#### THE BLUE LETTER



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June 24, 2022

Honorable Mayor & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

We have a lot of great projects under way. Our departments are firing on all cylinders to achieve the goals of the 2020 Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan. The responsibility and

dignity of service to the community of our elected officials, boards and commissions members, professional staff, and volunteers is vast. As a team, we must work on being the brand. To the right, is a message that the City received about Sergeant Chiles. This represents who we are.

As we serve the public and try to arrive at the "best" policy options to benefit the most people reflect on the following:

I would like you to know about the kindness of your officers. I have been having a pretty stressful 3 months, husband in the hospital , rehab, hospital again and now rehab again. Currently he is is Troy. I was on my way home on 40 right by the Taylorsville dam. Shame on me, I was speedy, didn't realize it, but I was. The lady officer that stopped me ( around 3:40 pm this past Sunday). Was so nice. She asked where I was going and did I know how fast I was going. I was indeed speeding. She took my license and ran it through the computer. I throughly was ready for a ticket, deservingly so. She told me a story that her Dad told her snd told me I had enough stress already. I never expected this kindness. She was so very kind and understanding. I will never forget this. I only wish I got her name. Please tell her that she helped during a very tough time. I am forever grateful

You are here for a reason. Kindness matters. Never give up.

Emergency Operations Center Drill: Congratulations to Chief Follick and our team on a successful Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) exercise. Chief Follick dedicated herculean effort to making this training a success. This full-scale "Wheels on the Bus" exercise took place at the Sports Complex and in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Municipal Building. Members of the leadership team from the Vandalia Butler City School District joined us in the EOC. Fire Marshal Eckert and Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Jacobs utilized the VFD drone to surveil and stream live video back to the EOC. This scenario provided a great way for VFD, VPD, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Finance, IT, and the rest of our team to test our abilities on responding and handling a large-scale critical incident and work through providing the necessary resources to assist and support our community.



**CommUNITY Newsletter:** The CommUNITY newsletter should start arriving in mailboxes this week. I have enclosed an electronic copy.

**Dayton Daily News:** I have enclosed a recent article detailing the City's efforts to catalyze mixed use development through the Vandalia City Center Overlay. This is a great step in our journey to realize the goal of developing a downtown area where residents can shop, dine and recreate.

Gabriel Street Reconstruction: Sturm Construction states they will begin the concrete work on Gabriel Street next week. I have enclosed a letter that was sent to residents. Sturm Construction intends to start the curb work on Wednesday. This will take 2-3 days. They will follow immediately with the driveway approaches. Residents will not be able to access their driveways while the curb is being poured and for approximately five days after their drive approach is poured. Attached below is a notification that was delivered to each resident along the street.



Civilian Heroism Medal – Vandalia Fire Division: At this week's City Council meeting, Chief Follick and Community Risk Coordinator Scott Jacobs presented Ms. Katie Williams with the Division of Fire's Civilian Heroism Medal. In April 2022, a contractor working in Ms. Williams's apartment building created a significant carbon monoxide release. Ms. Williams purchased and installed a carbon monoxide (CO) detector on that day, noted that the CO detector was displaying

a high CO number, and the alarm was not functioning properly. She immediately called the fire department to come and check it out. Crews arrived to find high CO readings (180-250ppm) in all areas is the apartment building. Ms. Williams's actions by purchasing the CO detector & paying attention to that CO detector heroically saved the lives of everyone living in her building.

**Street Resurfacing - Focus Vandalia:** This week's Focus Vandalia covers the 2022 <u>Street Resurfacing Program (Video Link).</u> I have enclosed a map of the 2022 project.

With the concrete work completed, the resurfacing contractor intends to begin milling





streets on or around July 7th and will begin the resurfacing the following week. They need 3-4 days of milling to get ahead of the paving crews. **We will work to ensure this does not disrupt the Air Show or parade.** We have asked them to pave of Bohanan Drive on a Saturday to minimize the disruption of traffic to all of our facilities and the businesses on Bohanan.

Park-to-Park Meetings - Parks & Recreation Master Plan! The Park-to-Park Community Meetings have been a huge success. While we are abstracting similar quantitative data from many people through the statistically valid mail-out survey and convenience poll online survey, the Park-to-Park focus groups are meant to be semi-guided conversations that offer deep and rich anecdotal data from a few willing participants. The Parks & Recreation team reports that they have received great input over six meetings. The final meeting will take place at Helke Park on June 27 (flier enclosed).

The online survey will run through July 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to take the survey (LINK).

**GE Aviation:** This week I had the pleasure of touring GE Aviation with Plant Manager Jesse Baker and ACM Holloway. Mr. Baker indicated that production is strong, the location is favorable, and that they are actively recruiting more employees.

**GFOA Award with Excellence:** The Auditor of State has indicated that Director Leiter and the Finance Department have again achieved the GFOA Award with excellence. This is for calendar year 2020. We anticipate news about 2021 later this year. Congratulations to the team for ensuring fiscal sustainability, transparency, and accountability for the public's funds.

**City of Vandalia YouTube Channel:** The City of Vandalia routinely posts Council Meetings and other videos on the City's YouTube Channel and other social media outlets. Here is a link to that channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/VandaliaOhio">https://www.youtube.com/user/VandaliaOhio</a>

**Golf Revenue:** Saturday, June 18 was likely the highest revenue day without a golf outing in (recent?) history of Cassel Hills Golf Course. A total of \$7,284.11 in revenue was generated in the pro shop and snack bar. A great day is typically in the amount of \$6,000.

The Blue Letter - Online: I have started hosting my archive of The Blue Letter on the City website for easy access. Recently, some recipients have indicated issues receiving emails. Here is a link to that page: <a href="https://vandaliaohio.org/489/The-Blue-Letter">https://vandaliaohio.org/489/The-Blue-Letter</a>.

**Employee Assistance Program (EAP):** EmployeeCare, our free employee assistance program, is available to employees and others living at the same residence. This service is available 24/7 and is confidential – meaning the City receives no report of what is discussed. EmployeeCare can be reached at (937) 208-6626.



Health Insurance Advocacy and Assistance: Do you ever wish you had a personal health care assistant? Well...now you do! One of the top-tier services we now have access to is the McGohan Brabender Advocate Team. Feel free to reach out to the advocate team at <a href="mailto:mbadvocates@mbbenefits.com">mbadvocates@mbbenefits.com</a> Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Financial Status:** YTD May 31, 2022, overall Income tax revenue is up 3.18% (\$259,700) from 2021. In general, we are 6% above the estimate. This is a great indicator; however, I am cautious because the City will have better year-to-year figures after the July report is released due to the delay of the 2021 filing deadline (July 15, 2021).

**Public Works Technician Recruitment:** This week, we interviewed several qualified candidates for the open Public Works Technician recruitment. Although the team is down several members due to deployment, retirement, and leaving for other opportunities; the crews are producing with expediency and efficiency. Public Works Superintendent Ritchie indicated that they recently laid 280 tons of asphalt.

Congratulations to Public Works Technician Supervisor DeWayne Hopping! Mr. Hopping has submitted notice that he has accepted a position as the Public Works Manager at the City of Piqua. His last day will be July 9, 2022. When I spoke with Mr. Hopping, he stated that this position is like the Public Works Superintendent position. When I spoke with him on Friday, he indicated that he loves the City of Vandalia and that it was too good of an opportunity to pass up. Mr. Hopping has been a faithful teammate and good supervisor. I want to thank him for his service to our community and wish him luck at the next level.

