### THE BLUE LETTER



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May 14, 2022

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Thank you for the great retreat on Monday and all of your hard work and preparation leading up to it.

There are many great things that are happening in the City of Vandalia right now. Recently, ACM Holloway won \$525,000 in Montgomery County Economic Development / Government Equity funds – more than any other jurisdiction - for two prospective businesses – a commercial food producer and a light manufacturer (not purely warehousing as was reported). This week, I communicated with Senator Huffman's office regarding the City's request for capital budget bill funds to build out the Art Park Amphitheater. Last week, I met with Congressman Turner's legislative director about federal community project funding for the ring road around the north side of the airport. I am working through other potential developments at Stone Quarry Crossings. We are expanding utilities to support prosperity and grow the pie. Above all, our employees are leveraging Council's policy goals to improve quality of life in Vandalia. As a team, we must work toward our long-term goals.

This is a solid team that is doing transformative things. The City is recruiting and hiring for full-time and part-time positions. Please visit: <u>VandaliaOhio.org/Jobs</u>.

Congratulations and Welcome – Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector Cory Brand! I look forward to performing FF Brand's ceremonial swear-in at our meeting on Monday. Mr. Brand is a member of the Ohio Army National Guard and has served in a part-time capacity on the Vandalia and Harrison fire divisions since early 2021. Mr. Brand is a Miami Valley CTC and Northmont graduate who resides in Tipp City.

**Community Paint Day!** Attendees are asked to park behind Key Bank. Today! 10 am – 3 pm.





#### **Teamsters Strike Notice:**

The Public Works Technicians, Mechanics, and Office Manager have issued a strike notice beginning Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 am. The bargaining unit is demanding an average ~24% wage increase for the first year of the contract followed by increases of 6.25% and 5.5% in years two and three.

These talented and hardworking employees are the people who plow our snow, fix water main breaks in zero-degree weather, and keep our community beautiful. I know that they want to work, and I am hopeful that we will avoid a work stoppage. Our team of public servants know their job best and I would prefer that they come to work while the agreement gets settled. If that doesn't happen, the city has prepared a contingency plan to ensure continuance of services including trash pickup and utilities.

The union has offered no wage data to support the ~24% average increase and other wage demands. The union's proposal is not supported by the benchmarking reports that the City received from the State Employment Relations Board nor other Vandalia collective bargaining agreements. The City's proposal was recommended by a neutral state-appointed factfinder who was requested by the union. As the Vandalia City Manager, I am committed to ensuring our employees are compensated adequately and generously. The employer's proposals reflect this commitment. While I do not intend to negotiate in public, I am duty-bound to inform the public of a possible work stoppage and the reason.

Upon learning of the strike notice, I held a face-to-face meeting with the Public Works Division on

Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting was not to negotiate but to seek to understand and exchange information. When I asked, none of the Public Works employees were able to say what their hourly wage rate (or percent increase) would be under the union's own proposal. Several employees indicated that they were not aware of the ~24% average wage increase or figures when they voted to strike. Yesterday, I issued a press release (enclosed) and appeared on WHIO (LINK). I encourage you to watch this brief video to learn more.



Please be advised that upon learning of the strike notice, the City was forced to cancel Public Works Day so our students will not be visiting the facility this week.

Council Meeting: We have a lot of great things to accomplish this week. The May 16 Study Session and City Council Meeting will be a hybrid (in-person & remote) meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff, and the public to attend in-person or virtually through Zoom (LINK). The study session will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Presentation:** Chief Althouse will give a Division of Police update. This year, each of our directors will be giving a general update on operations within their service areas.

**Proclamations!** Mayor Herbst will also issue three proclamations for local athletes who are competing in the Ohio Special Olympics games including: Brady Schneider Day – June 21, 2022; Ashley Arnett Day – June 22, 2022; and Jackson Clark Day – June 23, 2022.

Additionally, Mayor Herbst will issue a proclamation for Public Works Week – May 15-21, 2022.



### Study Session Monday, May 16, 2022 Items

- 1. Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda
- 2. **Emergency Ordinance 22-19: Assessments -** This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, and delinquent sewer & water.
- 3. **Emergency Ordinance 22-20: Supplemental** Appropriations Finance is requesting the approval of the following supplemental appropriation Ordinance for the following reasons:

  General Fund:
  - \$20,000 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to contract mowing services of certain city properties (including parks & facilities).
  - \$1,165 increase appropriations to account for expenses related to fire prevention training. The City received a reimbursement payment (\$1,165) from the State of Ohio to cover costs associated with fire department prevention training.
  - \$45,000 increase appropriations to account to additional expenses due to an increase in chemical supplies and personnel costs per the contract with the third-party vendor, Swimsafe.
  - \$2,145,136 increase appropriations to account for the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Job Creation and Revitalization Fund related to the costs associated with job creation and retention, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization in the identified areas. Costs include a downtown master plan, professional market study of restaurant, commercial, and housing opportunities in downtown, right of way and utility improvements, construction or acquisition of permanent improvements and expansion or retention of a particular business or development project for transformative economic development initiatives relating to downtown development that results in job creation or retention and/or improves the quality of life within the community.
  - \$250,000 increase appropriations to account for the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund related to costs associated with land acquisition for future public use.
  - \$16,458 increase appropriations to account for the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Police CPT Fund to account for personnel expenses related to peace officer training. The City received payment (\$16,458) from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to cover expenses related to the mandatory 24 hours of continuing professional training in 2022. The revenues were posted in the General Fund; however, due to compliance requirements the revenues must be transferred to the Police CPT Fund.



• \$11,200 – increase appropriations to account for the offset of costs of our Mobile Crisis responder from South Community. Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) notified the Vandalia Police Department in December 2021 that they would not be renewing the funding for the program, and the City would be now be responsible for their share (20%) of the costs. Montgomery County and Butler Township are responsible for the remaining 80% of costs.

#### Street Fund:

 \$35,600 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the engineering and preparation of construction drawings for a new traffic signal at Northwoods Blvd and I-75 southbound ramps.

### Police CPT Fund:

• \$16,458 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to peace officer training. The City received payment (\$16,458) from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to cover personnel expenses related to the mandatory 24 hours of continuing professional training in 2022.

