene; and 8) Missing money or valuables. Isolated, these signs may seem minor, but together they warrant serious concern. Stay engaged, keep conversations open, and you'll improve the chance for earlier, possibly lifesaving, intervention .

Top Regrets Facing Adults as They Age

What do people in their 60s, 70s, and 80s say they wish they had done earlier to improve their health? Research on aging and regret may inspire you to prepare for a healthier future. The following were frequently mentioned: Not taking joint health more seriously, whether through strength training, treating knee or back pain sooner, or maintaining flexibility; not working on balance training and fall prevention; postponing vision or hearing care that resulted in limited driving and social connections; and skipping health screenings those with diabetes, high blood pressure, or cancers realize such conditions could have been managed if discovered sooner. Commonly cited regrets were neglecting friendships or missing opportunities for gatherings while friends were still active; not preparing one's home for aging-in-place; or not accepting mobility aids sooner, which could have prevented falls and the isolation that followed.

For more information, or to connect with an EAP Counselor, contact: 937-208-6626 or eapinformation@premierhealth.com.

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Alicia McCracken, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 9/17/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending September 18, 2025

RECREATION CENTER

1. New Class Alert! Line Dancing W/Julie every Thursday morning, 8:30-9:15am in the Studio and every second Thursday of the month, she will have an evening class at 6:30-7:30pm in the Studio. First Class will be Friday September 25th.
2. TRX Outdoor classes continue to be popular and filling up. It is nice to see the Outdoor Fitness Area at the Sports Complex being used for this purpose.
3. We have a total of 1,394 Insurance based members through August.
4. Cindy Haring is joining the VRC Front Desk team.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

1. VPRD staff attended the BHS football game Friday, September 5. We had a table set up with information and promo items to give away. We had a great evening and good community outreach for the department!



2. P&R Director Alicia McCracken presented at the Vandalia - Butler Optimist Club lunch last week. She was able to give the club an update on the P&R Department.



3. Youth Soccer Opening Day was Saturday September 6th. We had a total of 12 games and the park was packed full of players and their families! It went very well!



4. The first games of the Fall Adult Softball season started on Monday, September 8th and Friday September 12th. They both went well.
5. NFL Flag Football Opening Day went great on Sunday, September 7th!



Programs and events run during this period

6. Touch-a-Truck: On Saturday, September 13 we hosted the Vandalia Touch-a-Truck event from 10:30am-1:00pm at the Sports Complex with a sensory friendly time from 10:30-11:15am. Several hundred people attended this event. There were 30+ different vehicles at this event for families to touch, climb in, and enjoy! From fire trucks to construction equipment, we had it all!

Upcoming Programs & Events

7. **Homeschool Takeover:** On Friday, September 19, 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.
8. **Sunflower & Pumpkins w/ Miss Elissa:** On Monday, September 22, participants are invited to 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 16x20" 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 instructions 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! There are currently 8 participants registered.
9. **Ladies' Night In w/ Eat Pretty Darling:** On Thursday, September 25, Eat Pretty Darling will be hosting a Ladies' Night In cooking program! 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! There are currently 2 participants registered for this program.
10. **Kids Night Out:** This program will be led by Recreation Leaders on Friday, October 3. This youth program currently has 7 registered participants. During their night out at the VRC, kids will have the chance to participate in rock climbing, swimming, gym games, crafts, and more! Pizza and snacks will be provided.

11. **Family Clay Pumpkin Luminaries Workshop w/ The Purple Paintbrush:** On Sunday, October 5, the Purple Paintbrush will be leading a family Clay Pumpkin Luminaries Workshop at the Vandalia Rec Center. Hand building clay luminaries/jack of lanterns from clay! Using approachable methods like pinch pot techniques or "coil" pot, participants can make 2-3 (depending on size) luminaries with lids. Their project can then be decorated with glaze and will be fired to 1800 degrees! Please allow 2-3 weeks after the program for firing. Luminaries will come with an LED on pickup. There are currently 3 participants registered for this program.

CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

1. Well House #4 motor went out this week. Moody's of Dayton will do the replacement work. This will cost just over \$17,000 dollars.
2. Capital Electric came out to the course several times last week to fix problems such as trees falling and knocking down power lines
3. The irrigation project continues to move forward. They are experiencing a lot of rock in certain areas around hole #18 and behind #4 green. They currently have about 8 holes completed and are starting to move down the hole #11 hill with the main line.
4. Half of the golf leagues have ended and varsity high school golf matches are over. We still have a few junior varsity matches to complete.
5. The last two Saturdays have been the busiest OSU football Saturdays we have had. We collected over \$15,000 in total sales which equals to great summer days. Sundays are about what we expect during the start of NFL season.
6. Hosted a mahjong party in the clubhouse last Monday. Around 20 ladies enjoyed lunch and their games.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. Toni and the VSC members are happy that the Tionda street work is nearing completion!
2. The VSC had 11 new members join in August. Total VSC members YTD 2025- 782.
3. Check out the October Newsletter: <https://oh-vandalia.civicplus.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/716>

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. Building planters have been updated, Happy Fall! Thank you Becky and Rudy Wells!



2. Five of our Park staff attended the LTAP Work Zone Safety Training. This is important information for us as we are involved in occupying the roadway in maintaining our landscaped medians and street tree plantings.
3. Special event duties include set up, event activity, teardown and clean up. Most recently, the Touch a Truck event where two of our staff were onsite during the event providing a tractor and zero turn mower for access during the event.

4. Cemetery gravesite maintenance included soil work, grass seeding, and routine maintenance.
5. Park staff installed pavers, gravel, privacy fencing and timber edging at Fire Station 2, as requested by the Fire Division.



6. Park staff installed five concrete pads at the Art Park in preparation for new pieces of Art that will be permanently placed in the park.



7. A contractor removed and replaced some failing walkway areas at the Recreation Center and Municipal Building. A ramp access is now in place when entering the west walkway from the parking lot at the Recreation Center, that area was previously curbed.



8. Staff worked with Public Works in the canopy removal of eight trees east of I-75 along National Road that will be replaced this fall.
9. Staff replaced an exhaust fan motor at Cassel Hills Concession, and began the winterization process. They Also completed preventive maintenance on HVAC and replaced five breakers at the Public Works paint storage and mixing building.
10. The installation of the new boiler for the Recreation Center is underway.