Facilities Infrastructure Project Update: Great things are happening. There is a bit of a bottleneck with back orders for mechanicals. To date, the following have been completed: roofing work at Recreation Center and Justice Center; Justice Center interior lighting; Senior Center interior lighting; Recreation Center window tinting; and street lighting conversion to LED fixtures on Dixie and National. In June, the following should take place: Park Maintenance Building roof replacement to begin; Municipal Building roof work to begin; Park Maintenance lighting installation to begin; and mechanical drawings for HVAC project to be completed.

**Electric Aggregation:** The City continues to receive calls regarding the recent generation rate increases by AES. Residents are encouraged to study and to consider whether registering with an electrical or gas aggregation through **Energy Choice Ohio (LINK)** is the right decision for their household.





**National Rd. Fence:** Public Service Director Cron has spoken with the fence contractor about the installation of the decorative fence at National Road and I-75. They are still approximately a month away from the delivery of the materials. They may be in prior to that to remove the old fence, clear the trees, and install the concrete mow strip for the fence.

Targeted Enforcement – Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition: On June 17, VPD participated in a targeted enforcement effort through the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition. This operation is a collaborative law enforcement effort with partnering agencies in Montgomery County to help combat the opioid and methamphetamine epidemic within Montgomery County. VPD hosted the briefing for this operation and the targeted enforcement areas included Vandalia, Butler Township, Trotwood, Clayton and Harrison Township. As a result of this operation, there were 83 traffic stops, 13 felony drug arrests, four (4) felony firearms arrests, four (4) other felony arrests, nine (9) misdemeanor arrests, and 19 traffic citations issued in various jurisdictions.



Art Park Restroom: Art Park restroom construction is underway with foundation, plumbing connections and floor currently completed. Van Con plans to bring building materials to the site yet this week.

Ban on Displaying Fireworks: Last month, the City opted out of the new Ohio fireworks law. Ignition, discharge, or explosion of fireworks within the Vandalia City limits are and remain prohibited. Sparklers are permitted. The annual Star Spangled Celebration on July 3 at the Vandalia Sports Complex (flier enclosed).

**Public Safety Specialist Appointment:** After a competitive recruitment and Civil Service process, Police Officer Kayleigh Ulrich recently transitioned to Public Safety Specialist. She will continue serving the City in her new role in the VPD Communications Center.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Your Partner in Service,

Dan Wendt



#### City Manager

#### Attachments:

- 1. Summer CommUNITY Newsletter;
- 2. Letter to Gabriel St. Residents Director Cron;
- 3. Park to Park Series Meeting Flier;
- 4. DDN Article Vandalia City Center Overlay Zoning;
- 5. My Vandalia App Flier;6. 2022 Employee Appreciation Events Flier;
- 7. Police Division Open House Flier;
- 8. Star-Spangled Celebration Flier;
- 9. Information Update ACM Holloway June 24, 2022;
- 10. Information Update Director Leiter June 24, 2022;
- 11. Information Update Chief Follick June 24, 2022;
- 12. Information Update HR Manager Pruszynski June 24, 2022;
- 13. Information Update Director Clark June 24, 2022;
- 14. Information Update Chief Althouse June 24, 2022;
- 15. Information Update Director Cron June 24, 2022;
- 16. 2022 Street Resurfacing Program Map; and
- 17. 2022 City Council Policy Goals.







Butler Township, City of Vandalia, Vandalia-Butler City Schools

Summer 2022



# Star-Spangled Fun for All

The skies above the Vandalia Sports Complex will explode with brilliant fireworks on Sunday, July 3, as the City of Vandalia and Butler Township present the Star-Spangled Celebration!

This event combines music, food and a spectacular fireworks show to ring in the Independence Day holiday.

Music by the Tyler Cochrane Trio will start at 7 p.m. Count on dancing to your favorite hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Local organizations will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, pretzels and popcorn.

Plan to come early as parking lots are full well before 9 p.m.

#### you're guaranteed to leave humming the Star-Spangled Banner," said Vandalia City Manager Dan Wendt.

"This event is so fun and so patriotic,

Thanks to Our Sponsors

# The City of Vandalia and Butler Township want to thank the local businesses that pitch in to support the Star-Spangled Celebration. Primary sponsors include Smedley's Chevrolet, Airport Toyota, Beau Townshend Ford and Fifth-Third Bank. Additional support comes from Digital Cowboy Computers and the law firm, Pickrel, Schaeffer

and Ebeling.

### Cruise-In to Butler Township – Aug. 5

# **Take Pride in Your Ride**

You're invited to join the area's car enthusiasts and other fun-lovers at the 8th Annual Cruise-In to Butler Township, August 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fireworks begin

at 10 p.m. sharp!

Commerce Center Drive and York
Commons Boulevard are closed during
the event, so everyone can safely
admire the many makes and models of
cars lining the streets. Food and beer
will be available. The classic rock and
country band, Blue Leaf, will perform,
so bring your lawn chair and enjoy
the music.

Registration is free, and the first 100 vehicle registrants will receive a free t-shirt and dash plaque.

The following awards will also be announced at the end of the show:

**The People's Choice**: "Best in Show" (Voted on by the public)

**The Trustee's Award**: "Bragging Rights" (Voted on by your township trustees)

**The Fire Chief Award**: "Hottest Ride" (Voted on by the fire chief)



**The Police Chief Award**: "Most Likely to Get a Speeding Ticket" (Voted on by the police chief)

We hope you'll join in to make this year our biggest year yet!



For more information, visit @cruiseintobutlertownship on Facebook.









# Congratulations, Class of 2022! **District's 100th Commencement**

With 229 spring graduates, the Class of 2022 celebrated Vandalia-Butler's 100th commencement of the consolidated school district.

Superintendent O'Leary reflected on the group's time at Butler High School.

"The tornado to end your freshman year, the nine-week shutdown of your sophomore year and the fight for normalcy your junior and senior years. You did not have one 'normal' high school year, but here you are. You have achieved so much collectively and individually, despite having every excuse to fail," he said.

Through all of the trials and tribulations, the Class of 2022 proved to be resilient, earning a record high of \$11,888,797 in post-secondary scholarships.

#### New Sidewalks to Improve Students' Safety

New sidewalks on the north side of Stonequarry Road, between the Vandalia corporation limit and Morton Middle School, are on their way. Butler Township is finalizing agreements with property owners for the installation of the sidewalks.



The new sidewalks will start at the corner of Peters Pike, connecting the walking path in Vandalia to the east and the Morton Middle School to the west. This connection will allow students to walk safely to school and may potentially reduce the number of bus routes needed.

The project is a joint effort involving Butler Township, the City of Vandalia and the Vandalia-Butler City School District.

"All the entities have been dedicated to making it happen," said Butler Township Administrator Erika Vogel.

The township is hiring a contractor and plans to complete construction before the start of the 2022-2023 school year.



Class of 2022 leaders: (L-R) Madison Geier, Senior Class Vice-President; Lilian Seldon, Senior Class Secretary; Mitchell Thomas, Student Body Vice-President; Jacob Louderback, Student Body President; Danielle Holop, Senior Class President; Katherine Bonifas, Student Body

#### 3,000 Aviators **Gather to Close Out School Year**

More than 3,000 students and VBCSD staff came together in early May for what's becoming a popular tradition: a district-wide pep assembly. This year they celebrated Vandalia-Butler's 100-year anniversary as a consolidated school district.

