

THE BLUE LETTER



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October 24, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

On October 11, we hosted our annual Fall Festival at the Sports Complex from noon to 6:00 pm. This event was packed full of plenty of activities and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. There was live music from *Stranger*, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, corn pit, vendors, inflatables, games, and much more. We welcomed several thousand attendees throughout the day for a fun-filled time.



We held an Employee Appreciation Event in the Justice Center's Community Room on October 15 with donuts, coffee, and juice. It was a great time for staff to interact with each other while enjoying a sweet treat. We are grateful for the dedication and commitment our employees have in providing great service to our community. Special thanks to Sherri Howard and Rich Hopkins for organizing the event and getting all the goodies to enjoy.



The Parks & Recreation Department received the Montgomery County Solid Waste District grant money for picnic tables at Robinette Park. These tables, made from recycled material, will be similar to the tables we have at Helke Park. Great job to P&R staff for applying and receiving this grant!

We welcome Kayla Sensenbaugh as our new Recreation Facility Manager. Kayla brings a wealth of experience from working with several parks and recreation organizations in the Miami Valley and Wichita, Kansas. Most recently, she served as a recreation programmer with the City of Beavercreek. She earned her bachelor's degree in Organization Leadership from Wright State University and her master's degree in Recreation and Tourism Management from Clemson University. She is excited to join the Vandalia P&R team and serve the community by continuing to provide excellent recreational experiences for our residents. We will formally introduce Kayla to Council at the November 3 Council meeting.



Over the past two weeks, our Police and Fire employees have participated in several community events, including Trunk or Treats activities as Frickers restaurant, Cassel Hills Church of God, and Johnson Electric, as well as a block party in the Cassel Creek neighborhood. I commend our public safety crews for taking the opportunity to meet our residents and businesses through these various community activities.



The Cassel Hills Golf Course irrigation project is in the final stages. The vendor connected the main water line to the pumphouse this week and finished installing water lines to all the holes. We are excited to have this project completed which will help sustain our greens and golf course for years to come.

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

The new contract with Spectrum for television service has been approved. Our initial priority will be to restore service at the Vandalia Recreation Center and the Cassel Hills Golf Clubhouse. We anticipate that service could be reestablished at these locations by the second week of November, pending coordination with Spectrum's installation schedule.

Work continues with developing the City's cybersecurity plan to meet the requirements outlined in House Bill 96. This plan will ensure compliance with state standards and strengthen the City's overall information security posture. A draft of the cybersecurity plan will be presented to City Council in December for review and discussion.



We are working with our lobbyist from High Bridge Consulting to submit a Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Application to support our request of funding for our new Public Works Facility. This application is the first step in requesting our project be supported with the State's Capital Budget Bill for 2026. We feel confident we will receive support for this capital project next year.

Rangeline installed an insertion valve into the live 12" trunk main near 865 S Dixie Dr. where we had the significant water main break. Crews were then able to get the trunk main shutdown completely, cut out a bad section of 12" water main, and install a new section. Crews are in the process of cleaning up the area from the break and repairs. *Due to the break in the trunk main located near the Attica St water tower, the 500,000-gallon tower was nearly drained within 12 hours overnight, despite NAWA's continuous efforts to refill it, maintain system pressure, and keep the mains full.* To make the best of the situation, we had our water tower maintenance contractor come in and do this year's planned washout of the tower while the tower was offline from the main break. Crews are working with NAWA to refill the water tower and put it back online by the end of this week. This unfortunate event is a reason for the City's focus on replacing our aging infrastructure and water mains to prevent significant disruptions to our water service.

A&A Safety is nearing completion of installing the new permanent pavement markings on the Bikeway Connector project but needs warmer weather temperatures to finish per ODOT requirements. Security Fence is planning to complete the vandal protection fencing on the new bridge this Friday (10/24). Security Fence began installing bikeway delineators on S. Brown School Road and the last of the new signage across the project. Public Service Director Ben Borton attended the progress meeting on October 23, discussing punch list work to close out the project. *A ribbon cutting ceremony for this project is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th at 10:30 am at Taylorsville Dam north parking lot. All are welcome to attend.* This will be a celebration of hard work and a collaborative effort by many people and organizations to see this project completed. This project is transformative for our community and provides great access to the Great Miami River Trails and is especially welcomed by bike enthusiasts.

Open Enrollment – Save the Date! Open Enrollment for the 2026 Benefit Year will take place from 11/3/2025 – 11/14/2025. Employees are encouraged to start looking at their current benefits and let Human Resources Manager Leann Hanf know if they have any questions! Mass communication is being sent out each Monday in October with benefit changes and coverage details.

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 24, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – October 24, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – October 24, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – October 24, 2025;
5. Information Update - Parks & Recreation Director McCracken – October 24, 2025;
6. Information Update - Police Chief Sucher – October 24, 2025;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – October 24, 2025;
8. Information Update – IT Manager Davey – October 24, 2025;
9. September 2025 Division of Fire Monthly Statistics
10. September 2025 Division of Police Crime and Enforcement Statistics
11. Senior Center November 2025 Newsletter



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: October 23, 2025
Re: Information Update for October 11 - 24, 2025

Congratulations to Brian Krimm for being selected for our Employee Spotlight for October



- Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Budget Workshops with City Council and present our Capital Improvement five-year forecast. We have a lot of exciting projects planned and I look forward to seeing them implemented.
- I attended the Ohio Economic Development Association's Annual Summit last week in Akron. This was a great event with over 600 attendees. The Dayton Region was well represented there, and we have a lot of momentum in this region. Dayton has been selected as the host of next year's summit.
- We are working with our lobbyist from High Bridge Consulting to submit a Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Application to support our request of funding for our new Public Works Facility. This application is the first step in trying to get our project supported with the State's Capital Budget Bill for 2026.
- We have our next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 27, with our architect, WDC Group, for the Public Works Facility. We hope to have final plans soon, so that we can get the project out for bid.

- Ben Borton and I attended the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) presentations at the Dayton International Airport this week. The Montgomery County Engineer's Office presented on the DIA NE Logistics (Ring Road) project. This is our request for the TRAC Funding for the construction portion of this project.
- We have the Ribbon Cutting for the Vandalia Bikeway Connector project scheduled for next Thursday October 30. A flyer for the event with more details is attached. The ribbon cutting is a celebration of a lot of hard work and effort by many people and organizations that made this project possible. We feel this project is transformation for our community and especially for our bicycle enthusiasts.
- I attended the Dayton Development Coalition's Economic Development Forum on October 22nd at the new Benham Grove facility in Centerville. The DDC and Jobs Ohio gave updates on many of the economic development projects and activities in the Dayton Region.
- We continue to have a lot of interest in the facility at 1669 Capstone Way along with interest in some of our vacant properties in Stonequarry Crossings. The building at 1669 Capstone Way now has a tenant using approximately 300,000 square feet of the building.
- Darren Davey, Rich Hopkins, you and I met with Justin Spivey to discuss some ideas for enhancing the lobby area of the Municipal Building with some artwork. Justin was very helpful as he has many photos from various city events and city facilities.
- Alicia McCracken, Ben Lickliter, Chris Mastrino, you and I completed a second walk-thru of the Cassel Hills Clubhouse with the group wishing to take over the food, beverage and hospitality operations of the clubhouse. The meeting was to identify items of responsibility for each party as we put together a draft agreement for City Council to consider.
- You and I had a conference call with the owner's representative for the old Delphi property at 250 Northwoods Boulevard. They continue to work with the USEPA on the remediation on the site. They are hoping in the next couple months this will be transferred to the Ohio EPA. Once this happens, they will be eligible for grant funding to assist with their continued effort to clean up the site where it can be marketed for redevelopment.
- Staff performed the annual hotel/motel inspection at 550 E. National Road, Super 8. The inspection went well, and we will be issuing their registration compliance letter for 2026.
- The Planning Commission will have one item on their October 28 meeting agenda. The Final Development plan for Section One of the Riverdale PUD will be considered. Their November 11th meeting has five agenda items
 1. PUD Amendment for Flying J to allow a EV Charging Canopy
 2. Record Plan for Stonequarry Crossings Section 15 – 9085 Peters Pike
 3. Conditional Use at 9805 Peters Pike for Warehouse Use
 4. Code Amendments regarding Processes and Review Criteria for BZA & PC Boards
 5. Code Amendment amending the Thoroughfare Plan for the City
- The Board of Zoning Appeals has three items on their November 12 meeting agenda.
 1. A variance to allow chickens at 411 Birdsong
 2. A variance to the maximum Retail Floor Area at 9375 N. Dixie Drive
 3. A variance to the front yard setback at 112 Gabriel Steet

- Rich Hopkins taped the November editions of Focus Vandalia. November's stories will be the Bikeway Ribbon Cutting, introducing our new Rec Center Facilities Manager – Kayla Sensenbaugh, an update on grant received by the city and an update on the Robinette Park Splashpad project.
- Rich has also begun gathering information for the 2026 Annual Report/Calendar.
- We are finalizing the infographic focusing on the city's water and wastewater systems and their costs. This information will be included in the upcoming MyVandalia Magazine and in future utility bills.
- Thank you to all of the employees that attended the Employee Appreciation Donuts & Coffee event at the Justice Center last Thursday. A special thanks to CMO staff for organizing the event.

Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: October 22, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending October 24, 2025

1. Kristen Carnes and I attended a council study session and meeting.
2. Kristen and I attended Budget Workshop #2.
3. I attended a Tri-Cities Finance Committee meeting. The main topic of discussion was the 2026 Budget.
4. I met with a representative from Cleargov (via Zoom) to discuss a few issues with the digital software.
5. Tiffany Barnes and I met with a representative from Meeder Investment (via Teams) to discuss and train on a new investment software recently launched.
6. I met with representatives from Bradley Payne and Bond Counsel to discuss the upcoming debt issuance for the new Public Works Facility.
7. Members of Finance joined several other employees for the Think Pink photo.

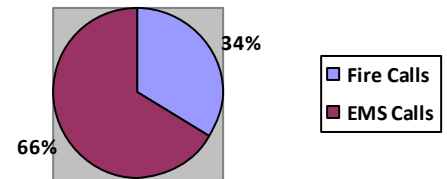


DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 10/23/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 24, 2025

1. Operations Update (October 1 - Present):

- October first half, total incidents: **226** (Fire **74**, EMS **152**)
- October first half, avg calls per day: **10**
- Total call volume is **up 8%** from same time in 2024.
- Average total response time, first half of October = **7:11**
- Mutual Aid **provided 23** times, **received 11** times.



2. Training & Readiness:

- October 13-18th Saving Our Own/RIT Training.
- October 20-25th Tech Rescue Training – Auto Extrication.

3. Public Education, Outreach and Community Risk Reduction (October 1 - Present):

- 7 Smoke Alarm installations.
- 1 CO Alarm installations.
- 2 CPR Classes.

4. Community engagement:

- October 10th – Demmitt Elementary School Visit.
- October 10th – Helke Kindergarten class Passport to Safety Graduation.
- October 11th – EMS Strike Team on site for the Vandalia Fall Festival at the Rec Center.
- October 15th – B-shift crews attended a Citizen Recognition Event at Morton Middle School.
- October 16th – The Division of Fire held a Community Meeting at the Senior Center.
- October 17th – Prevention attended a Trunk or Treat event at Johnson Electric.
- October 18th – The Cassel Creek Neighborhood invited our crews to join their block party.
- October 22nd – Trunk or Treat event at Cassel Hills Church of Christ.
- October 23rd – Helke Elementary School Visit.
- October 23rd – Trunk or Treat event at Fricker's.

5. Recognitions:

- American Legion Auxiliary - Donated to the Prevention Bureau to provide Halloween Candy.
- Employee Appreciation Day on October 15th – Donuts and Coffee at the Justice Center.
- Joseph Airport Toyota provided Olive Garden to our C-shift crews on October 16th.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

6. Meetings Attended:

- October 14th – Infection Control
- October 14th – Standing Orders
- October 15th – AMAR with Englewood, Union and Vandalia
- October 16th – GEMSC Wellness and Safety
- October 17th – MVCTC Advisory Board
- October 17th – FM Jacobs attended an interview with the Office of the Governor for the Elevator Safety Review Board.
- October 23rd – AMAR with Clayton and Vandalia

Memo



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: October 22nd, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending October 24th, 2025

1. **Open Enrollment – Save the Date!** 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 me know if you have any questions! Mass communication will be sent out each Monday of October.
2. **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!
3. **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/>



EAP Employee Newsletter

October 2025

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Beginning the Journey to End Domestic Violence

Domestic abuse is a devastating violation of trust and safety that can make a person feel trapped in their own home. Victims may feel isolated from the world and silenced by fear. If you're a victim of domestic violence—even if you are not ready to act—reach out for confidential support. A single call, experience shows, can be life-changing because very specific guidance that speaks to your unique situation may be the missing piece of help, the idea, or the step that allows you to move forward now. Your EAP or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) is always available. Making yourself heard and having support are your first steps. You may hesitate or fear the abuser could somehow find out and retaliate. You might feel embarrassed or believe you should handle the situation on your own. You might even question whether what you are experiencing is really abuse, or you might hope that things will improve soon. These are all common roadblocks to making your first call for support. Victims often remain silent, but to delay getting help can increase the risk of further harm or make it harder to break free from the cycle of abuse. Learn more: thehotline.org [search “plan”]

Overcome Workplace Distractions

If you must work amid environmental noise and other distractions, try the “two-minute rule” to maintain productivity and reduce frustration. Credited to David Allen in “Getting Things Done,” the rule suggests never delaying a task that takes less than two minutes. In noisy or distracting workplaces, it can be adapted to help focus when attention is limited. With determination, two minutes of concentrated effort are achievable. Start by deciding which task must be done now, then break it into two-minute segments. Fully focus on each segment, completing it before taking a brief mental break to reset. This approach creates continual small wins, builds momentum, and helps you tolerate interruptions. Over time, these small bursts of focused work improve productivity, reduce stress, and make a disruptive environment more manageable.

Embrace Digital Wellness

Digital wellness intentionally setting limits on when, where, and how technology is used to protect your mental, emotional, and physical well-being. “Digital mental health” is a rapidly growing field of study. It examines how virtual reality, smartphones, apps, social media, artificial intelligence, and 3D interaction affect wellness. Can placing personal boundaries on digital engagement help protect your well-being? Could it improve relationships and productivity, reduce stress, lessen anxiety, and improve sleep? Research has shown that technology boundaries reduce screen fatigue, improve focus, increase productivity, and boost real-world relationships. They provide for rest and more time for hobbies and mindful engagement. Start with a simple digital boundary to observe its positive effects. For example, take a walk in nature without a smartphone. Create a “technology-free zone” in your home. See if you feel calmer, more focused, and more connected to the world around you in healthier ways.

A Better Morning Routine May Change Your Day

Take charge of your mornings in order to reduce stress, avoid rushing, and starting the day feeling behind. For starters, plan to wake up at a consistent time. At night, lay out your clothes and write a short to-do list for tomorrow. Add one small chore you might otherwise ignore that takes ten minutes or less to complete. Why? Completing a simple chore—decluttering or tidying up a kitchen—helps you build a habit loop. The visual completion of a chore prompts a small, gratifying dopamine boost. This is how your brain responds to small wins. The feeling of accomplishing something early in the morning helps you anticipate other successes in your day. This feeling that you’re in control of the direction of your day is likely to stay with you. Your mental clarity will carry into the office. Instead of being on edge, reactive, and easily triggered, you will be more solution-focused and harmonious with coworkers and customers because you will be calmer and more patient. Beginning your day as described is about “intention,” and this primes your brain for focus and productivity. Try it for a week. See if you notice the positive domino effects that a morning routine and small chore bring.

The Silent Struggle of High Functioning Depression

Some individuals with major depressive disorder may not seek help because they don’t recognize their symptoms and seem to function well socially and at work. They may appear happy and cheerful outwardly yet struggle internally with persistent sadness, low self-worth, anxiety, inadequacy, and despair. Does this sound like you? People with atypical or “high functioning” depression might avoid seeking support or fail to recognize their condition, often attributing symptoms to other personal challenges rather than a diagnosable disorder. Discuss your experiences with the EAP. Don’t let this condition cloud your thinking or keep you from getting help. Don’t struggle in silence. The EAP offers a free, confidential screening. Complete an assessment of your needs, and take the next step toward support and treatment.

Helping Teens Say No to Vaping

If you are a parent concerned about helping your teens avoid vaping, you need to clearly communicate your disapproval. Parents who educate their children and set boundaries—even if teens seem not to listen—have the most influence on preventing vaping, drug use, or other risky behaviors. It’s not just about giving information; parents have a strong say in shaping choices. Clear communication, staying informed, understanding what your teen is doing, and setting consistent expectations form the most effective strategy. For example: “I love you and need you to be healthy. Vaping damages lungs and can hook you on nicotine. My expectation is clear—I don’t want you using e-cigarettes.” Research shows that parents’ consistent disapproval significantly reduces teen vaping and helps teens make safer choices. Learn more: www.lung.org/quit-smoking/e-cigarettes-vaping/lung-health and pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19011969/

For more information, or to connect with an EAP Counselor, contact us:

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To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Alicia McCracken, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 10/22/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending October 24, 2025



RECREATION CENTER

1. The VRC Childcare areas continue to be popular- YTD visits for 2025 4,539 compared to YTD visits in 2024- 3,246. Shout out to Sara Moyer and her staff!
2. 240 Insurance Based Members visited the VRC 10 times or more in the month of September.
3. November Adaptive Fitness Classes- Fridays, November 7th and 21st from 10:30am-11:15am
4. November's Free Class Spotlight- HIGH Fitness w/Taylor, Thursdays @ 5:30 pm in the studio.
5. November Free Climb Day- Tuesday, November 11th
6. Maintain Campaign sponsored by Hock's Pharmacy begins November 19th.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

1. The VPRD received the Montgomery Solid Waste District grant money for picnic tables at Robinette Park. There will be similar tables as we have at Helke Park made of recycled material.
2. Recreation Coordinator Sara Moyer and Recreation Superintendent Aaron Messenger attended the OPRA Events Workshop on Wednesday, October 8 in Dublin, Ohio. There were several speakers and many topics discussed during the workshop. This event was educational and brought back ideas to implement for our special events.
3. On October 20, staff met with contractors at Robinette Park, and they are now moving dirt at the park.
4. We hosted our last youth soccer home games of the Fall 2025 season at the VSC on Saturday October 18th. We played 56 games on our home fields this season.
5. Youth Soccer tournament will start on Saturday, October 25th and continue through Sunday, October 26th. The tournament will be hosted at Ward Fields in Englewood.
6. On Friday, October 10th, the Friday Coed softball season ended with the winner being Fricker's team.



