THE BLUE LETTER



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October 22, 2021

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

There are so many good things happening at the City. Let's build on this momentum and see possibilities everywhere. I am going to get right to it...

Governor DeWine in Vandalia on Tuesday: Governor DeWine will be at Taylorsville Metro Park here in Vandalia at 1 p.m. on Tuesday to award the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority (TCA) with a water and wastewater infrastructure grant for an 8,100-foot slip line

project on the 30-inch interceptor line that runs from Tipp City and Vandalia to our treatment plant. You are invited. This project will benefit 67,000 residents. While we still do not know how much is being awarded, TCA applied for \$2.4 million to fund the project. I anticipate that this will be the largest grant that TCA has ever received and it will go a long way to protecting our utility infrastructure. Congratulations to the new TCA General Manager (and Vandalia resident) Danny Knife on this



great accomplishment. The Board of Participants has asked me to join Governor DeWine on stage and speak on behalf of the member cities at the event. If you are able, please plan to attend the ceremony next Tuesday.

Retirement of Steve Nickels: Public Works Superintendent Steve Nickels has announced that he will retire on January 1, 2021. I am extremely grateful for his 31 ½ years of service to our beautiful community. He is a talented and dedicated public servant with unbounded institutional knowledge. It has been a pleasure to work with him and to learn from his experience. Fortunately, he won't be far as he has submitted a petition to annex his property into the City of Vandalia – now that's patriotism.

Leaf Collection: The map and schedule are available here: https://vandaliaohio.org/leaves. Learn more about the program here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tv23DfqNszY.



Welcome PSS Eddie Olinger! PSS Eddie Olinger started at VPD on October 13. He was formerly a dispatcher at the University of Dayton and he is completing his education at Edison State. Welcome to the family, Eddie!

New Signs: You will notice that the Public Works team is replacing signs around town to match our new brand standards. This is an ongoing project.





Commercial Truck Traffic: This week, the City released a 10-minute episode of Focus Vandalia on the multidisciplinary efforts that the City is taking to address commercial truck traffic in town. This video drew a little more than 750 views on the City's Facebook page. Please watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgoerokfM1A&t=125.

Traffic Counts: We are tentatively scheduled to begin traffic counts at the National Rd. & Dixie Dr. intersection next week. Equipment will be placed on Monday for counts to be taken on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. These counts will be taken by video so there will not be any equipment in the actual roadway. The City will continue to take periodic counts to inform data-driven decision making regarding the ongoing commercial truck traffic wees in town.



Enforcement: Truck traffic efforts continue with VPD officers made 15 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations over the last two weeks. These stops resulted in three traffic citations, 10 written warnings and 2 verbal warnings while working 16 additional enforcement hours.

Budget Workshop: The next budget workshop will be held during the Study Session at 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Justice Center. I have enclosed a tentative agenda.

VRC Revenue: I am enclosing a cut sheet on Vandalia Recreation Center revenues from residents versus non-residents. This information will be useful for conversations regarding



access and admissions to services that the City provides through the parks and recreation system.



Keep Vandalia Clean! CPO Andy Wehner continues keeping Vandalia clean a priority. On October 8, Montgomery County jail inmates cleaned up trash along the entrance/exit ramps of National Road and Northwoods Boulevard as well as along the I-75 corridor in Vandalia. He began this initiative last summer and now the Sheriff's Office has added these locations to the monthly rotation of the inmate worker trash clean-up program.

Small Business Relief Grant: The City continues to receive interest in the COVID-19 Small

Business Relief Grant from entrepreneurs and proprietors. The application is available on the website: https://www.vandaliaohio.org/smallbizrelief. To ensure that our business partners receive accurate information about the program restrictions, entrepreneurs and proprietors should be directed to contact ACM Holloway.



WHIO-TV - 7 Sees Your Town: Mr. Hopkins was informed that the City of Vandalia will be a featured

community on WHIO-TV's "7 Sees Your Town." I will share additional information once we hear from the segment producer. Thank you to Mr. Jack Froschauer for suggesting that the City reach out to the station to recruit some good public recognition.

