THE BLUE LETTER



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November 13, 2021

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Our Monday Study Session will begin at 5:00 pm. It was another good week in service to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Vandalia! This week we celebrated Veterans Day. Thank you to all of our public servants, volunteers, and board and commission members who have worn the uniform in service to the Land of the Free! God Bless America!

Leaf Collection and Snow! Our Public Works team is continuing to collect leaves and hang Christmas lights. Save the oaks that will hold their leaves until January, this week's rain took down most of our color spangled foliage. We have our work ahead of us before leaf collection concludes on December 7 (schedule enclosed). Given the white stuff that appeared this morning, I want you to know that we have several trucks that are ready in case we need have a winter storm that requires ice and snow removal.



Helke Rd. full-depth reconstruction and utility migration is ahead of schedule and should be completed before the end of the month - despite some uncooperative weather. Service Director Cron has been inspecting on site. This week half of the base course was poured. As soon as the weather gives, the contractor will pour the other portion of the roadway before laying the top course. This project is an investment in the future as we have replaced the subsurface with modern, engineered materials that will hold up better. In addition, we have abandoned a 1950s water main that was prone to breakage, which contributed to damaging the roadway. It is likely that Phase II of this project, moving south along Helke, will be necessary within the decade.

Drone Videos: Communications Manager Hopkins will be rolling out several videos of ongoing projects on the City's social media platforms. Click this (<u>Link</u>) to see the progress of the Redwood development off of Webster Street. Forthcoming videos include, White Castle (Nov. 15), Helke (Nov. 17), and Dixie (Nov. 19).



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Grant and Outside Funding: Our team is working to save taxpayer dollars by brining outside funds to Vandalia. Here are some updates to celebrate.

Service Director Cron reported that the City is "unofficially" slated to receive \$400,000 in grant funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Foley and Enola Dr. reconstruction project. I anticipate that the final vote will go through with no issues. This is a huge win. Recently, we learned that the City will be receiving \$398,832 in similar funding for the Gabriel Street project with 50% in grant funding and 50% as an interest free 5-year loan. Director Cron has also solicited \$1 million in grant funding through the Ohio Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program for assistance in expanding utilities west of Airport Access Rd.

Recently, ACM Holloway presented to ODOT in pursuit of approximately **\$600,000** in safety study funds to improve safety of the National Rd. corridor from Dixie to Ranchview.

Director Clark is hopeful that the City will receive approximately **\$50,000** in Community Development Block Grant funds for improvements at Helke Park. He has applied for approximately **\$15,000** in Solid Waste Management District funds for composite benches and picnic tables from recycled materials.

As you know, Governor DeWine recently visited Vandalia to award **\$2.4 million** to Tri-Cities for a sewer CIPP lining project. TCA General Manager Danny Knife has submitted an additional grant in pursuit of **\$5 million** for conducting upgrades that will be eventually mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Our sewer rates are the second lowest of 63 utilities in southwest Ohio and current rates cannot sustain necessary expenses. This funding will do well to help insulate utility customers from forthcoming rate increases in 2023 pending the results of a professional rate study in 2022.

In partnership with Montgomery County Engineer Paul Gruner, the City is pursuing a \$1.33 million federal earmark via the Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) that is administered by the Dayton Development Coalition. It is our hope that through this process, Congressman Mike Turner's office will help us obtain funds for right-of-way acquisition for the ring road around the north side of the airport. This initiative will help us accelerate the build out time of the estimated \$20 million project, which will help to direct truck traffic around our beautiful town.



Chief Althouse has informed me that Montgomery County has authorized the purchase of a multipurpose regional SWAT vehicle **at no cost** to the participating agencies. This is great because our residents will benefit from this asset during emergencies but will not have to front the bill.

Finally, I am continuing to work with Representative Phil Plummer and State Senator Niraj Antani to obtain **several hundred thousand dollars** capital budget funds for the stage and other amenities in our Art Park.

