

THE BLUE LETTER



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October 9, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

On September 24, 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.



On September 25 & 26, the City hosted a Paddle Palooza event at Helke Park. The Vandalia-Butler Foundation reported 120 pickleball players and 100 volunteers helped with the 36-hour event. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation staff who helped set up the event!

On October 2, the Police & Fire Divisions along with the Public Works Department assisted with traffic control and participated in the annual Vandalia-Butler School District's Homecoming Parade along West National Road and Dixie Drive. The parade was well attended and there were no safety or traffic concerns during the parade. Additionally, on October 3, police & fire staff members attended the Vandalia-Butler districtwide pep-rally at the high school. This is always a high-energy event where all the students from the district gather to celebrate the new school year.

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On Thursday, we held our all-employee two-person golf scramble at Cassel Hills Golf Course. The teams enjoyed a nine-hole round of golf during a beautiful afternoon after their workday. We appreciate the dedication our employees have in providing service to the community. Thanks to Rich Hopkins and Ben Lickliter for organizing the event.

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Open Enrollment for the 2026 Benefit Year will take place from 11/3/2025 – 11/14/2025. Please start looking at your current benefits and let HR Manager Leann Hanf know if you have any questions! Mass communication will be sent out each Monday in October communicating updates and revisions to the City's health insurance plan.

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 – October 9, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – October 9, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – October 9, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – October 9, 2025;
5. Information Update - Parks & Recreation Director McCracken – October 9, 2025;
6. Information Update - Police Chief Sucher – October 9, 2025;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – October 9, 2025;
8. Leaf Collection Map





To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: October 8, 2025
Re: Information Update for September 20 – October 10, 2025

- Many of our staff member attended the Ribbon Cutting for Curry & Grill, the new Indian cuisine restaurant on National Road. They are receiving great reviews so far.
- You and I attended the September TCA Board meeting. General Manger Knife gave an update on the three large capital improvement projects. The equalization tanks project is wrapping up with only a few minor punch list items remaining. We also discussed the transition process and the staffing challenges with Veolia. We are in the recruiting process now to take over the operations of the plan in-house.
- We have had several meetings with finance staff reviewing our proposed budget and getting ready for the upcoming budget workshops with City Council.
- 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.
- Alicia McCracken, Ben Lickliter, Chris Mastro, Jerry McDonald, you and I completed a walk-thru of the Cassel Hills Clubhouse to identify items that will have to be addressed in a potential agreement with the group that wishes to take over the food, beverage and hospitality operations of the clubhouse.
- You and I attended the Dayton Area manager Association meeting on September 26th held at Wright State University. Lee Hannah, Professor of Political Science at Wright State, was the speaker and spoke about the connections with the group in placing students from the program in positions around the region.

- I attended the I-70/75 Economic Development's "Cities in Motion Bus Tour" on Friday, October 3rd. The group met at the Mound in Miamisburg and were bused to Cincinnati to tour the University of Cincinnati's Innovation Hub along with a tour of the renovated Memorial Hall.
- I met with representatives of the Montgomery County Auditor's Office to review all of the projects in Vandalia that are currently receiving CRA tax abatements of are part of our Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts.
- We held a Vandalia Development Corporation meeting to discuss potential incentives for a company looking to locate in the facility at 1669 Capstone Way. I am also working with the Dayton Development Coalition and Jobs Ohio on a complete incentive package for the company.
- I have had several conversations with a developer interested in purchasing some of our land in Stonequarry Crossings. We briefed City Council on the potential development at this week's City Council meeting in executive session.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals had 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. They will also have a meeting on October 22 to consider a variance for the total accessory structure area at 11098 N. Cassel Road.
- We continue to work with Addison Properties on their Final Development Plan for the Riverdale Subdivision. We have received a revised Traffic Impact Study and have forwarded that on to our traffic engineer at Choice One Engineering for their review and comments.
- Rich Hopkins is working on the next edition of the MyVandalia magazine. The majority of the edition is complete, but we are holding space for the October 30th Bikeway Ribbon Cutting and our newly elected council members.
- Rich has also begun gathering information for the 2026 Annual Report/Calendar.
- This week we held our all employee two-person golf scramble at Cassel Hills Golf Course. Thanks to Rich Hopkins and Ben Lickliter for organizing the event.

Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: October 8, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending October 10, 2025

1. Kristen Carnes and I attended a council study session.
2. 2026-2030 Proposed Budget books were distributed to Council, and the electronic format was emailed to departments citywide in preparation for the upcoming Budget Workshops.
3. Kristen and I participated in various budget meetings to prepare for the upcoming Budget Workshops.
4. I participated in a pre-negotiation meeting regarding the upcoming renewal of the OPBA contract.
5. I attended a Tri-Cities Finance Committee meeting. I presented the September 30, 2025, YTD financials.
6. I attended a NAWA Board meeting. I presented the September 30, 2025, YTD financials.

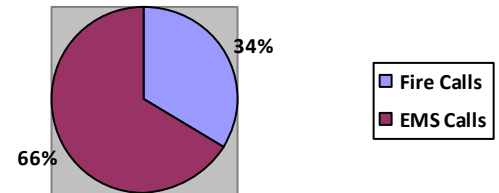


DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 10/8/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2025

1. Operations Update (September):

- September total incidents: **327** (Fire **111**, EMS **216**)
- August avg per day: **11**
- Total call volume is **up 8%** from same time in 2024.
- Average total response time August = **7:09**
- Mutual Aid **provided 23** times, **received 11** times.



2. Training & Readiness

- Crews attended building walk-through and familiarization at Fed Ex Ground.
- Mental Health Training was hosted at Butler Station 88 with Kettering Health.
- Chief Follick attended a two-day Blue Card Incident Command Conference in Sharonville.
- Fire Marshal Scott Jacobs is attending his second in-person session at Ohio Fire Executives (OFE) training the week of October 6th.

3. Public Education, Outreach and Community Risk Reduction (September)

- 12 Smoke Alarm installations.
- 7 CO Alarm installations.
- 2 Battery changes.
- 1 Bed Shaker Alarm installation.
- 1 Residential Lock Box installation.
- 2 CPR Classes (33 cards issued).
- 1 Fire Extinguisher Training (60 participants).

4. Community engagement:

- September 19th - EMS strike teams were on site at the Vandalia Butler HS football game.
- September 21st- The Vandalia United Methodist Church hosted on-duty crews for lunch.
- September 27th- EMS Strike team crews were on site for the Anderson Memorial 5K event.
- October 2nd- A-Shift crews participated in the Helke Elementary School Walk-A-Thon.
- October 2nd – Crews and Fire apparatus were in the Vandalia-Butler HS homecoming parade.
- October 3rd – B-Shift EMS team and Fire crews attended the Vandalia-Butler district wide pep rally at the High School.
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- October 5th – Division of Fire annual Open House.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

- October 7th – Fire Prevention and crews were at Helke Elementary for the annual Passport to Safety Day.
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To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Alicia McCracken, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 10/7/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending October 9, 2025

RECREATION CENTER

1. We are pleased to announce that Kayla Sensenbaugh is our new VRC Facility Manager. Her first day will be October 20th.
2. New VRC hours are now in effect! We have people using this early morning option and we feel it will continue to grow with time.
3. We are in the final steps of regaining Spectrum TV service at the VRC. A long process, but things are getting resolved. The next steps is to wait for installment of new equipment which we are trying to expedite due to the long period of time we have been out of TV service.
4. VRC Visits September 2024- 12,229; September 2025- 14,805 (increase of 2,576 visits)
5. In September 2025, VRC paid in full membership revenue was \$14,030. Our direct deposit (including EFT net amount) portion was \$27,469. Our total September 2025 VRC membership revenue was \$41,499.
6. Staff is working on a floor tile maintenance plan for the VRC.
7. We had our first Adaptive Swim Lessons program with SwimSafe on Sunday, September 21. These lessons were for those with developmental disabilities and there were 10 families who came out to this program.
8. The Group Fitness Studio floor was refinished last week.
9. Lauren Price is our new Rental Coordinator. We are happy she is joining the VRC team.
10. Friday October 17th is our next Coffee Talk- Premier Health will present about nutrition.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