Employee Appreciation – Dawn of the Desserts!!! Please see the enclosed flier as you are invited to attend! We will hold our next employee appreciation event – a dessert bar – at the Community Room in the Justice Center on October 27 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan: The City received submittals from five firms for the 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Request for Qualifications. Director Clark, Recreation Superintendent Kreill, City Planner Karto, and I are in the process of evaluating the submissions. We will conduct interviews in the coming weeks and I will ask City Council for permission to enter into an agreement at a future meeting.

Little Free Library: Recreation staff recently secured grant funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the purchase of four Little Free Library units. The Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club and the Vandalia-Butler Foundation have both awarded \$1,000 for the project. Staff will be working with the Butler High School Octagon Club to assist with the painting of the units, and the maintenance staff will be installing the units prior to spring, 2022.



Hotel / Motel Registration: Director Cron, Chief Follick, Chief Althouse and their teams are collaborating to launch the hotel registration program. The goal of the program is to hold proprietors accountable for reasonable property and public safety standards in public's interest. This program will take effect on January 1, 2022.

Open Enrollment: Open enrollment will be from November 1–15, 2021. The City continues to leverage technology to gain efficiencies. Open enrollment will be online only. Fear not - this can be done from one's phone, by their spouse, and at home on the couch. Next week, I will send out an agenda that will include various times and locations where employees can get help with open enrollment (e.g., shift change, business hours, off hours). In order to obtain health insurance, all eligible employees must make their electronic submissions by the November 15 deadline. I have spoken directly with our insurance broker about the online platform and I have confidence that this will be a smooth process that will save time and taxpayer money.

Executime Payroll System: The team is testing new electronic payroll system through a sample across several departments and divisions. There are growing pains but it is going to be worth it. Each year, countless hours are wasted through manual entry of payroll data. As a centralized function within the Department of Finance, the new payroll system will improve efficiency and accountability for taxpayers' dollars by tracking employee hours and automating data entry. The Finance Department will be conducting onsite trainings throughout the City as the full-scale launch draws near.

It is a privilege to serve this team.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Have a great weekend!

Your Partner in Service,

Dan Wendt City Manager

Attachments:

- 1. Information Update ACM Holloway October 21, 2021;
- 2. Information Update Director Leiter October 21, 2021;
- 3. Information Update Chief Follick October 21, 2021;
- 4. Information Update Director Clark October 21, 2021;
- 5. Information Update Chief Althouse October 21, 2021;
- 6. Information Update Director Cron October 21, 2021;
- 7. Employee Appreciation Flier Dawn of the Desserts;
- 8. Budget Hearing Agenda November 1, 2022; and
- 9. VRC Revenue Resident v. Non-Resident.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager

Date: October 21, 2021 Subject: Information Update



• On Friday October 8:

- I attended the Full Scale EOC exercise plan meeting
- o You, Rob and I met with Choice One Engineering to discuss utility extension
- You and I met with Superintendent O'Leary to discuss the possible expansion of the Downtown CRA.

• On Monday October 11:

- I attended the Council budget workshop
- I presented to a class at Wright State University to pitch a Capstone project. The project we pitched to the class is to develop a "Resident Academy". We will find out in the next few weeks if a group of students select our project.
- I attended the Business First! meeting held at Miami Valley Sand Volleyball with other area economic development professionals. We heard a presentation from University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI) on ways they can help small scale manufacturers grow and become more efficient.
- On Monday October 18:
 - o I along with staff from DES and Fire held our monthly Development Meeting.
 - o I met with 143 Engineers to go over our Safety Study presentation
 - I attended the City Council Study Session and Meeting
- Zak, Rob, and I met with a representative from Fischer Homes on Tuesday October 19.
 The purpose of the meeting was to identify properties that are appropriate for residential growth.
- The Vandalia Development Corp. met on Tuesday October 19 to review a grant request.
- On Wednesday October 20:

- I attended the Zero Loss Breakfast for the Public Works Department at the Vandalia Senior Center. Congratulations to the crew for their hard work and dedication to safety.
- Rob, Caroline Duffy and I presented our Safety application to the Ohio
 Department of Transportation for the National Road project. The initial feedback
 we received was very positive. We were told to anticipate a funding decision in
 mid-November.
- You, Zak, and I met to review upcoming public hearing items.