7. On Monday, October 13th, the Monday Men's Fall softball season ended with the winner also being Fricker's team. They went 10-0 in the season.



8. As of October 20th, we have 129 kids enrolled in various grades of our Youth Basketball program and 31 enrolled in Instructional Basketball. Registration closed on October 10th. Some teams still needing players remain open until they are completely full.
9. Recreation Coordinator Maecie Burkhardt attended "The Supervisor Program" on Tuesday, October 21st and Wednesday, October 22nd. The Supervisor Program developed and focused on effective supervision strategies that are useful for day-to-day challenges of being a supervisor. The two-day program was designed to be engaging with job embedded opportunities for growth. This program was delivered by individuals who shared personal and real-world experiences.

Programs and events run during this period

10. Vandalia Fall Festival: On Saturday, October 11, from 12:00pm-6:00pm, we hosted the Fall Festival at the Vandalia Sports Complex. This event was packed full of plenty of activities and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. There was live music from Stranger, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, corn pit, vendors, inflatables, games, and so much more! We welcomed a crowd of a couple thousand attendees to enjoy this event!
11. Spooky Sweets w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Thursday, October 16, Eat Pretty Darling hosted a Spooky Sweets cooking program for young chefs! Kids created monster-themed cupcakes bursting with colorful frosting and candy eyes, then blended up vibrant, magical witch's potion smoothies. This fun and festive class was perfect for young chefs who love a little kitchen creativity and Halloween spirit. Ten participants attended this program.
12. Homeschool Takeover: On Friday, October 17, from 11:30am-2:00 pm, we hosted our October 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. We had 32 families (120 people) attend this Homeschool Takeover.

Upcoming Programs & Events

13. Bug's & Boo's w/ Dr. Insecta: On Friday, October 24, Dr. Insecta will be hosting a Bug's and Boo's program in the VRC Gymnasium. Creepy, crawly, and totally cool! Dr. Insecta is back with his spooky Halloween show, Bugs and Boos! Meet real bugs, learn fun facts, and enjoy a few friendly jump scares along the way. Costumes encouraged — especially if you're channeling your inner insect! Stick around after the show to enjoy some festive Halloween treats! There are currently six families registered for this program.
14. Halloween Hangout: On Saturday, October 25, we will be hosting the Halloween Hangout at the Vandalia Sports Complex from 11:00am-2:00pm. Come out and have a spooky good time at the Halloween Hangout! There will be food trucks, hayrides, Trick-or-Treat, inflatables, kid's activities, Halloween costume judging, many craft vendors, and more!
15. All About Apples w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Saturday, November 1, Eat Pretty Darling will be hosting a preschool cooking class at the Senior Center. Little chefs will explore the colors, textures, and tastes of apples while making easy, hands-on recipes like apple "donuts" and applesauce. We'll wrap up with an apple tasting and a playful craft, making this a sweet and sensory-filled celebration of fall! There are currently 5 participants registered for this program.

CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

1. The irrigation project is in its final stages. They are connecting the main line to the pump house this week and finishing up the holes. They should be done next week.
2. Greens were aerated last week. Marty and his crew sanded them the next day.
3. Play continues to be steady as we have had a nice October.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. We have had 8 new VSC members join in October.
2. 55 VSC member volunteers have been invited to the October 24 volunteer lunch.
3. Bob and Kathy Reed do an outstanding job with our Senior Travel program. They celebrated 3 years with us and have escorted over 500 seniors on trips in those three years. We appreciate them!

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. Parks Staff continues with soil repair on turf areas damaged during the Flight Fest set up. Previously filled areas had settled after the recent rain event and additional soil was needed.
2. Staff assisted with preparations and tear down for Fall Festival Event.
3. Staff borrowed PWV bucket truck and installed replacement banners on the VRC light poles.
4. A new door was installed for the office area in the CMO.
5. The Sports Complex main driveway pole light failed due to a lightning strike. Building maintenance staff repaired some issues and an electrical contractor was needed to fix other components..
6. Staff has done concrete repairs at VRC and baseball concession area walkways.
7. Exterior maintenance work at the facility park garage has been completed. Tuck point, expansion joint replacement, caulk and painting work were included in this project.
8. Parks Staff continues with landscape maintenance, such as weed control in beds, planting six trees, a few shrubs and perennials at selected sites.
9. Parks Staff improved an area behind the art park stage with the addition of soil along the new pathway.
10. Buildings Staff is working on wrapping up winterization of Cassel Hills Pool.

11. Buildings Staff responded to the Justice Center on two different elevator failure calls. The first one was the card reader. The second time was elevator door 1R not closing all the way.
12. Buildings Staff defrosted the Justice Center refrigerator and cleaned the drain lines and the coils so the fridge could operate correctly.
13. Buildings Staff purchased and organized storage space for keying processes to be more efficient.

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Brandon Sucher
Police Chief

Date: October 23, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending October 24, 2025

1. During the past two-and-a-half weeks, VPD officers made nine traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in one traffic citation and eight written warnings while working eight additional enforcement hours.
2. Detectives charged a 33-year-old Trotwood man for Petty Theft. The male suspect stole a yellow kids' bicycle from the Knights Inn. The kids' bicycle was recovered.
3. We held detective interviews on October 7 to fill the vacancy when Detective Clemmons rotates back to road patrol in 2026. Officer Robert Large was selected to fill the position.
4. Captains Walker and Krimm, SSM Deborah Wright, and IT manager Darren Davey met with our Motorola sales representative at the Justice Center on October 8. We discussed upcoming projects, improvements in development, and any issues we needed to address. Our mobile (in the cruisers) and dispatch CAD/RMS systems are provided by Motorola.
5. Captains Walker and Krimm attended a leadership luncheon at Butler Township's Town Hall on October 8. This group is made up of local law enforcement executives and is a good source of networking and sharing information.
6. Police officers and PSS attended training hosted by the Englewood Police Department on October 9 and 10. The training was a four-hour session that covered mental health topics, including how to manage the stress associated with law enforcement as well as resources to manage your mental health. This training is required by the State of Ohio as part of the 2025 continuing professional training.
7. VPD hosted Intoxilyzer training on October 14 at the Justice Center. This training certifies police officers to operate the Intoxilyzer 8000 that is used to test a suspected OVI driver's blood alcohol level.
8. Captain Walker, Sgt. Garry Lawson, Detective Tim Christian, and PSS Snodgrass attended a virtual meeting with our Flock representative on October 14. We reviewed our current trial period of the NOVA search software as well as upcoming plans with Flock in 2026.

9. On October 14 and 16, Officer Sommer and Officer Matlock visited the preschool classes at Helke. Officer Matlock read to the classes and they were able to look at the patrol vehicles.
10. Detectives charged a 42-year-old Dayton man for Domestic Violence (Prior). The male suspect assaulted his girlfriend while intoxicated inside the apartment and was incarcerated at the Montgomery County Jail.
11. On October 15, we enjoyed hosting the latest in our series of employee appreciation events at the Justice Center. It was a good time connecting with other city employees over coffee and donuts
12. A big "Thanks" to Joseph Airport Toyota who provided Olive Garden for all Division employees on October 15.



13. On October 15, Officer Sommer spoke to 750 students across three grades at Morton Middle School about sexting and sextortion.
14. Captain Walker participated in the press conference for the OVI Task Force on October 16. The press conference announced the opening of the new grant year and shared statistics regarding fatal accidents involving OVI related crashes. The goal of the task force is to reduce fatal OVI crashes and make our local roadways safer. VPD participates in the task force with officers working additional patrol hours focused on OVI enforcement. The extra hours are reimbursed by the grant through the State of Ohio.
15. We participated with officials from VFD and DES to conduct the annual inspection of the Super 8 Motel. The inspection is a required step for the permit and operating license process. No issues or violations were noted.
16. On the evening of October 16, detectives, along with agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit conducted alcohol and vape compliance checks at Vandalia businesses. Two gas stations, a drive-through, and two vape shops were cited for underage sales. The Ohio Investigative Unit agents cited the businesses for administrative code violations against their licenses through the state.
17. On October 20, Captain Walker, Sgt. Nagel, SSM Wright, PSS Haley Rue, and PSS Mary Dyke participated in PSS interviews to fill two PSS vacancies.
18. Officers Brittany Blackford and Rich Sommer attended the funeral for OSP Trooper Nicholas Cayton at Youngstown State University on October 22nd. Trooper Cayton was struck and killed on Route 11 in Canfield, Ohio while assisting a disabled semi.