#### Job Creation and Revitalization Fund:

• \$650,000 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the costs associated with job creation and retention, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization in the identified areas. Costs include a downtown master plan, professional market study of restaurant, commercial, and housing opportunities in downtown, right of way and utility improvements, construction or acquisition of permanent improvements and expansion or retention of a particular business or development project for transformative economic development initiatives relating to downtown development that results in job creation or retention and/or improves the quality of life within the community.

### Capital Improvement Fund:

• \$250,000 – to increase appropriations to account for expenses related to costs associated with land acquisition for future public use.

### Police-Fire-Street CIP Fund:

- \$113,260 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses due to the difference in the budgeted amount of debt borrowing for the new ladder truck (\$1,500,000) and the actual final total financing cost (\$1,236,740.66).
- \$20,100 increase appropriations to account for design expenses related to the resurfacing and repair work on the north bound bridge deck on Airport Access Road over Stonequarry Road.



• \$3,710 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to a grant award received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Office of Justice Programs. The grant was for the purchase of five additional Panasonic Arbitrator Body Cameras that will be utilized by the Police Department investigators during their investigations and c contacts with victims, witnesses and suspects.

### Bond Retirement Fund:

• \$204,055 – to increase appropriations to account for the bond issuance costs associated with the financing of the Citywide Energy Capital Project.

#### Water Fund:

• \$75,350 – to increase appropriations to account for the expenses related to the engineering design work for the Dog Leg Rd Phase 2 project.

#### Sewer Fund:

- \$75,350 to increase appropriations to account for the expenses related to the engineering design work for the Dog Leg Rd Phase 2 project.
- 4. **Emergency Ordinance 22-21:** The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$7,500,000 for the purpose of paying for the costs of improving the municipal public transportation system (e.g., roadways), including capstone way, fieldstone way, airport access road and dog leg road, by constructing, reconstructing, extending, opening, widening, grading, draining, curbing, paving and resurfacing, and site preparation, installing storm water, sanitary sewer and water improvements, and acquiring any necessary interests in real property, together with all incidental work and related appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. Debt service for this project will likely be paid from infrastructure fees and tax increment financing associated with development, and utility revenues. This project is not likely to result in direct general fund expenditures.
- 5. **Resolution 22-R-41: ODNR NatureWorks Grant** The Parks & Recreation Department is in the process of submitting of a joint grant application with Montgomery County Board of Developmentally Disabled Services to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for NatureWorks Grant Funds for the construction of an accessible restroom structure at Robinette Park. On a site visit last year, representatives of the Board of Developmental Disabilities expressed a need for such a facility to accompany anticipated plans.

The grant process requires a resolution by City Council to approve the request for funding and does not obligate Council to move forward with funding the project. This action simply provides staff with the authority to participate in the joint application.

The total estimated cost for the entire project is not to exceed \$300,000. The City is soliciting the maximum request of \$150,000 in grant funds, supplemented by a local contribution of \$75,000 from the Board of Developmental Disabilities and \$75,000 from the City of Vandalia.



### Monday, June 20, 2022 Items

1. Action Item: Board and Commission Reappointments & Expirations - At your June 20 council meeting you will be asked to consider the reappointment of current board and commission members whose terms expire June 30, 2022.

### **Discussion Items**

- 1. April Financial Report Mrs. Leiter will deliver the April 2022 Financial Report
- 2. Airport Access Road NB Bridge Deck Rehab The northbound Airport Access Road bridge deck over Stonequarry Road has deteriorated rapidly. The damage is beyond patching and requires concrete removal and overlay of the entire deck along with some full-depth repairs. Immediate engineering is necessary so that the City can submit the project for grant funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission in August. This project falls in line with our City Policy Goal to Enhance Infrastructure and is directly related to the City's desire to direct commercial truck traffic to use the Airport Access Road. I am recommending that we enter into an agreement with LJB to perform the engineering and preparation of construction documents for the Airport Access Road Northbound Bridge Deck Rehabilitation at their submitted cost of \$20,067.44. I anticipate including this project in our 2023 Capital Improvement Budget.
- 3. **6o-Day Calendar -** The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

### Monday, May 16, 2022 Council Meeting

### **Resolutions:**

- 1. 22-R-39 Financial Contributions to the Historical Society of Vandalia Butler The City received a letter from the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler requesting an annual donation. \$15,000 is appropriated in Council's budget for an annual donation to the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler for all maintenance related projects and to include the cost of an annual Business/Organization membership. It is necessary for Council to take formal action to authorize said donation.
- 2. 22- R- 40 Engineering for Traffic Signal Northwoods Blvd. and I 75 Southbound Ramps The City and ODOT have agreed to partner in the installation of a Traffic Signal at the intersection of Northwoods Boulevard and I-75 at the southbound ramps. The City conducted a traffic signal warrant analysis and ODOT confirmed the need for a signal at this location. This project is directly related to policy goals *Safe and Secure* and to *Enhance our Infrastructure*.

On a similar project, the City was able to receive funding from ODOT after funding the initial engineering. The City covered approximately 15% of the total cost for the prior project. After construction the signal will become property of ODOT, and they will be responsible for all maintenance and the cost of utilities to power the signal.

I recommend that we waive the formal bidding and enter into an agreement with Choice One Engineering for the engineering and preparation of construction drawings for a new Traffic Signal at Northwoods Boulevard and the I-75 southbound ramps at their submitted cost of \$35,600.00.



