# Thank you, Congressman Turner!



Earlier today we received a phone call from Congressman Mike Turner's office. The Congressman has been very supportive of Vandalia's efforts to minimize large truck traffic in the City's Central Business District through creative solutions.

Today we learned that the City of Vandalia's request for \$1.33 million in Community Project Funding to support the planned Northeast Airport Logistics Access Project is included in the current appropriations bill..

This project will construct a high-capacity "ring road" that will run behind Dayton International Airport to allow truck traffic a faster route between West Vandalia and Northwoods Boulevard. Montgomery County Engineer Paul Gruner is leading this project to expand and improve Lightner Road, Dixie Drive and Northwoods Boulevard.

While we are several years away from this project being completed, today's

announcement is a big step forward. On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and all Vandalians, thank you Congressman Turner for your assistance with this very important project.







#### THE BLUE LETTER



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July 15, 2022

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

The July 18 Special Study Session and Special City Council Meeting will be a hybrid (in-person & remote) meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff, and the public to attend in-person or virtually through Zoom (LINK). The Special Study Session will begin at 5:30 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.



It was another great week in service to the residents of Vandalia! This was a big week for resident engagement. Congratulations to Chief Althouse and the Police Division on an outstanding open house event. It was great to see so many Police Officers, Public Safety Specialists, civil staff, and volunteers visiting with the public! Thank you to Custodial Supervisor Mark Collins and his team for the extra

work in supporting the event! During the open house, our drone operators were out in full force, which was a big hit with the kids. There was also a foam party at Helke Park and the first Splashtacular event of the season!







#### We are nothing without our team.

#### Please consider the following:

**Saving Lives:** Here is a report from Officer Sommer commending Police Officer Blackford:

"o7-10-22 Officers Blackford and Thomas responded to 18 Clay on a check the welfare. Officer Blackford walked to the front door and noticed a smell of natural gas. Blackford made decision to call the fire department which in turn brought a CenterPoint Energy representative. The CenterPoint energy representative found numerous leaks in the house. The representative told me that the officers, Blackford, more then likely saved the female and two childrens' lives by calling in fire. The CenterPoint rep told me his readings after the gas had been turned off for twenty minutes and not under pressure could have been explosive. The female at the house told Blackford she couldn't smell the gas."

I echo the response of Sergeant Chiles, "Great job, Brittany, for recognizing this life-threatening emergency and taking immediate action to get the fire department on the scene." Thank you.

Fall at the VRC: Thank you to our medics, Sharon Hamby, Nikki Speakman, Carol Geaslen, and Stephanie Freling who recently helped a patron in need at the Vandalia Recreation Center. Please see the Thank you note to the right.

Employee Appreciation: You are invited to attend the Pizza in the Park employee appreciation event at Helke Park from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm on Friday, July 22, 2022. Non-uniformed staff are permitted to wear appropriate jeans and shorts to work with permission from their department head.

Commercial Truck Traffic: This week, Mayor Herbst and I had a conference call with Congressman Turner's office. I am pleased to report that the City's request for \$1.33 million in community project funding has been included in the appropriations bill. These funds will be used for right of way acquisition along the ring road around the north side of airport to direct truck traffic to Northwoods Boulevard. The overall goal is to speed up the buildout time from calendar

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year 2027 to 2025 or 2026. A 2027 buildout would be a normal schedule for federally funded infrastructure projects. To my knowledge, the City has not previously obtained a federal earmark. There are still several obstacles; however, if we are successful, this project will help to divert commercial truck traffic from Union and Dayton around the north side of the airport. At a recent meeting of the Planning Commission, Representative Phil Plummer stated that he would do everything in his power to sponsor a bill to amend Ohio Revised Code to make US-40 a no through truck route in Vandalia. I will continue to work with him and our team to get this prohibition moving.



**Asphalt Overlay:** Contractors are out milling and paving across town. I have included the map of this year's project.

US-40 Construction: Final paving of US 40 on Monday, July 18, weather permitting, rather than this week. Paving will take place from just west of Union Airpark Boulevard, past Airport Access Road, to the east of the exit/entrance ramps. One lane in each direction will remain open. The paving will take place from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for approximately 10 working days. Please watch for lane changes as crews will be in the roadway. Law enforcement officers will be on-hand to assist with traffic control and safety each evening.

**Copperfield ADA Ramps:** A resident of the Copperfield subdivision reached out to thank the City for improving the failing ADA ramps. Late last year, the City leveraged unspent concrete funds to get a head start on the 2022 project. These improvements are

typically made in conjunction with the asphalt overlay program. Across Vandalia, there are 790 curb ramps, approximately 78% are ADA compliant. I have enclosed the map, which was last updated in February.

**Focus Vandalia:** Please follow this link to see the wrap-up <u>video (LINK)</u> for the public mural on National Rd. This mural was partially funded by a grant from CultureWorks and Montgomery County.

**Senior Center Newsletter:** The August edition of the Senior Center Newsletter is enclosed.

**Fire Division Statistics:** The most recent statistic report for the Fire Division is enclosed.

Tour of Tri-Cities Wastewater Treatment Plant: Thank you to Vice Mayor Lewis, Councilmember Farst, and Councilmember Follick for touring the wastewater treatment plant with General Manager Danny Knife and our team. During the tour, Mr. Knife discussed the history of the plant, evolving regulations from the EPA, and forthcoming capital needs to meet compliance requirements. This was the first of several planned by our elected officials with our financial, technical, and management team.



Monday, July 4, 2022 - Focus Vandalia - Downtown Mural





**Boards and Commissions Recruitment:** The City is recruiting for volunteer members of several boards and commissions. Apply here: <u>Boards and Commissions Application (LINK)</u>. 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. I will bring applications to you for your consideration on Monday.