19. Captain Walker participated in the Trunk or Treat at Cassel Hills Church of God on October 22nd.



20. Third watch officers participated in the Trunk or Treat at Fricker's on October 23rd.
21. Police Officers completed 2025 Phase III range training on October 23 and 24. The training consisted of handgun and rifle drills at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office range. Phase III was the last range training session of 2025.
22. Detectives charged a 23-year-old Dayton man for Burglary. The male suspect forced his way through a bedroom window and entered 405 Timberlake Drive while his ex-girlfriend was inside her apartment with her youngest daughter. The male suspect fled, was located in a nearby apartment building, taken into custody, and eventually incarcerated at the Montgomery County Jail.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: October 23, 2025
Subject: **Information Update for October 11 – 24, 2025**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: A&A Safety is nearing completion of installing the new permanent pavement markings on the project but needs warmer weather temperatures to finish per ODOT requirements. Security Fence is planning to complete the vandal protection fencing on the new bridge this Friday (10/24). Security Fence began installing bikeway delineators on S Brown School Rd and last of the new signage across the project. I attended the progress meeting on October 23rd discussing punch list work to close out the project.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for this project is scheduled for October 30th at 1030 at Taylorsville dam north parking lot. All are welcome to attend.

Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (DSRD) Watermain Replacement project: CG Construction continued the concrete work. The milling and placing of a new asphalt surface course on the roadways are scheduled for the week of November 10th.

Updates from sites inspected or reviewed by DES staff:

- Menasha Packaging Company (1689 Capstone Way): modified permit for additional square footage
- Lion Apparel building (7200 Poe Ave): continued inspections for repairs from flood damage
- The Landing (419 Pilot Pt): concrete slab poured for first condominium building
- Robinette Park Splashpad (760 Enola Dr): had first site meeting, starting construction
- Super 8 (550 E National Rd): completed and passed annual hotel/motel inspection
- Black Ring (885 Scholz Dr): staff assisting with preliminary plan reviews for ammunition manufacturing

Assistant City Manager Cron and I attended the Dayton International Airport Northeast Logistics Access ("Ring Road") project's monthly design status meeting October 16th. We also attended Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) District 7 presentations at the Dayton International Airport on October 22nd for the \$17.6 million request for the construction phase of the project.

I attended the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) second stakeholder meeting on October 22nd.

I attended the monthly Miami/Montgomery County Coordination meeting on October 23rd to discuss the ongoing infrastructure improvement projects around the airport.

I also attended the biannual Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) meeting with MVRPC and ODOT regarding our grant-awarded projects in the early or design phase on October 23rd; these projects are Johnson Station Rd Bridge Replacement and Poe Ave/Wyse Rd/Miller Ln Resurfacing.

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

PW Superintendent Hayslett attended a plant review meeting for Strand Associates' plant capacity study on October 15th.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd):

City staff continue to meet to discuss and finalize construction plans. WDC Group is nearing completion of the construction drawings and bid specifications. We are hoping to have this out for bid in early November.

Storm Sewer:

Crews installed a storm extension at 33 N Perry St to connect a sump pump directly into the storm sewer to prevent water from collecting in the curb gutter and causing safety issues in the winter. Removed concrete sidewalk and driveway approach were poured back. Asphalt repairs will be completed on a later date before winter.

Crews completed one full circuit of the City collecting leaves. Crews will be halfway through their second circuit at the end of this week.

Crews continued our street sweeping program.

Water:

Rangeline installed an insertion valve into the live 12" trunk main near 865 S Dixie Dr. Crews were then able to get the trunk main shutdown completely, cut out a bad section of 12" water main, and install a new section. Crews are in the process of cleaning up the area from the break and repairs.

Due to the break in the trunk main located near the Attica St water tower, the 500,000-gallon tower was nearly drained within 12 hours overnight, despite NAWA's continuous efforts to refill it, maintain system pressure, and keep the mains full.

To make the best of the situation, we had our water tower maintenance contractor come in and do this year's planned washout of the tower while the tower was offline from the main break. Crews are working with NAWA to refill the water tower and put it back online by the end of this week.

Crews completed testing water backflow devices in various City buildings.

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

Sanitary Sewer:

Crews performed monthly sanitary sewer lift station maintenance: making sure pumps are working correctly, pump float balls are cleaned, and documenting pump hours.

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

Other Services:

Crews staffed the last large item debris drop off for the year at the PW Garage on October 11th.

Crews performed 2 burials at Poplar Hill cemetery during this period.

Crews responded and marked for 77 utility locate tickets this period for Ohio 811.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics completed the following maintenance and repair tasks:

- Repaired grave-digging bucket on the mini-excavator
- Repaired and winterized the street sweeper's water system
- Fixed an air leak on tandem-axle dump truck #24
- Replaced tires, repaired brakes, and replaced rear axle seals on one-ton dump truck #18
- Repaired trailer lights on one of the tilt trailers

Vandalia Bikeway Connector Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, October 30, 2025
10:30 a.m.

Taylorsville Dam - North Lot

Come join us to celebrate the opening of an important
addition to the Great Miami River Recreational Trail!





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

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Darren Davey, IT Manager

Date: October 23, 2025

1. Phone System Upgrade

The new citywide phone system is scheduled for cutover during the first week of December. Our team continues to configure the new system and integrate it with both the 911 dispatch and non-emergency phone equipment. This integration is critical to ensuring seamless communication across all departments. I have also begun conducting training sessions with several departments to help staff become familiar with the new system and its features ahead of the transition.

2. Cybersecurity Plan – HB 96 Compliance

Work continues on developing the City's cybersecurity plan to meet the requirements outlined in House Bill 96. This plan will ensure compliance with state standards and strengthen the City's overall information security posture. A draft of the cybersecurity plan will be presented to City Council in December for review and discussion.

3. Spectrum TV Service Contract

The new contract with Spectrum for television service has been approved. Our initial priority will be to restore service at the Vandalia Recreation Center and the Cassel Hills Golf Clubhouse. We anticipate that service could be reestablished at these locations by the second week of November, pending coordination with Spectrum's installation schedule.

4. Vandalia Police Department Mobile Data Terminals

Installation of new mobile data terminals (MDTs) in all Vandalia Police Department cruisers is nearing completion. The updated equipment provides improved reliability, security, and connectivity for officers in the field. The project is expected to be fully completed by the end of the coming week.

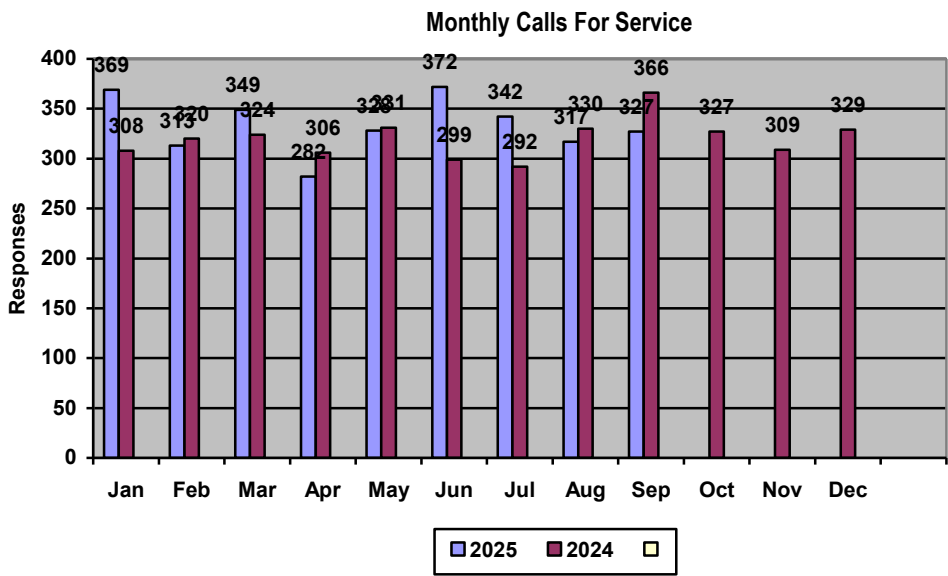


MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 2025 STATISTICS
DATE: 10/24/2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Division of Fire responded on **327** calls for service in September (**216** EMS calls and **111** fire calls). An average of approximately eleven **11** calls for service per day.



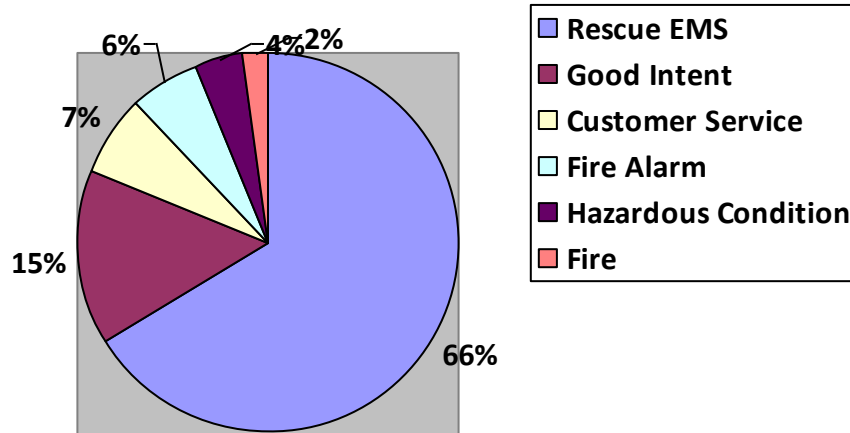
Note: After nine (9) months the Division of Fire has responded to a total of **2999** calls for service. This approximately **123 (4%)** more calls for service than we responded to in the same timeframe (end of September in 2024).