Communications Update

- Next week, Rich will be meeting with Department Directors to go through the website
 and make sure all pages are up to date. Darren Davey was kind enough to offer his IT
 office as the primary meeting spot. He has equipment that can project each web page
 onto a large screen, so everyone has a clear view.
- We have submitted articles for the Vandalia-Butler CommUNITY Newsletter. In the next issue, we'll have a story about our continuing efforts to minimize commercial vehicle traffic through the city, a story on the Heraeus Epurio ribbon cutting, an infographic on some of the items the City will be purchasing with the American Rescue Plan funds, a story on our Small Business Relief Grant Program and a story on our Christmas Tree lighting event.
- Work continues on our 2021 Annual Report/2022 Calendar. We have some great stories to tell this year.
- Rich was informed today that the City of Vandalia will be a featured community on WHIO-TV's "7 Sees Your Town" feature. We will share additional information once we hear from the segment producer.

City of Vandalia Finance Department

Information Update

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: October 21, 2021

Re: Information Update - Period Ending October 22, 2021

1. A few members of the Finance staff received a flu shot this year and appreciated the opportunity and convenience of receiving the shot at our workplace.

- 2. Kristen Carnes attended a council workshop and meeting.
- 3. I appreciated the opportunity to join you in a meeting with representatives from McGohan Brabender to discuss possible various service opportunities available to the City.
- 4. You, Chief Althouse and I met to discuss various issues and available options regarding the transition to Executime.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER

FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

DATE: 10/21/2021

SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2021

- 1. During the current reporting period, the crews have been working on annual hose testing. Fire hose gets tested annually to ensure that all is in good working order, anything that fails testing, will be removed from service. Crews should be finished testing all hose by the end of the month if not sooner.
- October 10th crews responded to northbound I-75 on a semi-truck fire. Vandalia
 received mutual aid assistance from Butler Township and Tipp City Fire
 Departments. No one was injured, and traffic was down to one lane to allow crews
 to work and clean up the incident.
- 3. October 11th after shortly clearing the semi-truck fire, crews responded back to I-75 near Northwoods Blvd with Tipp City Fire Departments for a multi-car accident involving several people claiming to be injured. Crews transported one to a hospital with only minor injuries.
- 4. The Division of Fire has been notified a few times of hydrants needing some paint and maintenance. As a result, the department has put out via social media to inform the community that we can take care of "ugly" fire hydrants. There is a link to send a note to the Fire Department about any hydrant concerns. Crews can then be sent out to take care of maintenance and painting of these "ugly" hydrants.
- 5. The Division of Fire had annual pump testing done on October 12th. Pump testing a is done every year on our apparatus to make certain all is in good working order.
 Any maintenance or concerns are also addressed at this time.

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DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

- 6. October 13th, Crews were again dispatched to I-75 on an auto accident. Once on scene crews found a single car into the wall with enough damage to trap the driver. Crews worked to extricate the occupant and then transport to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.
- 7. Chief Follick, Fire Marshal Eckert and Community Risk Reduction Coordinator

 Jacobs attended a citizen's police academy on the evening of October 13th. The

 academy was sponsored by the Vandalia Division of Police. Items the Division of

 Fire were able to present and discuss were the drone program, extinguishers, and
 the state of the fire department.
- 8. Crews were called to a car fire on I-70 during the afternoon of October 15th. There were no reported injuries and the interstate was down to one lane while crews worked to put the fire out and clean up.