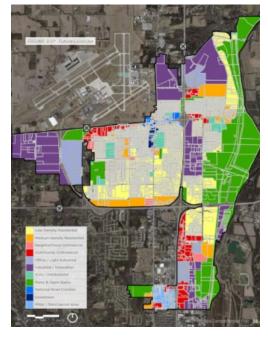
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Parks & Recreation Master Plan: Earlier this week, our committee decided on a firm that we will recommend to Council for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. This plan will be the roadmap over the next decade for enhancing quality of life in Vandalia through our beautiful parks system. This plan will have stakeholder steering committee and will be driven by public input. I am most excited to help some of our up and coming Parks & Recreation staff get out and engage our community at events and in our parks, to develop a high-level 10-year capital plan, and to consider the business case for several opportunities that will help achieve our comprehensive planning goal of developing Vandalia's distinct identity.

Health insurance open enrollment is underway and ends on November 15th! ACM Holloway did a great job getting the new online enrollment system set up. IT Manager Davey and I have helped to navigate staff through several early morning enrollment sessions at our various facilities! Overall, my office has received excellent feedback on this new process. As a team, we hope to be more efficient by eliminating paperwork through technology.

Future Land Use Map (pictured right): On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of speaking with many residents and business owners at our Planning Commission meeting. Our Planning Commission did an excellent job considering all points of view and facilitating professional and thoughtful deliberation. Attendees

asked many questions and engaged in healthy dialogue with both the Planning Commission and City staff. Residents were notified by mail of proposed zoning code changes to their properties. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the Planning Commission agreed to recommend the staff's proposals for Council's consideration. In 2020, the City of Vandalia conducted a comprehensive planning process, which dedicated an entire chapter to land use. Based on stakeholder feedback and economic development opportunities, a Future Land Use Map was developed as part of the 2020 Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan. City staff has proffered two proposals for Council's deliberation. The first proposal will create an "Industrial / Innovation" zone. The second, calls for rezoning the 470 acres west of the Airport Access Road to "Industrial / Innovation." On Monday, City Planner Karto will present at the Study Session. The Future Land Use Map is on page 45 of the Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan. See more here: (Link).



As I previously mentioned, there is some zoning cleanup to be done in the area between Airport Access and Peters Pike. In the coming months, I plan to bring several proposals for Council's consideration. In addition, I anticipate that our team will propose a downtown zoning overlay district in the first quarter of 2022.

Employee Appreciation: You are invited to participate in our employee appreciation Pancake Breakfast Wednesday, November 17 at 8am until 930 am at the Senior Center. We are one team. What I love about these events is the camaraderie and eating – no speeches, no learning, no pressure – just show up, eat, and be appreciated.

Senior Center Newsletter: The December newsletter is enclosed.

Compensation Plan: During the City Manager's Report at our regular Council Meeting, I will present the compensation study process, results, pay scale, and accompanying policies that will be necessary to ensure that the plan remains current and accountable to taxpayers.

Commercial Truck Traffic: Next week, I am meeting with our friends, Randy Chevalley and Bud O'Brien, from the Ohio Department of Transportation to further our collaborative efforts.

Study Session Monday, November 15, 2021 Items

- 1. Resolution 21-R-69 Gabriel Street Reconstruction On November 5 the City opened sealed bids for the Gabriel Street Reconstruction project. Bids ranged from \$739,492 to \$941,736. The City has appropriated have \$781,666 appropriated in the 2021 Capital Improvement budget for this project. I am recommending the bid be awarded to Sturm Construction Inc. as the lowest and best bidder at their bid price of \$739,492.00. If you recall, staff applied for Ohio Public Works Commission funding in late 2020; however, we were not selected as one of their projects to fund but the project was placed on a contingency list. In October we were notified that we would receive funding in an amount up to \$398,832 with 50% being a grant and 50% being a 5-year 0% interest loan. Staff performed the engineering and design work for the project in-house in order to maximize funding. Since the project is being bid so late in the year we do not anticipate a project start date until spring of 2022 and have set a completion date of August 5, 2022.
- 2. **Emergency Ordinance 21-30 Assessments** This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, weed cutting & sewer and water.
- 3. Variance Outdoor Storage 6161 Ventnor The Applicant, Trusscore Corporation, has requested a variance to increase the amount of outdoor storage area permitted by Code. Per City Code, Outdoor storage areas shall not occupy an area larger than 25% of the principal building's footprint. The requested variance is to allow for an increase in the outdoor storage area to 89% of the principal building footprint. The Applicant indicated in their letter of justification that the outdoor storage has "reached its maximum capacity" and "Trusscore has experienced a 126% growth over the last 12 months" thus the need to expand storage. At its meeting, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the request.