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 September, approximately **21%** of the call volume overlapped. This is among the lowest number of overlapping calls we have experienced in several years.

Crews responded to 327 calls for service in September, the chart below outlines call types:

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

1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (66%) - 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 (15%) - Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
3. Customer Service Calls (7%) - 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 (6%) - 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 (2%) - Fire loss reported \$0 dollar loss.

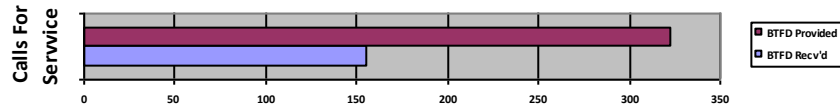
MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA

In September, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on twenty-six **(26)** occasions and we received mutual aid on seven occasions **(7)** occasions.

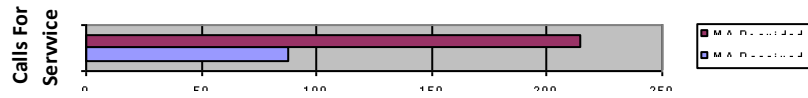
In September, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on nineteen **(19)** occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on thirty **(30)** occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received (1754)	Mutual Aid Provided (1616)	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided
Butler Fire (57-101)			19	30
Brookville (57-003)				
Bethel Miami (55-221)				
Clayton Fire (57-121)				
Dayton Fire (57-011)				
Dayton Airport (57-002)		1		
Englewood (57-001)	3			
Harrison Fire (57-107)		6		
Huber Fire (57-125)	2	5		
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	13		
Totals	7	26		

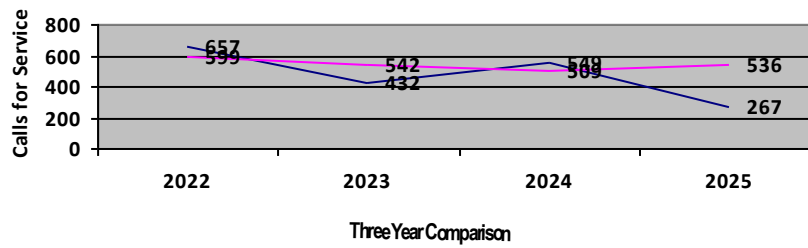
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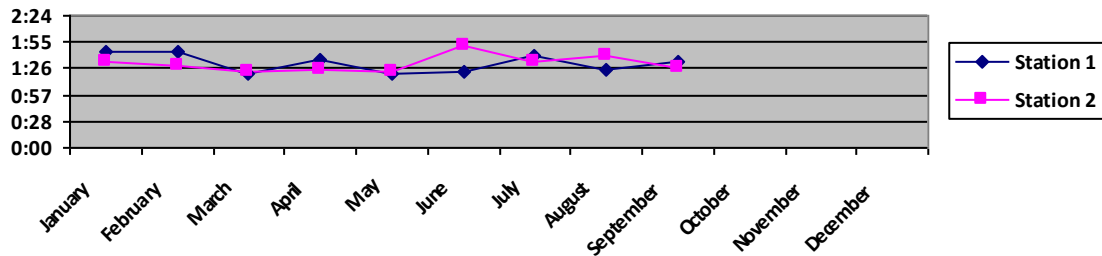
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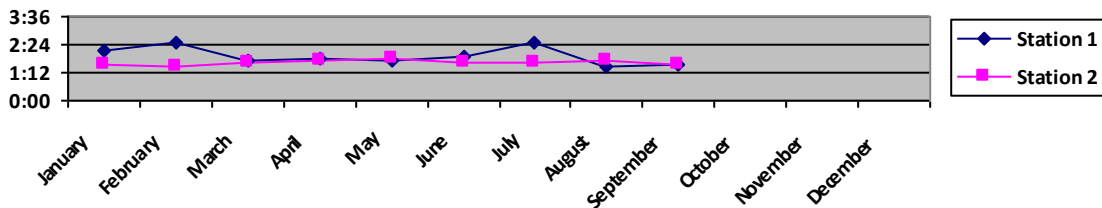
RESPONSE TIMES

The average turnout time in September for EMS was 1:31 and for fire was 1:32 the average total response time for September was 6:42.

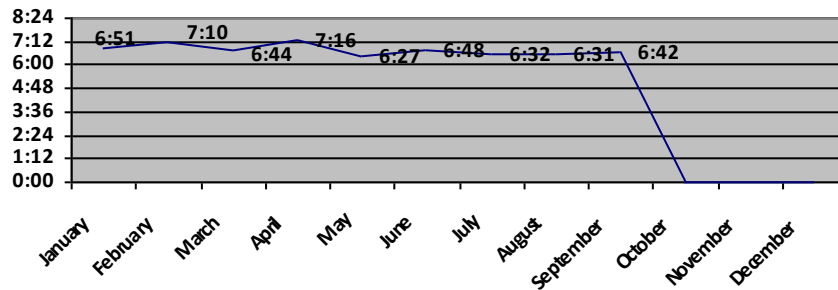
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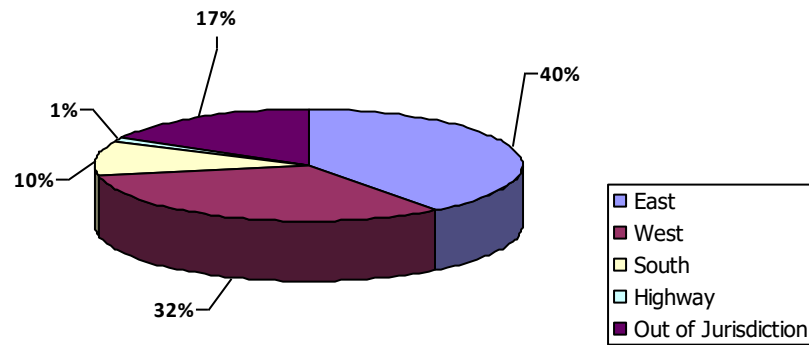
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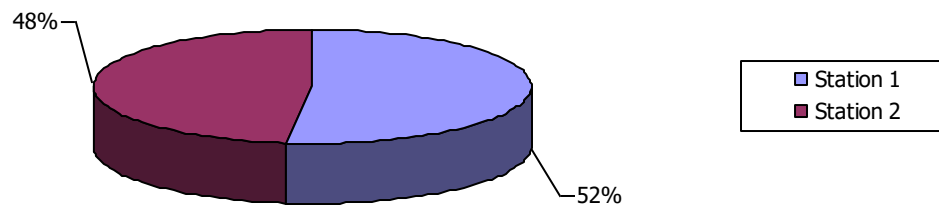
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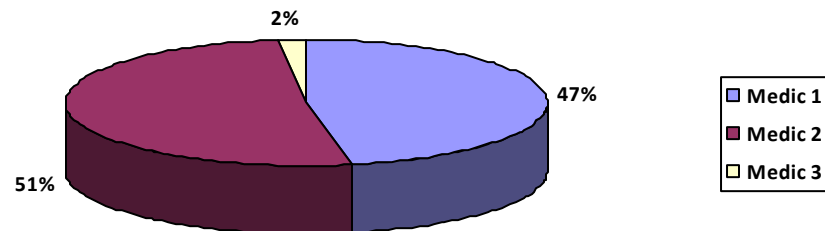
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION



TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH

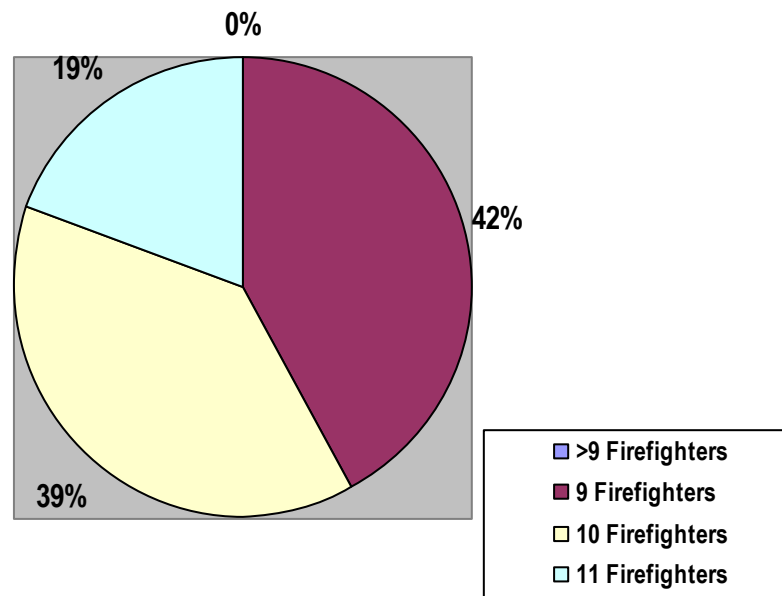


Monthly Staffing Levels

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 September:

1. Staff **below our minimum** recommended staffing level of 9 (**0 shifts**)
2. Staff at our minimum recommended staffing level of 9 (**14 shifts 46.5%**)
3. Staffed with at least ten (10) personnel (**13 shifts 43.5%**)
4. Staffed "fully" with (11) personnel (**3 shifts 10%**)



Community Risk Reduction Monthly Report

Events:

09/05/2025 - Home football game - Crews threw out footballs during halftime and walked through the crowd several times greeting adults and students.