It was an excellent way to offer encouragement to all to finish the school year strong. Staff and students, from high schoolers to first graders, competed in friendly games such as Quick Change Relay and Noodle Ring Pass. It was a joy to see all Aviators working together and staff modeling the value of school pride.

In his remarks, Superintendent Rob O'Leary thanked everyone for being respectful, responsible and resilient.



### **Community Wishes Chamber Director Well**

One of Vandalia-Butler's most energetic supporters is moving on to a new position. Will Roberts, president and CEO of the Vandalia Butler Chamber of Commerce for the past 15 years, is going to work for the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance, which serves chambers of commerce throughout southern Ohio.

Since coming to the Vandalia chamber in 2007, Roberts has grown the membership and the number of services offered to members. He created the Taste at the Crossroads, the Vandalia-Butler Awards and the Women in Networking group.

The chamber's board of trustees has hired Bill Clark as the organization's new president and CEO.

"There's been no one who's worked more dynamically to promote this community than Will Roberts," said Butler Township Administrator Erika Vogel. "We look forward to building on his achievements with Bill Clark at the helm."



Vandalia Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees and outgoing president: (L-R) Rob O'Leary, Stacy Whetstone, Mike Thein, John Wheeler, Joel Bopp, Will Roberts, Dan Wendt, Jacqueline Nawroth, Betty Dankworth, Erika Vogel, Mason Hutton, Amy Ross.



# **Big and Bold, Mural Celebrates City**

With help from a talented artist and a host of community members, a colorful mural is now part of Vandalia's downtown streetscape.

Support for the \$10,000 project located at 115 National Rd. – came through a \$4,250 grant from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District, administered by Culture Works, and funding from the Vandalia Arts Council. Vandalia Rental donated the use

The project was inspired by residents and stakeholders who participated in developing the Vandalia Comprehensive Plan in 2020.

"Residents and stakeholders felt strongly about enhancing the city's business corridor," said Assistant City Manager

Amber Holloway. "The final report recommends that the city create a public art program on blank walls and prioritize those walls that will have the most impact on public spaces. This mural does just that."

The artwork celebrates Vandalia's designation as a Bee City, USA, showcasing bees, honeycomb and flowers. It was designed and created by Tiffany Clark of the Mural Machine.

More than 50 people came to help paint the mural on Community Paint Day, May 14.

"People of all ages and abilities came and grabbed a paintbrush to be a part of this project," Holloway said. "It was gratifying to see so many excited about this mural."

#### What's Coming Up?

Local events are your best bet for a safe and affordable good time in the coming months. Stay in town and enjoy these gatherings with your family, friends and neighbors:

July 3, 7 p.m. - Star-Spangled Celebration, Vandalia Sports Complex. Fireworks at 10 p.m.

July 21, 6-8 p.m. - Music in the Park, Vandalia Art Park

July 29, 7 p.m. - Air Show Parade, Downtown Vandalia

Aug. 2, 6-8 p.m. – Vandalia National Night Out, Vandalia Rec Center

Aug. 2, 6-8 p.m. – Butler Township National Night Out, Stonesprings of Vandalia

Aug. 5, 4-8 p.m. – Cruise-In to Butler Township, York Commons & Commerce Center Dr.

Aug. 18, 6-8 p.m. - Music in the Park, Vandalia Art Park

Sept. 9 & 10 - Sister Cities Oktoberfest, Vandalia Sports Complex

Sept. 15, 6-8 p.m. – Music in the Park, Vandalia Art Park

Oct. 1, 12-7 p.m. - Butler Township Party in the Park, Art Van Atta Park Oct. 8, 12-6 p.m. – Vandalia Fall Festival, Vandalia Art Park









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#### 2022 Street Resurfacing List

Corporate Center Drive Koch Avenue **Long Street** 

**Howard Lane** 

Frances Lane

Allanhurst Avenue

Woodland Meadows Drive (S. of Mariclaire)

**Shadowood Drive** 

Leaf Tree Lane (S. of Echo Valley Dr.)

Echo Valley Drive (W. of Topton Dr.)

**Mulberry Woods Court** 

Mulberry Road (Dixie to Mulberry Woods Ct.)

Northwoods Blvd. (Dixie to Flying J)

James E. Bonham Memorial Drive

Lakin Court

Crestwood Hills Drive (S. of Poplar Grove)

O'Hara Court (West section)

Old Springfield Road (Old Springfield Ct. - Frost Rd.)

Frost Road

Industrial Park Drive (S. Brown School to curve)

Upper Trent Way (S. of Bolton Abbey Ln.)

Deerhurst Drive (S. Brown School to Upper Trent)

**Old Derby Court** 

Little York Road (I-75 to S. Brown School Rd.)

S. Brown School Road (N. of Little York Rd.)

Homestretch Road

#### City's Road Resurfacing Underway

The City of Vandalia is investing \$1 million in resurfacing 26 stretches of roadway as part of its annual resurfacing program. The overall project includes an additional \$400,000 in concrete repairs to curbs and sidewalks and handicap ramp installations at intersections that do not have them.

"A number of factors go into determining which streets are resurfaced," said Director of Public Service Rob Cron. "We prioritize those streets in the worst shape."

City officials also consider planned utility projects. "If a water or sewer project is planned in the next few years, we wait until it's completed," Cron said. "We don't want to dig up a brand-new street."

Vandalia's "Safe and Stable" levy pays for the street resurfacing program.

"In 2010, voters approved a quarter of one percent income tax to be used for police, fire and streets," Cron said. "The income tax allows us to resurface streets and repair concrete without assessing property owners."

Cron reminds residents to be patient while crews are working.

"We know many will have limited driveway access for a time," he said. "We also know everyone will love the end results."

#### Tell Us What You Think

The City of Vandalia is developing a parks and recreation master plan that city council will use to inform decisions for years to come. To help create the plan, residents and stakeholders are invited to complete an online survey to share their opinions.

Simply scan the QR Code here to take the survey, which takes less than 10 minutes to complete.







call 937.898.5891 fax 937.898.6117

June 23, 2022

Gabriel Street Property Owner/Resident

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience during the reconstruction of your street. The contractor has made good progress to date with the utility work and excavating the roadway to prepare for the new street base and surface.

The next step in the project will be the concrete work. They will be preparing for the installation of the curbs and sidewalk in the next several days and, weather permitting, they will begin pouring the new curb on Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>. You will need to have your vehicles out of your driveway before the concrete work on the morning of June 29th. It is likely that the curb installation for the entire street will be a two-day process. The contractor will begin preparing and pouring the drive approaches within the next day or so after the curbs. During this time, you will be unable to use your driveway for approximately 5 days after the concrete for your approach is poured. You will be able to park your vehicles in front of your homes or close by at the end of each work day. But they will need to be moved first thing in the morning. During the day you will need to park your vehicles on one of the side streets.

Once the concrete work is completed, the contractor will be installing a new gravel base for the street followed by the asphalt and yard restoration.

As with all construction projects, weather can play a role in the schedule. Rain could delay the concrete work. So, the date listed above and subsequent schedule are tentative based on the weather.