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### Ordinances - First Reading

- 1. **Ordinance 22-22** The Land Acquisition Note issued for the acquisition of land for the Stonequarry Crossing development matures on July 28, 2022. The total amount due is \$1,399,000 in principal plus interest. The 2022 Budget included an interest payment amount of \$25,000. The maturity date on the new note (\$1,399,000) will be in July of 2023. The debt is scheduled to be paid in full in 2036.
- 1. Ordinance 22-23 The Fire Engine 2016 Bond Anticipation Note issued for a fire engine matures on August 25, 2022. This note was combined with the Fire Ladder Truck 2021 BAN in order to save on the costs of issuance. The total remaining amount due on the note is \$1,740,000 (Fire Engine \$240,000; Fire Ladder Truck \$1,500,000) plus interest. The amount of the principal payment for the Fire Engine is \$48,000, and \$263,259.34 for the Fire Ladder Truck. The 2022 budget includes a pay down amount of \$48,000 on the outstanding principal due for the Fire Engine, and \$150,000 for the Fire Ladder Truck, plus an interest payment of \$17,400. The difference of the amount budgeted for the pay down on the Fire Ladder Truck (\$150,000) and the actual payment (\$263,259.34) is the amount of the original note (\$1,500,000) less the final actual costs of the Fire Ladder Truck and equipment (\$1,236,740.66). The maturity on the new note (Fire Engine \$192,000; Fire Ladder Truck \$1,236,740.66) will be in August of 2023. The debt on the Fire Engine is scheduled to be paid in full in 2026, and year 2031 for the Fire Ladder Truck.
- 3. Ordinance 22-24 This is a City-initiated proposal to rezone Stonequarry Crossings (e.g., generally west of Peters Pike between West National Road and Stonequarry Road) from Planned Unit Development ((PUD) to Office/Industrial Park (O/IP) and Public Facilities (PF). The proposed rezoning area consists of approximately 163 total acres of which 32.8 is proposed to be rezoned to Public Facilities and 130.2 is proposed to be rezoned to Office/Industrial Park. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.

### Ordinances - Second Reading

1. **Ordinance 22-16: Fireworks - Display** – In 2021, Ohio passed House Bill 172 into law. The new law goes into effect on July 1, 2022, and permits displaying (e.g., setting off) fireworks legally on certain



recognized holidays and/or celebrations. The new law places limited restrictions on where, how and who can discharge fireworks and it also has little regulation on the size fireworks that Ohioans can purchase and/or set off. This is disruptive and dangerous for our residents.

As a home rule city, the City of Vandalia can establish local prohibitions and I recommend passage of this ordinance to prohibit displaying fireworks in town.

- 2. Ordinance 22-17: Fireworks Planning This is a City-initiated text amendment to the City's Planning & Zoning Code to prohibit the manufacturing and wholesaling of both 1.3G and 1.4G fireworks, and to prohibit the retail sales of 1.3G and 1.4G fireworks (excluding novelties, trick noise makers, and wire sparklers) within the City of Vandalia. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.
- 3. Ordinance 22-18: Rezoning Gateway Business to Highway Business/3324 Benchwood Road The Applicant, RVP Engineering, LLC, on behalf of EROP has submitted an application requesting a rezoning of the property located at 3324 Benchwood Road from Gateway Business (GB) to Highway Business (HB). The purpose of this request is to allow for the construction of an automatic express carwash. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend denial of the proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Map.

### <u>Ordinances – Emergency</u>

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- 2. **Emergency Ordinance 22-20: Supplemental Appropriations** I am requesting approval of the supplemental appropriation Ordinance for the reasons stated during the study session.
- 3. Emergency Ordinance 22-21: The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$7,500,000 for the purpose of paying for the costs of improving the municipal public transportation system (e.g., roadways), including capstone way, fieldstone way, airport access road and dog leg road, by constructing, reconstructing, extending, opening, widening, grading, draining, curbing, paving and resurfacing, and site preparation, installing storm water, sanitary sewer and water improvements, and acquiring any necessary interests in real property, together with all incidental work and related appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. Debt service for this project will likely be paid from infrastructure fees and tax increment financing associated with development, and utility revenues. This project is not likely to result in direct general fund expenditures.

### **Reports from Boards & Commissions**

1. Conditional Use: 3324 Benchwood Road – The applicant, RVP Engineering, LLC, on behalf of EROP has submitted an application requesting a conditional use permit to allow the use of "Vehicle Washing Establishment" on property located at 3324 Benchwood Road. At its meeting on April 12, 2022, the Planning Commission voted 2-1 to recommend denial of the request.

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through Zoom (LINK). The study session will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees



For immediate release Vandalia, Ohio May 13, 2022 – 8:00 am

### City of Vandalia Seeking Agreement with Employees

The City of Vandalia has been negotiating a collective bargaining agreement for city employees since October of 2021 and remains committed to reaching an agreement that is beneficial to both employees and taxpayers. However, Teamsters Local Union No. 957, the exclusive representative of Vandalia's 18 public works employees, has filed notice of an intent to strike beginning May 17. The City of Vandalia's offer, in consideration of the bargaining unit's longevity steps, would result in average salary increases of 5.96% in 2022, 2.55% in 2023, and 2.27% in 2024 for Vandalia's public works technicians, mechanics, and office manager in the Public Works Division at 97 Clubhouse Way.

"These talented and hardworking employees are the people who plow our snow, fix water main breaks in zero-degree weather, and keep our community beautiful," Vandalia City Manager Dan Wendt said. "As a Vandalia resident, I am thankful for the work they do. As city manager, I am committed to seeing them compensated appropriately and generously. Our wage proposal reflects this commitment. I know they want to work, and I am hopeful we can reach an agreement and avoid a work stoppage."

The city's proposal was recommended by the state-appointed neutral fact-finder requested by the union, and the offer was approved by Vandalia City Council. It achieves the city's goal of providing fair and competitive salaries by bringing starting wages up to \$21 an hour and the average wage up to \$26.84. Despite the lack of an agreement, the city has already implemented the first-year wage increase resulting in an average wage increase of almost 6% for each bargaining unit member.

The Teamsters have rejected the city's offer and has asked for an average wage increase of 24.05% in the first year of a collective bargaining agreement, followed by average increases of 6.28% and 5.46% for years 2023 and 2024 respectively. These increases are inconsistent with other negotiated Vandalia salaries. The State Employment Relations Board annual wage report indicates average public sector negotiated wage increases of 2.33% in 2022 and 2.37% in 2023 for the Dayton region.

In the event of a strike, the city has developed a contingency plan to ensure the continuance of services for Vandalia residents including utilities and trash collection.

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Media inquiries should be directed to Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway at (937) 898-5891.