Monday, December 6, 2021 Items

- 1. Ordinance: Zoning Code Amendment Industrial / Innovation Vandalia City Council authorized Staff to initiate an application for a zoning map and text amendment. The proposed zoning code amendment is for the purpose of creating a new Industrial Innovation (I/I) zoning district which includes its purpose, proposed location, uses, development standards, and applicability to other existing regulations. The proposed zoning code and map amendment is running concurrently with PC21-17, which is the proposed rezoning of approximately 470 acres of land to the proposed Industrial Innovation (I/I) District to better align with the Future Land Use Map. At its meeting on November 9, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 4-0-1 to recommend approval with one condition.
- 2. Ordinance: Rezoning West of Airport Access Road The City-initiated proposal is to rezone all 470 acres to the newly proposed Industrial Innovation (I/I) zoning district from Highway Business (HB), Office/Industrial Park (O/IP), and Agriculture (A). The City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) provides a FLUM designation of "Industrial/Innovation" for all properties west of Airport Access Road. The current zoning designations of HB, A, and O/IP for these properties do not align with the 2020 FLUM designation of "Industrial/Innovation". This request is an effort to match the zoning and existing conditions with Vandalia's long-term goals to drive economic growth, resiliency, and livability for all residents and future residents of Vandalia. At its meeting on November 9, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 4-0-1 to recommend approval.
- 3. **Resolution:** Vandalia Development Corporation Donation This resolution would authorize a donation of \$10,000 to the Vandalia Development Corporation. This donation will bring the total donations in 2021 to \$60,000, or 60% of the budgeted amount. The requested funding will support a recent grant approval for Forney Industries. Forney Industries recently entered into a lease on the building at 3435 Stop Eight Road. The company intends to relocate from Tipp City to the City of Vandalia by the end of the year. The anticipated building renovation cost of \$105,000 will cover the addition of electrical, security system, data cabling, parking lot striping, and a restructure of the office area. The company anticipates establishing 55 jobs at this location and adding another 15 over the next three years. Forney Industries currently maintains a payroll of \$1.611 million and anticipates that growing to \$1.879 million after three years.
- 4. **Resolution:** Aquatic Staffing Services Agreement In February 2020 the City of Vandalia entered into an agreement with SwimSafe Pool Management for aquatic staffing services at Cassel Hills Pool and the Vandalia Recreation Center Aquatics Center. The original agreement included an option for up to two additional one-year extensions. City staff recently met with Page 5 of 9

SwimSafe representatives to discuss the parameters of an extension, including changes to the standard terms and conditions. During these discussions the City shared multiple concerns and issues in reference to the operation of Cassel Hills Pool. Both parties agreed to additional language being included in any proposed extension to the contract and settled on a 4% increase to the cost of aquatic staffing services for 2022. Mr. Clark provided a proposed 2022 cost comparison below. As you are reviewing the potential cost savings it is notable to consider that there are cost savings related to privatizing aquatics staffing such as reduced staff time in Human Resources, Finance/Payroll, and Parks & Recreation Administration of which are not included the chart below; however, Parks & Recreation Administration would continue to oversee the contract administration.