The good news is that all of this work is being completed at no cost to you. We thank you again for your cooperation and patience throughout this project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at 937-898-3750.

Sincerely,

Rob Cron

**Public Service Director** 









# Park to Park **Community Meetings**



The City of Vandalia is in the process of creating a parks master plan that City Council will use to inform decisions for many years to come. Parks & Recreation staff will facilitate a semi-guided conversation as we listen and learn from our residents about YOUR parks system.

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

Jeffers Park Monday, June 13 @ 6 pm (Rain Date June 20) Victory Park

Tuesday, June 14 @ 6 pm (Rain Date June 21)

Cassel Hills Pool Saturday, June 18 @ 4pm (FREE Admission all day, Rain Date June 25)

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

Tuesday, June 21 @ 6pm (Rain Date June 28)

(Bolton Abbey Lane / Cheviot Hills)

Robinette Park Thursday, June 23 @ 6pm (Rain Date June 30)

Helke Park Monday, June 27 @ 6pm (Rain Date July 11)

We want your opinions on our parks, events, amenities and facilities!





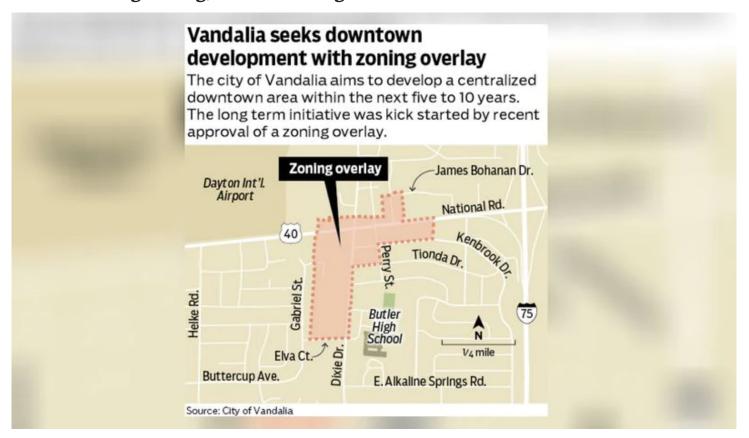




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#### Vandalia using zoning, incentives in goal to build vibrant downtown



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By Aimee Hancock

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Vandalia city officials are setting the scene for development of a centralized downtown area they hope will be brimming with businesses, restaurants, bars and luxury loft apartments.

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City council last month agreed to implement the Vandalia City Center Overlay into the zoning map. The overlay district encompasses a section of Dixie Drive from Elva Court up to West National Road, then east, including part of Maple Street, and along National Road, ending before Bohanon Drive.

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"There's been this desire for decades for the city of Vandalia to have a discernable downtown area where people can come to eat, to shop, to have professional offices and maybe a medium-density type of housing option that's centered around the amenities," said City Manager Dan Wendt.

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Overlay zoning is a tool used to establish certain regulations and permitted uses for an area in addition to the underlying zoning district. In Vandalia, it will promote development of a downtown area by allowing certain businesses and residential properties to locate within the district.

"We think there is really good opportunity now for redevelopment of this area, and what we're working on doing at the city is creating the right type of environment and incentives for development," Wendt said. "One of the proactive measures that we're taking is to work with the businesses to, in some cases, expand the uses that are permitted."

Permitted uses for businesses within the downtown overlay district include medical/dental clinics; micro-level breweries, distilleries or wineries; sit-down restaurants; coffee shops or cafes; boutique-style hotels or bed and breakfasts, and mixeduse buildings.

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Prohibited uses for business development would include loan and cash advance establishments, laundromats, pawn shops, auto repair establishments, and tattoo parlors.

Wendt said there are some businesses already established within the overlay district that fall under the prohibited use category. He said the goal is not to eliminate or restrict those.

"We want those (business owners) to be successful and to continue with their businesses," he said. "As we try to bring in these mixed-use buildings that have a combination of residential and professional spaces, you're bringing people in to work, so we want to have the right type of attractions that also support them in the traditional downtown manner (by) giving them a place to go to lunch, to pick up provisions, and the opportunity to embrace and use local professional services."

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Wendt said the city has also extended its Community Reinvestment Area as part of the downtown redevelopment plan.

"This allows us to give property tax incentives to businesses that are redeveloping," he said. "We heard from developers and builders that this is essential for this type of development in our market."

The process of full redevelopment of the downtown area is long-term, Wendt said. The next step includes enlisting a firm to conduct a feasibility study to determine which type of businesses are likely to be successful based on demographic and location metrics.

City officials estimate residents can expect to see notable redevelopment results within the next five years.











going to be a big win for the city."

#### In Other News

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- **2** Sunny and slightly warmer today; rain chances return Sunday
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2022

# The Year of Employee Appreciation

(The Sequel)

Wednesday, June 15

Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vandalia Sports Complex

Friday, July 22

Pizza in the Park

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

Helke Park

Wednesday, August 10

Picnic in the Park

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

Friday, September 23 Employee Taco Bar

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

Senior Center

Wednesday, October 26

Employee Donut Bar 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Vandalia Justice Center

Wednesday, November 16

Monday, December 19

Employee Pancake Breakfast

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

Cassel Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

City Council Employee Appreciation Day

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

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To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager

Date: June 23, 2022

Subject: Information Update



- On Wednesday May 25, 2022, I met with representatives from ODOT to review our Systemic Safety application for National Road.
- I participated in the healthcare renewal meeting with McGohan Brabender on Friday May 27.
- I attended the DDC Public Sector event on Wednesday June 1.
- I met with several developers interested in industrial development during this update period.
- I attended the First Friday coffee on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate Will Roberts' service to the community.
- You, Rich, and I met with a DDN reporter to discuss the Vandalia City Center Overlay.
- I attended the Employee Ice Cream Social. This was a great event. Perfect for the warm day!
- Rob and I met with a retail developer interested in two sites in the City of Vandalia.
- Staff from DES and I held our monthly development meeting to review ongoing and proposed developments.
- I participated virtually in the Dayton Airport Master Plan meeting on Tuesday June 21.

- On Wednesday June 22:
  - You and I held a business retention visit with GE Aviation. We toured the facility and learned about some of the new projects they are working on. Things are going great for the company and this was a very positive visit.
  - I, along with a Project Manager from the DDC, held a retention visit with Triad Technologies.

#### **Communications Update**

- We filmed Focus Vandalia on Thursday June 23.
- The CommUNITY Newsletter is due out next week.

# Memo



To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: June 22, 2022

Re: Information Update - Period Ending June 24, 2022

- 1. The Finance department is pleased to announce that the annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 met the requirements to be awarded GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- 2. YTD May 31, 2022, overall Income tax revenue is up 3.18% (\$259,700) from 2021. Withholding tax is up YTD 4.85% (\$286,629); individual tax is down YTD 0.59% (-\$5,727); Business net profit tax is down YTD 1.67% (-\$21,271). The amount of income tax revenue budgeted for 2022 is \$17,675,000. The amount collected YTD was \$8,411,470 and is 6% higher than the estimated YTD amount based on the budget.
- 3. The compilation team and auditors from Plattenburg and Associates are finalizing the data for the 2021 Annual Report and audit. The reports will be released by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Financing for the Dog Leg Rd utility project is now complete and secured through the issuance of bonds.
- 5. I attended a regularly scheduled council workshop and meeting where I presented the May 2022 YTD financial information.
- 6. I attended a NAWA Board meeting where I presented the April 2022 YTD financial information.
- 7. I attended a healthcare renewal meeting with City staff and representatives from McGohan Brabender to discuss the upcoming renewal period.
- 8. I attended the bid opening for the Dog Leg Rd utility project.



#### DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

**TO:** DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER

FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

**DATE:** 6/23/2022

**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING JUNE 24, 2022

- Training during this reporting period was held at the old Celebrations II Banquet Hall on Poe Ave. Crews were able to get in some additional training such as hose movement, ventilation, search and rescue, and much more. The Division of Fire is thankful to Rush Truck Center (owner of the property) for allowing us the opportunity to get in this training before the building is demolished.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Vandalia crews along with Tipp City and Butler Township handled a single car accident with heavy damage on southbound I-75. Crews transported 3 patients with serious but non-life threatening injuries.
- 3. On May 24<sup>th</sup> the Division of Fire had a turtle visit Station 1. The turtle, now fondly nicknamed Michelangelo, wandered up the back mound of Station 1 and took a rest under a nearby tree. It seems to be the season for turtles, because the following day, CRR Jacobs, assisted a passerby at Peter's Pike and National Road helping yet another turtle cross the road to safety.
- 4. Due to weather and high winds, we saw a burn ban from the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Division of Fire encourages residents to be weather aware often, this includes being aware of conditions not suitable for burning. These fires can easily spread quickly and cause damage to buildings in close proximity. State burning laws can be found online through the State of Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of the Fire Marshal.
- 5. In addition to the high winds and burn ban, The Division of Fire has experienced a variety of inclement weather this reporting period. From high winds, to severe storms, tornado warnings and extreme temperatures. The Division of Fire also posts weather awareness

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- messages on social media to reach a large portion of our community on how to stay safe during these weather emergencies.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> crews responded to Webster Street on a single car rollover accident. Two
  occupants were able to make it out of the vehicle on their own. One was transported to the
  hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.
- 7. Crews responded with Butler Township Fire and Huber Heights Fire to Center Drive, May 29<sup>th</sup> on a report of a fire. Upon arrival, crews found a shipping container on fire at the rear of the building. The fire was deeply seated, and crews had to work a while to clear the container to completely extinguish. Fortunately, there were no injuries and investigators were called to the scene.
- 8. Vandalia crews were called to assist the Fire Collaborative on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Crews were called to the Stillwater River on the report of someone in distress. One person was successfully removed with no injuries.
- 9. Crews are thankful to an anonymous local business who donated ten cases of water to the Division of Fire on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The water will certainly help our personal to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated while working emergencies in the heat wave we have been experiencing.
- 10. June 18<sup>th</sup> Crews responded with Butler Township Fire and Huber Heights Fire on a report of a two-car crash at Benchwood and Dixie Drive with one on its top and potential occupants trapped. 4 people were transported to the hospital with non-life threating injuries.
- 11. Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> crews were called to Union Air Park and National Rd for a vehicle vs. motorcycle accident. The motorcyclist was transported to the hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.
- 12. Crews responded to a "smoke in the area" call on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Crews found a recreational fire that was left unattended (during burn ban weather conditions) and had extended into the

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grass of the back yard. Recreational fires should never be left unattended, and information for open burning and recreational fires can be found on the City's Web Site under the Division of Fire.

- 13. At the June 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, the Division of Fire was able to recognize and present Ms. Katie Williams with the Civilian Heroism Medal. In April 2022 a contractor working in Ms. Williams Apartment building created a significant Carbon Monoxide release. Ms. Williams had recently purchased and installed a CO detector and noted it was displaying a high CO number. She immediately called the Fire Dept. to come check it out. Upon arrival crews found high reading in all areas of the apartment building. Because of Ms. Williams actions of purchasing the detector and calling for help, she saved the lives of everyone living in her building. Congrats and Thanks to Ms. Williams!
- 14. During the late evening hours on June 20<sup>th</sup> Crews were called to a scene where a train struck a vehicle near the Taylorsville Dam. Fortunately, no one was injured, and the train was not damaged.

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# Memo

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Melissa Pruszynski, Human Resources Manager

Date: June 23, 2022

Re: Information Update - Period Ending June 24, 2022



- 1. At the Monday, June 20 Council Study Session I presented to Council a recommendation from McGohan Brabender regarding the annual renewal of the City's stop loss coverage. McGohan Brabender competitively shopped various carriers and as a result recommended to staff that Council authorize a six-month agreement with the incumbent carrier, Swiss RE, in order to move to a January renewal schedule. Staff feels that a January schedule will better align with employee needs. During this renewal, Underwriters will remain as the City's Third-Party Administrator and this renewal will not affect the health insurance plan or premiums. I would like to thank Council for their approval of this item (Resolution 22-R-42) during the June 20 Council meeting. I am looking forward to returning in the fall with the January renewal details.
- 2. Recruiting progress: The Civil Service Commission will meet next week to consider approval of an eligibility list for the Public Works Technician vacancies. Several vacant positions are in various stages of the hiring process including Public Safety Specialist, Parks and Recreation Mechanic Facilities Maintenance, Police Officer, Part-Time Fire Inspector, Part-Time DES Administrative Assistant, Full-Time and Part-Time Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector, and Seasonal Maintainer. Watch your inbox for additional upcoming employment opportunities!
- 3. Today I received a phone call from Sam's Club. They wanted to let staff know that the store is currently offering \$8.00 memberships through June 26. Get yours today!
- 4. **Remember,** EmployeeCare, our **free** employee assistance program, is available to you and those living under your roof, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may contact the EmployeeCare staff **confidentially**, any time, at 208-6626.
- 5. Do you ever wish you had a personal health care assistant? Well...now you do! One of the top-tier services we now have access to is the McGohan Brabender Advocate Team! Feel free to reach out to the **advocate team** at <a href="mailto:mbadvocates@mbbenefits.com">mbbenefits.com</a> Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- 6. Just a reminder that our **Superior Dental** plan has several convenient tools and resources to make it easy to manage our dental plan. For example, the Direct Connect tool provides easy access to ebills and the Find-A-Dentist tool allows us to find a NETWORK dentist in our area. There are many more features located at <a href="https://superiordental.com/employer-support">https://superiordental.com/employer-support</a>.

- 7. Amazing Care at our fingertips courtesy of TrueScripts! TrueScripts now offers TEXT & LIVE CHAT during normal business hours. Feel free to visit and register in the TrueScripts member portal at <a href="https://memberportal.truescripts.com/">https://memberportal.truescripts.com/</a>.
- 8. If you would like to browse City of Vandalia Employment Opportunities, the link is <a href="https://www.vandaliaohio.org/422/Employment-Opportunities">https://www.vandaliaohio.org/422/Employment-Opportunities</a> or scan the QR Code at the top of this informational update.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: 06/23/2022

Re: Information Update – Period ending June 23, 2022

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update – The online survey will continue through July 4. Park to Park Community Meetings are going very well with lots a great input from residents. Thus far, meetings have been held at Victory Park, Cassel Hills Pool, Asbury Farms Park, Jeffers Park and Foxfire Neighborhood. Remaining meetings are scheduled for Robinette Park on June 23 and Helke Park on June 27. We will be meeting with PROS Consulting to review the statistically valid resident survey findings report on July 5.