# Public Works Technician

# City of Vandalia, Ohio











The <u>City of Vandalia</u> is optimally situated between the Dayton International Airport and the I-70 / I-75 interchange. Vandalia's corporate limits span 12.39 square miles with a population of approximately 15,000 (See: <u>Census QuickFacts</u>). Residents enjoy vibrant amenities, top-tier public services, affordable housing, and quality schools. The town has a robust and stable economy that is growing with businesses representing the industries of defense, aerospace, cyber, automotive, advanced manufacturing, and food processing. Located just 15 minutes from downtown Dayton and one hour from Cincinnati and Columbus, residents have ample access to quality universities and colleges. Each year the City hosts a series of gatherings and events in its parks, and plays a large role in helping make the Dayton Air Show a success.

Residents place a high priority on revitalizing the community and creating a downtown area as a community space for gathering and entertainment. Our community values our parks, public facilities, and seeks to improve active transportation options.



The Vandalia City Council has adopted the following <u>2022 Policy Goals</u> to inform and to guide the execution of the City's mission in the coming year. Including:

### 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, and 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.

### CITY GOVERNMENT

The <u>Charter of the City of Vandalia</u> was adopted by the voters on April 7, 1959. Vandalia is a politically mature municipal organization that is committed to effective public service through professional management. The City prides itself on being a respectful and collaborative employer that demands excellence from its team.

Vandalia is a complex municipal organization. The City organization retains a strong bond rating of Aa2, annual all funds budget of approximately \$57 million, and an average full-time workforce of 234 full-time equivalent employees. The City prides itself on maintaining a strong operating position and ensures that its team of public servants has the tools that it needs to serve the public.

Under the direction of the City Manager, the leadership team executes the policy directives of the Vandalia City Council including the day-to-day operations of police, fire, emergency medical services, and dispatch; water distribution, wastewater collection, and storm water utilities; public works and street construction; economic development, building and zoning, planning, and engineering services; and community enrichment through the Vandalia Recreation Center, Senior Center, Cassel Hills Golf Course, and numerous parks.

In 2020, City Council adopted the <u>Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan.</u> There are many exciting anticipated developments in the coming years.

Learn more about City of Vandalia initiatives on the City's YouTube Channel and Facebook Page.

## COMMAND STRUCTURE



Residents of Vandalia



City Council



City Manager



Director of Public Service



Public Works Superintendent





Technician (13)







Mechanic (2)

Office Manager (1)

Seasonal Part-Time Laborers

### **PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Public Service is staffed by dedicated and highly trained public servants who provide residents with efficient, honest, and courteous service through the divisions of Public Works and Development and Engineering Services. The department is led by our tenured Director of Public Service, Rob Cron.



### PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

The Public Works Division is responsible for general maintenance of 210 lane miles of roadways; leaf collection; fleet management and the City garage; maintenance, repair and replacement of water mains, sanitary and storm sewers; operation of Poplar Hill Cemetery; ice and snow removal; street sweeping; roadway painting; and sign and signal maintenance. The Public Works team is highly visible to our residents, businesses, and visitors. The City prides itself on ensuring a high level of customer service at every touchpoint with the public.

Full-time employees within the Public Works Division are represented by the Teamsters Local Union No. 957. The Employer and the Union entered into an initial <u>collective bargaining agreement</u> on April 20, 2020. The current collective bargaining agreement expired on December 31, 2021 and is currently under negotiation.

### THE POSITION - THE IDEAL CANDIDATE - THE QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Vandalia is seeking several skilled technicians to join its Public Works team. Vandalia Public Works Technicians perform a variety of duties, as follows:

- Construction, maintenance and repair of streets, curbs and sidewalks, catch basins, manholes, water, sewer, street and storm drainage.
- Operation and maintenance of trucks and power construction and maintenance equipment inspecting, maintaining, loading, and hauling and unloading trash, leaves, gravel, salt, asphalt and concrete.
- Mowing, trimming, plowing snow.
- Miscellaneous tasks: guardrail installation and repair, opening and closing of graves, pick-up and
  disposal of dead animals, collection of large trash, painting and installation of traffic control markings and
  devices, and all other duties as assigned.
- Responds to public emergencies and extreme weather events.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Must be at least 18;

Must possess a high school diploma or GED;

Must possess a valid State of Ohio vehicle operator's license, valid Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement preferred. Applicants must have a Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement within six months as a condition of employment;

Must obtain satisfactory scores on all phases of the qualification process, including oral interviews, practical assessments, background check, physical exam and drug screen.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Good attitude, strong work ethic, high level of customer service.

Those with any of the following will receive preference:

One to two years recent, successful employment in outdoor work, vehicle and equipment operations and / or the performance of heavy labor for extended periods of time. Construction, excavation, or previous related trade experience;

EPA water and wastewater certifications;

Recent successful public works experience;

Demonstrated knowledge of public works / utility construction and maintenance practices and materials used in street, water and sewer work; and

Demonstrated skill in operating tools and equipment such as tractors, backhoe, loader, paver, grinder, roller, trencher, bucket truck, skid loader, etc.

### COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

The City of Vandalia offers a generous and competitive compensation package in an effort to attract top-tier talent. The successful candidate can expect the following wage and benefit package:

- Base Salary: \$21.00 \$22.73 per hour, depending on experience
- Ohio Public Employees Retirement System: Employer contribution of 14% of gross wage, Employee contribution of 10% of gross wage
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Paid Leave:
  - Vacation: 12 26 days per year depending on service credit
    Prior Service Recognition: The City of Vandalia will recognize prior full-time service at a qualifying political subdivision (i.e., city, township, county, school district, State of Ohio) for the purposes of calculating leave accrual in accordance with the current policy
  - o Holiday: nine paid holidays per year
  - o Floating Holiday: 1.25 days per full quarter-year after six months (5 days per year)
  - o Sick Leave: 1.25 days per full calendar month (15 days per year)
  - o Transfer of Sick Leave: The City of Vandalia will accept the transfer in of up to 1,250 hours of unused, uncompensated sick leave from the candidate's former employer(s)
  - o Funeral Leave
  - o Jury Duty Leave
  - o Military Leave
  - o Paternal Leave with Pay
  - o Adoptive Parent Leave
- Life Insurance: employer sponsored benefit of \$60,000
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance: \$12,000 benefit
- Complimentary Recreation Passes
  - o Individual Vandalia Recreation Center membership
  - o Family Cassel Hills Pool membership;
  - o Individual Restricted Pass to Cassel Hills Golf Course
- Tuition Reimbursement: \$3,000 per year for up to 80% for accredited degree programs with passing grade of "C" or better

### APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will only be accepted through the City's online application system via the website at: <u>VandaliaOhio.org/Jobs</u>. Applications must include a résumé and a cover letter.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and an initial round of interviews is anticipated the week of May 31. The recruitment of the Public Works Technician position will remain open until filled.