Cassel Hills Pool

| Description | City Expenses 2019 | Estimated City Expense for 2022 (5.6% increase) | SwimSafe Proposed 2022 Expense (4% increase) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Staffing Cost | \$77,865 | \$82,225 | \$85,022 |
| Chemicals | \$13,244 | \$13,985 | \$11,003 |
| Total Cost Per Year | \$91,109 | \$96,210 | \$96,025 |

Vandalia Recreation Center

| Description | City Expenses 2019 | Estimated City Expense for 2022 (5.6% increase) | SwimSafe Proposed 2022 Expense (4% increase) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Staffing Cost | \$236,1103 | \$249,324 | \$244,857 |
| Chemicals | \$18,836 | \$19,891 | \$12,480 |
| Total Cost Per Year | \$254,939 | \$269,215 | \$257,337 |

Discussion

- 1. Golf Course Clubhouse Asphalt Project (\$25,000) Parks and Recreation Director Clark is requesting a bid award to A to Z Asphalt for the Cassel Hills Clubhouse Asphalt Maintenance Project. The 2021 CIP budget has \$20,000 allotted for Asphalt Maintenance at the Clubhouse, and includes new asphalt surface on the walkway areas around the Clubhouse as well as crack filling in the parking lot areas. A total of three (3) companies attended a mandatory onsite preproposal meeting (A to Z Asphalt, Vandalia Blacktop & Sealcoating, Neyra) with two companies submitting a proposal for the project (A to Z and Vandalia Blacktop). A to Z Asphalt submitted the lowest and best proposal for the project. The completion date for this project is July 1, 2022.
- 2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Consultant Recommendation The Parks and Recreation Department issued a statement of qualifications September 24, 2021 to identify a qualified consulting firm to provide professional services that include the development of a comprehensive and sustainable Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will guide the department for future development, management and operations of the City's parks systems. The consultant will coordinate public input, focus groups with community stakeholders, other engagement strategies, and provide a statistically valid survey and corresponding report of community opinions and needs as part of the project. The plan will explore best practices in the field, identify new trends and opportunities, engage relevant stakeholders, and make direct recommendations to ensure an appropriate balance of community programs, facilities and amenities now and into the future. Furthermore, the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan includes a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Project at a cost of \$100,000. There were five firms that submitted RFQs: Brandstetter Carrol, Inc. of Lexington, Kentucky, Designing Local of Columbus, Ohio, GreenPlay, LLC of Louisville, Colorado, The Kelly Group of Charlotte, North Carolina, and PROS Consulting, Inc of Brownsburg, Indiana. Brandstetter Carroll and PROS Consulting Inc. were invited to participate in the interview and presentation with the selection committee which consisted of Parks and Recreation Director Steve Clark, City Planner Zak Karto, Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill, and I. The interview and presentations portion of the selection process was held on November 3 and November 8 at the Municipal Building. After careful consideration, I am recommending the City enter into a Master Plan Development Agreement at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 with PROS Consulting, Inc.
- 3. **2022 Public Defender Agreement (under \$25,000)** Annually, the City enters into a one-year agreement with the Montgomery County Public Defender Commission to provide legal representation in Vandalia Municipal Court to indigent persons charged with a violation of a City

- ordinance, for which jail is a possible sentence. The fee increase in 2022 for said representation will be \$160.37 per case a 2.5% increase from 2021. This is the first increase in two years.
- 4. **Midwest Sculpture Initiative** MSI has submitted a proposal to curate and erect an eight-piece temporary sculpture exhibit at the Vandalia Art Park from May 2022 through April 2023. MSI will be responsible for the placement of concrete/steel pads, the delivery and placement of sculptures, and the removal of the sculptures and pads upon conclusion of the exhibit. The City will be responsible for providing general liability insurance with MSI providing secondary insurance. The total cost of this proposal is not to exceed \$16,400.
- 5. **2022 Proposed Budget Review –** General inquiry regarding any outstanding items from previous budget workshops.
- 6. **September and October Financial Report –** Finance Director Leiter will present a September and October financial report.
- 7. **6o-Day Calendar -** The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

Monday, November 15, 2021 Council Meeting

Resolutions

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- 2. Resolution 21-R-70: City Wide Policy Goals Resolution establishing City Council's Citywide Policy Goals for 2022.

Ordinance - Emergency

 Emergency Ordinance 21-30 Assessments - This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, weed cutting & sewer and water.