09/12/2025 - Field Day - Crews visited with the residents of Hearth and Home and assisted the staff with games on their field day. **Customer Contacts: 25 residents, 5 staff**

09/13/2025 - Touch-A-Truck - Crews attended the event at the Sports Complex - static displays of M1, E2, B3, L3 and the Gator. Prevention 2 assisted with fire prevention giveaways and hands-only CPR demonstrations. **Customer Contacts: 100 attendees**

09/14/2025 - Birthday Party - Crews made an appearance as requested for the birthday party of a 12 y/o autistic resident at Robinette Park - location changed to Helke Park. Attended by M1, E2, M2, B3 and L3. **Customer Contact: 15 kids and 4 adults**

09/14/2025 - Fields of Faith - Youth religious service sponsored by the FCA at the football stadium at Butler High School and attended by 763 students from area churches (35 adults). **Customer Contact with 30 students**

09/17/2025 - Vandalia Market - Duty crews attended and provided static displays of apparatus and equipment; Prevention 2 set up and offered hands-only CPR demonstrations. Fire prevention giveaways provided to visitors for display/demonstration. **Customer Contact: 25 adults**

09/19/2025 - Home football game - Crews threw out footballs during halftime and walked through the crowd several times greeting adults and students.

09/25/2025 - CRR Presentation - Prevention 2 invited to address the Faith Leaders of the Community at their luncheon about the CRR program, introduction into the programs offered, and answer questions. **Customer Contact: 30 adults**

CPR CLASSES:

09/16/2025 – 15 adults (*Elevate Dental*)

Total Customer Contacts: 15 adults

** Quarterly community hands-only CPR classes scheduled for remainder of 2025 and 2026*

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS:

09/03/2025 – Installed 1 smoke alarm and 1 CO alarm (*Amor Pl*)

09/04/2025 – Installed 2 smoke alarms and 1 CO alarm (*Helke Ave*)

09/16/2025 – Installed 1 smoke alarms, replaced 2 batteries, and installed 1 CO alarm (*Halifax Dr*)

09/17/2025 – Installed 1 smoke alarm and 1 CO alarm (*Topton Dr*)

09/17/2025 – Installed 1 CO alarm (*Stewville Dr*)

09/17/2025 – Installed 4 smoke alarms and 1 CO alarm (*Waldsmith Way*)

09/22/2025 – Installed 2 smoke alarms and 1 CO alarm (*Greenhurst Dr*)

09/26/2025 – Installed 1 bed shaker fire alarm (*Topton Dr*)

**Smoke alarm walks scheduled for 11/01/25 for Roselawn neighborhood*

Totals: 12 smoke alarms installed

7 carbon monoxide alarms installed

2 batteries replaced

1 bed shaker fire alarm installed

RESIDENTIAL LOCK BOXES (VIA Program):

09/17/2025 - Installed 1 lock box (*Topton Dr*)

Totals: 1 lock box installed

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING:

09/09/2025 – 60 employees (*Paragon Medical*)

Total Customer Contacts: 60 adults

Memorandum



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Brandon Sucher, Police Chief
Date: October 22, 2025
Subject: September 2025 Crime Statistical Report Summary

Total calls for service to the Communications Center decreased 3.2%, from 1,118 calls in September 2024 to 1,082 calls in September 2025. There were 898 citizen-initiated calls for service (down 5.4%) and 184 officer-initiated calls (up 8.9%).

VPD investigated no homicides or rapes in September 2025. There was one robbery, two assaults, and four domestic violence offenses reported, compared to no robberies, one rape, one assault, and three domestic violence offenses in September 2024. Domestic violence cases are up 16.2% YTD, with 43 incidents in 2025 compared to 37 in 2024. Assaults are down 21.1%, with 30 reported YTD in 2025 compared to 38 during the same period in 2024.

There were three burglaries reported in September 2025, compared to seven in September 2024. Thus far in 2025, burglaries/breaking & entering have decreased by nine offenses. Felony thefts are down 44.3%, totaling 54 offenses; auto thefts are down 27.8%, totaling 26 offenses; and misdemeanor thefts are down 7%, totaling 66 offenses. Misdemeanor thefts are down as there is a correlation between thieves stealing motor vehicles and committing misdemeanor thefts at the same time.

There were three criminal damaging/vandalism complaints in September 2025, up from one in September 2024. These offenses are down 46.9% YTD, with 26 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 one felony drug arrest and one misdemeanor drug arrest in September 2025—totals consistent with 2024. Overall, felony drug arrests are up 36.4% YTD in 2025, attributable to enforcement activity and problem orientated policing. Misdemeanor drug arrests are down in part due to the legalization of recreational marijuana for this entire calendar year.

VPD made more arrests in September 2025, with 11 felony arrests and 22 misdemeanor arrests compared to six felony and 15 misdemeanor arrests in September 2024. Officers charged four juveniles with an offense in September

2025, compared to six juveniles in September 2024. Juvenile arrests are down 16.7% YTD in 2025. The use of a detective supplementing road patrol during certain hours of the day has led to multiple felony warrant arrests, the capture of suspects who originally fled the scene of their crime, and arrests related to thefts and stolen vehicles which required unmarked surveillance. These efforts have also reduced repeat calls for service at problem locations, ensuring that the occupants of these apartments and residences do not commit further crimes in the City of Vandalia.

During September, VPD officers made 421 traffic stops while patrolling Vandalia's roadways—a 55.9% increase. These stops resulted in 76 citations, 305 written warnings, 32 verbal warnings, and eight stops with other dispositions. Speed and other citations are up 29.9% in 2025. OVI arrests are the same as 2024 with a total of 39 YTD. Parking citations are down 50% 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 23 traffic crashes in September 2025, compared to 30 in September 2024. Overall, traffic crashes are up by one 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 September 2024 to 46 in September 2025. Overall, alarm drops are down 9.49% YTD in 2025 compared to 2024.

In summary, 2025 has seen a significant increase in traffic enforcement and criminal patrol. This heightened visibility has contributed to reductions in property crimes, auto thefts, and quality-of-life issues for our residents.

City of Vandalia Division of Police
Monthly Crime Statistical Report
September 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	1082				9601	8360	14.8%	N/A
Citizen Initiated = 898	85.96%	86.80%	86.68%	86.08%	88.45%	87.73%	85.79%	81.56%	82.99%				8229	8326	-1.2%	N/A
Officer Initiated = 184	14.04%	13.20%	13.32%	13.92%	11.56%	12.27%	14.21%	18.44%	17.01%				1366	1151	18.7%	N/A
9-1-1 Call = 309	27.15%	27.47%	28.47%	27.28%	20.66%	28.51%	27.83%	30.09%	28.56%				2622	2762	-5.1%	N/A
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0.0%	0.00%
Rape	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	2	0				8	7	14.3%	25.00%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1	1	0.0%	100.00%
Assault	4	3	9	3	3	2	2	2	2				30	38	-21.1%	66.67%
Burglary/B&E Total	0	0	4	3	0	2	4	2	3				18	27	-33.3%	55.56%
Residence Non-residence	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	0	0				7	15	-53.3%	100.00%
	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	2	3				11	12	-8.3%	27.27%
Theft - Felony	4	5	7	6	10	7	6	4	5				54	97	-44.3%	66.67%
Theft - Misd	6	3	8	4	12	7	8	6	12				66	71	-7.0%	69.70%
Motor Veh Theft	3	0	2	1	3	4	4	5	4				26	36	-27.8%	65.38%
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1	0	100.0%	100.00%
Crim Dam & Vandal	2	2	1	2	5	1	6	4	3				26	49	-46.9%	80.77%
Drug Offenses (Fel)	2	2	3	3	0	2	0	2	1				15	11	36.4%	46.67%
Drug Offenses (Misd)	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	1				12	13	-7.7%	91.67%
Domestic Violence	2	2	6	6	7	10	3	3	4				43	37	16.2%	100.00%
Totals	26	22	44	30	42	35	35	30	36	0	0	0	300	387	-22.5%	75.00%

Vandalia Senior Center

November, 2025 Volume 13 Issue 11



It's time to renew your membership for 2026. Please renew before January 31, 2026. This is a year that you don't want to be late. For more information go to page 6.

History of the Membership Dues

The Senior Club began in 1960 and was run by a committee. In 1961, they began collecting \$2 in dues. In 1963, the dues were \$3. The current building was built in 1978 by the City. The City paid most of the expenses while the Committee decided how to use the dues. The Committee changed the dues to \$5 in 1978, \$7 in 1983, and some time between 1984 and 2011, the dues moved up to \$10. At the end of 2011, no one wanted to be on the decision making committee so a contract was signed with the City for the City to run the Senior Center and collect the dues. The City raised the dues to \$15 and \$20. The 2011 contract required the City to keep the dues the same for 4 years. They have not changed the dues for 15 years. Name one other expense that has not gone up in 15 years!