#### **GOLF DIVISION**

Saturday, June 18 was most likely the highest revenue day without a golf outing in the history of Cassel Hills Golf Course. A total of \$7,284.11 in revenue was generated in the pro shop and snack bar. A great day is typically in the amount of \$6,000.

Marty watered fairways and tees last week for the first time this year. This normally happens in the beginning of May, not mid-June. The wet spring created excellent course conditions and did not require watering earlier in the season.

With the rising cost of delivery fees Ben has decided to cut out all deliveries and pick up supplies from Sam's and GFS. Over the past two weeks he has saved over \$375 in delivery fees, which will help out the food operation bottom line significantly over the course of the golf season. An example of the savings is with Gatorade product as the cost for product and delivery from Pepsi is \$30 per case. Ben purchases Gatorade from Sam's Club at \$14.88. This is a perfect example of staff working to meet City Wide Policy Goals for 2022 (Fiscal Sustainability; Sharpen the Saw).

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

Toni has finished editing the Welcome to the Senior Center notebook that details operations and procedures for the facility. The document is 189 pages and contains step by step processes.

Van Tran volunteer driver Judy Laughter went above and beyond recently to assist a program rider. On June 14 Judy went to pick up a scheduled trip and found the rider's blinds closed and no signs of movement from the house. Upon investigation, Judy found the rider had fallen and was on the floor and could not get up. She called 911 and was able to get the garage code from the rider to gain access to the home. Medics arrived and examined the patient. Kudos to Judy Laugher for going above and beyond the call of duty to check on the welfare of the rider.

#### **RECREATION CENTER**

Summer CampRec is already in week 4 of the program. This week is "The Great Outdoors" week, where kids learn all about nature. Representatives from Leave No Trace, Bee City USA and the Dayton Environmental Center will be attending camp to share information and conduct some fun activities with the campers. The weekly field trip is to Learning Tree Farm on Union Road in Dayton.

We will be hosting a Youth Pickleball Clinic on June 23 at Helke Park. Thus far, a total of 11 kids are signed up for the clinic. Mike Seaman and other Vandalia Pickleball Group players will be instructing.

Group Fitness class attendance for the month of May totaled 1,881 compared to 1,186 last May. Our year to date attendance through May is 6,540, up from 5,799 during same time period last year.

Daily admission visits continue to increase at the VRC. A total of \$21,693 in daily admission fees were collected in May (highest in 12 years) compared to \$11,919 in May of 2021. We continue to experience high daily admission usage during the month of June. A snapshot of visits from June 15 shows we had 336 daily admissions with 46 being residents and 290 non-residents. A large percentage of these visits are for use of the aquatic center.

The gymnasium and group fitness studio are currently closed, June 21-27, for a floor refinishing project. A new VRC logo will be placed on center court in the gymnasium as part of the floor care maintenance project.

Insurance based membership visits for the month of May totaled 3,353 compared to 2,638 in 2021. Year to date insurance based membership visits total 18,253 in 2022 compared to 13,118 in 2021.

We have officially introduced the Executime payroll system to VRC part time staff. We will be going live with the timekeeping system on Sunday, June 26. Key fob distribution and practicing of clocking an out started last week.

#### **RECREATION/ATHLETICS DIVISION**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Vandalia Corporate Challenge took place June 5-10 with 11 business teams participating. Inteva Products took home first place honors after a week of competitive but friendly competition. GE Aviation finished second followed by Waibel Energy and VB Schools. The City of Vandalia finished in fifth place overall, winning the Trivia and Euchre events during the course of the week. Jeff Kreill and John Myers did an outstanding job organizing this premier event for the Vandalia business community.

Goat Yoga at the Art Park was held on June 21 with a great pre-register turnout of 63 participants.

Attendance at Cassel Hills Pool has been well above average during the month of June thanks to a prolonged hot weather period. On June 14, of the 314 zip code entries logged at the front desk 69 were from the 45377 zip; 40 from 45414 and 290 from various other zip codes surrounding Vandalia.

#### **FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

Facilities Infrastructure project update – To date, the following installations were completed as part of the overall project: Roofing work at Recreation Center and Justice Center; Justice Center interior lighting; Senior Center interior lighting; Recreation Center window tinting; Street Lighting on Dixie and National. Upcoming work during the month of June includes: Park Maintenance Building roof replacement to begin; Municipal Building roof work to begin; Park Maintenance lighting installation to begin; Mechanical drawings for HVAC project to be completed.

We took delivery of our new Building Maintenance van last week. We are working to get the new city logo design placed on the vehicle and hope to have it in service in the coming days.

Custodial Supervisor Mark Collins began yearly floor cleaning and waxing at the Justice Center. The basement area and first floor are complete at this time.

When locking the Helke Park restrooms Custodial Supervisor Mark Collins found 2 bikes left or stolen in the women's restroom. He contacted the Police Department and took the bikes to storage at the Public Works Facility.

Landscape maintenance, trimming, mulching and watering of recently planted ground cover plants, trees and shrubs continues.

Art Park restroom construction is underway with foundation, plumbing connections and floor currently completed. Van Con plans to bring building materials to the site yet this week.

# Information Update

To: Dan Wendt

City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse

Chief of Police

Date: June 23, 2022

Subject: Information Update Ending June 24, 2022



- 1. During the past five (5) weeks, VPD officers made 43 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in two (2) citations and 41 written warnings while working 40 additional enforcement hours.
- 2. On May 24, VPD hosted a workshop that featured retired Dayton Police homicide detectives who shared their experiences and expertise with our detectives. With the infrequency of homicide investigations in Vandalia, this training helps to prepare our detectives for the special circumstances associated with such investigations.
- 3. On Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26, VPD increased our presence at the school buildings in response to the school shooting in Texas. Patrol officers, CIS personnel, and police administration provided a heavy visible presence in the school zones in the mornings and made extra school visits throughout both days. Anytime an incident occurs, such as the tragedy in Texas, parents, students, and school staff are reminded of the dangers that exist in our society today. We received a lot of positive feedback for our increased presence to close out the school year. VPD works closely with our school officials to ensure every measure is taken to protect students and school staff.
- 4. On May 25, Police Officer Kayleigh Ulrich transitioned to a public safety specialist ad will continue serving the City in her new role in the VPD Communications Center.
- On May 24, May 28, June 22, and June 28 the Division participated in Dayton Service Initiative traffic details that focused on high traffic crash areas along roadways in Montgomery County. On May 24 and June 28, a VPD officer worked the areas of I-75 in our jurisdiction and on May 28 and June 22, VPD patrol officers focused their enforcement along Dixie Drive. These details are a joint effort by Montgomery County agencies to reduce traffic crashes and keep our roadways safe.
- 6. On May 27, we received an alert through our Flock Safety system about a stolen vehicle traveling northbound on Dixie Drive passing Great Hill Road. Officers were able to stop the vehicle along East National Road and took the driver into custody. The driver had a warrant from another county in Ohio and drugs/drug paraphernalia was also recovered from the vehicle.
- 7. CPO Wehner attended a one-day Interview & Interrogation Class through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy hosted at Sinclair Community College.