Information Update



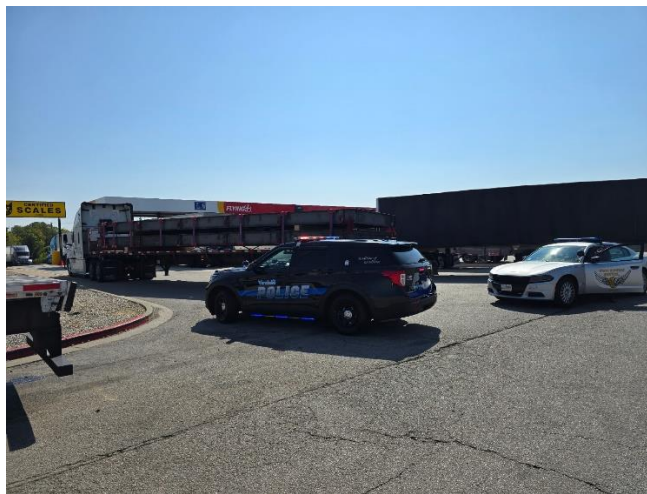
To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Brandon Sucher
Police Chief

Date: September 18, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending September 19, 2025

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2. Captain Walker attended the FBI National Academy Associates annual re-trainer held in Lewis Center, Ohio, on September 9 and 10. Presentations included topics on resilience, purpose, and peak performance along with a case study about the Gabby Petito homicide investigation from 2022.
3. On September 10, Officer Sommer gave a *Run Hide Fight* presentation to the employees of the Lottery Commission. There were about 15 attendees present.
4. Captain Walker assisted with the first-round interviews for the open Facilities Manager position with Parks & Recreation September 11 & 15.
5. On September 12, Captain Walker met with school officials concerning the Homecoming Parade scheduled for Thursday, October 2. Staging will again be on the old ATA grounds at the intersection of West National Road and Helke Road. The parade will begin at 5:45 p.m., travel east on National Road, and south on Dixie

Drive. The route will be closed during the parade from Helke Road along National Road to East Alkaline Springs along Dixie Drive. A detour will be posted during the parade.

6. The Vandalia Church of the Nazarene hosted a hog roast in honor of local first responders on September 14th. Captain Walker and on-duty Vandalia officers attended along with our fellow first responders with Vandalia Fire and Butler Township Police & Fire.
7. On September 16th, members of VPD command staff attended a cybersecurity training instructed by IT.
8. We hosted group crisis management courses at the Justice Center September 15-18. The first two days covered the introductory course with the last two days being advanced. These courses qualify first responders for peer support and responding as crisis intervention specialists in support of first responders who experience a critical event.
9. Our Open House was held on the evening of September 18. We originally scheduled the annual event in June, however, we had to reschedule it due to the threat of severe weather.
10. Police employees attended the Taco Bar employee appreciation lunch on September 17. We enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with other city departments and special thanks to Sherri Howard for organizing the meal.
11. Captain Walker, Captain Krimm, and I met with VFD and architects as part of the planning phase for a police & fire joint training facility. We covered site planning and a phased approach to development.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: September 18, 2025
Subject: **Information Update for September 6 – 19, 2025**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: AES set the new electric service meter at S Brown School Rd/Cassel Creek Dr/Scholz Dr intersection and Security Fence has changed the intersection over to the new traffic signals/system. I attended the monthly progress meeting and started coordinating the ribbon cutting ceremony for this project.

Upcoming work: install the enclosed fence on the new bikeway bridge, intersection concrete curb ramps, asphalt resurfacing National Rd from Foley Dr to right east of Brown School Rd, restriping of National Rd and S Brown School Rd

Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (DSRD) Watermain Replacement project: CG Construction has completed installing all of the new water main and has continued installing new water services residences to the right-of-way line on Damian St.

Updates from sites inspected or reviewed by DES staff:

- Foxfire Section 9: continued inspections on new homes
- Redwood Phase 2: began rough building inspections for new apartments
- New home (85 Stonequarry Rd): completed inspections for foundations & water/sewer taps
- The Landing (419 Pilot Pt): permit issued for first of 3 condominium buildings
- Toasted Brunch Bar & Café (352 E National Rd): permit issued for tenant fit up
- Culver's (6425 Miller Ln): permit issued for larger electronic message sign
- Lion Apparel building (7200 Poe Ave): continued inspections for repairs from flood damage

DES, Police, and Fire staff met with the hotel operators for their annual hotel/motel license meeting. Inspections for their 2026 licenses are expected to be completed by end of October.

Chief Building Official Mastrino and Parks & Recreation Facilities Superintendent Wells met with a structural engineer and artist to discuss a potential new Art Park Arch.

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Cron and I attended Butler Township's ribbon cutting of Benchwood Station (Miller Ln improvements) with Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (MCTID) on September 9th.

Engineering/GIS Technician Baughman and I attended another webinar discussing the US Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) requirements on September 9th. These new rules take effect in 2027 but require a lot of planning to be ready and to stay compliant.

ACM Cron and DES staff held our monthly development meeting on September 15th, focusing on open permits, current planning/zoning cases, and ongoing projects that could impact development efforts. The discussion helped ensure everyone stays aligned, informed, and ready to keep things moving forward.

I attended IT's Cybersecurity Training and Workshop on September 16th alongside fellow City staff. I appreciate IT Manager Davey for delivering an informative session that helped bring senior staff up to speed on the daily cybersecurity challenges faced by IT, as well as the necessary changes required to comply with Ohio House Bill 96 law.

I attended a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regional collaboration discussion held by Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) on September 17th. I also attended MVRPC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) monthly meeting on September 18th.

ACM Cron and I attended the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access ("Ring Road") project's monthly design status meeting on September 18th.

DES staff will hold our monthly division meeting on September 19th to discuss all open work, including projects, planning/zoning cases, permits, and inspections. The meeting helped ensure our team stays coordinated, up to date, and ready to keep progress on track across all fronts.

DES & PW staff would like to thank the City Manager's Office staff for putting on another fantastic employee appreciation event on September 17th. A taco bar fiesta at the Senior Center? Genius. Nothing boosts morale like free tacos and the chance to debate whether hard shells are superior to soft. Spoiler: They both disappeared fast. We felt appreciated, celebrated, and just the right amount of overstuffed.

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

Tipp and Vandalia staff have been working on updating the Ohio EPA required water service line inventory notification letters to have a unified letter from Tipp/Vandalia/NAWA.

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

PW Assistant Superintendent Fulton and I attended the monthly technical committee meeting.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd):

City staff met with WDC Group for our biweekly design status meeting on September 15th.

The soil borings were completed, and a preliminary report of the findings are under review.

The Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) to allow us to build the culvert crossing to Northwoods Blvd and the Permit-to-Install (PTI) to allow us to extend the water main from the Kroger property through the site to N Brown School Rd are under review by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Ohio EPA, respectively.

Streets:

Crews raised the manhole lid at S Brown School Rd and Wollenhaupt Dr to alleviate a potential safety hazard for bicyclists when the on-road bike path is striped. This required jackhammering out the lid casting ring.

Storm Sewer:

Crews fixed a sinkhole at 560 Blue Jay Dr by pouring concrete around a joint separating in the storm sewer pipe.

Crews continued inspecting our catch basins (CB) for cleaning. This is part of Ohio EPA requirement to inspect at least 20% of our CBs annually to insure they are operating properly.

Crews continued our street sweeping program.

Water:

Crews completed the replacement of an old fire hydrant and guard valve hit by a vehicle at Scott Ave and S Perry St with pouring concrete for new curb ramp.

Crews continued installing new water meters inside residences/businesses and outside in meter pits. Some required crews to hydro-excavate curb stop valves to facilitate the meter replacement.

Crews performed the monthly water shut-offs of delinquent water accounts for the Water division of the Finance Department (~60 this month).

Crews continued exercising (closing/reopening) water main valves. This is part of Ohio EPA requirement to exercise at least 20% of our valves annually to insure they are operating properly in case they are needed for isolating main breaks.

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.

Crews cleaned the sanitary sewer main on Spartan Ave between Foley Dr and N Brown School Rd using the water jetter and vacuum on the hydro-excavator/vacuum truck.