Vandalia is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.



## Public Works Seasonal Maintainer

## City of Vandalia, Ohio

The City of Vandalia is accepting applications for Seasonal Employees to join the Public Works Team.

Candidates must be at least 18 and have a valid state of Ohio driver's license. Those with demonstrated successful experience in landscaping, light construction work and/or heavy equipment operation will be given first consideration.

Positions are seasonal, an average of about 30-40 hours per week, and the chosen candidates must be available to work 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with the possibility of weekends during special events.

The hourly pay is \$15.00. As a seasonal employee, you will be able to contribute to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. This opportunity is ideal for a college student, retiree or as a supplement to another flexible part-time job.

Interviews will be conducted as well as an extensive background investigation and drug testing. Applications will only be accepted through the City's online application system via the website at: vandaliaohio.org/jobs.

The City of Vandalia is an equal opportunity employer and ADA compliant.





















# Moonlight with usl

# City of Vandalia, Ohio Part-Time Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic

The Vandalia Division of Fire is looking for Firefighters, Firefighter/EMTs, and Firefighter/Paramedics for 12-hour & 24-hour shifts.

### Starting rates of pay for Firefighter/Paramedics with FT experience

- 5 Years full-time experience.....\$22.25/hr.
- 4 Years full-time experience....\$21.50/hr.
- 3 Years full-time experience....\$20.75/hr.
- 2 Years full-time experience.....\$20.00/hr.
- 1 Year full-time experience.....\$ 19.25/hr.



### Entry level part-time candidates will earn:

Firefighter/Paramedic	\$18.50/hr.
Firefighter/EMT-I	\$18.25/hr.
Firefighter/EMT	\$ 17.00/hr.
Firefighter Only	\$ 15.00/hr.

Flexible schedules available to accommodate school.



Applications will **only** be accepted through the City's online application system via the website at: Vandaliaohio.org/jobs. You may also scan the QR code below. Questions about the position may be directed to Human Resources Manager Missy Pruszynski, <u>missy@vandaliaohio.org.</u>

Process includes, but not limited to: examination of qualifications, interviews, extensive background investigation, physical and drug screening.

EEO and ADA compliant. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.









City of Vandalia Municipal Building 333 James Bohanan Memorial Drive Vandalia, Ohio 45377 (937) 898-5891 Vandalia Division of Fire Fire Station # 1 8705 Peters Pike Vandalia, Ohio 45377 (937) 898-2261



Scan QR Code to apply

# Vandalia Parks and Recreation is hiring!







As we approach the summer months, Vandalia Parks and Recreation is looking for a few good people to round out our staff.

We've increased the hourly wages of many of our part-time positions, so now is a great time to join our team!

Seasonal Parks Maintainer\$	14/hour
Seasonal Golf Maintainer\$	14/hour
Facility Coordinator\$	13/hour
Recreation Center Custodian\$	12/hour
CampREC Leader\$	10/hour

# Applying is easy!

Check out all of the part-time postings on our website, www.vandaliareccenter.com, Download an application online and return it to the Vandalia Recreation Center, located 1111 Stonequarry Road. You can also pick up an application in person at the Recreation Center front desk.

# Join our team!





# Coming soon: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey



Vandalia Mayor Richard Herbst



Vandala small city. big opportunity. Vandalia Parks and Recreation is in the process of creating a parks master plan that City Council will use to inform decisions for many years to come.

A major component of the plan is a survey that will be sent to 2,500 households in the City of Vandalia.

Please watch your mailbox for this important survey.

If you receive one, please fill it out and send it back in the pre-paid envelope included with the survey.

Your input is vital as we determine the future of our Parks and Recreation Department in the years to come.

If your family is not selected to take this survey, we will have an online survey option available for you a little later this summer.

Thank you for helping us to keep Vandalia's City parks among the best in the Dayton region.

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# Why fill out out the survey?

- 1. Help us guide future Parks and Recreation priorities.
- Help us direct taxpayer money where it is most needed.
- 3. Help us identify important programming needs in the future.
- 4. Free day pass to VRC for you and your family.

# Cassel Hills Swimming Pool



# 2022 Hours of Operation

May 28 - Aug 14	11:30am - 7:30pm
Aug 20, 21, 27, 28, Sep 3, 4	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 &	Resident &	Non-Resident &	Non-Resident &
	VRC Member	Non-VRC Member	VRC Member	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)	\$ <i>7</i> O	\$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.





## **Vandalia Senior Center**



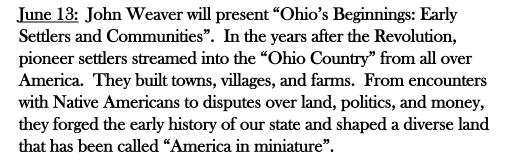


Summer History Speaker Series

Everyone is invited to attend the Summer History Speaker Series. This is <u>not</u> part of the Sinclair history class. All of the presentations are on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in June, July, and August. Please sign up for each presentation you want to attend so there will be enough snacks. Medigold is providing the funding for the snacks for

the fourteen presentations.

June 6: Angie Hoschouer from Woodland Cemetery has been speaking here for more than eight years. This is a new talk called "Artists, Poets, Musicians, and Dancers". She will be remembering members of the Arts Community of the Greater Miami Valley Area who are resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum. There will be 33 featured artists.



June 20: Joellen Ulliman is with the Centerville Historical Society. She will present "John Hole: the Revolutionary Pioneer Doctor of Montgomery County". Experience the incredible story of Washington Township's first settler and Montgomery County's first medical doctor. After serving in the American Revolution, John ventured into the Northwest Territory with his family in tow. He built a cabin along the Silver Creek. Then John constructed two sawmills there also. Travel back in time to learn about Dr. Hole's amazing life.