At our Monday meeting, Director Leiter will give a Finance Department update and Mayor Herbst will issue a proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month.

#### Study Session Monday, July 18, 2022 Items

- 1. Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda
- 2. Resolution 22-R-53: Establishing the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund The Auditor of State and Ohio Revised Code require that the City's share of the OneOhio Funds shall be placed in a separate special revenue fund and used only for the approved purposes as required by the OneOhio memorandum of understanding (MOU). The new fund shall be maintained separately from all other city funds to account for the revenue and expenditures, and the funds received will be used to promote as effective and meaningful method in abating the opioid epidemic effects in the City.
- 3. **Emergency Ordinance 22-28:** This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection and delinquent sewer & water.
- 4. Emergency Ordinance 22-30: Amending Vandalia Code Section 678.02 Carrying Concealed Weapons And 678.04 Improperly Handling Of A Firearm In A Motor Vehicle In Order To Be Compliant With New State Law -The Ohio General Assembly and Governor DeWine enacted new legislation earlier this year that changed the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) on Carrying Concealed Weapons R.C. 2923.12 and Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle R.C. 2923.16. This legislation took effect on June 13, 2022. Chief Althouse proposes the Vandalia Codified Ordinances 678.02 Carrying Concealed Weapons and 678.04 Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle be revised to mirror the changes made in state law.
- Resolution 22-R-50: AES Agreement for Electric Service to Dog Leg Road Lift Station As part of our Dog Leg Road Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension project a sanitary sewer lift station will be installed



on Dog Leg Road approximately 1,500 feet south of National Road. The lift station requires three-phase electric – which is not currently available at this site. This work is included in the overall utility extension project budget. The total cost of the project to design & install the electric service is \$155,356.71. AES Ohio requires payment of \$71,380.11 or 40% due by the City in conjunction with the enclosed agreement prior to the work commencing. The authorization to enter into this agreement and provide this service is in alignment with City policy goal Enhance Infrastructure. I recommend that we enter into the agreement with AES Ohio and make payment of the \$71,380.11 to design, install and provide the three-phase power service required for the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station on Dog leg Road.

6. Action Item - Board and Commissions Applications: Council will have the opportunity to review several applications for appointment to various boards and commissions. After Council reviews said applications during the Monday, July 18, 2022, Study Session, if Council desires, we can invite candidates to an upcoming Council Study Session for a meet and greet. Furthermore, if Council desires, we can include the appointments as an Action Item at the Council Meeting immediately following the meet and greet.

#### Monday, August 1, 2022, Special Meeting Items

Action Item: Conditional Use - Northwoods Business Park - The Applicant, Ambrose Property
Group, has applied for a Conditional Use permit to allow a Warehouse in the Office/Industrial Park zoning
district. The property is approximately 67 acres of land located at the dead end of Northwoods Boulevard,
north of Halifax Drive, and west of Cassel Road. The Planning Commission voted 3-o to recommend
denial of the Conditional Use Permit.

#### **Discussion Items**

- 1. June Financial Report Mrs. Leiter will deliver the June 2022 Financial Report
- 2. **6o-Day Calendar -** The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

#### Monday, July 18, 2022 Council Meeting

#### **Resolutions:**

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- 2. **Resolution 22-R-51: Donation Request \$25,000 Vandalia Development Corp-** The requested funding will support a recent grant approval for Project Quarantine. Project Quarantine intends to construct a 115,000 SF building at 769 Center Drive. The company anticipates creating 60 jobs in the City of Vandalia in the first 12 months of opening. The anticipated building construction cost is \$13,500,000 to construct this company's Midwest headquarters. The City of Vanalia recently won an ED/GE Grant from Montgomery County in the amount of \$150,000 to support this project.
- 3. **Resolution 22-R-52: Final Plat 3900 Park Center Drive-** The Applicant, PVL Investments, has applied for a final plat for 18.302-acres of land located at 3900 Park Center Drive, being lot 3 of the Redwood Vandalia Preliminary Plat. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the Final Plat with one condition.
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#### Ordinances - First Reading -

1. Ordinance 22-29: Codified Update - This ordinance approves the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions that have been passed by Council since the last update of the Codified Ordinances. This update will codify all pertinent legislation passed by Council during 2021, as well as incorporating amendments to the Ohio Revised Code.

#### Ordinances - Second Reading

- 1. Ordinance 22-13: PUD Preliminary Plan / 3330 Mulberry Road / 11 Acres Across from Copperfield The Applicant, DDC Management, has applied for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Preliminary Plan for a single 11-acre parcel located at 3330 Mulberry Road. The Applicant is proposing to construct 87 owner-occupied attached townhome units in both two-unit buildings or three-unit configurations on the site with a density of 8 units per acre. The Planning Commission voted 4-1 to recommend approval of the proposed Preliminary Planned Unit Development Plan with the following conditions:
  - 1. Mulberry Road Right-of-Way is improved in accordance with city code section 1234.09(F) "Responsibility for Thoroughfare Improvements" east of their entrance to ensure the city has infrastructure in place for future development.
  - 2. Instead of Mulberry Right-of-Way improvements made west of their entrance, a vegetative screen with a variety in evergreen trees along the Access Road Ramp to better increase sound damping for this community and surrounding areas.
- 2. Ordinance 22-27: Planned Unit Development Final Plan 3900 Park Center Drive The Applicant,



PVL Investments, has submitted an application requesting a Final Planned Unit Development Plan for property located in the southeast corner of Webster Street and Park Center Drive, specifically 3900 Park Center Drive. The proposed Final Development Plan is for Lot 3 of the Redwood Planned Unit Development. This 18.3-acre parcel is planned for a 71,500 square foot assisted living and memory care facility with 13 independent living villas. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the Final Development Plan with conditions.