- 8. Detectives charged and arrested a 19-year Englewood man for shooting at a Vandalia resident and causing damage to a car and house. The suspect was indicted for Felonious Assault with a three-year gun specification, Discharging a Firearm into a Habitation with a three-year gun specification, Discharging a Firearm at or near a Prohibited Premises, and Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle.
- 9. Detectives charged a 20-year old Dayton man for assault for punching another male in the face after a party dispersed in the 800 block of Spartan Avenue.
- 10. Police staff will host an open house event at the Justice Center on Thursday, July 14, from 5pm to 7:30pm. This event will feature tours of the police department, explanation of body-worn cameras and footage obtained, SWAT vehicle display, TASER demonstrations, practical training on the MILO video scenario system, patrol vehicle display, fingerprint processing and lifts, impaired goggles experience, and much more. There will also be free food during the open house as our police staff look forward to interacting with our residents and showing them the various tools used to deter and solve crime, police training tools, and technology utilized by VPD.
- 11. On June 8, I attended a board meeting for the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police in Dublin. Discussion surrounded the continuance of the Ohio Collaborative and new standards scheduled to come out in upcoming years.
- 12. On June 9, I met with owner Joe Beidelschies of American Quality Fabrication Inc. on Scholz Drive regarding an animal infestation his building has experienced, causing nearly \$100k in damages to his facility. We worked on some possible solutions to prevent further damage to his facility by racoons, including citing another nearby local business for feeding feral cats which also attracted racoons.
- 13. On June 10, I attended a monthly meeting with School Superintendent Rob O'Leary, School Safety Director Bill Wertz, and Chief John Porter regarding school-community safety issues.
- 14. On June 16, on-duty supervisors and administration attended a webinar, "Ask a Question, Save a Life." The webinar covered the signs and symptoms of suicide and provided viewers with training on QPR (Question-Persuade-Refer). QPR is a program to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing practical tools to recognize and act to help prevent suicide.
- 15. On June 16, I attended a board of directors meeting at the Wright Brothers Aero offices for the United States Air Show. This year's show features a great line-up of performers, including the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels as the headliner. Pre-sale tickets are high and many of the reserved chalets and seating areas are sold out. Parking arrangements have changed this year with the hope of alleviating some traffic congestion around the City during this weekend.
- 16. On June 17, VPD hosted our annual community blood drive in the basement of the Justice Center. Twenty-nine people signed up to donate and of those 21 were able to provide the much needed blood for our community.
- 17. On June 17, VPD participated in a targeted enforcement effort through the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition. This operation is a collaborative law

enforcement effort with partnering agencies in Montgomery County to help combat the opioid and methamphetamine epidemic within Montgomery County. We hosted the briefing for this operation and the targeted enforcement areas included Vandalia, Butler Township, Trotwood, Clayton and Harrison Township. As a result of this operation, there were 83 traffic stops, 13 felony drug arrests, four (4) felony firearms arrests, four (4) other felony arrests, nine (9) misdemeanor arrests, and 19 traffic citations issued.

- 18. Detectives investigated an incident where Waibel Energy Systems had a check stolen from the mail and cashed by a male from Dayton. During the investigation, detectives found a total of four checks were stolen and totaled over \$35,000 in losses to Waibel Energy Systems. Detectives found the checks were stolen from a post office in Kettering. Kettering Police Department is currently handling a large amount of mail thefts from several Montgomery County post offices and their detectives will be prosecuting the suspects identified and arrested for the thefts.
- 19. The Division of Police and the Division of Fire responded to the 1000 block of East National Road on a report of a stabbing. Police officers and medics worked quickly to stabilize a five-year old child who was stabbed with a pair of scissors. The Division of Fire transported the juvenile to Children's Medical Center, where he is currently in stable condition. This incident stems from an argument over a video game and the suspect is the victim's eight-year old brother. This investigation is ongoing.
- 20. Officer Michael Knotts successfully completed the two-week Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab Evidence Technician course. This course teaches the skills necessary to photograph, collect, and process evidence at crime scenes. Each VPD officer becomes a certified evidence technician upon completing this training and the training is free as part of being a member agency with the Crime Lab.
- 21. Officer Brazel and Officer Fraley attended the Ohio Tactical Officers Association (OTOA) conference in Sandusky. This training enables our officers to participate and train in courses that enhance our firearms training and tactical operations at VPD. Both officers are part of VPD's range staff.
- 22. Officer Thomas participated in the Ohio State Highway Patrol's week-long training on *Firearms, Arrest, and Self-Defense Tactics*.
- 23. Lieutenant Sucher, Lieutenant Walker and I attended the Chamber's grand opening of the Popeye's Chicken on Miller Lane as they are welcomed to the Vandalia-Butler community. It is always exciting to see new businesses open within our community
- 24. On Thursday, I attended a police chiefs' roundtable discussion hosted by Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) in Centerville where there was discussion on training and best practices for police agencies to reduce liability and practice good risk management for our municipalities. Police chiefs and representatives from sixteen municipalities attended the meeting.
- 25. On Friday, VPD participated in the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) exercise "Wheels on the Bus" at the Sports Complex and in the Emergency Operations Center. This scenario training provides a great way for VPD to test our abilities on responding and handling a large-scale critical incident and providing the necessary resources to assist and support other City Divisions.



#### Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service

**Date:** May 19, 2022

**Re:** Information Update for May 21 – June 24, 2022

#### **Development & Engineering Services**

Sturm Construction has indicated that they will begin the concrete work on Gabriel Street next week. They intend to start the curb work on Wednesday. This will take 2-3 days. They will follow immediately with the driveway approaches. Residents will not be able to access their driveways while the curb is being poured and for approximately five days after their drive approach is poured. Attached below is a notification that was delivered to each resident along the street.

DL Smith Concrete has completed this year's concrete repair program. They may have a little clean-up work to do but all concrete has been poured.

With the concrete work completed we have met with our resurfacing contractor. They intend to begin milling streets on or around July 7<sup>th</sup> and will begin the resurfacing the following week. They need 3-4 days of milling to get ahead of the paving crews. We have asked them to schedule the paving of Bohanan Drive on a Saturday to minimize the disruption of traffic to all of our facilities and the businesses on Bohanan.

I have spoken to our fence contractor about the installation of the decorative fence at National Road and I-75. They are still approximately a month away from the delivery of the materials. They may be in prior to that to remove the old fence, clear the trees and install the concrete mow strip for the fence.

I received an update on the US40 Improvement project from RB Jergens. All of the traffic signal work is completed and the signal are all fully operational including vehicle detection. They made repairs to the southbound concrete ramp to the Airport Access Road. This is why the ramp was closed temporarily last week. Final milling and paving is scheduled to start the night of July 5<sup>th</sup>. They intend to work 8pm to 6am for this phase this work. Final striping and restoration will follow

Proposals are due on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> for the Engineering and Design of the Webster Street Resurfacing project. This item will be on for consideration at the July 5<sup>th</sup> Council Study Session and Regular Meeting.

Amber Holloway and I met with a developer that has interest in a couple different sights in Vandalia.

Pete Baldauf, Amber and I have a pre application meeting scheduled next week with the firm preparing plans for the new development coming at the end of Center Drive.

Site work continues at 710 Deer Run Drive for their proposed facility. We have approved their plans for their footer and foundation permit. We are still waiting on a few documents to be submitted before issuing their permit. One being the record plan to vacate the existing utility easements the other being the statement of special inspections.