Other Services:

PW Technicians Malott and Griffieth staffed the PW equipment at the Touch-A-Truck event at the Rec Center on September 13th.

PW Technician Breisch and Davidson staffed the large item debris drop off at the PW Garage on September 13th.

Crews replaced the Oktoberfest banners with the Autumn banners.

Crews poured concrete for monument foundations (5).

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

Crews responded and marked for 74 utility locate tickets this period for Ohio 811.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics serviced and installed a new oil pan on PW single-axle dump truck #23.

The mechanics replaced the side mirror on light duty truck #11 and serviced DES vehicles 3101 & 3104.

The mechanics repaired an air leak on Fire Division's Engine #2 and replaced a side mirror on Medic #2.

Vandalia Senior Center

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Vandalia^{ohio}
small city. big opportunity.



It's time to start renewing your membership for 2026. Please renew before January 31, 2026. For more information go to page 4.

Functional Fitness Class on Monday,
October 13, from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Come join Lily Knopp, Exercise Physiologist, from Trinity In Home Care for a class focused on sustaining your independence through resistance training, mobility, and coordination. We will target muscles and movements used for basic everyday tasks to age gracefully. Use it or lose it! Please sign up to attend this class. Limit: 25



TIME to THINK about GETTING BACK on the BUS! NEW TRIPS for 2026!



Diamond Tours: May 27-June 2: Boston for our country's 250th anniversary: tour of Boston with Trinity Church, Boston Common, John Hancock Tower, USS Constitution & more, Faneuil Hall, John F Kennedy Library & Museum, tour of coast of Massachusetts, Lexington & Concord, Salem, Cape Ann & more; \$995pp.

Diamond Tours: June 15-June 19: Chicago: Museum of Science & Industry, 360 Chicago (formerly John Hancock Observatory), tour of Chicago, cruise on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier, Field Museum of Natural History, Lincoln Park Zoo & more; \$769 pp.

Diamond Tours: August 24-August 29: Myrtle Beach: 5 different shows including "Le Grand Cirque's Adrenaline Show", Barefoot Landing, Broadway at the Beach, Myrtle Beach Boardwalk and Promenade, L.W. Paul Living History Farm & more; \$839 pp.

Diamond Tours: September 14-September 19: Vermont: Goodrich's Maple Farm; tour of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory with samples, dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Shelburne Museum, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Vermont Granite Museum, Hope Cemetery, Stowe Village & more; \$975 pp.

Prime Tours: October 19-October 22: Washington, D.C.: 4 Smithsonian Museums & more, Tour of Vietnam War, Korean War, World War 2, ML King, A Lincoln, & FDR Memorials, White House photo op in Lafayette Park, Arlington National Cemetery, US Capitol Visitor Center and Tour, National Museum of US Marine Corps; price to be determined.

Prime Tours: December : Christmas in New York City: dates and price to be determined

Lunch & Learn

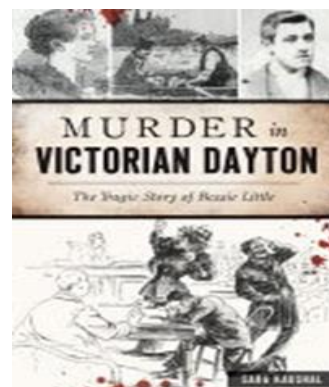
Heartland Insurance Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 6, at Noon

Cody Otten from Heartland Insurance will create your meal. Cody Otten and Casey Chanatry who play in the band called Tasting Color are returning to perform. In June, we listened to some impressive guitar playing and singing. Come in to hear some oldies, some classic rock, a little country, and some modern songs. Afterwards we will collect donations to thank them for their time. Limit: 75



Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 7, at Noon

Jodell Davis will order your lunch. Jennifer Lorenzetti will present "The Most Memorable Ad Campaigns of All Time". Think Burma Shave, Love's Baby Soft, and Apple in 1984. These and many others are memorable for greatness or for notoriety. Come take a tour of the advertisements. Limit: 75



Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thursday, October 9, at Noon

Sarah Mather will order your boxed lunches. Sara Kaushal will present "Murder & Mayhem". She will delve into the sordid and shocking tales of Dayton's true crime history. Sara will also share her new book, *Murder in Victorian Dayton*. Limit: 75

Medicare Resource Lunch & Learn on Friday, October 10, at Noon



Paul Fulghum from Medicare Resource will provide your lunch from Lilia's Outside Café. Don't miss out – 2026 Medicare changes could affect you! Learn what's changing and how to protect yourself from unexpected costs, harassing calls, and misleading ads. Get the facts you can trust. Limit: 75

Complete Solutions Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 13, at Noon

Scott and Michael Leonardi from Complete Solutions will bring your boxed lunch. This is a two-part event. You need to sign up for the parts you are attending. From 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., Scott Leonardi will tell you about A, B, C, & D's of Medicare. We will take a 10-minute break.

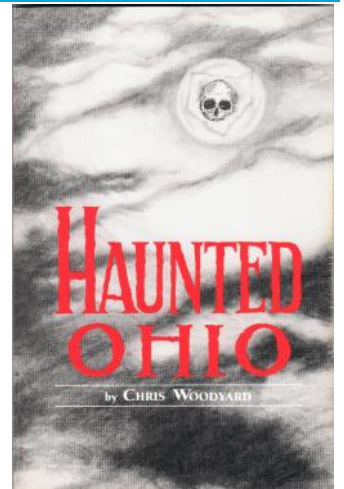
From 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., Michael Leonardi will tell you about changes coming to the enforcement of the Do Not Call lists. You will be able to report spoofed numbers, texts, and unwanted calls to the new FCC complaint line. Michael can help you re-enroll in the DNC list. Due to regulations, Michael can not provide a lunch during this 2nd session but he will have give away items. Limit: 100



Lunch & Learn

Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 14, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Chris Woodyard, author of the *Haunted Ohio* series, will speak by Zoom about her adventures in ghost hunting and share stories from some of her favorite Ohio haunt-spots including the Air Force Museum, Dayton Masonic Temple, and Waynesville, the most haunted village in Ohio, as well as some Vandalia-area hauntings. She'll tell tales of "The Phantom of Rt. 40," sinister apparitions of Women in Black, and a jolly ghost who called himself "George." Limit: 100



Everheart Hospice Lunch & learn on Thursday, October 16, at Noon

Amber Collins from Everheart Hospice will bring your meal. Amber Collins, Community Outreach Specialist, and Caitlyn Bowling, Bereavement Coordinator, will guide a compassionate discussion on adult grief and share helpful tools for navigating the grieving process. They'll also explore how grief uniquely affects caregivers. This is a valuable opportunity to learn, connect, and find support—whether you're grieving yourself or supporting others through loss. Limit: 75



Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 20, at Noon

Pam Cupp from Brookhaven will have their chef create your meal. Stan Lessig is a nature photographer. He will share his photos of Florida wildlife with primary focus on the Everglades. This will be mostly birds with a few gators and turtles thrown into the mix. Limit: 75



Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tues., October 21, at Noon

Ellie Ungericht from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. Angie Hoschouer Berguis will give you a virtual tour of the historic Grafton Hill neighborhood. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. Grafton Hill is where Dayton's affluent residents moved after living downtown to north across the Great Miami River. Today, it is an active neighborhood with the Dayton Art Institute, Masonic Center, and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church nestled within its boundaries. Limit: 75