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To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: 10/21/2021

Re: Information Update – Period ending October 21, 2021

Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill and I have been working on a project to install Little Free Libraries in several of our parks. We currently have a unit outside of the Recreation Center that is very popular. We have secured grant funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the purchase of four Little Free Library units. The Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club and the Vandalia-Butler Foundation have both awarded \$1,000 for the project. Jeff will now be working with the Butler High School Octagon Club to assist with the painting of the units. Maintenance staff will be installing the units prior to spring, 2022.

The Parks and Recreation Department recognizes our part-time and seasonal employees for years of service on an annual basis. Employees are recognized for each five years of service they attain, beginning with 5 years. We are in the process of notifying 23 honorees and providing them with a small token of appreciation. Fun Fact: counting the 2021 part-time service award winners, we've recognized a total of 204 employees in the Parks & Rec Department. 138 employees for 5 years; 31 employees for 10 years; 20 employees for 15 years; 9 employees for 20 years; 3 employees for 25 years; 2 employees for 30 years; and one employee for 55 years of service for a total of 204 recognitions since the inception of the program. We will be recognizing John Ross for 30 years of service this year along with Pat Kingery for 20 years of service.

RECREATION/ATHLETICS DIVISION

We continue to work with SwimSafe representatives on a possible extension of our aquatics staffing contract for 2022. The current two year agreement ends at the end of this year. We have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss proposals for 2022.

The Annual Fall Festival was held October 9 at the Art Park with over 800 people attending. Festival goers enjoyed live music, food trucks, vendors, inflatables, s'mores, crafts, a pumpkin patch and more. Kudos to Recreation Coordinator Aaron Messenger for planning and conducting such a successful event. We have received great feedback on the event from many community members and our team looks forward to continuing to improve the event.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

We received a really nice message from one of our Community Garden program participants that her garden plot provided lots of veggies for her family and over 100 pounds of vegetables for the Access to Excess program sponsored by Five Rivers Metro Parks.

Maintenance staff replaced the Frog Slide landing pad in the Aquatic Center at the VRC. This work was performed during late evening hours in order to limit the closure time of the aquatic facility for patrons.

Maintenance staff repaired a failed chlorine feed line at the VRC Aquatic Center. Staff evaluated the system, involved the Fire Department in the process and made a much improved installation of the replacement feed line. The goal of routing a better pathway for the chlorine line was accomplished thanks to the initiative of our maintenance staff and assistance from Fire Department personnel.

Fire extinguishers and hazmat building fire suppression systems have been inspected along with the kitchen hoods at the Senior Center and Clubhouse.

Justice Center roof leak issues were addressed as well as roof scans and core samples performed as part of the process in moving forward with flat roof replacement plans that is part of the facilities infrastructure project with Energy Systems Group.

RECREATION CENTER

Facility Manager Alicia McCracken and Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill met with Premier Health representatives last week to discuss an extension to our partnership agreement at the VRC. An updated agreement has been drafted and sent to Premier for input. Once finalized we will send the agreement to you and Jerry McDonald for review and signature.

We have a couple more weeks remaining in our fall membership special in which patrons can purchase a 2022 membership and get the remainder of 2021 included as no extra cost. We plan to make a final push via social media and email blast this week.

The next Premier Health speaker presentation at the VRC will be held on Monday, October 25 at 5:30pm. The topic is Women's Health 101. The final presentation of 2021 will be a Nutrition Health Talk will take place on December 7 at 5:30pm.

The VRC has new artwork on display in the west hallway. Smith Middle School 4th grade students studied work from a food painter and then drew donuts. 5th grade students studied a nature artist work and drew realistic leaves with creative backgrounds. Staff continues to work with school district art teachers to display and promote student art work at the VRC.

Administrative Manager Sharon Hamby is working with Vermont Systems support (Rec Trac) on several issues including punch card entry problems. When patrons use the card for entry into the facility the system will sometimes take a large number of visits from the card.

GOLF DIVISION

Golf Maintenance has aerated the greens and started aerating tees. The course was closed on October 12 and 13 to accomplish the greens aerification. Fairways will be aerified in November.