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

1. Civil Service Meeting Minutes: March 29, 2022

2. Civil Service Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2022

3. Civil Service Meeting Minutes: June 30, 2022

June Bill Listing - Mrs. Leiter will deliver the June Bill Listing.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees



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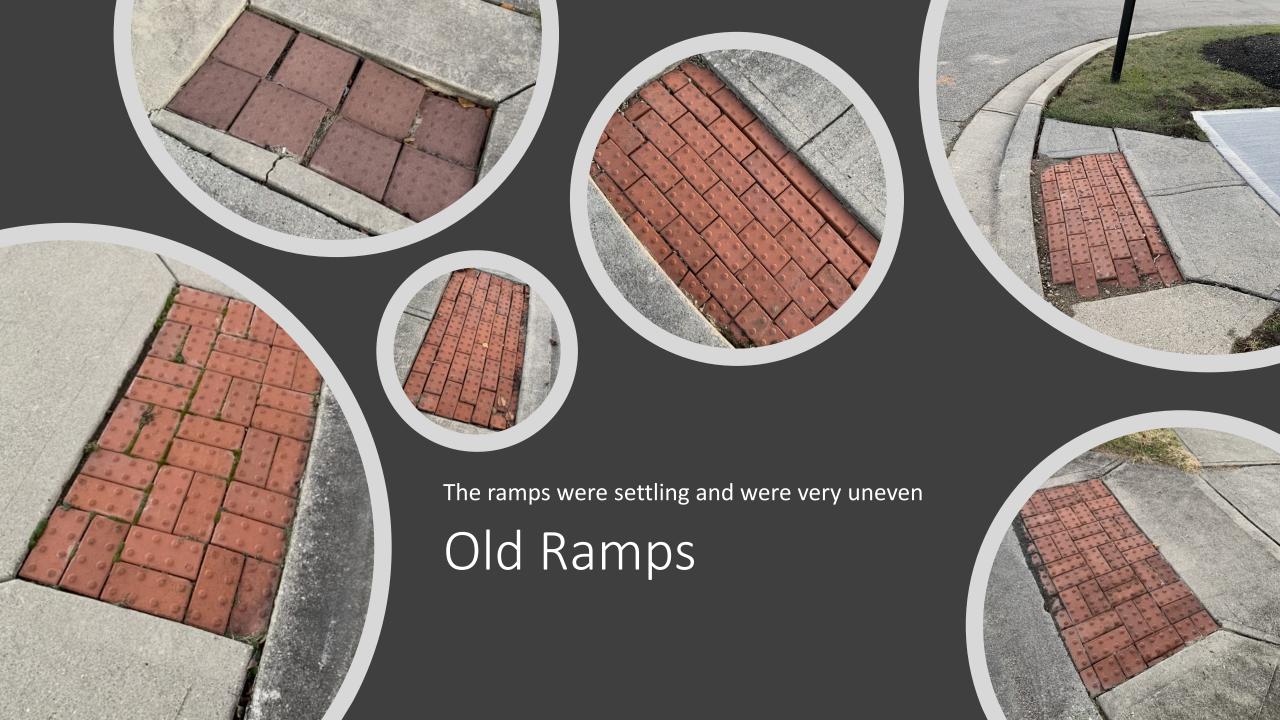
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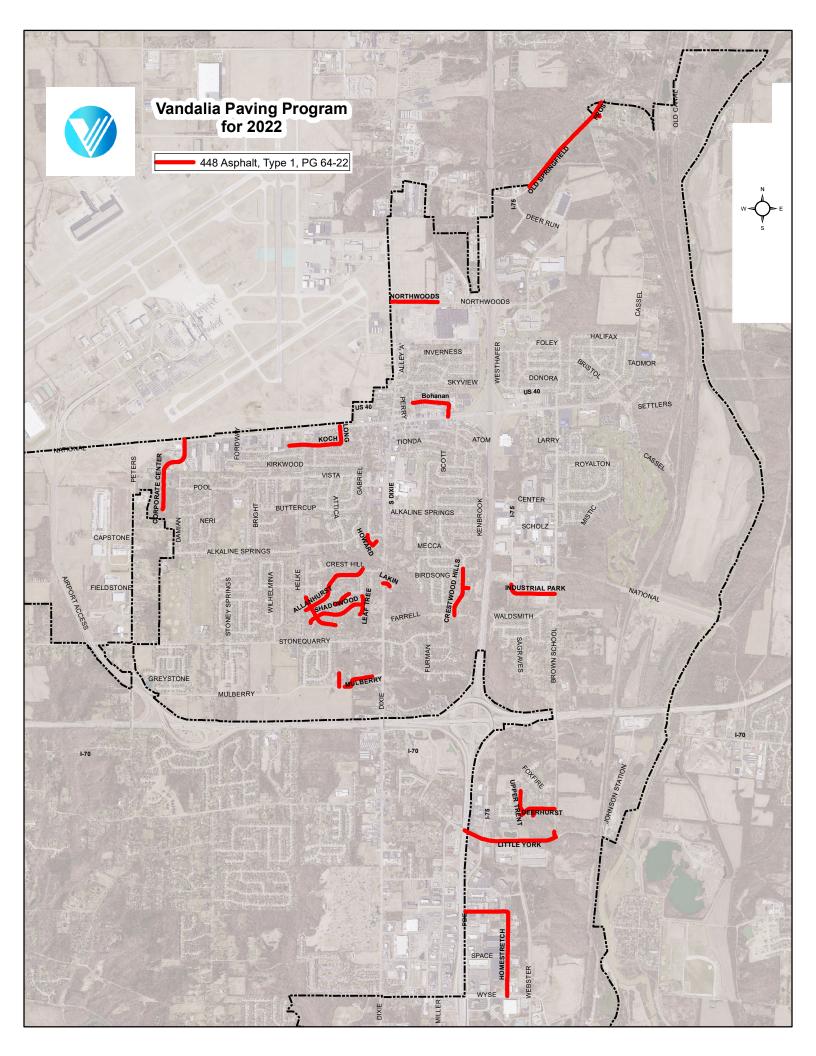
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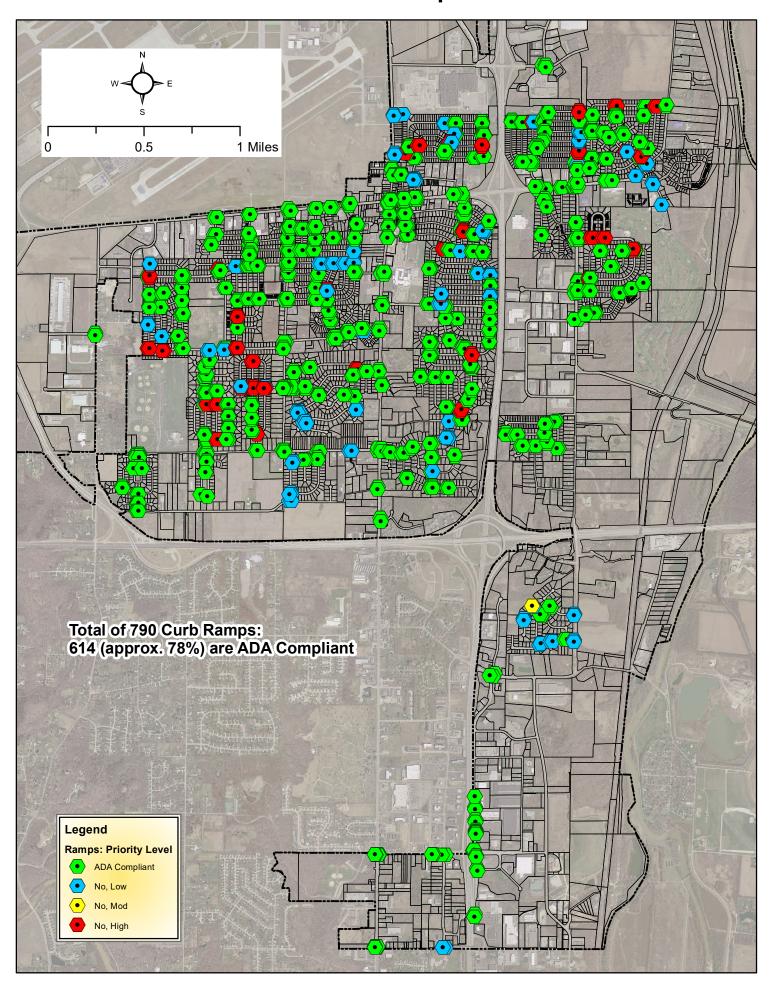