RIO Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 27, at Noon

Jerry Shields from Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio will provide your lunch. Jerry will present "Secrets of Sleep". Sleep is an important activity of daily living. Secrets of Sleep will discuss the need for quality sleep, how sleep affects us, and how to improve your sleep hygiene. Li



Lunch & Learns

Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 28, at Noon

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



Brookdale, Mill Ridge Village, & Grace Brethren Lunch & Learn on Thurs., Oct. 30, at Noon



Tambi Spirk from Brookdale and Mark Spirk from Mill Ridge Village and Grace Brethren will provide your meal. Stephen Hollen is an author, a humorist, and a storyteller that travels the United States sharing his stories. This year he is sharing stories called "Me and Cousin Peanut". His cousin Peanut is about 5 ft tall and weighs less than 100 lbs. He is H₂O intolerant. You can kind of figure out what that means. Sign up to hear the rest of this strange story. Limit: 85

Volunteer Lunch on Friday, October 24, at Noon

While we truly appreciate the hundreds of people who donate items to the center all year, this volunteer lunch is just to celebrate those who volunteered their time on a regular basis at the center. It could be as a driver, teaching classes, on the Senior Club committee, cleaning tables regularly, and more. There will not be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Just RSVP to Toni that you are able to attend if you have been a volunteer this year.



Renew Your Membership by January 31, 2026!

Your membership can be renewed September through January. You can write a check to the City of Vandalia and mail it to the Vandalia Senior Center at 21 Tionda Drive South, Vandalia, 45377. For Vandalia residents, it is \$15 or \$25 for couples. Outside Vandalia, the cost is \$20 or \$35 for couples. If your address or phone number has changed, please send in the new information. You can also come in to renew, using cash, check, or a credit card.

Born in 1936: You are turning 90 in 2026. Your membership is free!

Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

90+ and Lifetime Members: Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.



Art



Fairy Class on Friday, October 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will bring the parts to create a fairy under glass. There will be several things to use for a background. Cost: \$5
Minimum: 5 Limit: 12

Essential Oils Class on Tues., Oct. 14, at 1:45 p.m.

Christine Jordan from Red Lotus Essential Oils will explore essential oils for warding off colds and the flu. You will make an immune system boosting blend to help keep you healthy. Cost: \$6 Minimum: 5
Limit: 15



Ceramics Class on Fri., Oct. 17, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will bring the paints and brushes for you to paint this expressive turkey. It has holes that you can put lollipops in if you want. Cost: \$20 Limit: 15

FREE: Card Making Class on Tuesday, October 28, at 1:45 p.m.

For the final class of 2025, Linda will teach an easy to make card

featuring a black background. This makes a striking card with minimal and simple coloring. There will be several choices of verses for the front.

Kathy will help members make this checkerboard card using 6 different gold textured papers. Learn a new technique and create a work of art. It can be used for a birthday or Christmas. Limit: 12



FREE: Suncatcher Class on Thursday, October 30, at 1:45 p.m.

Jodell Davis from Momentus Health will bring the supplies to create this colorful turkey suncatcher. First you will put the parts together then you will bake it. The suncatcher is approximately 4.25" x 4.5". Limit: 10

Movies

Movie on the First Friday, October 3, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Taylor Ries from Troy Rehabilitation

In the movie, *The Dilemma*, longtime friends Ronny (Vince Vaughn) and Nick (Kevin James) are partners in an auto-design firm. They are hard at work on a presentation for a dream project that would really launch their company. Then Ronny spots Nick's wife out with another man, and in the process of investigating the possible affair, he learns that Nick has a few secrets of his own. As the presentation nears, Ronny agonizes over what might happen if the truth gets out. This movie is directed by Ron Howard.

PG-13 Comedy/Drama 1 hr. 51 min.



Movie on the Third Friday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Jodell Davis from Momentus Health of Vandalia

In the movie, *Luckiest Man in America*, it's May, 1984. An unemployed ice cream truck driver goes on the game show Press Your Luck. He is harboring a secret; he thinks he has the key to endless money. But his winning streak is threatened when the bewildered executives uncover his real motivations. This is a true story. Meet the real man at the end of the movie. R Thriller / Drama 1 hr. 30 min.



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

Sign up to eat out at Rob's Restaurant, on Tuesday, October 14, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 705 Arlington Rd, Brookville. You can order off the menu or get the Senior buffet for \$14. Directions: It is 17 minutes from the Senior Center. Take 75 S to 70 W to exit 21. Turn left onto Arlington. The restaurant will be on your right. Alternate: Turn left on

National Rd/Rt. 40. Follow it through Englewood. After you cross over Rt. 49, turn left on the 2nd road, Arlington Rd. The restaurant will be on your right.



Do You Play Bridge?

Three bridge groups would like more regular players. Play bridge on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. or Wednesdays at noon or duplicate bridge on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Go to page 10 to get the bridge hosts.



Bridge

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
		1 Matter of Balance 9:15 Hula Hooping 9:30 Drumming 11:15 Bridge 12:00 Up & Down the River 12:00 Euchre 1:00	2 Duplicate Bridge 10:30 Hand & Foot 1:30 Pinochle 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Scattergories 1:30	3 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Poker 1:00 Movie 1:00 Fairy Under Glass 1:30
6 Exercise 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 12:30	7 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Book Club 1:40 Bingo 1:45	8 Matter of Balance 9:15 Hula Hooping 9:30 Drumming 11:15 Bridge 12:00 Up & Down the River 12:15 Euchre 1:00	9 Duplicate Bridge 10:30 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Pinochle 1:00 Scattergories 1:30	10 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Poker 1:00 Bingo 1:45
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

The Witch's Orchard by Archer Sullivan

Maid for Each Other by Lynn Painter

Photograph by Brian Freeman

The Dead Husband Cookbook by Danielle Valentine

The Ex-Boyfriend's Favorite Recipe Funeral Committee by Saki Kawashiro

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

The Friend

Fight or Flight

The Wedding Banquet

Hurry Up Tomorrow

Broke

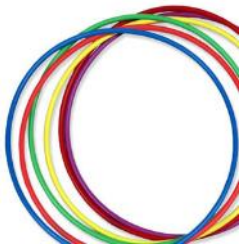


FREE Exercise Class on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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.



Preparations to Get Ready to Honor Veterans for Veteran's Day

Toni will be putting up the photos of veterans in the dining room for over 3 weeks from October 20 until Veteran's Day, November 11. She has kept the photos from previous years to use again. If you haven't given Toni a photo of veterans and active duty members from your family, please bring in your photos or email them to her. She will make a copy and add any names, ranks, and dates that you may know.

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, October 7, to discuss *Lulu Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. Beverly Underwood and her arch enemy, Lula Dean, live in the tiny town of Troy, Georgia. Beverly is on the school board, and Lula has become a local celebrity by embarking on a mission to rid the public libraries of all inappropriate books--none of which she's actually read. To replace the books she's challenged, Lula starts her own lending library in front of her home. What Lula doesn't know is that a local troublemaker has stolen her wholesome books, and restocked Lula's library with banned books. That's when the showdown that's been brewing between Beverly and Lula will roil the whole town...and change it forever.