June 27: Tom DiGiovanna is a volunteer for Carillon Park. He is presenting "Famous and Not So Famous Inventions From Dayton". Dayton is known for its innovations. Many things, besides the airplane, were invented here. So much so that you can't go a "Day Without Dayton"!









### **Lunch & Learn**

### Springfield Masonic Community Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, June 7, at Noon

Poetry Davis from Springfield Masonic Community will order your lunch. Tom Hissong is presenting a brand new show called *2021 Ohio Bird Quest*. Birds, birds, birds, everywhere we looked, we enjoyed watching and counting Ohio's birds! Join Tom Hissong, retired Aullwood Audubon Center naturalist, when he takes off on an exciting year long quest to see as many species of birds in Ohio in one year (2021) as he could find! Starting when snow and ice covered the landscape, Tom journeyed through



Spring, Summer and Fall to look for the common and uncommon species of birds to add to his list. See beautiful photos and hear exciting stories about the 2021 Ohio Bird Quest! Limit: 75

### Stillwater Skilled Nursing Facility Lunch & Learn on Thursday, June 9, at 11:00 A.M.



Alicia Griggs from Stillwater Skilled Nursing Facility will bring your lunch. Stacie Cornwell is a physical therapist and the manager of Athletico in Vandalia. She will talk about the benefits of physical therapy and what conditions they treat. Then Stacie Cornwell and two other therapists will offer 5 minute, quick individual assessments about 1 body part for each participant. The therapist will give you some exercises to try at home and let you know if therapy is a good option for your ailments. It is recommended that you think ahead of

time about what questions you might have. There will be something interesting on the projector screen to watch while you wait for your turn. Limit: 50

### Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, June 10, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your lunch. Debe Dockins from the Washington Township-Centerville Library will be coming to us by Zoom. She will present Erma Bombeck: A Celebration of Laughter. Prepare to smile as you learn more about our hometown humorist Erma Bombeck. Limit: 45





Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, June 14, at Noon

Robin Kent from Brookhaven will order your lunch. Darlene Gage will be appearing on our stage for the first time. She will portray Alice Christian, a survivor of the Titanic. It is now 1950 and she lives in Toledo, Ohio, where she is a writer. She and her husband, an Episcopal clergyman, were in England for a clergy exchange when they heard about the maiden voyage of the greatest ship ever built. They decided to travel home on the Titanic since it was leaving Southampton, England, and traveling to New York City. Alice tells what it was like to be a passenger on the ship and how she survived the sinking on April 15, 1912. Limit: 75

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### **Lunch & Learn**



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

Christopher Norman from The Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Cheri Brinkman is the author of the *Cincinnati and* Soup book series and a professor at Miami University. Cheri will present "Remember the 60's". Visit the 3 different unique eras within the decade of the 1960's, the trends, the music, and the fashions. Remember the great times and events which made the 60's memorable even today. Get out your mini skirt and your white boots because we're walking back in time! Limit: 75

Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thursday, June 23, at 11:00 A.M.

Sarah Anderson from Stonespring will bring your lunch. Did you know the Vandalia Recreation Center offers various Senior opportunities? They offer 24 land and water Senior Fitness Classes



weekly, ranging from Chair Yoga to CardioFit and much more! Alicia McCracken, Facility Manager, along with Sarah Lavy and Aaron Messenger, Program Managers, will tell you more about the VRC, its programs, and how you can participate at low or NO cost. Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Friday, June 24, at Noon

Donna McAdams and Cheryl Wassil from Hearth and Home of Vandalia will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Stephen Hollen is an award winning storyteller, poet, motivational speaker, writer, performer, and humorist who travels the United States. He is also a Mark Twain impersonator. Stephen will share much of the wit and wisdom attributed to the famous Mark Twain. Don't miss this impressive performance. Limit: 100

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

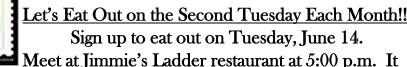
Donna Bargo and Jordan Peterson will order your lunch. Then Jordan will explain topics in

the Edward Jones Perspective that you will receive. You can also ask financial questions. Limit: 25



Day City Hospice Lunch & Learn on Thursday, June 30, at 11:00 A.M.

Kim Adkisson will bring your lunch. She will talk about hospice, how you access this benefit, and how hospice is paid. Bring your questions to ask Kim. Limit: 25



is located at 936 Brown Street. The restaurant is in a 1892 renovated fire station. It is near Miami Valley Hospital.



Hospice Care

### **Art & More**

### A Summer Indoor Picnic Catered Dinner on Friday, July 8, at 6:00 p.m.

This indoor picnic dinner will be catered by the Vandalia Senior Club Committee listed on the back of the newsletter. Sign up begins on <u>June 6</u> and continues until <u>July 1</u> or when 100 seats are filled. To sign up, follow the directions in the hallway by the office at box #3. First pay the \$15 by cash or write a check to the <u>Vandalia Senior Club</u>. Then write your name on the list after you have paid.

The front door will open on July 8 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. The Beavercreek Strummers will perform at 7:00 p.m. They come from the Beavercreek Senior Center. The group plays a variety of string instruments plus the keyboard and a flute. They last entertained us in September, 2016.



### **MENU**

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Condiments
Tomato
Onion
Cheese
Baked Beans
Green Beans
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Variety of Desserts

Play Group Trivia on Wednesday, June 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Mark Spirk from Mill Ridge Village is returning for more trivia. He has you play by tables so it is a group effort. You can even guess the answers since the questions have multiple choice answers. This game will be all about music. Come for the birthday cake at 1:00 p.m. and stay to play the game!



Donate Shoes by June 30 to Help Animals and People

From May 1 to June 30, bring in your lightly

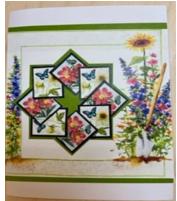
used shoes of any kind and any size. Your gently used shoes should not have any holes or tears. Put them in the box at the back of the dining room. A group supporting Third World Countries will give money to Paw Patrol Dayton for every pair donated. Then the shoes will be sent to

Third World Countries where their only form of transportation is to walk. Paw Patrol Dayton is a cat and dog rescue that is completely run by vol-

unteers. You can find out more about them at <u>pawpatroldayton.com</u>.