1. On September 19, City Manager Althouse and Parks and Recreation Director McCracken met with a few Optimist Club members to discuss the Optimist Club sponsoring a youth golf camp in the summer of 2026.
2. On September 23, we held a Robinette Park Splashpad Kick Off Meeting.
3. On September 25 and 26, we hosted the Paddle Palooza. The Vandalia Butler Foundation reported 120 pickleball players and 100 volunteers helped with the 36 hours event. Thanks to the various Parks and Recreation staff that helped with setting up of the event!
4. On September 30, eight new sculptures were delivered to Art Park. Our Marketing Coordinator Corinne and Recreation Superintendent Aaron put together a fun reel- check it out!
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1808419626703137>
5. On October 1, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met at Cassel Hills Pool. It was a nice opportunity for the Park Board members to tour the facility.

6. On October 1, Parks and Recreation Director Alicia ,Recreation Coordinators Maecie and Sarah, and Recreation Superintendent Aaron attended the OPRA Region 3 event in Miamisburg. We were able to do some great networking and visit two newly renovated parks in the area- Riverfront Park and Sycamore Trails.



7. On October 2, we held the 3rd Annual VPRD Cookout. This is a “thank you” to staff for a great summer season!
8. On October 6, Parks and Recreation Director Alicia and Recreation Superintendent Aaron and met with Vandalia-Butler Superintendent Rob O’Leary to discuss future summer camp collaborations with the schools.
9. The January- April Program Guide first draft has been submitted. Registration for this program guide will begin on Wednesday, December 3rd.
10. On Saturday, September 20th, we had our last day of the Lollipop program for 2025. This program started on Saturday, September 16th and ran for five weeks skipping Labor Day weekend. We had a total of 103 kids participating in the program this year.
11. As of October 6, we currently have 47 kids enrolled in various grades of our Youth Basketball program and 12 enrolled in Instructional Basketball. Registration closes on October 10th. Any teams still needing players will remain open until they are completely full. Flyers were delivered to the schools last week to make one last push for registration.
12. Recreation Superintendent Aaron Messenger and Recreation Coordinator Sara Moyer met to discuss the implementation of ePACT into our CampREC program. ePACT is a secure, cloud-based emergency network that helps organizations collect, manage, and access critical medical and contact information for participants, members, or staff. Parks and recreation departments, camps, and sports leagues use ePACT to streamline health forms, waivers, and emergency contacts—all in one digital place. It ensures that staff can quickly access the right information during an emergency, while keeping personal data private and compliant with standards like HIPAA and GDPR.
13. Recreation Superintendent Aaron Messenger and Recreation Coordinator Sara Moyer had a program retreat to review all of our program offerings. We discussed the program life cycle, programs that need changed, and future program offerings we would like to implement.
14. Marketing Coordinator Corinne Tew has been with our department for 6 months now! She is doing an outstanding job!

Programs and events run during this period

15. Homeschool Takeover: On Friday, September 19, from 11:30am-2:00 pm, we hosted a Homeschool Takeover at the VRC. Homeschool groups and families were invited to come out and enjoy everything the VRC has to offer: swimming, climbing wall, gym activities, and Luther's Jungle. This was the first homeschool takeover with the new pricing format, \$5/person up to 7 people; \$3/person after 7. We had 43 families (162 people) attend this Homeschool Takeover.
16. Kids Night Out: This program was led by Recreation Leaders on Friday, October 3. This youth program had 13 participants registered. During their night out at the VRC, kids had the chance to participate in rock climbing, swimming, gym games, crafts, and more! Pizza and snacks were provided.
17. Family Clay Pumpkin Luminaries Workshop w/ the Purple Paintbrush:
On Sunday, October 5, the Purple Paintbrush led a Family Clay Pumpkin Luminaries Workshop at the Vandalia Rec Center. Using methods like pinch pot techniques or "coil" pot, participants made 2-3 (depending on size) luminaries with lids. Projects were then decorated with glaze and will be fired to 1800 degrees! 5 families attended this program.