Reality

The dues collected amount to about \$10,000 each year. That amount pays for the printing and mailing of the newsletter. That's it! The dues don't cover the \$7500 in heating and cooling costs or any other budget expenses. It is time for an increase. If you are a Vandalia resident, your dues are going up \$5. If you are a non-resident, your dues are going up \$10. The fees will increase on February 1. Do not delay in paying your dues.

Current Membership Fee		
Category	Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$15	\$20
Married	\$25	\$35

2026 Membership Fee		
Category	Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$20	\$30
Married	\$30	\$45

Lunch & Learn

Stonespring Veteran's Lunch & Learn on Monday, November 3, at Noon

Sarah Mather will provide your lunch. If you are a veteran, spouse, or widow of a veteran, please sign up for this lunch. If you are the parent, grandparent, or sibling of a veteran, please sign up for this lunch. If you have a family member who is active duty or a veteran that is available, please sign up that person to come also. Jay Cavendish was our presenter for last year's Veteran's lunch. He is returning dressed as his ancestor, Elias Hughes, who fought in the Revolutionary War. He will reenact part of Elias's challenging and interesting life. Limit: 75



Troy Rehabilitation Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 4, at Noon

Taylor Ries from Troy Rehabilitation will bring your food. Chuck Brecht, USAF, Vietnam Vet, will present the history of Honor Flight, and who is eligible to make the trip. Who pays for it? What is done in Washington D.C. for the day? Many veterans think that they aren't eligible because they didn't "have boots on the ground" or never went overseas. Anyone who served between Pearl Harbor and the end of the

Vietnam war is qualified. Don't want to travel by yourself? You can ask a friend (who's service time qualifies) and you can travel together. Not in good enough health? Every flight has 6 nurses assigned. Applications will be available. Limit: 50

Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Monday, November 10, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will bring your food from their kitchen. Join Andy Niekamp as he narrates his trek on the Portuguese Way of the Camino de Santiago, from Porto, Portugal, to Santiago, Spain. This second most popular Camino route boasts stunning coastal views, vibrant cities rich in history, quaint cobblestone streets, shrines, ancient churches, stone crosses, hiking trails, and friendly

locals. The 19-day, 220-mile, pilgrimage photo journey follows Andy and his hiking partner along the multiple, and sometimes confusing routes including the Litoral, Coastal, Central, and Spiritual routes. The trek concludes on Spain's western shore at Finisterre whose name literally means "end of the Earth," as the Romans believed it was. Today, the Camino Finisterre has a reputation as a place of endings and new beginnings. This presentation might inspire you to embark on a Camino de Santiago journey of your own. Limit: 100



Disclaimer: The companies or individuals who sponsor events and/or do presentations are not endorsed by the Vandalia Senior Center or the City of Vandalia. Each person must decide if you want to do business with any of the companies who come to the center.

Lunch & Learn

Otterbein Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 11, at Noon

Robin Shafer from Otterbein will order your pizza. Noah Back is back!! Noah brings multiple guitars and a keyboard to accompany his wonderful vocals. He has quite a range and does songs from Johnny Cash, Elvis, John Denver, Roy Rogers, and more. Noah says his favorite music to sing is what you want to hear. He will take requests. Afterwards, you can donate tips to thank him for his time, performance, and travel expenses. Limit: 75



Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Thursday, November 13, at Noon



Pam Cupp from Brookhaven will have their chef, Brad, make and serve your meal. You have probably heard Dr. Dyer, DC, DABCA, DCBCN, on the radio with Take 2 Healthcare. He will talk about the newest blood test assessments for treatment and progression of neurological conditions like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other forms of mild cognitive decline. Dr. Dyer will have many successful case studies to share and information about what type of testing is being used to better identify these conditions for the purpose of early intervention and successful treatment. Limit: 75

Englewood Health & Rehab Lunch & Learn on Friday, Nov. 14, at Noon

Robin Eck with Englewood Health & Rehab will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Last year Hannah Wiest, historical researcher, presented the ladies' dress of the 1880s. This year she will reveal the history of ladies' dress and undergarments during the early 1860s. Not only will she uncover each layer, describing its functional purpose, but she will also explain how fabric choice, dress style, and garment fit, all help illustrate the diverse experiences of American women in the mid-nineteenth century. At the end, Hannah will be dressed in a complete historical ensemble and will demonstrate how many women navigated life dressed in a corset and crinoline. Limit: 75



Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tues., Nov. 18, at Noon



Ellie Ungericht from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. Tom Underwood is one of the drivers for the Senior Center's Van Tran transportation program. He is also a realtor with Coldwell Banker. Tom will present tips and tricks to make downsizing or "right sizing" less daunting. He will also present proper packing methods and supplies for preparing for a move. Limit: 75

Information

Downsizing Allies Lunch & Learn on Thursday, November 20, at Noon

Come and enjoy lunch provided by Jodell Davis with Momentous Health of Vandalia and Denise Swick of Downsize Allies. Denise will be hosting a special presentation on "Crucial Conversations: How to Talk with Your Family About Downsizing". As the holidays approach, many families find themselves gathering and discussing future plans, making it the perfect time to have thoughtful conversations with children, spouses, and loved ones. She will share practical tips on how to approach these sensitive discussions with clarity, compassion, and confidence. Limit: 75

Celebrate the Holidays by Coming to the Catered Dinner on Fri., December 5 at 5:00 p.m.



Enjoy delicious food catered by Lyons Catering. Then sit back and enjoy the fantastic music performed by Bobby D and the Quartet.

MENU

Turkey	Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes	Green Beans
Salad	

Apple Pie or Pumpkin Pie

Sign up by going to the hallway by the kitchen. Follow the directions on box #3 to pay the \$10 in cash or by writing a check to the Vandalia Senior Club. Then neatly print your name. Minimum: 25 Deadline: Wed., Nov. 26 The Senior Club is paying part of the cost of your meal and the cost of the entertainment. There will be a tip bowl for the band.



VANDALIA RESIDENTS: Please Attend the Important Meeting on Fri., Nov. 14, at 1:45 p.m.



Chief Chad Follick from the Vandalia Fire Department is asking you to attend this important meeting. He wants to tell you about the current risks and hazards in Vandalia. Chief Follick will show you how the data they have collected gave the Fire Department insights that now shape their emergency response and prevention. He wants your thoughts, concerns, and ideas so you can help guide future community safety initiatives.

Christmas and More Bingo on Monday, November 17, at 1:00 p.m.

Toni Williams will be calling this fun bingo. She will put out all of the Christmas items you have donated over the year. There will be a table of jewelry and another of purses and bags plus other items. This is not a White Elephant so there is nothing to bring.



Art

FREE: Flower Arrangement Class on Wednesday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m.

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe is returning for another flower class. This one will have a fall theme. She will bring vases, flowers, and ribbon. You bring your creativity to put together your unique arrangement. The flowers may or may not look like the ones in the photo. Limit: 15



FREE: Make Christmas Cards on Wed., Nov. 12, at 1:00 p.m.



Toni Williams will have tables and tables of blank cards, card stock, scrapbook paper, stickers, stamps, and much more for you to create two Christmas cards from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All the tools you will need will be available along with any advice you want. Limit: 12

FREE: Wreath Class on Thursday, November 13, at 1:45 p.m.

Jodell Davis from Momentus Health has created this beautiful 12" ribbon wreath on a wire frame. There will be several different kinds of ribbon to choose from. Limit: 8



Ceramics Class on Fri., November 21, at 1:30 p.m.



Mindy Shockey has purchased two adorable snow people for you to paint. She will bring the brushes and the paint for you to use. The snow people stand about 9 1/2" and 10 1/2" tall and about 6 1/2" wide. Each snow person is \$15 Limit: 15

NEWS FLASH: MORE SEATS ADDED

There were so many people on the waiting list for the Christmas in the Smokies trip on December 8 to 11, that Prime Tours added 16 more seats at the end of September. The hotel is on the river. Visit the Biltmore and see some shows. You can still get on the bus!



Movies

Movie on the First Friday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks will be provided.

The movie, *Lilly*, tells the inspiring true story of Lilly Ledbetter (Patricia Clarkson), an Alabama Goodyear tire factory supervisor, who discovers she was cheated by being paid less than her male colleagues and fights for fair pay. It is a battle that eventually reached the Supreme Court and led to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009.

PG-13 Thriller / Drama 1 hr. 33 min.



Movie on the Third Friday, November 21, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Jodell Davis from Momentus Health of Vandalia

Don't let the title scare you off. This is a comedy. In *The Thursday Murder Club*, you follow four retirees played by Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan, Ben Kingsley, and Celia Imrie. They spend their time solving cold case murders for fun. When an unexplained death occurs on their doorstep, they find themselves with a real whodunit on their hands. **PG-13 Mystery / Comedy 1 hr. 58 min.**



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

Sign up to eat out at Olive Garden, on Tues., Nov. 11, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 6722 Miller Lane, in Butler Township. There will be a special offer for veterans. Directions: Turn left onto S. Dixie. Go to the light at McDonalds and turn left onto York Commons. At the next light, go straight into the Olive Garden parking lot.