Play continues to be brisk, even after the recent aeration project. The nice fall weather has kept the course busy over the past several weeks.

Chief Building Inspector Ted Baker and I are working with Vancon General Contractors to finalize design build plans for the restroom facility that will be built on the course. Currently we are working to get all information submitted for EPA approval.

Ben is working with Club Car representatives concerning winterization of our new golf carts. He has worked with EzGo carts the past 20 years and there are subtle differences between the two brands when it comes to preparing the carts for the winter. The Club Car carts were very well received by golfers this year, especially the new Visage GPS fleet management features.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Custodial Supervisor Mark Collins and his crew are currently performing annual floor care work at the Senior Center. Carpet and tile flooring are being cleaned as part of the process.

The printer at the Senior Center is old and having multiple issues lately. We plan to provide the Senior Center with our administration printer and purchase a new printer for our administration area. Sherry McConnaughey is currently researching options for the administration replacement printer, specifically a unit that prints on both sides of the paper.

Toni Williams continues to communicate with Sinclair Lifelong Learning to determine when off campus classes will resume. She has been informed classes will now be 8 week terms instead of 16 weeks and the cost went up to \$25 per class.

Information Update



To: Dan Wendt

City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse

Chief of Police

Date: October 21, 2021

Subject: Information Update Ending October 22, 2021

- During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 15 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in three traffic citations, 10 written warnings and 2 verbal warnings while working 16 additional enforcement hours.
- 2. On October 8, Montgomery County jail inmates cleaned up trash along the entrance/exit ramps of National Road and Northwoods Boulevard as well as along the I-75 corridor in Vandalia. This initiative began this summer after CPO Andy Wehner requested the Sheriff's Office add these locations to the inmate worker program for trash clean-up and are now cleaned up monthly.
- 3. I attended a virtual bi-monthly meeting for the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Executive Board on October 13.
- 4. On October 13, I met with several other local police chiefs to discuss challenges our agencies are experiencing with the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center responding to pickup stray dogs. We composed a list of recommendations that will be submitted to county administration where we are willing to promote pet adoption and assist in decreasing the dog population at the ARC so animal control officers can respond to handle and investigate complaints of stray dogs.
- 5. Our newest Public Safety Specialist, Eddie Olinger Jr., began his career at VPD on October 13. PSS Olinger previously worked at the University of Dayton Public Safety Department as a dispatcher and is completing his college education in business at Edison Community College. He grew up in Trotwood and currently resides in Union with his fiancé. He was introduced at Monday night's Council Meeting and is excited to join VPD. We welcome Eddie to the VPD team!!
- 6. Detectives charged a 44-year old Centerville man with Disorderly Conduct after he kissed a 16-year-old female in a maintenance closet against her will while working as a DJ for Skateworld. The 16-year-old female was also an employee of Skateworld.
- 7. CPO Wehner gave a presentation at the Vandalia Senior Center at the request of Ann Brock of the Atrium Medical Center. The presentation was part of a several week course called "Stepping On." Ofc Wehner covered pedestrian safety and

hazards we face as we walk to prevent trips and falls. He also covered current scams targeting our community and elderly population. The residents were given the opportunity to ask questions about any topics or concerns with the police or City. There were approximately 30 residents in attendance.