Reports from Boards and Commissions

1. Variance: Outdoor Area for Storage – 6161 Ventnor – The Applicant, Trusscore Corporation, has requested a variance to increase the amount of outdoor storage area permitted by Code. Per City Code, Outdoor storage areas shall not occupy an area larger than 25 percent of the principal building's footprint. The requested variance is to allow for an increase in the outdoor storage area to 89% of the principal building footprint. The Applicant indicated in their letter of justification that the outdoor storage has "reached its maximum capacity" and "Trusscore has experienced a 126% growth over the last 12 months" thus the need to expand storage. At its meeting, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the request.

The **November 15** 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; however, no comments, electronic or oral, will be allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. **The study session will begin at 5:00 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

City of Vandalia Parks & Recreation

Vandalia Senior Center

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December Holiday Catered Dinner on Friday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m.

There are only three weeks for you to sign up for this dinner. Sign up for the December dinner from Monday, November 15 through Friday, December 3 or until all 100 seats are filled. When you sign up, you need to first pay \$14 per person at the same time. You can pay with each are shock written to the Vandelia Senior Club. Follow the directions in the hellway.

with cash or a check written to the <u>Vandalia Senior Club</u>. Follow the directions in the hallway by the office above box #3.

That evening, only the front door will open at 5:15 p.m. You need to have your name checked off before waiting in the art room until the group is told to go into the dining room.

You will be entertained by DeBray Music which is the husband and wife team of Deb and Ray Johnson. They play five instruments and sing. The December dinner will be catered by Stillwater Valley Catering.

MENU

Baked Ham Steak with Sweet Pineapple Salsa
Pot Roast in Brown Marsala Mushroom Sauce
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Cheesy Hash Brown Bake
Brown Sugar Glazed Carrot Coins
Green Bean Casserole
"Christmas" Fruit Salad
Soft Rolls and Butter
Spiced Apple Cheesecake Dessert Shooters
2 Bite Brownies with Peppermint Topping

Christmas Cookies



Renew Your Membership by January 31!

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 with your renewal. You can also come in to renew, using cash, check, or credit card.

Born in 1932: Congratulations! You are turning 90 in 2022. Your membership is free! Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

90+ Members and Lifetime Members: You still need to call, stop in, send a note or email that you want to receive your newsletter in 2022.



INFORMATION

Ohio Masonic Home Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, December 7, at Noon

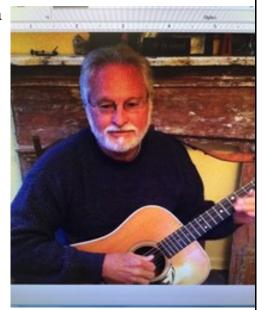
Poetry Davis from the Ohio Masonic Home will order your lunch. The Chamber Choir from the Vandalia-Butler High School under the direction of Kevin Wilson will be returning. They will give us a wonderful musical performance. Limit: 75



StoryPoint of Troy Lunch & Learn on Thursday, December 9, at 11:00 A.M.

Kristy Osting from StoryPoint of Troy will have Chef Ben make a tasty lunch for you. Mike Wells is returning to play and sing lots of great music for you. He will get your feet to tapping. Mike will sprinkle in some Christmas carols. He might also ask you to sing along. Limit: 75





Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, December 10, at Noon Shelby Bettinger from Cypress Pointe will bring your lunch. Why do we do the things we do? How did all of these holiday

traditions get started? Toni Williams has researched most of our common traditions along with some of the more recent and strange ones. Come hear about the history of our traditions and watch the colorful Powerpoint. Limit: 35

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

- 1. Please write down what you sign up to do.
- 2. Please write it on your calendar at home.
- 3. Please show up.
- 4. Please call in if you need to cancel.



Springmeade Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, December 14, at Noon

Robin Shafer and Sarah Steinke from Springmeade will order your pizza. The band, The King's English is returning. They are a four piece band that formed at the University of Dayton in 1965. They went to New York City, auditioned for RCA, and were offered a contract but then the Vietnam War and life got in the way. The band members have continued to sing together for 50 years! They will perform their show



called "The Songs that Make You Smile and some Holiday Favorites! They were here making the building rock on July 30. So sign up to join the good times! They have agreed to play for us for free but they will have a tip jar out afterwards in case you enjoy the music. Limit: 75

The Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, December 21, at Noon



Christopher Norman from The Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Ron Willin is returning to ask you some interesting trivia questions that he has collected. Most of the questions will fit the generation that you grew up in. There will be prizes. Limit: 75

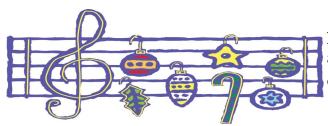
Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday Each Month!!

Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, December 14. The group will eat at Amber Rose located at 1400 Valley St., in Dayton. It is near Dayton Children's Hospital. Meet at the restaurant at 5:00 p.m.



Come Enjoy the Fantastic Flyer Follies on Monday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.

The Fantastic Flyer Follies is a Lifelong Learning Program at the University of Dayton. The members are all over 50. They are under the direction of Jacqueline Heman, a talented director and master dancer. The group will be putting on a holiday extravaganza for us. The Fantastic Flyer Follies have performed here several times in the past. It has always been an extraordinary show. Please be here by 10:20 a.m. so the show can start on time. This group can only exist through donations so if you enjoy the show there will be a bowl for donations out at the end of the show. Robin Kent from Brookhaven will sponsor the treats and drinks. Limit: 100



The Fantastic Flyer Follies group will need the pool room as a dressing room before, during, and after the show. Therefore the pool room will be closed for pool playing from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Events

Just as in past years, there are two holiday movies to enjoy. As with all movies, please sign up so there are enough snacks and treats for everyone.

Christmas Movie on Monday, December 6, at 1:00 p.m.
Snacks by Mitzi Yelton from Carriage Inn of Dayton

The first movie is *Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey*. Decades after being betrayed by his apprentice, a once joyful toy maker (Forest Whitaker) finds new hope when his bright young granddaughter arrives on his doorstep. An imaginary world comes to life in a holiday tale of an eccentric toymaker, his adventurous granddaughter, and a magical invention that has the power to change their lives forever.

PG Family/Musical 2 hr. 2 min.

Christmas Movie on Monday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m. Snacks by Donna McAdams from Hearth & Home

The second movie is Christmas Chronicles 2. Two years have passed since the end

of the first movie. Unhappy over her mom's new relationship, Kate, now a teenage runs away and lands at the North Pole, where a naughty elf is plotting to cancel Christmas. Teenager Kate Pierce is reunited with Santa Claus (Kurt Russell) and Mrs. Claus (Goldie Hawn) when a troublemaker threatens to cancel Christmas – forever. PG 1 hr. 55 min. Family/Comedy

LYN SISSON-TALBERT AND DAVID E. TALBER





Christmas Movie Trivia on Wednesday, December 1, at 11:00 a.m. On October 19, there were 28 members who enjoyed Mark's

trivia game. Mark Spirk from Mill Ridge Village gives you multiple choice answers to choose from. You play in small teams. On December 1, the questions will be about famous Christmas movies that you have seen. Mark has added questions about six more movies for this year. Sign up to come and enjoy the fun and learn some new facts that you might not know. There will be prizes at the end too! The dining room will be closed that morning until 10:30 a.m. Limit: 48

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Art and More

FREE Quilted Christmas Ball Class on Wednesday, December 1, at 1:00 p.m.

Toni will take you through the steps to decorate a Styrofoam ball with ribbon. There is no sewing involved. You will be pushing in 1/2" sequin pins to hold the strips of ribbon in place as you fold the ribbon. The process will take at least an hour. Limit: 12

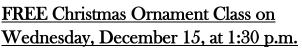
FREE Stand with Mini Calendar and Post-It Notes on Monday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Candy Jones will take you through the steps to make this stand holding a mini calenda

steps to make this stand holding a mini calendar and a pad of post-it notes. The vertical part is 5"H x $4 \frac{1}{4}$ "W. The horizontal part on the table is $5 \frac{1}{2}$ "L x $4 \frac{1}{4}$ "W. Keep it to use on your desk or counter or give it as a gift. There will be some choices on the paper and colors. Limit: 12

German Stars Class on Thursday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m.