Upcoming Programs & Events

18. Vandalia Fall Festival: On Saturday, October 11, from 12:00pm-6:00pm, we will be hosting the Fall Festival at the Vandalia Sports Complex. Bring the family out and enjoy a festive time at the Vandalia Fall Festival! There will be live music from Stranger, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, corn pit, vendors, inflatables, games, arts & crafts and more!
19. Spooky Sweets w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Thursday, October 16, Eat Pretty Darling will be hosting a Spooky Sweets cooking program for young chefs! 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. There are currently 10 participants registered for this program.
20. Homeschool Takeover: On Friday, October 17, 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.

CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

1. On September 22, staff met with Chris Royce and Rebekah and Scott Allendevaux to continue to discuss food/hospitality options at the golf course clubhouse. We are working on an agreement to present to Council.
2. All golf leagues and high school golf have finished for the season.
3. Play continues to be active with the good weather we have sold out of all of our 18 hole tee times for the past seven days.
4. The irrigation project is close to completion. There's only a few remaining holes and they are tying the main line into the pump house.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. Great news for our Vantran program! We received \$7,500 in funding from the 2025 Combined Funding Application (CFA). This program is administered by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners and the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area Board of Trustess. We have received funding through the County in previous years. This process is new and we will need to apply annually for funding.
2. Through September 2025 we have 804 members, an increase of 50 more members than September 2024.

3. Vantran- September One Way Rides- 194; One Way rides YTD- 1,411

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. There were plumbing issues at the Municipal Building and Justice Center. Both locations required the water supply turned off and drained so that pipe leaks could be addressed. Both sites were failures related to pipe age and both were corrected with the installation of new pipe in those areas.
2. Staff assisted with set up and general facility maintenance with the recent pickleball event held at Helke Park. Special thanks to the Public Works Department for repairing a failing storm drain cover near the pickle ball event location.
3. Seven light bulbs at the Sports Complex ballfields have been replaced . Six lights were out on field 2 which is in use by the softball program and peewee football.
4. Maintenance work is underway at the Park Garage. Tuck point , expansion joint caulking and painting is taking place.
5. Soil and grass seed work is complete at the new permanent art installs at the Art Park.
6. Staff has completed the privacy fence, paver, stone and timber work at Fire Station 2. Staff also worked at Fire Station 1 in trimming, mulching, etc. in preparation for their recent open house.



7. Staff repaired a Sports Complex storm drain cover with the addition of mortar to anchor the metal grate in place and also repaired concrete at the baseball concession area.



8. Maintenance Supervisors Bryan Fine and Andrew Christian attended the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) field day. Sessions included a variety of tree care best practices with some hands on involvement. Information was shared with fellow staff.
9. Staff continued progress in preparing Cassel Hills Pool for winter.
10. The Recreation Center has been experiencing some trouble issues with the fire alarm system. We believe the issue has been corrected with the replacement of an original exterior device that was beginning to fail.
11. Interior and exterior window cleaning was completed at the Municipal Building and the Justice Center.

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Brandon Sucher
Police Chief

Date: October 9, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending October 10, 2025