# New Ramps

- Ramps were recently replaced by the city
- Great improvement to the community
- A big thanks to everyone who was involved in making that happen



### **Curb Ramps**



# Now there's a new and easier way to connect with the City of Vandalia!



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Report property maintenance issues in an instant.

Report a pothole in seconds! Snap a photo and the app lets us know exactly where to send the crew!

Ask a question or submit a general comment.

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# Pizza in the Park



Join us for our July Employee Appreciation Event!

Friday, July 22

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

Pizza in the Park

Helke Park Shelter Area

It's a Pizza party!

Pepperoni...

Sausage...

Veggies...



You name it... we'll have it!

Come relax with your coworkers and enjoy a few slices of tasty pizza!

Please RSVP to Sherri Howard by Wednesday, July 20. showard@vandaliaohio.org

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	I, 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 & commis-	sions 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	e that would enhance your service on this board/commission/committee.				
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Please list any past volunteer roles in schools, service clubs, and/or	r other civic organizations.				
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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?					
IF YOU WISH, PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESUME					
City of Vandalia 333 J.E. Bohanan Drive					
Vandalia, OH 45377	Signature/Date				
Attn: Missy Pruszynski 937-415-2258					

937-898-6117 (fax) missy@vandaliaohio.org

Email Address (not required)

## Vandalia Senior Center

August, 2022 Volume 10 Issue 8





#### Summer History Speaker Series: Final Month

Everyone is invited to attend the Summer History Speaker Series. This is <u>not</u> part of the Sinclair history class. All of the presentations are on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. Please sign up. Medigold is providing the snacks.

August 29: Let's begin with the finale of the Summer History Speaker Series. Every year Medigold's sponsorship has made it possible to have Jessica Michna perform. This will be Jessica's first performance of one of Dayton's special citizens, Katharine Wright Haskell. Behind the genius of the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, was their beloved and devoted sister, Katharine. She may be often overlooked by history but make no mistake, she was the integral variable in the equation that solved the mystery of controlled flight. She worked closely with her brothers as she managed the bicycle shop, helped with flight operations, as well as communicating her ideas to her brothers. Katharine was also a



high school teacher. She became a celebrity when the family traveled to Europe to demonstrate their airplane. Sign up to enjoy this wonderful performance. Limit: 100

August 1: Mike Williams is returning. Many of you have visited the Troy Hayner Center in Troy. Do you know about its beginnings? During the years leading up to national prohibition, Dayton was home to the nations' largest and most profitable mail order alcohol operation. This legal

business, the brain child of Walter Kidder, aggressively marketed the products of Troy, Ohio's Hayner's Distillery, on a nationwide basis through its distribution center in Dayton. Each time a county or state voted itself dry, Kidder's operation added to its customer base. This presentation will track the rise and fall of this innovative business that thrived on the contradictions of America's attitudes toward alcohol.

