THE BLUE LETTER



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July 1, 2022

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Happy Independence Day! I have enclosed our flier for the Star-Spangled Celebration! Festivities will start at 7 pm on July 3rd with fireworks commencing at 10 pm. The <u>Star Spangled Celebration (Video LINK)</u> is also our featured program in this week's Focus Vandalia.

Annual Paving Program: The annual paving program will start with milling on July 5th. Paving work will begin on Saturday June 9th (weather permitting). Director Cron has worked with the contractor to ensure that paving does not interfere with the upcoming Airshow parade and traffic. I have enclosed a map of this year's paving

Vandalia's 2022 Road Resurfacing Project begins next week!

Contractors have advised the City of Vandalia that the 2022 road resurfacing project will begin next week.

Weather permitting, crews will begin milling down the streets to be resurfaced on Tuesday, July 5. Paving work could begin as early as July 9.

Please use caution when travelling in construction zones.







have enclosed a map of this year's paving program. Paving on US 40 west of Airport Access Rd. will start July 13, 2022 (a oneweek delay from what was previously reported).

Northwoods Business Park
Development: This item is not on the July
5th agenda. The developer has requested to
delay until July 18th Study Session so that
they may hold a neighborhood meeting on
July 11th at 6 pm. This would push a vote by
Council back to an August 1st Special
Meeting. The neighborhood meeting is not
a City-led event, and it is not the City's
meeting. I do not believe a location has
been announced and I will share details
when I know.



Body Armor Grant! Congratulations to Chief Althouse, Lieutenant Sucher, and the Police Division on winning a \$9,302.47 grant for the purchase of body armor as part of the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program. There is nothing better than stretching taxpayer dollars by winning grants for necessary purchases!

Art Park Restroom Facility: The Art Park restroom has gone vertical! This addition is being built by Vancon General Contractor with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Tri-Cities Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour: I would like to invite you to tour the Tri-Cities Wastewater Treatment Plant with General Manager Danny Knife. Your participation is optional. I have set the dates and times for Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 4 pm; and, Friday,

July 15, 2022, at 8 am. If neither of these dates work for you, I am happy to schedule an individual tour if you are interested. During the tour, I plan to discuss the planned maintenance, system conversions, and capital upgrades as infrastructure reaches its end of useful life. I respectfully request that you RSVP by July 8, 2022, so that I can determine whether I must advertise this tour as a special meeting with no legislative action to be taken.

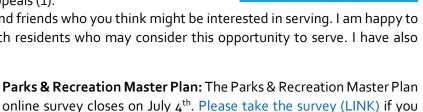
Boards and Commissions Recruitment: The City is recruiting for volunteer members of several boards and commissions. Apply here: Boards and Commissions Application (LINK). Current vacancies include:

- Planning Commission (2);
- Board of Zoning Appeals (1);
- Arts Council (2);
- Bicycle Committee (1);
- Golf Advisory Board (1); and
- Housing Code Board of Appeals (1).

Please share this with neighbors and friends who you think might be interested in serving. I am happy to sit down and discuss the roles with residents who may consider this opportunity to serve. I have also enclosed an application.

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This week, the Parks & Recreation team wrapped up our Park to Park meeting series at Helke. This was a valuable process that will provide rich detail for our planning process.

In the coming weeks, I plan to review the initial results of the statistically valid mail out survey.



There will be a Special Meeting of City Council on Tuesday, July 5th. The study session will begin at 5:15 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Presentation of Tax Increment Financing: Previously we discussed how the City can leverage tax increment financing for local improvements. This proposal does not increase local property taxes and property owners notice no difference when paying their property tax duplicate. My goal through this initiative is to make our schools whole, while enabling the City to capture revenues that result from economic development improvements at strategic locations in town. These funds would be used to support investments in roadways, storm water management, water and wastewater utility work, and right of way maintenance / improvements. ACM Holloway will lead this discussion.

Presentation of Mobile Stage Design: The 2022 budget includes much-needed maintenance to the mobile stage. After the Star-Spangled Celebration, the stage will be sent for repair, maintenance, and refurbishing. I will share the proposed design to ensure that Council as a whole is happy with the product.

Special Study Session

Tuesday July 5, 2022 Items

- 1. Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda
- 2. **Resolution 22-R-48: Webster Street Resurfacing Design** The City of Vandalia was recently awarded Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds through MVRPC for the resurfacing of Webster Street. The total project cost including engineering is estimated at \$979,414.00. We will be receiving up to \$717,131.20 in funding. Per our application the preliminary engineering and plan preparation is the responsibility of the City. The project is scheduled for construction in 2024 and will be sold and managed by ODOT. We prepared and advertised our Request for Proposals for the engineering work. Eight firms submitted proposals for this project. As the recipient of this outside funding this project aligns with the City's Fiscal Sustainability and Enhance Infrastructure policy goals. I recommend awarding this project to IBI Group at their submitted cost of \$22,820.00 to complete the engineering and plan preparation. We have \$83,000 in the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget for this work.

Discussion Items

1. **6o-Day Calendar -** The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, Special Council Meeting

Resolutions:

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2. Resolution 22-R-49: A Resolution Approving The General Services Pay Plan For Employees of The City Of Vandalia, Ohio. Previously, we met to discuss restructuring the City Manager's Office and Development and Engineering Services to achieve greater efficiencies. I will ask that Council consider and approve this resolution.

Ordinances - First Reading -

1. **Ordinance 22-27:** An Ordinance Approving A Planned Unit Development Final Plan For Sub Area A Of The Redwood Vandalia Development For Land Generally Located At 3900 Park Center Drive.