Check Your Numbers on the 3rd Tuesday

A EMS technician from the Vandalia Fire Department will be in the dining room on Tuesday, October 21, from 11:00 a.m. to noon to check your blood pressure numbers if he doesn't get called out.

Afghans, Quilts, and Blankets for Veterans

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



Sign Up to Get Your Flu Shot on Tues., October 14, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Several members of the Hock's Pharmacy staff will be here on October 14 to handle paperwork and give flu shots. They will be set up in the front of the art room. Be sure to bring your Medicare card.

Answers to the Fall Questions on Page 11

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Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Nancy Omlor 937-890-5431
Wednesday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Sandi Baylor. 937-694-2643
Thursday bridge at 10:30 p.m. is hosted by John Whitley. 937-241-8456



Bingo



1. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, October 7, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Shelli Jackson from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Friday, October 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Jodell Davis from Momentus Health will call bingo on Monday, October 20, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Tuesday, October 21, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
6. Robin Eck from Englewood Health & Rehab will call bingo on Wednesday, October 29, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate October Birthdays on Wed., October 29, at 1:00 p.m.

Jodell Davis from Momentus Health 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: ***individual bags of chips, diet and regular drinks, ***8 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



What do you know about fall?

Answer each question by writing the matching letter. Check your answers on page 9.

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| 1. When is the first day of autumn in 2025? ____ | A. Diwali-Festival of Lights |
| 2. Where is it popular to go to look at changing leaves? ____ | B. Monarch Butterfly |
| 3. What pigment decreases in leaves so they lose the green? ____ | C. Greenwich Village, NY |
| 4. What state is the largest pumpkin grower? ____ | D. salt on doorstep |
| 5. Oktoberfest takes place in what German city? ____ | E. Pegasus & Andromeda |
| 6. When does Daylight Savings Time end in 2025? ____ | F. pumpkins & apples |
| 7. In Ancient Greece, who was the goddess of harvest? ____ | G. Autumn Equinox |
| 8. Apples can be used to make what drink? ____ | H. November 2 |
| 9. Which Hindu festival takes place in the fall? ____ | I. Vitamin A |
| 10. Who wrote the horror classic, Frankenstein? ____ | J. Romania |
| 11. Which Jewish holiday takes place in the fall? ____ | K. New England |
| 12. What is said that this keeps evil spirits out of your house? ____ | L. tilt of Earth's axis |
| 13. What Celtic Tradition does Halloween stem from? ____ | M. Illinois |
| 14. Who wrote the classic horror story, Dracula? ____ | N. Demeter |
| 15. Transylvania is associated with Dracula. Where is it located? ____ | O. Chlorophyll |
| 16. Where does the biggest Halloween parade take place? ____ | P. Mary Shelley |
| 17. Where does "double, double toil, and trouble" come from? ____ | Q. Rosh Hashanah |
| 18. What crops are harvested in the fall? ____ | R. collect food |
| 19. In what country, did Halloween originate from? ____ | S. cider |
| 20. What do animals do to prepare to hibernate? ____ | T. September 22 |
| 21. What astronomical event marks the start of fall? ____ | U. Munich |
| 22. What animal is known for long-distance migration? ____ | V. Ireland |
| 23. What causes daylight hours to decrease in the fall? ____ | W. Samhain-Gaelic Festival |
| 24. In the fall, what constellations are prominent in the sky? ____ | X. Bram Stoker |
| 25. Cooked pumpkin is rich in what vitamin? ____ | Y. Macbeth |



How many words can you make out of the word: PUMPKIN?

Word Maker says there are 28 words that would be accepted in either Scrabble or Words with Friends.

5 letter words: 1, 4 letter words: 6, 3 letter words: 13, and 2 letter words: 8

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

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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.

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Or call Bob at 937-313-9692 and leave a voicemail.

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Spooky Sweets w/ Eat Pretty Darling– Thurs., October 16– 6:00pm-7:30pm

Kids will create monster-themed cupcakes bursting with colorful frosting and candy eyes, then blend up vibrant, magical witch's potion smoothies. This fun and festive class is perfect for young chefs who love a little kitchen creativity and Halloween spirit.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, October 13.

Walk-ins will not be accepted



Family Clay Pumpkin Luminaries w/ The Purple Paintbrush – Sun., Oct 5– 2:00pm-3:45pm

Hand building clay luminaries/jack-of-lanterns from clay using approachable methods like pinch pot techniques or "coil" pot participants can make 2-3 (depending on size) luminaries with lids.

Project can then be decorated with glaze and will be fired to 1800 degrees! Please allow 2-3 weeks after the program for firing. Luminaries will come with an LED on pickup.

Ages: Families!

Fee: \$45 per family (includes 2lbs of clay)

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, October 1.

Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Big Pumpkin w/ Miss Elissa – Wed., October 15– 6:00pm-8:00pm

Celebrate the cozy charm of fall with Big Pumpkin with Miss Elissa! This October, enjoy a relaxed painting session as Miss Elissa guides you step by-step in creating a vibrant pumpkin scene on a 16"x20" canvas—no painting experience needed! All painting supplies and instruction are included. Just bring yourself, maybe a friend (and a snack if you'd like!), and go home with a festive fall masterpiece you'll love to display all season long.

Ages: 18 years and older

Fee: \$35 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, October 10. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



***Registration for these programs at vandaliaohio.org or at the VRC front desk.**

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21 Tionda Drive South
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Open; Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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twilliams@vandaliaohio.org
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the costs of programming and support for the Senior Center.

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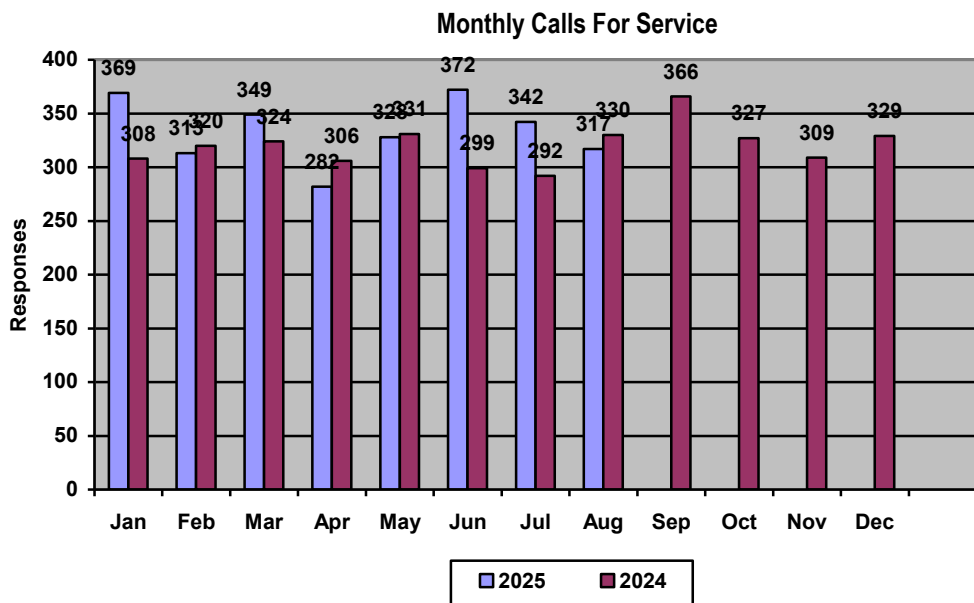


MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: AUGUST 2025 STATISTICS
DATE: 9/19/2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Division of Fire responded on **317** calls for service in August (**214** EMS calls and **103** fire calls). An average of approximately ten **10** calls for service per day.