\*Turn to page 4 for the descriptions of three more history talks.



#### **Lunch & Learn**

Springfield Masonic Community Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 2, at Noon

Poetry Davis from the Springfield Masonic Community will order your lunch. Tim Hrstar will present "Diversity of American English: Regional Accents, Words, and Expressions". The way you speak and the expressions you use can place you as coming from a certain area of our country. Did you ever wonder why, even though we speak the same language that we have different accents and use different words for the same thing? In this one hour lecture, Tim will briefly explore, unique regional accents and quaint expressions found throughout the United States. Limit: 75





Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 9, at Noon

Robin Kent will order your lunch from Brookberry, Brookhaven's caterer. Darlene Gage is returning to our stage to portray Mary Ann Bickerdyke. Mary Ann was born in 1817 in Knox County, Ohio. She became known as "Mother" Bickerdyke to thousands of Civil War soldiers. She helped build 300 hospitals during the Civil War, entered battlefields at night to retrieve wounded soldiers, and was praised by Generals Grant and Sherman for her bravery and concern for soldiers. After the war, Mary Ann helped Union veterans and nurses seeking pensions. She retired to Bunker Hill, Kansas, and died in 1901. Darlene will bring copies of her book, *Tess*, in case you want to look at a copy or buy one. Limit: 75

Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thursday, August 11, at 11:00 A. M. Sarah Anderson from Stonespring will bring your lunch. Toni Williams saw a list of the happiest songs in an AARP magazine. She didn't think *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* should be on the list. So she edited the list and came up with 20 songs that were written from 1899 to 2014. Toni will play a YouTube video of each song and have you vote on how happy it makes you feel. I dare you not to sing along or at least tap your foot with the songs. We will do our own research to see which ones are the happiest songs. One thing for sure, you should leave this lunch feeling happy!! Limit: 75





Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, August 12, at Noon
Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your lunch.
Kevin Royce, a physical therapist and manager from Xcel Sports
Medicine, will present how to keep your feet and hands flexible

and healthy since they are so important to you having an

enjoyable life. Limit: 45

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#### **Trivia & Information**

The Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 16, at Noon

Christopher Norman from The Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Officer Andy Wehner from the Vandalia Police Department scheduled the Dayton Airport Police Bomb Detection K9 dogs and their handlers. These aren't typical K9 dogs. These dogs are Labrador Retrievers or German Shorthair Pointers. They look and behave like typical household pets. The officers will explain how the dogs are trained, what a working day is like, and some of the interesting things that have happened at the airport. They will put on a live demonstration of how the dogs work. Limit: 75





Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 23, at Noon
Donna Bargo and Jordan Peterson will order your lunch.
Then Jordan will explain topics in the Edward Jones Perspective that you will receive. You can also ask financial questions. Limit: 25

Seniors Helping Seniors Lunch & Learn on Thursday, August 25, at 11:00 A. M.

Andrew Spatt from Seniors Helping Seniors will bring your lunch. He will talk about up and coming companies which help the elder population. These companies will change the current way we are being cared for both in the hospital, in the home, and in assisted living centers. Ultimately, these companies will change how we view care as a senior. Limit: 75





StoryPoint of Troy Lunch & Learn on Friday, August 26, at Noon

Kristy Osting will have a boxed lunch with grilled sweet Chipotle chicken salad sandwich with pub chips made at StoryPoint of Troy. Chef Bob will demonstrate making a fresh fruit pizza. You will get to taste the

results and get a copy of the recipe. Limit: 75

Hearth & Home of Vandalia Lunch & Learn on Tues., August 30, at Noon

Donna McAdams and Cheryl Wassil from Hearth & Home will bring you a boxed lunch from their building. Ricki Huff is returning to present "Women in the American Revolution". Of course you have heard of a tea party that helped break ties with England. Did you know there was a less notorious, but critical tea party, held by women in North Carolina? Learn how women's organizational efforts raised money to fight for independence and of the critical role African American women played for both the Patriots and for the British. And so much more! Limit: 100



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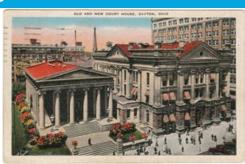


Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday Each Month!! Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, August 9. Meet at the Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant at 5:00 p. m. It is located at 36 W. 5th St., in downtown Dayton.

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#### **Summer History Speaker Series**

August 8: Tom DiGiovanna, a volunteer with Carillon Park, will present "A Walk Down Dayton's Memory Lane". Dayton has a rich tradition in shopping, architecture, and entertainment. Many changes have taken place in the last 100 years. Many buildings have changed yet many have remained the same. We will take a walk down memory lane through photos old and new.



August 15: Tim Hrstar is returning to examine the life of our 25<sup>th</sup> President, William McKinley, the last president to have served in the Civil War. After the war he settled in Canton, Ohio, where he practiced law and married Ida Saxton. In 1876, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected governor of Ohio in 1891 and 1893. In both 1896 and 1900, he defeated William Jennings Bryan after a front porch campaign. On September 6, 1901, he was shot by a second-generation Polish-American anarchist. He died eight days later and Theodore Roosevelt became president.