Cass Barth bought special paper to make these stars. She will have the paper already cut into strips. The cost for the first set of strips is \$2. If you want to make more stars while in class, the strips are \$1 for each additional set of



Brandie Lovato from the Laurels of Kettering will show you how to paint a thumbprint decoration on a Christmas ball. Limit: 10

FREE Sock Snowman Class on Tuesday, December 21, at 1:45 p.m.

Nancy Lacey from Northwood Assisted Living will bring the supplies to make an adorable snowman. She will take you through the steps to complete this project. Limit: 10

Three Art Groups

1. Art Appreciation on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:40 p.m.

strips. Limit: 6

- This group is not meeting in December. They will return in 2022.
- 2. Art Group on Thursdays from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
 - Bring your own project to work on along with your own supplies.
- 3. Colored Pencils Group on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to Noon
 - This group makes original artwork using colored pencils.





Information

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

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

With Brenda Walters from Lovett & House, elder attorneys

The first movie is called *Quartet*. It is directed by Dustin Hoffman. *Quartet* is based on the true story of how the Italian opera composer, Verdi, who bequeathed his mansion to retired musicians. In the movie, once-popular opera diva Jean Horton (Maggie Smith) creates a stir with her arrival at Beecham House, a home for retired performers. No one feels the uproar more than Reginald (Tom Courtenay), Jean's ex-husband, who still stings from her long-ago infidelity. Most of the other Beecham residents are delighted, and try to convince Jean to join them in a performance of "Rigoletto." Jean, however, knows that she is long past her prime and is reluctant to sully the memory of her once-lovely voice. PG-13 1 hr. 38 min.

Drama/comedy

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Movie on the Third Friday at 1:00 p.m.
With Sheena Barrett from Crossroads Rehab

Join the adventure on Disney's Jungle Cruise, a thrill-ride down the Amazon with wisecracking skipper Frank Wolff (Dwayne Johnson) and intrepid researcher Dr. Lily Houghton (Emily Blunt). Lily travels from London, England, to the Amazon jungle and enlists Frank's questionable services to guide her downriver on his ramshackle boat. Lily is determined to uncover an ancient tree with unparalleled healing abilities—possessing the power to change the future of medicine. The unlikely duo encounter innumerable dangers and supernatural forces, in the lush rainforest. As they search for the lost tree, the stakes reach even higher for Lily and Frank and their fate—and mankind's—hangs in the balance. PG-13 2 hr. 7 min. Action / Adventure / Comedy

Winter Closings Policy Reminder

If the Vandalia Schools are closed for <u>weather</u>, the Senior Center will be closed. If the schools are on a delay, the center is open. If the schools are on a delay in the evening, be sure to recheck the news in the morning because sometimes the schools change to being closed if the weather becomes worse. When schools are not in session, the City will determine whether or not the Senior Center will open and will put closing information on the Weather Hotline: <u>937-552-2200</u>. The Weather Hotline is only updated when cancellations have been made. We encourage you not to drive to the Senior Center when the weather conditions are not favorable.

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| Desk Calendar 10:30 | Super Sewers 9:00 | Hula Hooping 9:30 | Lunch & Learn 11:00* | Colored Pencils 9:30 |
| | Bridge 9:45 | • | ' | Mah Jong 9:30 |
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Exercise and Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Dinner on Primrose Hill by Jodi Thomas Sleigh Bells Ring by Rae Anne Thayne

Never Fall For Your Fiancaee by Virginia Heath

Everything We Didn't Say by Nicole Baart

The Christmas Bookshop: a novel by Jenny Colgan

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Stillwater

Black Widow

Trading Places

Old

Respect



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.

***Golden Qi will not be held on December 21.

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.



*** The group will not meet the last two weeks of December.



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. Please sign up for each time.

Election of Officers for the Vandalia Senior Club
Are you interested in helping the Senior Club as an officer? There will be a new election at the December 10 catered dinner. If you are interested, either tell Toni in the office or call Donna Shirley, the Senior Club President at (937-898-3765). If you need more information about the positions, contact Donna.





