

# THE BLUE LETTER



333 James E. Bohanan Drive • Vandalia, OH 45377 • (937) 898-5891

September 26, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

On Wednesday, several city staff members, community members, and I attended a Chamber ribbon cutting event at the new Curry & Grill at 722 West National Road. I had the opportunity to meet the new owners and welcome them to Vandalia. Their restaurant specializes in modern and royal Indian cuisine and brings a great dining option to our city. Following the ribbon cutting, many attendees stayed and enjoyed a wonderful lunch buffet.



The Vandalia-Butler Foundation and Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department are hosting a Paddle-Palooza 36-hour Pickleball Marathon this coming weekend at Helke Park, beginning at noon on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and ending at midnight on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. There is still time remaining for interested participants to sign up and enjoy all-you-can-play pickleball as well as food trucks, drinks, vendors, raffles and lots of fun. Details are provided in the attached flyer. All proceeds benefit the Vandalia-Butler Foundation.

The Vandalia Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:45 pm. This year's parade route will begin on West National Road at the airport gate across from Helke Road, travel east to Dixie Drive, and south to the entrance to the high school stadium parking lot. There will be temporary road closures along West National Road between Helke Road and Dixie Drive as well as Dixie Drive between National Road and East Alkaline



Springs Road. Residents are encouraged to line up along the parade route and support the athletic and sports teams, marching band, and homecoming court recipients from the School District.

The Police Division along with Butler Township Police Department is participating in a Homecoming Community Tailgate gathering at the High School's tennis courts on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm prior to the high school football game. Officers will be providing complimentary hot dogs, chips, water, and agency swag. Cash donations will be accepted to support the Butler Performing Arts Association.

The Fire Division is hosting its annual Open House on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 2:00 pm at Fire Station #1, 8705 Peters Pike. They will be staging fire equipment for visitors to sit in and climb on, providing various fire & rescue demonstrations, and distributing fire safety information and materials. Residents are encouraged to visit the Fire Station and learn about fire prevention and safety.

As a reminder, budget workshops are coming up in October. The workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 pm and Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the lower level of the Municipal Building. Staff will have all materials prepared for Council and will present the proposed 2026 budget.

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. 36-Hour Pickleball Marathon Paddle-Palooza
2. Homecoming Community Tailgate
3. Division of Fire Open House



Vandalia-Butler Foundation & City of Vandalia Parks & Recreation  
Inaugural Event

# **PADDLE-PALOOZA** **36-HOUR** **PICKLEBALL** **MARATHON**

Join us for all-you-can-play  
pickleball, food trucks, drinks,  
vendors, raffles, and fun for all.

Scan the QR Code to register now!



**FRI, SEPT 26 AT 12PM-**  
**SAT, SEPT 27 AT 11:59PM**

**HELKE PARK** 829 Randler Ave, Vandalia, OH 45377

**\$20/Player | Ages 13 & UP | Fun, food, and more!**

**FREE Participant Overnight Camping Available Both Nights**

Through Paddle Palooza's presenting host, the Vandalia-Butler Foundation, all  
proceeds will support charitable and educational programs serving the  
Vandalia-Butler community.

For more info, email Frank Beeson, event chair, at [putter007@aol.com](mailto:putter007@aol.com)





# **HOMECOMING COMMUNITY TAILGATE**

**Friday, October 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

**Location: BHS Tennis Courts**

**FREE**

**HOTDOGS - CHIPS - WATER - SWAG**

**PROVIDED BY YOUR VANDALIA AND BUTLER**

**TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS**

**DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND GIVEN TO  
THE BUTLER PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION**



# **CHARGE** *into Fire Safety™*

**Lithium-Ion Batteries  
in Your Home**



**FIRE  
PREVENTION  
WEEK™**

**fpw.org**

©2025 NFPA | Sparky® is a trademark of NFPA.