August 22: Hylda Strange with the Centerville Historical Society is returning to present "Three Heroes of the Ohio Underground Railroad". The Ohio heroes include Harriot Beecher Stowe, Rev. John Rankin, and John Parker. John Parker was a freed slave who established his own foundry in Ripley and held patents on farm machinery. This chat will give new insight into the Underground Railroad and some of the people involved.





Plan to Attend the Catered Dinner on Fri., September 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up begins on Friday, <u>August 12</u>, and continues until Friday, <u>September 9</u>. The cost will still be \$15 to pay for the dinner and help pay for the entertainment. Directions for signing up will



be in the September newsletter. Lyons Catering will again be the caterer. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. The entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. The band, Second Set, will be playing for you.

#### **MENU**

Brats with peppers and onions
Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Cheesy Potatoes
Corn
Vegetable Medley
Cake

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#### **Art & More**

FREE Button Teacup Class on Tuesday, August 9, at 1:45 p.m.

Candy Jones is returning to teach you how to make this picture. She will have the flowers and tea cups already cut out. There will be a variety of buttons to choose from. All items will be glued down with "Tacky Glue". The picture is  $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " but could easily be cut down to 5" x 7" or even 4" x 6" to put in a frame or use on a card front. Limit: 12

#### FREE Card Making Class on Wednesday, August 17, at 1:00 p.m.



Toni Williams will have lots of supplies laid out on tables so you can make two cards. She will have the paper, stickers, and rubber stamps out to make

birthday cards and cards with flowers. Toni has designed a card with squares that you can make several ways. If you plan to make one or two of your cards

using the squares please mark that on the sign up sheet so Toni will know how many to prepare.

Limit: 12

#### FREE Card Making on Tues., August 23, at 1:45 p.m.

Linda Karns is returning to teach you a new technique for making cards. You will be using alcohol inks to make two really interesting backgrounds on cards. Next you will add the cutouts that Linda has for you. You can use birthday rubber stamps and more on the inside. Limit: 12





FREE Succulent Magnets Class on Wednesday, August 24, at 1:00 p.m.

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring the materials for you to make a magnetic wine cork holder for succulents. Limit: 15

#### Three Art Groups

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

Come Pick Up a Snack on Thurs., August 25, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Delshawn Davis from Oak Street Health will be bringing sweet and salty snacks for anyone who comes to the center Thursday afternoon on August 25. He will also have some items to give to you. Oak Street Health has some unique things to offer. Ask Delshawn about them.



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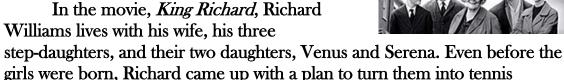
#### **Movies & Sinclair**

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

Movie on the First Friday, August 5, at 1:00 p.m.

In the movie, *Belfast*, the writer and director Ken Branagh tells about his life when he was nine and living in Northern Ireland in 1969. Ken was part of a working class Protestant family in a close knit neighborhood. His father had to travel to England to work. He saw the beginning of the conflict in August, 1969. To make the movie more special, all the musicians and actors that he selected also grew up in Northern Ireland including Judi Dench and Caitriona Balfe from Outlander. PG-13 1 hr. 38 min. Drama

Movie on the Third Friday, August 19, at 1:00 p.m. Snacks from Sheena Barrett from Momentous Health of Vandalia





champions. Armed with a brazen 78 page plan, Richard Williams is determined to write his daughters into history. Training on Compton, California's neglected tennis courts—rain or shine—the girls are shaped by their father's unyielding commitment and their mother's balanced perspective and keen intuition, defying the seemingly insurmountable odds and prevailing expectations laid before them. Based on the true story that will inspire the world, "King Richard" follows the uplifting journey of a family whose unwavering resolve and unconditional belief ultimately delivers two of the world's greatest sports legends. Even if you don't follow tennis, you will find this movie very interesting. PG-13 2 hr. 26 min. Drama/Sports

#### A FREE Fall Sinclair Class on Mondays at 1:00 p. m.!

Laurel Mayer teaches at Sinclair. He is giving us a very rare offer of a <u>free</u> eight week political science class at the Vandalia Senior Center called "Discussions of Diverse Countries and Governing Systems Around the World." Come take a look at how different countries from around the world govern themselves compared to our country. What is better than our system and what is worse? The class will begin on September 12 and continue through October 31.

Sinclair is requiring at least 15 members to register to have the class. If you took Jennifer Lorenzetti's class in the spring about photographs then you don't have any paperwork to fill out. You just need to tell Toni that you want to attend the class. If you did not attend that class, there is just one piece of paper to fill out. You can find it on the small table in the hallway near the white

board. When you have it filled out you can hand it to Toni to lock up. If Toni is running an event or out of the office, put the paper in box #4 on the wall in the hallway by the kitchen. We need to have 15 members signed up by Friday, September 2, to have the class.