- 8. On October 13, the Citizen's Police Academy held their weekly meeting at Butler Township Hall. Vandalia and Butler Township Fire Departments' representatives spoke about each department, how they work together, and their roles with the police departments. The participants were invited out to their garage bay where they participated in static displays along with interactive scenarios. The Vandalia drones were on display as well along with an indoor flight demonstration with some of the capabilities. A big "Thank You" to Vandalia and Butler Township Fire Departments for their assistance!!
- 9. A 21-year old female, living at large, was arrested at the Hawthorn Suites for advertising massage services with the suggestion of sexual activity. She also had an outstanding warrant and was transported to jail. She was accompanied by a male in her room who was taken to jail for a felony warrant.
- 10. I attended a meeting with representatives from DES and VFD on Monday morning to discuss the implementation of the hotel registration process and review forms and draft letters that would be utilized in the registration process. We also discussed how the City would address violations at the hotels and the implications on their registrations.
- 11. I attended a virtual meeting on Monday morning for the Montgomery County Re-Entry Program Education subcommittee to discuss upcoming presentation opportunities and developing a presentation for new police academy recruits attending Sinclair Criminal Justice Training Academy in 2022.
- 12. On October 20, Lieutenant Walker and I attended a virtual meeting for the Executive Board and Collaboration Board for the Montgomery County RANGE Task Force.
- 13. I met with Air Show Executive Director Scott Buchanan and Kevin Franklin, V.P. of Operations for Wright Bros. Aero, Inc., on Wednesday afternoon to discuss security operations and a variety of parking options for the upcoming 2022 Cinergy Air Show. The 2022 Air Show scheduled for July 30-31 has several popular performers scheduled, including the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, and all chalets have sold out already, indicating a probable increase in attendance next year.
- 14. SSM Kanzari, PSS Sparks, and Lieutenant Sucher attended a training class titled "When High Profile Calls Have a Higher Impact". This training addressed the importance of properly handling phone calls to a dispatch center and how the initial call can assist or hamper emergency response to a critical incident. The class covered case studies on incidents resulting death or serious injury of callers caused by improper processing of their call for help.
- 15. On October 20, we conducted the first round of interviews for our current police officer hiring process. Six candidates were interviewed. Second round of interviews is tentatively scheduled for November 3.
- 16. Detectives charged a Vandalia man with felony domestic violence (prior conviction for assaulting same girlfriend) after he assaulted his live-in girlfriend at a local bar and fled. The suspect was located and arrested up by road patrol officers.

- 17. This Wednesday, the Citizen's Police Academy held their final training class. The Dayton Police Bomb Squad, Dayton Airport Police Explosive Detection K9's, and Butler Township Police's K9 all joined us for demonstrations. The joint Citizens Police Academy graduation is scheduled for October 27 at 6:30 pm at the Butler Township Government Hall.
- 18. VPD will be participating in the upcoming Halloween Hangout event being hosted at the Vandalia Sports Complex by the Parks and Recreation Department. We have also invited the Ohio State Highway Patrol to send a trooper to the event and partner with us to pass out candy to the youth. VPD will have eight cruisers out during Beggar's Night on October 31 to pass out candy to trick or treaters in all the Vandalia neighborhoods. The Division is very grateful for all the candy donations we have received from the community.



Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service

Date: October 21, 2021

Re: Information Update for October 9-22, 2021

Development & Engineering Services

The Helke Road Watermain and Road Reconstruction continues to move along very well. They will have all of the excavation done this week and the majority of the gravel base installed. They will begin replacing deteriorated or unsafe sections of curbs and sidewalks next week along with installing handicap ramps at the intersections. Once the concrete work is completed they will be preparing for asphalt.

Barret Paving finished up the asphalt resurfacing on N. Dixie Drive last Saturday. The only thing left to finish is the final pavement markings. The final permanent markings will be thermoplastic installed by a subcontractor.

The Gabriel Street Reconstruction project has been advertised for bidding. Bids will be opened on November 3rd. We anticipate bringing the results and a recommendation for contract award to you and City Council at their November 15th Meeting. Our agreement with Ohio Public Works Commission has been signed and filed assuring our funding of nearly \$400,000 towards this project.

I attended the Ohio Public Works Commission District 4 scoring meeting on October 20th. I presented our Foley Drive Reconstruction project to the Committee. There were a total of 52 projects submitted for funding.

You and I met with Chanda Rohrer, our Rumpke Representative, to discuss our desires in the future for residential recycling. She will be getting back with us with other options and related costs.

Amber Holloway and I participated along with our consultant who gave our Safety Study presentation to ODOT for the proposed improvements to National Road through our downtown. Overall, I believe our project was well received.