<u>Ordinances – Emergency</u>

- 1. **Emergency Ordinance 22-25**: Emergency Ordinance directing the board of elections of Montgomery County to place on the ballot at the election to be held on November 8, 2022, the question of whether the City of Vandalia should effect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency
- 2. **Emergency Ordinance 22-26:** Emergency Ordinance directing the board of elections of Montgomery county to place on the ballot at the election to be held on November 8, 2022, the question of whether the city of Vandalia should effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.

Reports from Boards & Commissions

- 1. Variance Request: Landscaping 1090 W. National Road The Applicant, Sean Olson of VanCon General Contractor, has submitted an application requesting a variance to allow a reduction of perimeter landscaping along the east property line at 1090 W. National Road (Beau Townsend Service Center). The Applicant is proposing to relocate the landscaping that would be required for the east property line to the west in order to provide for better access to the service bays. The Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the variance request.
- 2. Variance Request: Change of Nonconforming Use 217A S. Dixie Drive The Applicant, Sarah Whitt, has requested a change of a nonconforming use from an office to a personal service at 217A S. Dixie Drive. The Applicant has proposed to convert the office space to a hair salon with two service providers. The Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the request.

The **July 5** Special Study Session and Special City Council Meeting will be an in-person meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff, and the public to attend in-person. The meetings will accessible for viewing only through <u>Zoom (LINK)</u>. Please note, no comments, electronic or oral, will be



allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. The study session will begin at 5:15 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees

Attachments:

- 1. Star-Spangled Celebration Flier;
- 2. CommUNITY Newsletter;
- 3. Police Division Open House Flier;
- 4. 2022 Asphalt Resurfacing Map;
- 5. MyVandalia App Flier;
- 6. Employee Appreciation Event Flier; and
- 7. Boards and Commissions Application.





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

Music by The Tyler Cochrane Trio!



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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

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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.





JULY 14TH FROM 5:00 -7:30 PM

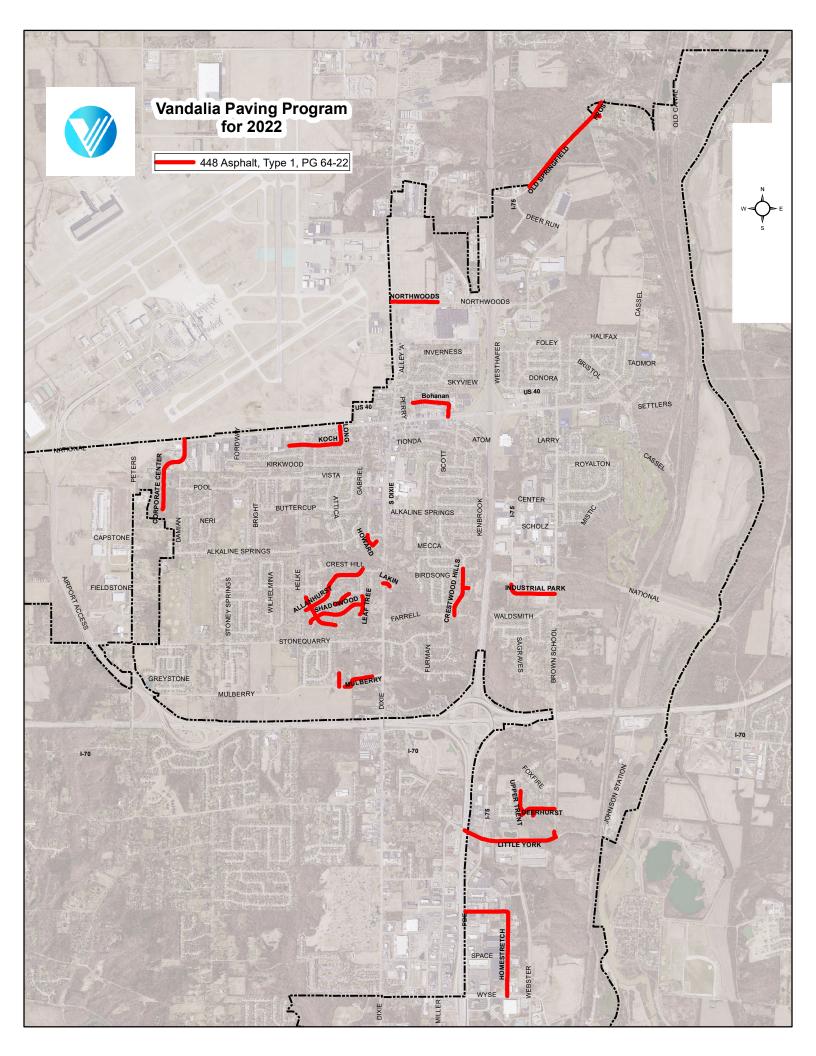
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2022

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.

Everywhere!

















CITY OF VANDALIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

If interested in more than one board, please number in order of preference.	
☐ Bicycle Committee	☐ Golf Advisory Board
☐ Local Board of Tax Appeals	☐ Housing Code Board of Appeals
☐ Board of Zoning Appeals*	☐ Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
☐ Civil Service Commission*	☐ Planning Commission*
☐ Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council	☐ Vandalia Development Corporation
☐ Arts Council	
* PLEASE NOTE: Appointment to these City boards & commissions are sworn positions that require you to take an Oath of Office	
Name:	Home Phone:
Address:	Business Phone:
Why do you wish to be considered for this position?	
Briefly state any specific background or qualifications you may have that would enhance your service on this board/commission/committee.	
Please list any past volunteer roles in schools, service clubs, and/or other civic organizations.	
How do you view your role as an active member of the board/commission or committee?	
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Do you know the schedule meeting dates and times of the board/commission/committee?	
Are you willing to make the commitment to be a regular attending member?	
Do you wish your application to be kept on file for future vacancies?	
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