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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
Hand & Foot 12:30	Super Sewers 9:00	Hula Hooping 9:30	Tech Talk 11:00	Colored Pencils 9:30
Summer History	Bridge 9:45	Bridge 12:15	Art Group 12:00	Mah Jong 9:30
Speaker Series 1:00	Golden Qi 10:00	Up & Down the	Duplicate Bridge 12:00	Exercise 10:30
Mike Williams:	Lunch & Learn 12:00	River 1:00	Pinochle 1:00	Movie 1:00
"Hayner Mail Order	Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00	Euchre 1:00	Rummikub 1:00	Poker 1:00
Alcohol"	Hand & Foot 1:40		Bingo 1:00	Samba 1:00
	Book Club 1:40			
	Bingo 1:45			
8	9	10	11	12
Hand & Foot 12:30	Super Sewers 9:00	Hula Hooping 9:30	Lunch & Learn 11:00*	Colored Pencils 9:30
Summer History	Bridge 9:45	Exercise 11:00	•	Mah Jong 9:30
Speaker Series 1:00	Golden Qi 10:00	Bridge 12:15	Duplicate Bridge 12:00	Lunch & Learn 12:00
Tom DiGiovanni:	Lunch & Learn 12:00	Up & Down the	Pinochle 1:00	Samba 1:00
"A Walk Down Memory	Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00	River 1:00	Rummikub 1:00	Poker 1:00
Lane"	Hand & Foot 1:40	Euchre 1:00		Bingo 1:45
	Art Appreciation 1:40			
	Button Teacup 1:45			
	Let's Eat Out 5:00			
15	16	17	18	19
Hand & Foot 12:30	Super Sewers 9:00	Hula Hooping 9:30	Bingo 10:30	Colored Pencils 9:30
Summer History	Bridge 9:45	Bridge 12:15	'	Mah Jong 9:30
Speaker Series 1:00	Golden Qi 10:00	Up & Down the	Duplicate Bridge 12:00	
Tim Hrstar:	Lunch & Learn 12:00	River 1:00	Pinochle 1:00	Poker 1:00
"President William	Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00		Rummikub 1:00	Movie 1:00
McKinley"	Hand & Foot 1:40	Card Making 1:00		Samba 1:00
22	23	24	25	26
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Summer History	Bridge 9:45	Exercise 11:00	Art Group 12:00	Mah Jong 9:30
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Hylda Strange:	Lunch & Learn 12:00	Up & Down the		Poker 1:00
	Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00	River 1:00		Samba 1:00
Underground Railroad"	Hand & Foot 1:40	Euchre 1:00	Snack Table 1:00-3:00	Bingo 1:45
	Art Appreciation 1:40	Succulent Magnet1:00		
	Card Making 1:45			
29	30	31		
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Speaker Series 1:00	Golden Qi 10:00	Up & Down the		
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"Katharine Wright	Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00	Euchre 1:00		
Haskell"	Hand & Foot 1:40	Birthdays 1:00	31	
	Bingo 1:45			ese

#### **Exercise & Information**

**NEW BOOKS** at the Vandalia Library

Every Summer After by Carley Fortune

The Blessings of the animals by Katrina Kittle

Just the Two of Us by Jo Wilde

Turn to Me by Becky Wade

An Invincible Summer by Mariah Stewart

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

The Batman

**Blacklight** 

Tyson's Run

The Outfit

Infinite Storm



Bruce and Vevia Enix teach Golden Qi which is a form of Tai Chi that is seated. This exercise improves balance, reduces joint pain, increases calmness, improves reasoning abilities, helps your memory, and improves the quality of your life. This class can be taken by anyone including those with balance issues. They will not be able to have class on July 5.



Come and see how hula hooping can improve your health, your spine, your balance, and cardiovascular system. It can lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and cholesterol levels. These hoops are what the pros use in the gyms and rehab centers. If you want to try out this group, call before the Wednesday you want to come so the group can bring in extra hula hoops.



#### FREE Exercise on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Notice that the day and time for this class has changed. It is moving from Fridays to Wednesdays. Licensed physical therapists from Stonespring Transitional Care Center offer two classes each month. The therapists will adapt the exercises to the needs of the participants with different intensities, methods, and education in the circuit. <u>Please sign up for each time.</u>

#### NEW FREE Exercise Class on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

This chair exercise class is being run by the members. They might use the weights and exercise bands that are here at the center. The group can use what some of them learn at the Stonespring Wednesday class to help pick some of the exercises at the Friday class.



#### Technology Talk on Thursday, August 4, at 11:00 a.m.

Jeff Opt from the Vandalia Public Library will



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

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#### **Information**

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

The Vandalia Senior Center Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 2. They will discuss the book, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. Most of this group read the book as children but wanted to read it again from an adult perspective. The story centers on Alice, a young girl, who falls asleep in a meadow and dreams that she follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole.





#### **Books and Puzzles in the Card Room**

The center again became overwhelmed with books and puzzles. Some of them were being stored in 13 boxes outside of the card room. Project Read was called just as they were last year. They brought a U-Haul truck to remove our overabundance. Our librarian, Judy Dils, selected the books and puzzles that you were mostly likely to want to keep on the shelves.

#### Bingo with Toni on Friday, August 26, at 1:45 p.m.

Toni has been saving items that can be used as bingo prizes. Many of them were given by members. Since a bingo game has not canceled in a long time, the storage area is overfilled. It is time to have a bingo and use some of the prizes.





#### Vandalia-Butler High School Is Again Offering Invitations

Prior to Covid, the Vandalia-Butler High School offered three invitations each year to the Vandalia Senior Center. They have worked out the details to again extend those three invitations during the 2022-2023 school year. In the September newsletter, you will be given the email address and phone number so you can call in and RSVP to attend the September 16 event. The high school office staff is not available in July.

September 16: Tailgate cookout followed by a football game January 31: Winter soup and salad dinner followed by a basketball game April 28: Lasagna and salad dinner followed by the spring musical

#### Try Samba on Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

You are not going to learn how to dance. This is a card game that is a form of Canasta. It can be played with two to six players in each group. The group will be playing in the front of the art room. If you're attending a Lunch & Learn, join in after the speaker is finished. This group would like to have more players and they are willing to teach you how to play.



#### Look Up!

Look up during the last two weeks of July. The current plan is to install a new roof on the Vandalia Senior Center during those weeks.