1. During the past three weeks, VPD officers made 13 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in seven traffic citations and six written warnings while working four additional enforcement hours.
2. CPO Sommer attended the grand opening ribbon cutting for Curry Grill on West National Road on September 24.
3. Chief Sucher, Captain Walker and Captain Krimm attended the Montgomery County Chief of Police's Association luncheon on September 24. During this luncheon, a presenter covered current and future changes to the JusticeWeb system used by area law enforcement agencies.
4. On September 26, Officer Sommer and Sgt. Lawson attended Law and Public Safety Day at Sinclair. There were numerous CTC law enforcement groups we were able to speak with.
5. Detectives charged a 31-year-old Dayton man for Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, and Vandalism. The male suspect broke a glass window, entered a room, assaulted two victims, and stole a pair of jeans with a wallet belonging to the victim at the Knights Inn.
6. Detectives charged a 46-year-old Dayton woman for Petty Theft. The female suspect stole several items from the Vandalia Kroger and was transported to the Montgomery County Jail on several active warrants.
7. Captain Krimm met with numerous vendors, including Axon and Motorola, for our body worn camera and in-car camera replacements that are currently scheduled to occur in 2026.
8. Chief Sucher, Captain Walker, and Captain Krimm attended an Optimist Club meeting at Vandalia-Butler High School. During the meeting, student-athletes shared how the community's support has helped them compete successfully and grow both on and off the field as student-athletes.
9. The Vandalia Division of Police assisted with traffic control for the Vandalia-Butler School District's Homecoming Parade. The parade was well attended by our community, and the Division of Police did not encounter any safety or traffic concerns during the parade.

10. Captains Walker and Krimm, and Accreditation Manager Green, attended the Chamber of Commerce's First Friday coffee event at the Library on Friday, October 3.
11. Chief Sucher, Captain Walker, and several road patrol officers attended a Homecoming Pep Rally at the Butler High School's SAC.
12. The Vandalia Division of Police and the Butler Township Police Department held their first tailgating party before the Vandalia-Butler homecoming game on Friday, October 3. The community event was well attended by both students and parents. Donations made by attendees were collected and given to the Butler Performing Arts Association.
13. Multiple officers attended mandatory mental health and wellness training hosted by the Englewood Police Department. This training is part of the Division's wellness program.
14. During the week of October 7, Chief Sucher attended a mandatory 40-hour New Police Chief's Training course in Grove City.
15. Captain Krimm submitted a grant application to the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. This grant submission is for our upcoming body worn camera purchase and will hopefully offset a majority of the cost of the 32 body worn cameras the Division of Police intends to purchase in 2026.
16. Captain Walker and Captain Krimm attended a leadership meeting at Butler Township PD. This monthly meeting connects area law enforcement leaders together to discuss current LE topics and problems agencies are facing.
17. Officer Sommer presented *Passport To Safety* to the kindergarten class at Helke.
18. Captain Walker, Captain Krimm, and Sergeant Wehner, assisted by Deputy Chief Guthrie from Butler Twp and Sergeant Keller from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, held interviews for the Major Crimes Detective specialized assignment that will be vacant at the first of the year.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: October 8, 2025
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Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: Oglesby has completed the concrete curb ramp work at the intersections. Barrett Paving Materials milled E National Rd, placed a new asphalt surface course, and temporarily marked the new pavement with the new lane striping. Security Fence began installing the enclosed vandal fence on the new bikeway bridge; the remainder of the fence work is over the CSX rail lines and a CSX flagger which is scheduled for next week. A ribbon cutting ceremony for this project is tentatively scheduled for October 30th.

Upcoming work: permanent restriping of E National Rd and S Brown School Rd

Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (DSRD) Watermain Replacement project: CG Construction has begun the concrete work and is finishing up the asphalt ditch restoration. The milling and placing a new asphalt surface course on the roadways are scheduled for November 1st.

Updates from sites inspected or reviewed by DES staff:

- Foxfire Section 9: issued another certificate of occupancy (CO) for a new home, 9 total completed now
- Redwood Phase 2: inspections continue for new apartments
- The Landing (419 Pilot Pt): concrete footers poured for first condominium building
- Lion Apparel building (7200 Poe Ave): continued inspections for repairs from flood damage
- New electrical supply house (7496 Webster St): plans under review

ACM Cron and I attended the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access ("Ring Road") project's monthly right-of-way (ROW) acquisition status meeting on September 22nd.

DES staff attended a pre-construction meeting with Parks & Recreation staff, OHM Advisors, and Double Jay Construction for the Robinette Park Splashpad on September 23rd. A couple other meetings have been held since to clear up some issues.