Staff from DES, Fire and Police Departments met to discuss and review our process for Registering our Hotel/Motels per our new ordinance.

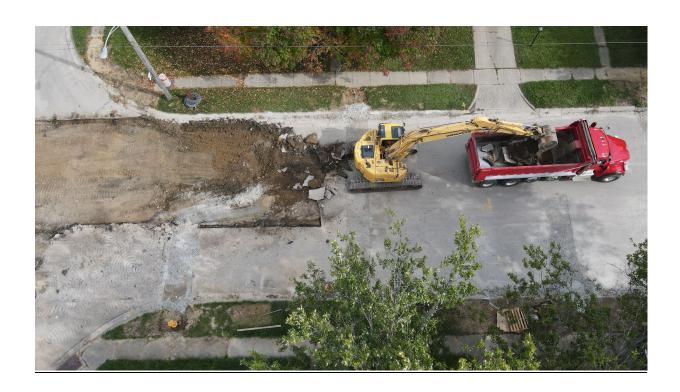
Zak Karto, Amber and I met with a representative from Fischer Homes to discuss possible future residential development opportunities in the City.

Pete Baldauf has been working with our Right of Way mowing contractor on obtaining the cost to extend our current contract. The current contract allows for an extension of two years at agreed upon costs.

Below are a few photos taken by our drone of the Helke Road project







Public Works

We have completed our first round of our four scheduled rounds of leaf collection in all ten zones.

We performed our monthly water shut offs for delinquent customers. There were 23 customers on the list this month.

Crews continue to perform asphalt repair work throughout the City. We will be working on asphalt repairs for the next few weeks as weather permits.

We held our final large item drop off at the Public Works Facility last Saturday. We will resume the event on the second Saturday next March.

Our crews installed the foundations for the solar lighting that will be installed in the new landscape median on N. Dixie Drive. The lights will be installed once the contractor has all of the topsoil installed.

We repaired a deteriorated storm sewer on N. Perry St. We also made two storm sewer tie-ins for residents during this period.

Steve Nickels and I attended the Tri Cities Wastewater Authority Technical Committee meeting on October 13th.

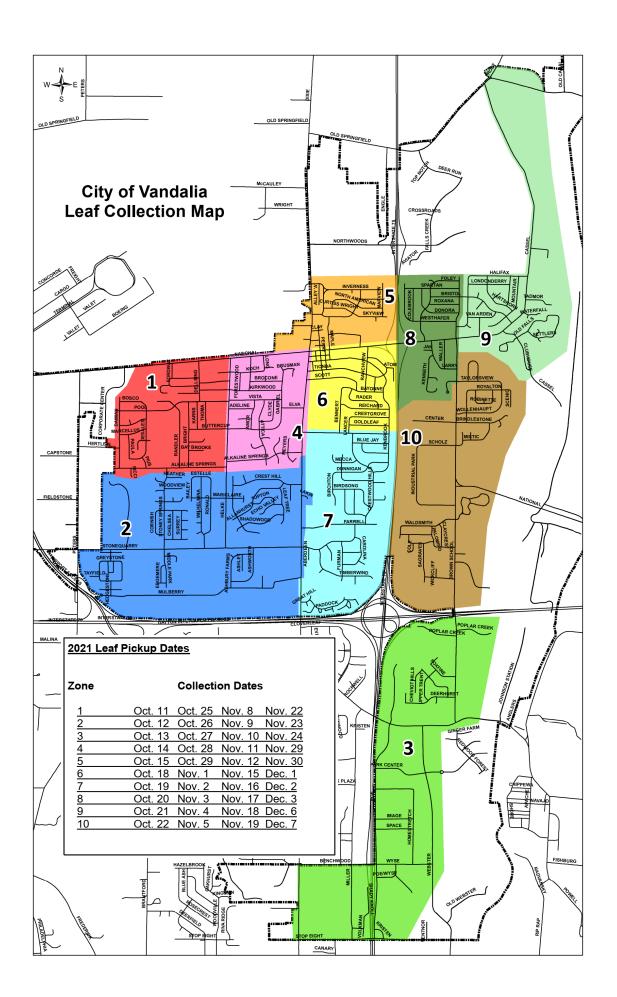
Mark Blosser and Steve Nickels participated in the Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Program (MIPP) inspection at Axogen along with Jeremy Bowser of Veolia.