Out of the Office

Toni will be out of the office from Wednesday, December 22 through Friday, December 31. If you have donations, please wait to bring them in January.

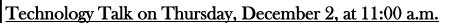
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Information

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



The Vandalia Senior Center Book Club will not meet in December but will return to meeting on the first Tuesday of each month beginning in January, 2022.



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.



Hats, Gloves, Mittens, and Scarves Are Needed

In December and January, we are continuing to collect winter hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. These can be purchased new or they can be knitted or crocheted. First Light Baptist Church will be giving these to those in need. Give your donations to Toni in the office.

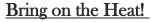


This year the Vandalia Senior Center was able to donate 18 lap quilts made by the Super Sewer group. We also gave the Amvets 26 afghans and blankets because of your donations. The Amvets will give these donations to many appreciative veterans.



Shiny and Clean!

During the last two weeks of October, our maintenance crew headed by Mark Collins waxed every floor in the building. They also cleaned all of the carpets. They do this every year in the fall.



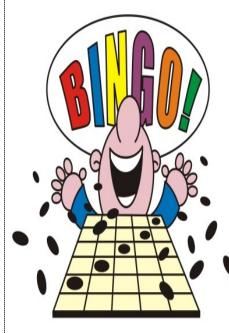
Last spring a very old HVAC unit in the building quit working. Luckily it happened about the time that we stopped using heat. During the week of November 1, the City had the old unit removed and a new one installed. It was just in time since the temperatures had started dipping. This unit will keep the back of the art room nice and warm.



Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Barb Wiekert 937-715-9303 Wednesday bridge at 12:30 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267 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 lunch and call bingo on Thursday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
- 2. Robin Shafer and Sarah Steinke from Springmeade will call bingo on Tuesday, December 7, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 3. Mark Maudlin from Humana will call bingo on Friday, December 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 4. Katie Ianni from Oak Street Health will call bingo on Tuesday, December 14 at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 5. Shelby Bettinger with Cypress Point and Dave Treadway with Heartland Insurance will call bingo on Thursday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35

Celebrate November Birthdays on Wednesday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Friendship Village 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!



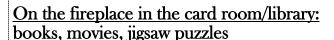
Donations Needed

Please leave these items in the office:

gallon size ziplock bags, individual creamers, birthday and seasonal napkins (not white we have many), individually labeled flavored teas (not green or 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 in the art/exercise room

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack:

used batteries, pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps, food for the Vandalia Food Pantry and for Cares4Kids.







December Travel News:

FYI.....one day tours are in jeopardy. Please sign up as soon as possible - \$89 pp for each tour 2022 One Day Trips

- 5/12 Ron Retzer 11 signed up to date
- 6/28 Tied up in Knots 9 signed up
- 8/11 Margaritaville 6 signed up
- 9/29 Rocky Mountain High 7 signed up

2022 Overnight Tours - Deposit \$100 pp

- 7/11 7/16 Branson \$635 pp dbl and \$814 for sgl insurance \$62 & \$72 final due by 5/4/21 24 signed up
- 7/25 7/29 Lancaster, Pa \$559 dbl \$708 sgl insurance \$48 & \$72 final due 5/18 15 signed up
- 8/09 8/11 The Ark Encounter \$355 dbl \$445 stl insurance \$38 for dbl and sg l final due 6/2—14 signed up
- 8/13 8/21 Danube River Cruise with Viking from \$2699 plus air and insurance

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year.

Liz Syska Home based agent Anchors Away Cruises & Tours 3780 Ponytail Palm Ct North Ft Myers, Florida 33917 937-260-0776

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. lizsyska0@gmail.com

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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Senior-Center

| | dalia Senior Club 21 Committee: Donna Shirley 937-898-3765 |
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| Treasurer | Pat Grimes 937-238-0527 |
| Secretary | Dottie Ganter |

Travel Liz Syska Director 937-260-0776

DATED MATERIAL: DO NOT DELAY

MEMBERSHIP ~

Age 55 or older Younger spouses are welcome!

The 2022 fees for new members are:

Vandalia Resident: \$15 single-\$25 dual

Non Resident: \$20 sing

\$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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