THE BLUE LETTER



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June 3, 2022

Honorable Mayor & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

I am excited to announce that we have released the dates and times of the Park-to-Park Community Meetings! These meetings will be directed by our talented Parks & Recreation team.

Also, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Online Survey (LINK) is up an ready to go. This will run through the Star-Spangled Celebration! Please take the survey and share it with your friends.

Corporate challenge: Corporate Challenge starts Sunday, June 5th and finishes up Friday evening, June 10th. Be sure to check our social media accounts for updates.

Annual Blood Drive: The City is hosting a blood drive at the Justice Center in the Community Room on Friday, June 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Any participating employees are authorized to wear jeans if approved by their department head.

Next Study Session at 5 pm - June 20th: We are in Summer Session for City Council. There will not be a meeting on Monday, June 6. There are many, many items to cover on our June 20, 2022, meeting. Therefore, I am requesting that we start our Study Session at 5:00 pm. Remote participation and voting will no longer be permitted under Ohio Revised Code as of July 1, 2022.

Park to Park **Community Meetings**



The City of Vandalia is in the process of creating a parks master plan that City Council will use to inform listen and learn from our residents about YOUR parks system

Cannot attend the event closest to your home? Pick any other meeting and share your thoughts.

- Jeffers Park
- Victory Park Cassel Hills Pool
- Ashbury Farms Park
- Robinette Park
- Helke Park
- Monday, June 13 @ 6 pm (Rain Date June 20) Tuesday, June 14 @ 6 pm (Rain Date June 21)
- Saturday, June 18 @ 4pm (FREE Admission all day, Rain Date June 25)
 Monday, June 20 @ 6pm (Rain Date June 27)
- Tuesday, June 21 @ 6pm (Rain Date June 28)
- Thursday, June 23 @ 6pm (Rain Date June 30) Monday, June 27 @ 6pm (Rain Date July 11)
- want your opinions on our parks, events, amenities and facilities!









Questions? Call Parks & Recreation Director Steve Clark, 937-415-2336 or email sclark@vandaliaohio.org



Art Park – Three great things (at a minimum) happened in Art Park this week.

- 1. A new permanent sculpture was delivered after being selected by the Vandalia Arts Council.
- 2. Vancon General Contractors began site work for the construction of the restroom in Art Park. This is being paid for with funds from the American Rescue Plan.
- 3. We received notice that the City will be receiving \$300,000 in capital budget bill funding for the build out of the amphitheater at Art Park! Councilmember Candice Farst, Representative Phil Plummer, Senator Niraj Antani, Senator Stephen Huffman, and Mr. Mike Dittoe of High Bridge Co. were all instrumental in making this great funding opportunity a success. I would anticipate the project to be built out in 2024 or 2025.

It is a privilege to serve this community.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees



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Ashbury Farms Park Monday, June 20 @ 6pm (Rain Date June 27) **Foxfire**

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(Bolton Abbey Lane / Cheviot Hills)

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small city. big opportunity.



2022 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved November 15, 2021

Live



Small City Big Opportunity: Be known regionally as a top-tier suburb through top- tier City services. Enhance social and economic investment by promoting the City's high-quality services, well-performing schools, available workforce, escalating quality- of-life, and growing sense of place. Incentivize developments that improve life in Vandalia.



Safe and Secure: Ensure that Vandalia remains a safe and secure community by investing in both traditional public safety operations and creative outreach efforts to meet the evolving needs of our residents and visitors.



Enhance Infrastructure: Protect public assets and infrastructure by making calculated and deliberate investments in roadways, utilities, park spaces.

Work



Fiscal Sustainability: Leverage the operating position of the City to seize strategic opportunities for improving quality of life, while maintaining sustainable fiscal practices.



Trust and Confidence: Promote an open approach to government through coordinated, transparent, and evidence-based engagement practices. Empower residents, business owners and community stakeholders to partner in City programs.



Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.

Play



Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.

Now there's a new and easier way to connect with the City of Vandalia!



Introducing My Vandalia, the fast, easy and free way to connect with the City for just about anything!





Request a "vacation house check."

Report property maintenance issues in an instant.

Report a pothole in seconds! Snap a photo and the app lets us know exactly where to send the crew!

Ask a question or submit a general comment.

It's your direct access line to the City!

Download the My Vandalia app today!