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### **Art & More**



### Make 2 Cards on Wednesday, June 1, at 1:00 p.m.

Toni has designed two summer cards that you can choose to make. One has a flower theme and the other has a patriotic theme. You can also choose to design one or two cards on your own. When you sign up, checkmark if you plan to make either of the cards with the squares so Toni will know how much paper to cut for those cards. You can see these examples in the office window. Limit: 12





## Make a Decorative Tile on Tuesday, June 14, at 1:45 p.m.

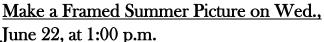
Candy Jones, a member, will take you through the steps to make one of these two decorative 6" x 6" tiles using Mod Podge. You can use it on a table or sit it up in a stand. You can see these tiles in the office window. One per family. Limit: 12





### Make a Stained Glass Suncatcher on Wed., June 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Alicia Griggs from Stillwater Skilled Nursing Facility is bringing the materials to make a stained glass looking suncatcher. You will be using paint pens or markers to color the shape. Limit: 30



Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring the materials to make one framed picture like these but with a summer theme. You pick

the paint color for the frame. Then you pick the picture to go inside the frame. Last you can decorate the frame too. Limit: 20





### Make a Door Hanger Decoration on Tuesday, June 28, at 1:45 p.m.

Brandie Lovato from The Laurels of Kettering will bring the materials to make this Welcome door hanger. Yours will be in color. Limit: 10

### Three Art Groups

- 1. Art Appreciation on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:40 p.m.
- 2. Art Group on Thursdays from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
- 3. Colored Pencils Group on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to Noon

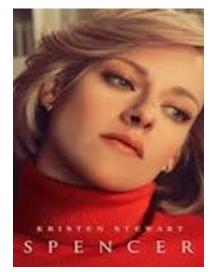
### **Movies & Information**

Remember to sign up for each movie so we have the correct amount of snacks and treats.

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

Snacks from Brenda Walters from Lovett & House, elder attorneys

In the movie, *Spencer*, it is Christmas time at Kensington Palace in 1991. William and Harry are now school age. Diana (Kristen Stewart) struggles with the knowledge that her marriage to Charles is falling apart but peace is expected for the Christmas festivities at the queen's estate. There's eating and drinking, shooting and hunting. Diana knows the game, but this year, things will be profoundly different. As you watch the story, you will also get a behind the scenes look at the inner workings of the large staff that serves the Royal family. **PG-13** 1 hr. 57 min. Historical/drama





Movie on the Third Friday, June 17, at 1:00 p. m. Snacks from Sheena Barrett from Crossroads Rehab Now called Momentous Health of Vandalia

The title of the movie, Rescued by Ruby, has two meanings. You won't discover the second meaning until the end of the movie. This true story takes place in Rhode Island. Ruby is a shelter dog who keeps getting returned by families who adopt her. A State Trooper is chasing his dream of joining an elite K9 search and rescue unit. He also has difficulties and doesn't have a dog to train with him. Be sure to look at the photos at the end and the outtakes from the movie. 1 hr. 33 min. G Drama



### Three Questions

Are you 60 or older? Do you live in Vandalia or Butler Township? Can you get in and out of our vehicle by yourself? Those are the three questions that qualify you to sign up for our Van Tran Transportation program. You might need someone to drive you for a short time after surgery or you might need help with all transportation. You

do not need to be a member of the center to sign up for this service. You only have to fill out one piece of paper and pay a one-time fee of \$20 to the City of Vandalia. Before your first trip, you purchase either a \$10 or \$20 ticket to pay for your trips. The trips cost \$2, \$4, or \$6 depending on where you are going. There is a map in the hallway by the kitchen showing the areas where the van can travel. Contact Toni if you have questions or want to sign up. You can also go to the City website at https://www.vandaliaohio.org/345/Transportation to see the map and print out the page to fill out to sign up for Van Tran.

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### **Exercise & Information**

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library
The Master Craftsman by Kelli Stuart
The Edge of Summer by Viola Shipman
Meant to Be by Jennifer Probst
Bloomsbury Girls by Natalie Jenner

West Side Story
Redeeming Love
Moonfall
Without Remorse
Death on the Nile

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library



Little Souls by Sandra Dallas

### FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Bruce and Vevia Enix teach Golden Qi which is a form of Tai Chi that is seated. This exercise improves balance, reduces joint pain, increases calmness, improves reasoning abilities, and improves the quality of your life. This class can be taken by anyone including those with balance issues.

### 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 cholesterol levels. These hoops are what the pros use in the gyms and rehab centers. If you want to try out this group, call before the Wednesday you want to come so the group can bring in extra hula hoops.





### FREE Exercise on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Licensed physical therapists from Stonespring Transitional Care Center offer two classes each month. The therapists will adapt the exercises to the needs of the participants with different intensities, methods, and education in the circuit. <u>Please sign up for each time</u>.

### Technology Talk on Thursday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m.

Jeff Opt from the Vandalia Public Library will be here to answer questions about your devices. Need to know how to do something on your phone or tablet? Come to Tech Thursday with your questions and Jeff will do his best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you may learn something new, just by listening in! Please sign up.



### You Are Invited to the Vandalia High School on May 20, at 1:30 p.m.



The Vandalia-Butler High School is presenting their 43rd annual Memorial Program on Friday, May 20, from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. You park in the South parking lot of the Student Activity Center and enter through the doors of the Student Activity Center. You do not need to RSVP. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Baker at 937-415-6333 or email her at Kathy.Baker@vbcsd.com.

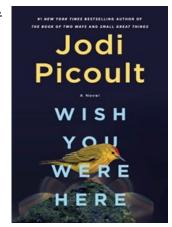
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### **Information**

Senior Center Book Club on the First Tuesday Each Month at 1:40 p.m.

The Vandalia Senior Center Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 7, to discuss the book, *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult. Diana is perfectly on track. She will be married by thirty, done having kids by thirty-five, and move out to the New York City suburbs, all while climbing the professional ladder. She knows her boyfriend, Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose.