Plans have been reviewed for the proposed development at the end of Capstone Way. Comments were sent back to the engineers and we are waiting on their revisions. Preliminary site work has begun on the project

Permits were issued for all of the phase one buildings in the Redwood Development. They have begun the footer and foundation work on the first building.

Drawings were submitted this week for the True North (Shell) project at 22 Ranchview Drive. This will be a complete demolition and rebuild of their facility.

We have issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Beau Townsend Quick Lube facility at 1090 W. National Road.

The building department staff met with the contractor for the White Castle expansion to discuss items required to get them a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

Staff continues to meet regularly with our software developer to keep the project moving forward for our integration to the cloud based version of Municity.

Chris Mastrino has been attending the weekly progress meetings for a infrastructure upgrade project. His knowledge of our current systems has been a tremendous asset to this project.

Chad Baughman continues to work on preparation of plans for the Foley & Enola Drive Reconstruction project. This has been challenging with all of the current projects happening where he is required to be in the field overseeing those projects. We plan to have this project out for bid later this fall with construction most likely taking place in early 2023 with lack in availability of materials.

#### **Public Works**

Crews continue to focus on asphalt patching throughout the City. This includes watermain break areas from last winter, sections that have deteriorated over the winter that are not on our resurfacing list and large potholes that have appeared. This period we placed 280 tons of asphalt.

We also placed asphalt on Little York Road where our contractor removed the concrete median strip just east of Poe Avenue. This island has been a maintenance issue for years as vehicles continually run into and damage the signs in the median. The median is no longer needed as we removed the abandoned driveway entrance to the property on the northeast corner of Poe Avenue and Little York Road.

We contracted with Dukes Root Control to treat approximately 3,500 lineal feet of our sanitary sewer mains that routinely have root infiltration.

We repaired a water service line at 379 Skyview Drive.

We were able to demo a large hydro vac truck this week. We performed excavation at a fire hydrant and cleaned a couple sanitary sewer mains on N. Brown School Road. We have this item planned in our 5 year Capital Improvement Budget.

Our mechanics serviced the fire department medics and made a cylinder repair to the ladder truck.

Our new Radio Repeater was installed at the Sports Complex water tower. We anticipate having the repeater in service very soon.

We have started to make repairs to manholes and catch basins on the roadways that will be resurfaced this year including several on Bohanan Drive.

We performed four burials at Poplar Hill Cemetery during this period.

We performed water shut offs for delinquent customers during this period. There were 68 customers on the list this month.

We have performed 168 utility locates to date this month.

Wally Ritchie and I attended the NAWA Technical Committee meeting and the Tri Cities Technical committee meeting during this period.

We have performed first and second round interviews for our Public Works Technician vacancies during this period. We will be submitting our recommended eligibility list to the Civil Service Commission for their approval. We have hired Jason Hedrick as a seasonal Public Works Technician. Jason's first day was Monday June  $20^{\rm th}$ .

Staff from both divisions attended the Employee Appreciation Ice Cream social last week. Thank you for this opportunity to mingle and network with our co-workers form other departments.

We participated in the Emergency Operations training on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Chief Follick and the fire department for organizing this training opportunity.



333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive Vandalia, OH 45377

call 937.898.5891 fax 937.898.6117

June 20, 2022

Gabriel Street Property Owner/Resident

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience during the reconstruction of your street. The contractor has made good progress to date with the utility work and excavating the roadway to prepare for the new street base and surface.

The next step in the project will be the concrete work. They will be preparing for the installation of the curbs this week and, weather permitting, they will begin pouring the new curb on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>. You will need to have your vehicles out of your driveway before the concrete work begins. It is likely that the curb installation for the entire street will be a two-day process. The contractor will begin preparing and pouring the drive approaches within the next day or so after the curbs. During this time, you will be unable to use your driveway for approximately 5 days after the concrete for your approach is poured. You will be able to park your vehicles in front of your homes or close by at the end of each work day. But they will need to be moved first thing in the morning. During the day you will need to park your vehicles on one of the side streets.

Once the concrete work is completed, the contractor will be installing a new gravel base for the street followed by the asphalt and yard restoration.

As with all construction projects, weather can play a role in the schedule. Rain could delay the concrete work. So, the date listed above and subsequent schedule are tentative based on the weather.

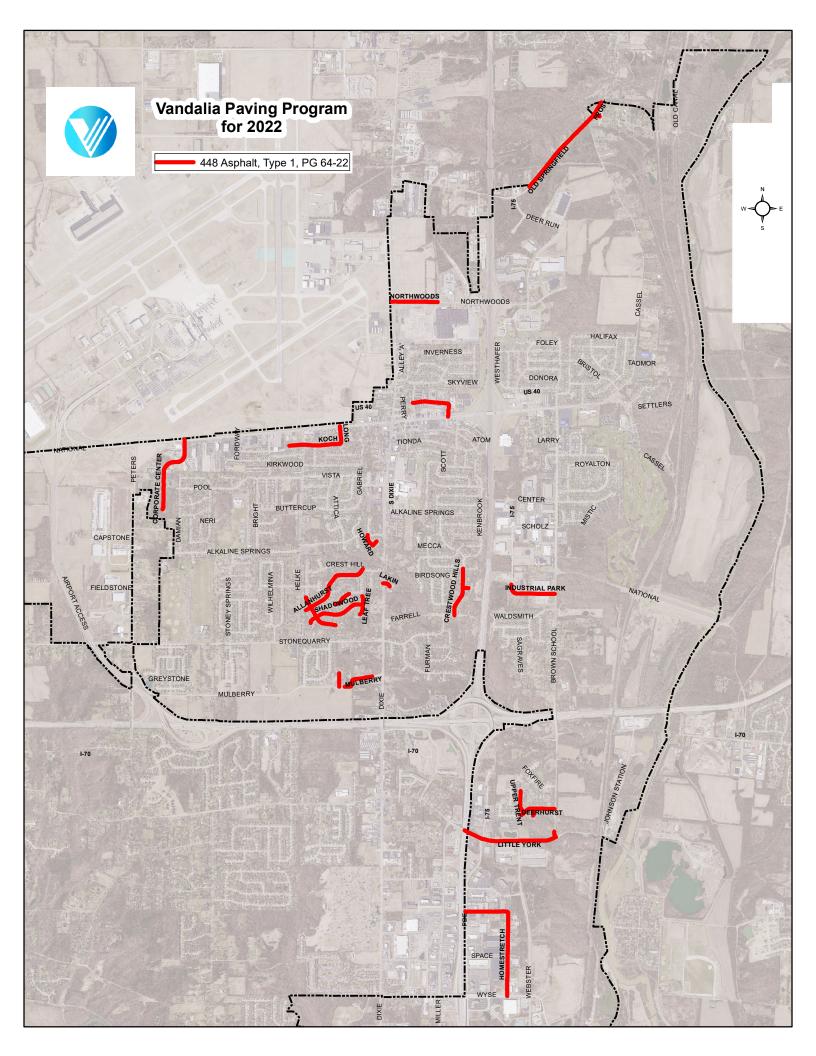
The good news is that all of this work is being completed at no cost to you. We thank you again for your cooperation and patience throughout this project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at 937-898-3750.

Sincerely,

Rob Cron

**Public Service Director** 





#### 2022 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved November 15, 2021

#### Live



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



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



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

#### Work



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



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



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

#### Play



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