2022

The Year of Employee Appreciation

(The Sequel)

Wednesday, June 15

Vandalia Sports Complex

Friday, July 22

Pizza in the Park

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Helke Park

Wednesday, August 10 Picnic in the Park

> 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vandalia Sports Complex

Friday, September 23 Employee Taco Bar

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Senior Center

Wednesday, October 26 Employee Donut Bar

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Vandalia Justice Center

Wednesday, November 16 Employee Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Cassel Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

Monday, December 19 City Council Employee Appreciation Day

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Everywhere!





















Be a part of Corporate Challenge 2022!



Van Damme

Corporate Challenge 2022 is the week of June 5 - 10! This is the week when <u>your</u> Team Vandalia competes against other local businesses in a series of athletic and not-so-athletic events!

It's a great way to enjoy the great outdoors, connect with fellow employees, and have some fun!

And this year we're doing something a little extra to encourage employee participation. Take a look at the professionally designed graphic below. What do you see? Yep... that's exactly right... it's a full week of Jeans!

With supervisor approval, every participating Corporate Challenge athlete will be permitted to wear jeans the entire week of the challenge! Five days of dungarees! A full forty hours of denim!

June, 2022 5 6 7 8 9 10 10 11 Gene Simmons Gene Hackman Gene Kelly Gene Rayburn Jean Clause

What are the events?

Please take a moment to look through the events of the 2022 Corporate Challenge and consider signing up for one, two or 7 events!

Sunday, June 5	Sand Volleyball	(3 male and 3 female)	2:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Sports Complex
	Minute To Win It	(3 male and 3 female)	2:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Sports Complex
Monday, June 6	Football Pass, Punt and Kick	(Up to 3 male and 3 female)	6:00 p.m.	Helke Park
	Frisbee Relay	(3 male and 3 female)	7:00 p.m.	Helke Park
	Frisbee Toss-N-Tuck	(3 people)	7:30 p.m.	Helke Park
Tuesday, June 7	Basketball Hot Shot Basketball 21 Soccer Goal Shot Soccer Quick Pass	(3 male and 3 female) (2 male and 2 female) (2 male and 2 female) (1 male and 1 female)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rec Center Rec Center Sports Complex Sports Complex
Wednesday, June 8	Softball Longest Drive	(2 male and 2 female)	6:00 or 7:00 p.m.	Sports Complex
	Golf Closest to the Pin	(2 male and 2 female)	6:00 or 7:00 p.m.	Sports Complex
Thursday, June 9	Euchre	(2 players)	6:00 p.m.	Helke Park
	Cornhole	(2 male and 2 female)	6:00 p.m.	Helke Park
Friday, June 10	Jigsaw Puzzle	(Up to 8 players)	6:00 p.m.	Sports Complex
	Team Trivia	(Entire Team)	7:00 p.m.	Sports Complex

Cassel Hills Swimming Pool



2022 Hours of Operation

May 28 - Aug 14	11:30am - 7:30pm
Aug 20, 21, 27, 28, Sep 3,	4 11:30am - 7:30pm
Sep 5	11:30am - 5:00pm
	(Soggy Doggy 6-8pm)

SWIM MEETS

Pool will close at 4:30 pm for swim meets on June 16, 23, 30.

If needed, July make-up swim meets will be announced when determined.

No Smoking/Vaping except for designated area outside pool grounds.



Daily Admission Rates

Age 4 years & under: FREE Age 5 - 61 years : \$5 Age 62 years plus: \$4

New for 2022!

Concessions provided by Kona Ice!



Pass sales start April 15 at the VRC!

Proof of residency is required at the time of purchase. There will be a limited number of nonresident passes available.

	Resident & VRC Member	Resident & Non-VRC Member	Non-Resident & VRC Member	Non-Resident & Non-VRC Member
Family	\$120	\$135	\$160	\$175
Dual	\$105	\$120	\$145	\$160
Youth (5 - 17)	\$60	\$65	\$90	\$95
Adult (18 - 61)	\$80	\$85	\$110	\$115
Senior (62 plus)	\$70	\$75	\$100	\$105

Member includes VRC annual and VRC 3 month memberships.

Families of more than 6 will be charged an additional \$15 per individual in the same household (Max 10).

Dual Pass consists of any two people residing in the same household, providing proof.

Babysitter Pass available with membership for an additional \$15/babysitter. Babysitter must be 16 years of age. Pass key FOB's will not be issued without an updated photo!



Phone: 937-552-2200

Download the free app to see the status of the pool! Look up the informational flyer for the app via the VRC website.





Proudly

Presents

Star-Spangled Celebration



Fun! Food! Music!

Fireworks @ 10 pm

Sunday, July 3 - 7-10 p.m. Vandalia Sports Complex

Music by The Tyler Cochrane Trio!



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