Renew Your Membership by January 31, 2026 Before the Price Goes Up!

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.

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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
3 Exercise 10:00 Lunch & Learn for Veterans 12:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Bingo 1:45	4 Travel 9:00-12:00 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	5 Matter of Balance 9:15 Hula Hooping 9:30 Drumming 11:15 Bridge 12:00 Up & Down the River 12:00 Flowers 1:00 Euchre 1:00	6 Duplicate Bridge 10:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Scattergories 1:30	7 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Poker 1:00 Movie 1:00
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

The Devil's Daughter by Danielle Steele

The Shop on Hidden Lane by Jayne Ann Krentz

Lauryn Harper Falls Apart by Shauna Robinson

A Christmas Witness by Charles Todd

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Penguin Lessons

Shadow Force

Locked

The Accountant 2

The Life of Chuck

The Girl in the Green Dress: A Mystery Featuring Zelda Fitzgerald by Mariah Fredericks

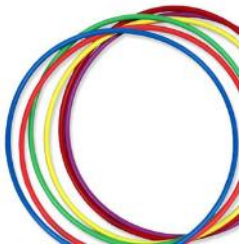


FREE Exercise Class on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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.



*****Reminder: Turn in your donations of new twin size blankets, quilts, and crocheted or knitted afghans for the veterans by October 31. *****

Time to be Thankful

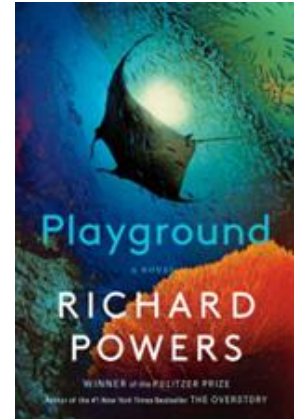
It's the time of year when you count your blessings and are thankful. I am thankful that we have kind and friendly members who welcome in strangers. I see it every day at the center.



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, November 4, to discuss the book, *Playground* by Richard Powers. Four lives are drawn together in this novel. They meet on the island of Makatea which has been chosen for humanity's next adventure: a plan to send floating, autonomous cities out onto the open sea. First the island's residents must vote for the project or turn the seastealers away.



Need Special Flowers for Christmas?

The Flower Group will have many Christmas arrangements and wreaths available to purchase in the dining room. If you need a special arrangement, you need to order it by November 5 in order for it to be ready for Christmas. Talk to Toni in the office or Patsy with The Flower Group to make a special order.



Check Your Blood Pressure and Sugar Numbers on the 3rd Tuesday

Nurses from Premier Health will be in the dining room on Tuesday, November 18, from 11:00 a.m. to noon.



Changes Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

On November 24 through November 26, Toni will be out of the office so the office will be closed. The building will still be open. On these three days, some of the groups have decided to meet and some have decided to cancel. See the chart below. The Vandalia Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

MONDAY, November 24	exercise hand & foot	meeting meeting
TUESDAY, November 25:	Super Sewers bridge Golden Qi hand & foot	meeting NOT meeting NOT meeting meeting
WEDNESDAY, November 26:	hula hoops drumming bridge up & down the river euchre	NOT meeting NOT meeting meeting meeting meeting

Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Mary Ann Heckman 937-335-8614

Wednesday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter 937-677-3267

Thursday bridge at 10:30 p.m. is hosted by John Whitley. 937-241-8456



Bingo



1. Jodell Davis from Momentus Health will call bingo on Monday, November 3, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, November 4, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, November 6, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Toni Williams will call Christmas bingo and More on Monday, November 17, at 1:00 p.m.
5. Emily Hammond from Springfield Masonic Community will call bingo on Tuesday, November 18, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
6. Shelli Jackson from StoryPoint (formerly Randall Residence of Tipp City) will call bingo on Wednesday, November 19 at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate November Birthdays on Wed., November 19, at 1:00 p.m.

Becky Devor from StoryPoint (formerly Randall Residence of West Milton) will provide the birthday cakes from their kitchen. Please sign up if you have a birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing. Everyone gets a piece of cake but the birthday people get theirs first!



Donations

*****Please give ALL donations to Toni in the office. Some items can be used by the center.*****

Leave in the Office: ***diet and regular drinks, ***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



The Scattergories group meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. They would like to challenge you to a Scattergories activity. You can be very creative in your answers. See how many you can think of before you go to Google or a dictionary. There are too many possible answers so there isn't an answer key. If you enjoy this activity, come meet with the Scattergories group and see how you like the real game.



1. The first letter of the answer needs to match the letter for that column (C, O, L, or D).
2. You cannot use "a" or "the" for the first word.
3. You can't use the same answer more than once.

Fall Scattergories Fun

	C	O	L	D
A drink	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fall fun	_____	_____	_____	_____
Decoration	_____	_____	_____	_____
A fruit	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kind of pie	_____	_____	_____	_____
Clothing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sport	_____	_____	_____	_____
A tree	_____	_____	_____	_____
Candy	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thanksgiving	_____	_____	_____	_____
Movie/Book	_____	_____	_____	_____



Travel

For the Diamond Tours trips, write a \$100 deposit check to Diamond Tours. Fill out the form at the bottom of the page or 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.

May 27-June 2, 2026: Boston for our country's 250th anniversary: \$995pp.

June 15-June 19, 2026: Chicago: \$769 pp.

August 24-August 29, 2026: Myrtle Beach: \$839 pp.

September 14-September 19, 2026: Vermont: \$975 pp.

For the Prime Tours trips, write a \$100 deposit check to Prime Tours. Also fill out the paper that comes with the flyer. You can pick it up at the center or go online. You can also register and pay by credit card online at GoPrimeTours.com.

December 8 to 11, 2025: Smokie Mountain Christmas: \$1499 pp \$1689 single

October 19-October 22: Washington, D.C.: price to be determined.

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

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

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

Flyers are in the holder by the card room door. Information is on the 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.

Bob Reed's Office Hours: Tuesdays only 9 a.m. to Noon

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



Please only call Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Parks & Recreation

Vandalia Pumpkin Smash on Saturday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Prepare for a smashing good time at our Pumpkin Smash! Bid a gleeful farewell to your Halloween pumpkins in the most spectacular way possible. Grab your gourds and join us for a day of pumpkin-smashing mayhem. From gravity-defying drops to pumpkin bowling, it's a carnival of orange explosions and satisfying splatter. Unleash your inner pumpkin demolition expert and turn ordinary pumpkins into extraordinary memories. Let the smashing commence – it's the ultimate pumpkin farewell party! All pumpkin debris will be composted after the event.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free to attend

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex



40th Annual Turkey Shoot on Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Two-member teams, one adult and one child from the same family, take shots from multiple spots on the court to earn points toward a gift certificate for their Thanksgiving feast. Our youngest competitors, up to 8 years old, shoot at a lowered basket. The event will begin promptly at 10:00 am!

Fees: \$5 Resident/VRC Member Team;

\$7 Non-Resident Team

Location: VRC Gymnasium

SPECIAL NOTE: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged but not required.

Activity #	390012-00	4 & under	390012-01	5 & 6
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	390012-04	11 & 12	390012-05	13 & Older



Parks & Recreation

Family Ornament Painting Party w/ The Purple Paintbrush: Sat., Nov. 22, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Participants can choose from several fun ornament designs ranging from traditional Christmas designs to animals, shapes, etc. and paint them with assorted glaze colors. Ornaments will be fired to a glossy finish and have a hanger attached so they are ready to hang on walls, trees, or given as gifts! Please allow 2-3 weeks for firing and drop off at Vandalia Rec Center for pick-up.

Ages: Families!

Fee: \$40 per family (includes 4 ornaments)

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Mon., Nov. 17. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Fall Candle Pour Class w/ Thesoyala: Monday, November 24, at 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Embrace the cozy vibes of the season at our Fall Candle Pour Class with Thesoyala! No experience needed—just come ready to relax, socialize, and have fun. You'll learn the basics of candle pouring and create your own custom-scented fall candle to take home. Think warm, inviting aromas and a laid-back atmosphere perfect for autumn. All materials are provided—just bring yourself and a little fall spirit!

Ages: 18 years and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, November 19. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Registration Link:

<https://thesoyala.com/products/vandalia-rec-candle-pour>



Giving Tuesday: December 2nd: Vandalia Youth Scholarship Fund

This Giving Tuesday, you have the power to make a lasting impact on young people by contributing to our Vandalia Youth Scholarship Fund! Your generous donation will help provide deserving children and families with access to recreational programs, sports, and summer camps that build confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging. Every dollar you give goes directly toward scholarships that ensure no child is left out due to financial barriers. Join us in fostering a love for recreation and community! Your support on Giving Tuesday helps spark joy, growth, and new opportunities for the next generation. Donate now and be part of something truly special! If you would like to donate to the Vandalia Youth Scholarship Fund, please visit:

<https://www.daytonfoundation.org/ccgift.html> On the "Search for Fund" line, please enter the following: 7117 Vandalia Recreation



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