DES staff with other City staff attended the ribbon cutting for Curry & Grill at 722 W National Rd on September 24th.

ACM Cron and I attended the monthly Miami/Montgomery County Coordination meeting on September 25th to discuss the ongoing infrastructure improvement projects around the airport.

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

PW Superintendent Hayslett and I attended the monthly technical committee meeting and Outfall Channel project review meeting for the plant's new outfall to the Great Miami River on October 1st.

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

PW Superintendent Hayslett attended the monthly technical committee meeting.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd):

City staff continue to hold numerous meetings to help finalize the construction plans, internally and externally, with WDC Group and other consultants/vendors.

Streets:

Crews placed asphalt patches on Kenbrook Dr between Tionda Dr and Bayonne Dr.

Crews also placed asphalt patches on Wyse Rd by Webster St.

Storm Sewer:

Crews excavated at 85 Mountair Dr and found a storm drain that needed cleaned. Crews were able to clean the storm pipe and plan to continue monitoring the area.

Crews went through safety training on our different leaf vacuums in preparation for the leaf collection season and began collecting leaves from City streets on October 6th. Leaf boxes were installed on our tandem-axle dump trucks in preparation for larger collections later in the season.

Crews completed inspecting our catch basins (CB) for cleaning for this year. 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 installed a 6" riser on the new fire hydrant at Scott Ave and S Perry St.

PW Assistant Superintendent Fulton has begun testing water backflows in City buildings and is simultaneously training PW Technician Haas on backflow procedures. This effort highlights our ongoing cross-training initiative aimed at enhancing both individual skills and the overall capabilities of the PW division.

Crews installed a new fire hydrant at 37 N Perry St.

Crews continued installing new water meters inside residences/businesses and outside in meter pits.

Crews hydro-excavated curb boxes so the curb stop valves could be operated to change house meters and installed new angle valves in meter pits to also facilitate meter replacements.

A large accomplishment of this period was installing all of the new 1.5" meters at 237 S Dixie Dr apartments, near Warehouse 4.

Crews continued exercising (closing/reopening) water main valves and are close to finishing this year's work. Crews will start the process of fixing valve boxes and other issues noted during this year's valve exercising.

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 fixed the blocking under a manhole (MH) casting ring behind Monroe Federal Bank.

Crews exposed a MH at the intersection of Londonderry Dr and Hartshorn Dr that was paved over in the past.

Other Services:

Crews assisted with the Homecoming Parade by setting up detour signs, barricades, cones, and parking vehicles to protect the public & secure the parade route. We also had dump truck outfitted with a snowplow in the parade.

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

Crews responded and marked for 127 utility locate tickets this period for Ohio 811.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics performed the following services:

- Serviced tandem-axle dump trucks #24 and #25
- Replaced the computer screen on the asphalt hot box trailer
- Replaced the batteries in one of our arrow boards and in our portable truck lifts
- Repaired the light on single-axle dump truck #20
- Replaced a mirror on the sign/lift truck
- Replaced the front axle wheel seal on hydro-excavator/vacuum truck



City of Vandalia Leaf Collection Map

2025 Leaf Pickup Dates



Zone

Collection Dates

1	Oct. 6	Oct. 20	Nov. 3	Nov. 17
2	Oct. 7	Oct. 21	Nov. 4	Nov. 18
3	Oct. 8	Oct. 22	Nov. 5	Nov. 19
4	Oct. 9	Oct. 23	Nov. 6	Nov. 20
5	Oct. 10	Oct. 24	Nov. 7	Nov. 21
6	Oct. 13	Oct. 27	Nov. 10	Nov. 24
7	Oct. 14	Oct. 28	Nov. 11	Nov. 25
8	Oct. 15	Oct. 29	Nov. 12	Nov. 26
9	Oct. 16	Oct. 30	Nov. 13	Dec. 1
10	Oct. 17	Oct. 31	Nov. 14	Dec. 2