But then a virus appears in the city. Finn breaks the news that he has to stay at the hospital. He urges her to go on their planned vacation which soon goes awry. The hotel closes and the whole island is now



under quarantine, and she is stranded until the borders reopen. Completely isolated, she must venture beyond her comfort zone. She carves out a connection with a local family. Diana finds herself examining her relationships, her choices, and herself—and wondering if when she goes home, if she too will have evolved into someone completely different.



### 2022 Bazaar

It was decided due to many factors, not to have a bazaar this year. Thank you to everyone that offered to help with the bazaar. I will be talking with you again in 2023.



### Changes at the Senior Center by the City

The City put commercial corner protectors in the main hallway and in the kitchen. Some of the other improvements and repairs you can't see. The HVAC unit that heats the side of the dining room and the men's room was not repairable so a new system has been installed. By the middle of May, there should be a new large dry valve in the closet across from the refrigerators replacing the original valve from 1978. This valve runs the sprinkler system for the entire building.



## Rec Center Connection: Youth Soccer and Flag Football

Do you have grandkids looking for something to do this fall? Vandalia's Parks & Rec Department offers Youth Soccer and Flag



Football leagues for kids of different ages and all skill levels. For information about leagues and how to register, visit our City's web site, stop by the VRC Front desk or contact John Myers, our Athletics Manager. Also, ask about our Youth Scholarship Fund! Vandalia-Butler students receiving free or reduced lunch are eligible for financial assistance.

John Myers: 937-415-2333, jmyers@vandaliaohio.org

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### **Bridge Hosts**

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Linda Wright. 937-898-6025 Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Kathie Menker. 937-974-2174 Thursday duplicate bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Jim Danks. 937-667-3780





### Bingo and Other Games

- 1. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
- 2. Mitzi Yelton from Aventura at Carriage Inn will call bingo on Tuesday, June 7, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 3. Mark Maudlin from Humana will call bingo on Friday, June 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 4. Jessica Ward with Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
- 5. Melissa Powell from Patients Choice will call bingo on Tuesday, June 21 at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 6. Mark Spirk from Mill Ridge Village will run a trivia game on Wednesday, June 29, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate June Birthdays on Wednesday, June 29, at 1:00 p.m.

Crossroads Rehab now called Momentous Health of Vandalia will provide the cakes for this birthday party. Please call, email, or come in to sign up. First we will take a group photo. Next the members will sing to the birthday people. Then everyone at the center can have a piece of cake but the birthday people get their cake first!



### **Donations Needed**

\*\*\*Please give all donations for the free tables to Toni. Some items can be used by the center.

<u>Leave in the Office:</u> NEW: liters of Diet Coke, Coffee Mate individual creamers, individual (yellow) packets of Splenda, Bigelow Premium Green Tea packets

16 oz. drinking cups in navy, and red (for July 4th), birthday and seasonal napkins (not white we have many), individually labeled flavored teas (not black tea, we have plenty), card making supplies, art supplies, batting (no fabric at this time), glass, metal, and wood and other containers for flower arrangements, ribbon, greenery, new greeting cards, items for the free tables.

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack and by the white board: used batteries (not in containers or bags), pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps (be sure to leave a 1/4" border around the stamps), food for the Vandalia Food

Pantry barrel and food for the Cares4Kids box.

On the fireplace in the card room/library: books, movies, jigsaw puzzles



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### June Travel News

Greetings! Reminder: All travelers must be a member of Vandalia Senior Center You can pick up an application at the Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr., Vandalia, Ohio. Note: I have received a couple calls to book one day tours. The four tours were cancelled and noted in the newsletter a couple months ago.

7/11 - 7/16 - Branson, Mo - \$635 pp dbl occupancy - \$814 Sgl - Insurance \$62 or \$72 p Final payment due by 5/4. This tour is a go. It is SOLD OUT!

7/25 - 7/28 - Lancaster, Pa - \$459 pp dbl occupancy - \$571 Sgl - Insurance \$38 or \$48 pp Main attraction - Live Production of David at the Sight & Sound Theatre - tour of Lancaster - 3 nights lodging - 3 breakfasts & 3 dinners and more - final payment due by 5/18 Need 5 additional people to join this great tour. Do not want to cancel. The tour operator may charge a few additional dollars. Will keep you posted.

8/09 - 8/11 - The Ark Encounter - \$355 pp dbl occupancy - \$445 sgl - Insurance \$38 pp For this tour to go, we need lots of help. Tour includes Transportation - 2 nights lodging - 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners - admission to the stunning Ark Encounter - admission to the famous Creation Museum BB riverboat sightseeing cruise along the Ohio River. Please pass the word.

8/13 - 8/21 - Viking River Cruise from \$2699 + air - for those of you that have a voucher from previous year, please contact Viking directly 888-505-7984 to receive a refund. I have tried numerous times to get a refund issued and I was told we need to wait until August 10, 2022. Some of our passengers did receive their refund by calling directly. Please DO NOT forget to call or your voucher will be void. As per Viking everyone must be fully vaccinated. Passport required.

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Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Travel Terms and Conditions**

- 1. You must be a member of the Vandalia Senior Center to travel.
- 2. Deposits are non-refundable, unless the space is resold.
- 3. Final payment must be to Liz by the due date.
- 4. Keep in mind that there are only 5 single rooms for each trip.
- 5. If payments are not received by the due date, your name will be removed from the list.
- 6. Mark your calendar when the final payment is due, no invoices or reminders are sent out.
- 7. If you need to cancel, ask if there is a waiting list. If not, you need to find a replacement.
- 8. In the event you cancel going on a motor coach tour, a cancellation fee of \$50 applies.
- 9. If the Tour Operator cancels a tour, a full refund will be issued once it is received from the operator. Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended for tours with multiple days.

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### DATED MATERIAL: DO NOT DELAY

- - MEMBERSHIP - -Age 55 or older

Younger Spouses are welcome!

The 2022 fees for members are:

Vandalia Resident \$15 single - \$25 dual Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

A resident is defined as someone who pays

City of Vandalia property taxes

Membership for anyone over 90 is free but

you must notify the office to continue to get the newsletter. Your annual membership fees help offset some of the costs of programming and support for the Senior Center.

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