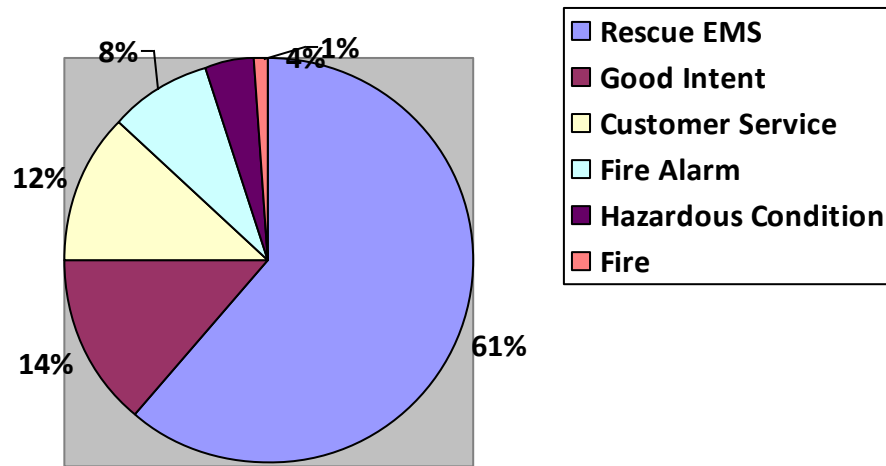


Note: After seven (7) months the Division of Fire has responded to a total of **2672** calls for service. This approximately **162 (6%)** more calls for service than we responded to in the same timeframe (end of August in 2024).

Overlapping Call Volume: A statistic that we can track now is how many of our calls for service overlapped (or occurred simultaneously) during this evaluation period. In August approximately **10%** of the call volume overlapped. This is among the lowest number of overlapping calls we have experienced in several years.

Crews responded to 317 calls for service in August, the chart below outlines call types:

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



1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (68%) - All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
2. Good Intent Calls (11%) - Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
3. Customer Service Calls (9%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
4. Fire Alarm Calls (5%) - This type of call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
5. Hazardous Condition (4%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
6. Fires (3%) - Fire loss reported \$4,000 dollar loss.

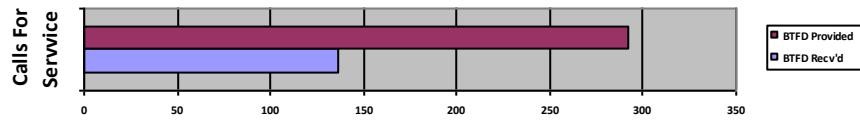
MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA

In August, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on eighteen **(18)** occasions and we received mutual aid on six occasions **(6)** occasions.

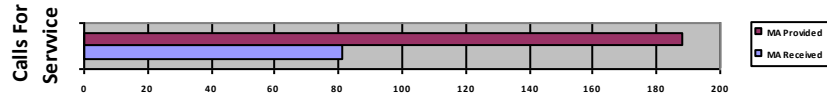
In August, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on thirteen **(13)** occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on twenty-nine **(29)** occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received (1754)	Mutual Aid Provided (1616)	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided
Butler Fire (57-101)			13	29
Brookville (57-003)				
Bethel Miami (55-221)				
Clayton Fire (57-121)	1			
Dayton Fire (57-011)				
Dayton Airport (57-002)				
Englewood (57-001)	2			
Harrison Fire (57-107)		5		
Huber Fire (57-125)	3	10		
Riverside Fire (57-115)				
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)				
West Milton Fire (55)				
Philipsburg Fire (55-)				
Trotwood Fire (57-113)		1		
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)		2		
Totals	6	18		

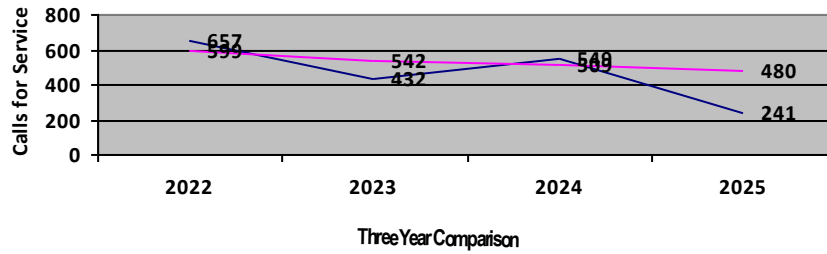
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Mutual Rceived & Povided YTFD



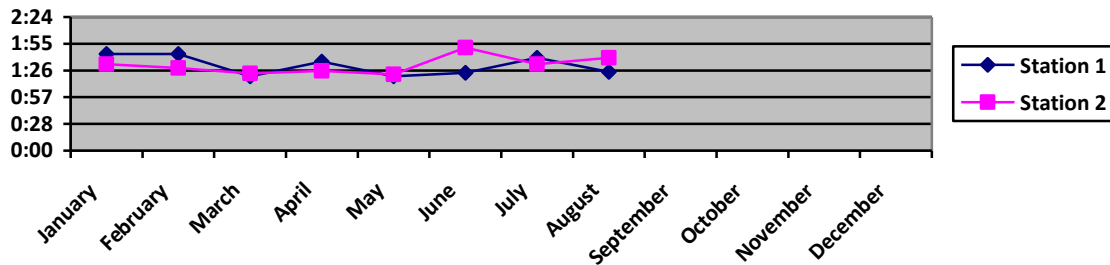
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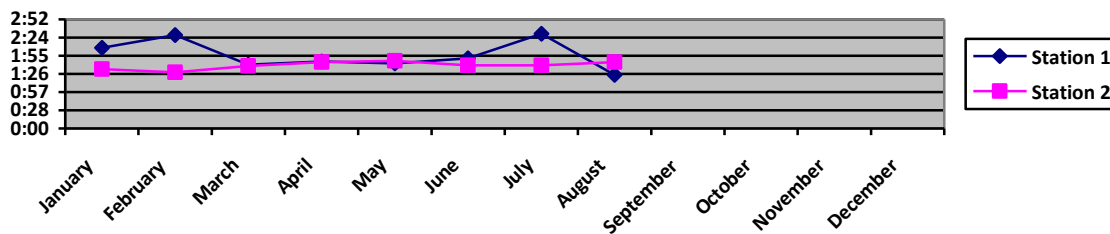
RESPONSE TIMES

The average turnout time in August for EMS was 1:33 and for fire was 1:35 the average total response time for August was 6:31.