Mark and DeWayne Hopping along with Jeremy also participated in the annual MIPP inspection at White Castle.

The Public Works Department was honored by MVRMA with a Zero Loss Breakfast at the Senior Citizen Center on October 20th. The Water & Sewer Division had zero insurance claims through MVRMA for the fourth straight year. Kudos to our crews for a great job and thank you to Starr Markworth from MVRMA for recognizing our department.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to Bill Miles on the passing of his mother and Mike Skaggs on the passing of his father. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Public Works Technician Eric Swartz and his new wife Alyssa on their recent marriage this past weekend.



Employee Appreciation takes a SWEET turn in October!



City of Vandalia
Employee Dessert Bar
Wednesday, October 27
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Community Room
Vandalia Justice Center

DAWN OFTHE DESSERTS

Stop by the Vandalia Employee Appreciation Dessert Bar and partake in the rich, sugary goodness of pure gratitude!

This is NOT a carry-in! You bring a hankerin' for cupcakes, cookies, and other equally exotic desserts, and we'll bring the goods!

As this event takes place so close to Halloween, we're upping the sweet factor by welcoming costumes for the event!

THE CRITICS ARE IMPRESSED!

- "What a SWEET idea!" Bob Woodward, Washington Post
- "An event that's sweeter than honey!" Rona Barrett, Village Voice
- "Sorry, I couldn't come up with another sweet reference." Tim Jones, Newsday





2022 Budget Workshop Agenda

Operating & Maintenance

Community Room, Justice Center

November 1, 2021

4:00 – 4:40 pm	Parks & Recreation – Director Clark
4:40 – 5:00 pm	Police – Chief Althouse
5:00 – 5:20 pm	Fire – Chief Follick
5:20 – 6:00 pm	Public Service – Director Cron
6:00 – 6:05 pm	Finance – Director Leiter
6:05 – 6:15 pm	Debt – Director Leiter
6:15 – 6:30 pm	Miscellaneous – CM Wendt
6:30 – 6:40 pm	Closing

The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations.

~ Jack Lew, 76th US Secretary of the Treasury

Revenue Resident Non-Resident Comparison 2019 & 2021

<u>2019</u> <u>2021</u>

VRC Memberships Jul-Sep 2019

\$58,432.66 Resident \$48,125.65 Non-Res \$16,186.98 Insurance Based Membership

Daily Admissions VRC July-Sep 2019

\$5,963.00 Resident \$19,955.00 Non-Res

Birthday Parties 2019 July-Sep 2019

\$1,080.00 Resident \$10,078.00 Non-Res

Youth Baseball/Softball 2019

\$18,680.00 Resident \$12,179.00 Non-Res

Youth Soccer 2019

\$17,780.00 Resident \$9,300.00 Non-Res

Senior Center Memberships 2019

July 315 Resident 126 *Butler Township 297 Non-Res

CampRec 2019

\$26,177.00 Resident \$59,145.00 Non-Res

VRC Memberships Jul-Sep 2021

\$49,537.07 Resident \$43,521.04 Non-Res \$13,213.85 Insurance Based Membership

Daily Admissions VRC July- Sep 2021

\$6,028.00 Resident \$26,322.00 Non-Res

Birthday Parties July-Sep 2021

\$770.00 Resident \$9,365.00 Non-res

Youth Baseball/Softball 2021

\$13,785.00 Resident \$13,872.00 Non-Res

Youth Soccer 2021

\$11,860 Resident \$9,030 Non-Res

Senior Center Memberships 2021

July 228 Resident 65 *Butler Township 242 Non-Res

CampRec 2021

\$32,021.00 Resident \$37,767.00 Non-Res