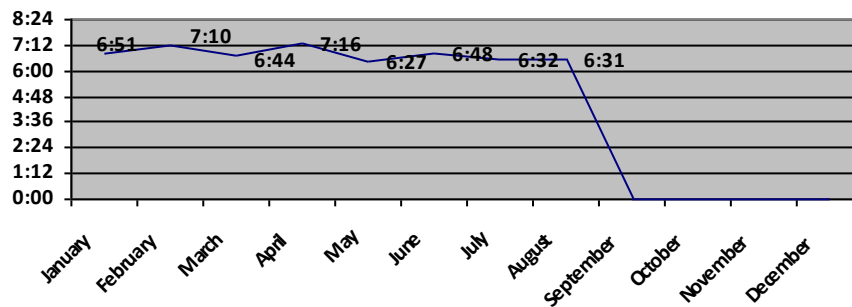
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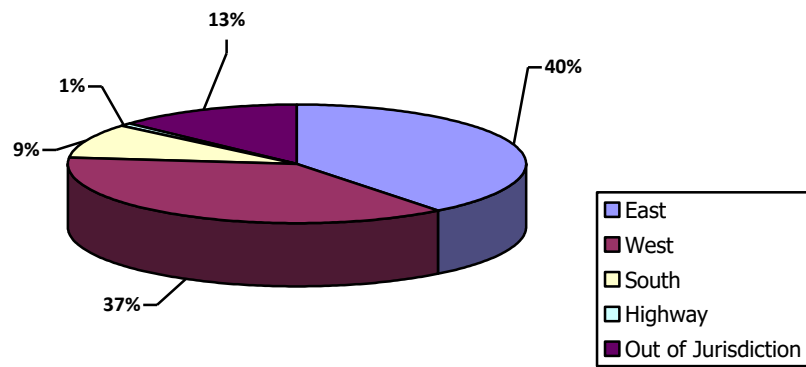
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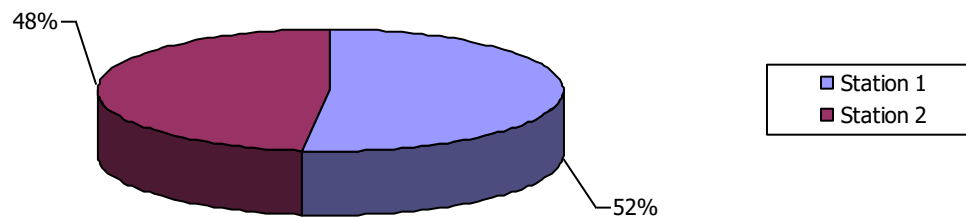
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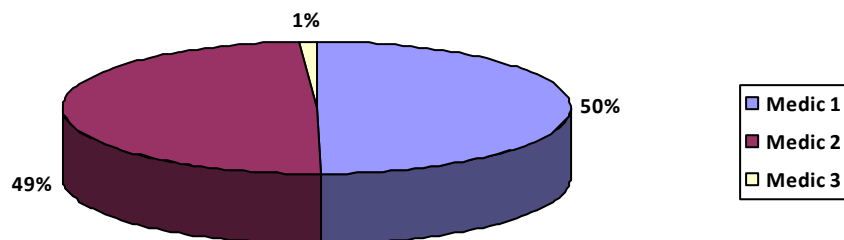
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION



TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH

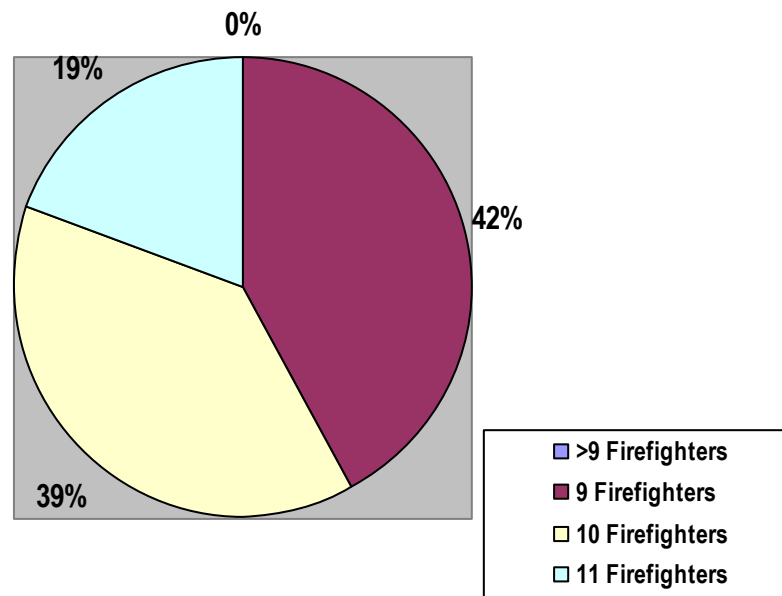


Monthly Staffing Levels

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

In August:

1. Staff **below our minimum** recommended staffing level of 9 (**0 shifts**)
2. Staff at our minimum recommended staffing level of 9 (**13 shifts 41.9%**)
3. Staffed with at least ten (10) personnel (**12 shifts 38.7%**)
4. Staffed "fully" with (11) personnel (**6 shifts 19%**)



Community Risk Reduction Monthly Report

EVENTS:

08/05/2025 – National Night Out -Supported this VPD-sponsored event by setting up the inflatable fire safety house, static displays of fire apparatus, drone demonstrations, and hand-only CPR training. Approximately 200 people in attendance witnessed the drone demonstration and static displays of apparatus and equipment. Crews handed out sunglasses, stress balls, stickers, and pencils. **Customer Contacts: 75 contacts for fire safety house**

08/15/2015 – Fire Station Tour Early Beginnings Child Care Center - conducted a station tour to include a visit from Sparky and handed out helmets and badges. **Customer Contacts: 20 children & 4 adults**

08/15/2025 – Robinette Park Ribbon Cutting- Ribbon cutting at Robinette Park - static display of apparatus and fire prevention materials to hand out. **Customer Contacts: 4 children & 3 adults.**

08/19/2025 – Blood pressure checks at the Senior Center **Customer Contacts: 23 adults**

08/22/2025 – Home football game-Crews threw out footballs during halftime and walked through the crowd several times greeting adults and students.

08/27/2025 – Passport to Safety-Fire safety presentation covering smoke alarms and what to do when the smoke alarm sounds, stay low and go, meeting place, stop, drop, and roll, apparatus tour, and a firefighter dress out in PPE. **Customer Contacts: 40 kindergartner students & 4 teachers**

CPR CLASSES:

08/05/2025- 30 contacts for hands-only CPR

08/12/2025 – 8 adults (*Johnson Electric*)

08/18/2025 – 9 adults (*St. Christopher Center for Children*)

08/26/2025 – 250 high school students (*Freshman orientation, Butler High School*)

Total Customer Contacts: 47 adults & 250 students

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS:

08/02/2025 – Installed 1 smoke alarm (*Crest grove Ave*)

08/12/2025 – Installed 2 smoke alarms and 1 CO alarm (*Kirkwood Ave*)

08/13/2025 – Installed 2 smoke alarms (*Mistic Ln*)

08/13/2025 – Installed 1 smoke alarm (*N Brown School Rd*)

08/21/2025 – Installed 2 smoke alarms and 1 CO alarm (*Brocone Dr*)

08/27/2025 – Replaced 1 battery in a hard-wired smoke alarm (*Waldsmith Way*)

Totals: 8 smoke alarms installed

2 carbon monoxide alarms installed

1 battery replaced

Residential Lock Boxes (VIP Program):

08/25/2025 – Installed 1 lock box (*W Van Lake Dr*)- **Totals: 1 lock box installed**

Memorandum



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Brandon Sucher, Police Chief 
Date: September 15, 2025
Subject: August 2025 Crime Statistical Report Summary

Total calls for service to the Communications Center increased 2%, from 1,066 calls in August 2024 to 1,088 calls in August 2025. There were 887 citizen-initiated calls for service (down 5.8%) and 201 officer-initiated calls (up 62%).

VPD investigated no homicides or robberies in August 2025. There were two assaults, two rapes, and three domestic violence offenses reported, compared to one assault, no rapes, and three domestic violence offenses in August 2024. Domestic violence cases are up 14.7% YTD, with 39 incidents in 2025 compared to 34 in 2024. Assaults are down 24%, with 28 reported YTD in 2025 compared to 37 during the same period in 2024.

There were two burglaries reported in August 2025, compared to three in August 2024. Thus far in 2025, burglaries/breaking & entering have decreased by five offenses. Felony thefts are down 39.5%, totaling 49 offenses; auto thefts are down 31.3%, totaling 22 offenses; and misdemeanor thefts are down 16.9%, totaling 54 offenses. Auto thefts and misdemeanor thefts have declined due to the incarceration of juvenile theft groups responsible for these acts in 2024, as well as public awareness and aggressive enforcement.

There were four criminal damaging/vandalism complaints in August 2025, down from nine in August 2024. These offenses are down 52.1% YTD, with 23 incidents reported this year. VPD officers have focused on maintaining visibility in residential and business areas to display a police presence and prevent crime. Officers made two felony drug arrests and no misdemeanor drug arrests in August 2025—totals consistent with 2024. Overall, felony drug arrests are up 55.6% YTD in 2025, attributable to enforcement activity and proactive community policing.

VPD made fewer arrests in August 2025, with five felony arrests and 17 misdemeanor arrests compared to five felony and 19 misdemeanor arrests in August 2024. Officers charged two juveniles with an offense in August 2025, compared to three juveniles in August 2024. Juvenile arrests are down 13.3% YTD in 2025.

During August, VPD officers made 406 traffic stops while patrolling Vandalia's roadways—a 67% increase. These stops resulted in 63 citations, 313 written warnings, 25 verbal warnings, and five stops with other dispositions. Speed and other citations are up 19.8% in 2025, while OVI arrests have decreased 9% compared to 2024, with 30 arrests YTD. Parking citations are down 48% in 2025 due to a reduction in commercial truck parking on interstate ramps, combined with continued visibility and enforcement over the past year.

VPD officers investigated 20 traffic crashes in August 2025, compared to 18 in August 2024. Overall, traffic crashes are up 5% in 2025 compared to 2024. Officers will continue to patrol Vandalia's roadways and focus on traffic enforcement to enhance safety and reduce crashes.

Officers also responded to fewer alarm drops, with a decrease from 75 business and residential alarms in August 2024 to 50 in August 2025. Overall, alarm drops are down 4.8% YTD in 2025 compared to 2024.

In summary, 2025 has seen a significant increase in traffic enforcement. This heightened visibility has contributed to reductions in property crimes, auto thefts, and quality-of-life issues. Officers have investigated only eight more traffic crashes YTD compared to 2024. Increased proactive contacts and targeted enforcement will remain a priority moving forward.

City of Vandalia Division of Police
Monthly Crime Statistical Report
August 2025

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2024 Y-T-D	% Change	% Clear
How Calls Received:																
Total Calls for Service	976	932	1096	986	1133	1133	1175	1088					8519	8360	1.9%	N/A
Citizen Initiated = 887	85.96%	86.80%	86.68%	86.08%	88.45%	87.73%	85.79%	81.56%					7331	7426	-1.3%	N/A
Officer Initiated = 201	14.04%	13.20%	13.32%	13.92%	11.56%	12.27%	14.21%	18.44%					1182	982	20.4%	N/A
9-1-1 Call = 327	27.15%	27.47%	28.47%	27.28%	20.66%	28.51%	27.83%	30.09%					2313	2428	-4.7%	N/A
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0	0.0%	0.00%
Rape	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	2					8	6	0.0%	12.50%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	1	-100.0%	100.00%
Assault	4	3	9	3	3	2	2	2					28	37	-24.3%	71.43%
Burglary/B&E Total	0	0	4	3	0	2	4	2					15	20	-25.0%	46.67%
Residence	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	0					7	11	-36.4%	57.14%
Non-residence	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	2					8	9	-11.1%	37.50%
Theft - Felony	4	5	7	6	10	7	6	4					49	81	-39.5%	69.39%
Theft - Misd	6	3	8	4	12	7	8	6					54	65	-16.9%	68.52%
Motor Veh Theft	3	0	2	1	3	4	4	5					22	32	-31.3%	63.64%
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0					1	0	100.0%	100.00%
Crim Dam & Vandal	2	2	1	2	5	1	6	4					23	48	-52.1%	60.87%
Drug Offenses (Fel)	2	2	3	3	0	2	0	2					14	9	55.6%	50.00%
Drug Offenses (Misd)	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0					11	12	-8.3%	90.91%
Domestic Violence	2	2	6	6	7	10	3	3					39	34	14.7%	100.00%
Totals	26	22	44	30	42	35	35	30	0	0	0	0	264	345	-23.5%	72.35%

City of Vandalia Division of Police
Monthly Crime Statistical Report
August 2025

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2024 Y-T-D	% CHG
Criminal Arrests:															
Felony	4	3	10	4	9	4	4	5					43	50	-14.00%
Misdemeanor	24	18	18	22	30	19	17	17					165	167	-1.20%
Juvenile	5	4	5	3	3	2	2	2					26	30	-13.33%
Total	33	25	33	29	42	25	23	24	0	0	0	0	234	247	-5.26%
Traffic Stops:															
Stops with Citations	31	61	50	57	78	44	56	63					440	323	36.22%
Stops with Written Warnings	245	240	199	299	234	234	375	313					2139	1292	65.56%
Stops with Verbal Warnings	39	32	37	32	34	39	58	25					296	624	-52.56%
Stops with Other Dispositions	2	12	5	3	5	0	1	5					33	28	17.86%
Total Traffic Stops	317	345	291	391	351	317	490	406	0	0	0	0	2908	2267	28.28%
Traffic Arrests/Citations:															
OVI	5	4	4	1	5	5	4	2					30	33	-9.09%
Speed	20	35	23	20	45	25	29	37					234	152	53.95%
All Other	51	75	73	94	97	56	71	76					593	538	10.22%
Parking	1	3	4	3	2	1	4	4					22	43	-48.84%
TOTAL	77	117	104	118	149	87	108	119	0	0	0	0	879	766	14.75%
Traffic Accidents Investigated:															
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	1	-100.00%
Injury	3	9	7	7	5	3	6	4					44	46	-4.35%
Property Damage	19	7	15	15	14	13	20	16					119	108	10.19%
TOTAL	22	16	22	22	19	16	26	20	0	0	0	0	163	155	5.16%
Alarms:															
Business	58	44	46	36	57	60	64	44					409	416	-1.68%
Residential	2	6	9	3	1	8	6	6					41	57	-28.07%
TOTAL	60	50	55	39	58	68	70	50	0	0	0	0	450	473	-4.86%



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Friday, October 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location: BHS Tennis Courts

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HOTDOGS - CHIPS - WATER - SWAG

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