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#### **Information**

#### **Bridge Hosts**

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Dona Fleischman. 937-898-3103 Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267 Thursday duplicate bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Jim Danks. 937-667-3780





#### Bingo and Other Games

- 1. Angel Galbreath from Aventura at Carriage Inn will call bingo on Tuesday, August 2, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 2. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, August 4, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
- 3. Mark Maudlin from Humana will call bingo on Friday, August 12, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 4. Jessica Ward with Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, August 18, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
- 5. Toni Williams will call bingo on Friday, August 26, at 1:45 p.m.
  - 6. Melissa Powell from Patient's Choice will call bingo on Tuesday, August 30, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate August Birthdays on Wednesday, August 31, at 1:00 p.m.

Sheena Barrett with Momentus Health of Vandalia will provide the cakes for this birthday party. Please call, email, or come in to sign up. First we will take a group photo. Next the 25 to 30 card players and more will sing to the birthday people. Then everyone at the center can have a piece of cake but the birthday people get their cake first!



#### **Donations Needed**

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

Leave in the Office: NEW: liters of Diet Coke, Bigelow or other green tea packets

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

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack and by the white board:

used batteries (not in containers or bags), pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps (be sure to leave a 1/4" border around the stamps), food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and food for the Cares4Kids box.

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

DONATIONS

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#### **August Travel News**

- 7/07 Branson briefing 10:00 am at the Senior Center
- 7/11 7/16 Branson Meet at the Vandalia Rec Center at 1111 Stonequarry Rd. Check in at 7:30 am depart at 8:00 am each person may bring one piece of luggage to be checked. You will need a small carry on for first and last night of tour. Large bag will not be taken off the bus.
- 7/20 Lancaster briefing 10:00 am
- 7/25 7/28 Lancaster, Pa Meet at the Vandalia Rec Center at 1111 Stonequarry Rd. Check in at 7:30 am depart at 8:00 am
- 8/09 8/11 The Ark Encounter has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Refunds will follow.
- 8/13 8/21 Viking River Cruise Viking will mail documents to your home

Liz Syska 3780 Ponytail Palm Ct North Ft Myers, Florida. 33917 937-260-0776

#### lizsyska0@gmail.com

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

#### **Travel Terms and Conditions**

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





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#### VANDALIA SENIOR CENTER 21 Tionda Drive South Vandaliga, Ohio 45377

Open; Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Coordinator: Toni Williams

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Vandalia Senior Club 2022 Committee:

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937-898-3765

Iris Siebert Co-Chair

937-454-1583

Treasurer Kay Lowe

937-409-8300

**Dottie Ganter** Secretary

937-898-7286

#### DATED MATERIAL: DO NOT DELAY

- - MEMBERSHIP - -Age 55 or older

Younger Spouses are welcome! The 2022 fees for members are:

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

A resident is defined as someone who pays

City of Vandalia property taxes

Membership for anyone over 90 is free but you must notify the office to continue to get the newsletter.

Your annual membership fees help offset some of the costs of programming and support for the Senior Center.

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Scott Buchanan, Chair, USATS Board of Trustees, Scott@daytonairshow.com 937-525-4975

#### Special Flyovers at 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger

(DAYTON, OH – July 12, 2022) – The CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger announced today the special appearance of three military aircraft – **U.S. Marine Corps CH-53 Super Stallion**, **U.S. Army AH-64 Apache**, and **U.S. Air Force E-3 Sentry (AWACS)**. The two helicopters will conduct flybys on both days; the AWACS will do a flyby on Sunday only. The air show will take place on July 30 and 31 at the Dayton International Airport.

The **USMC CH-53 Super Stallion** is a heavy-lift helicopter, designed for transporting up to 55 troops or externally slung loads of 36,000 lbs. – the equivalent of three very large elephants.

The **USA AH-64 Apache** has a vertical climb of 1,775 feet per minute and has been extensively used in night operations. The attack helicopter is most recognized by its helmet-mounted display and gun targeting system that moves with the pilot's head movement.

The **USAF AWACS** is an airborne warning, command and control system, easily recognized by the 30-footwide rotating radar dome atop the aircraft. The aircraft is an all-altitude, all-weather surveillance that can fly roughly eight hours without refueling.





A USMC CH-53 Super Stallion (left) and USA AH-64 Apache (right) along with a USAF AWACS will join the 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show lineup. (Photos courtesy of the Department of Defense)

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CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Announcement – page 2

"The addition of these three aircraft in an already spectacular lineup is great news for this year's show," said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. "Two of these three aircraft are going to be replaced in the coming years so we're excited that spectators get to see them before they're phased out."

The CH-53 Super Stallion, AH-64 Apache, and AWACS flybys will join an all-star lineup for the 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger. The show will be headlined by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels in their new F/A-18 Super Hornets and includes the U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper Demo Team as well as the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. Also appearing will be aerobatic flyer Kevin Coleman, TORA! TORA! TORA!, an eight-plane emotional reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor complete with pyrotechnics, the U.S. Air Force F-15 two-ship flyby and debut performances by Kent Pietsch Airshows and Vampire Airshows.

Tickets for the 2022 show are on sale now at <a href="www.daytonairshow.com">www.daytonairshow.com</a>. Customers have the option to print tickets at home or download the e-ticket on a smartphone. Discount general admission tickets can now be conveniently purchased at area **Kroger stores**. This Kroger exclusive offers \$3 off adult and children's tickets at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton/Cincinnati region. Children ages 5 and under are free in general admission.

For additional information on the 2022 performers, visit their websites below:

- U.S. Navy Blue Angels, <a href="https://www.blueangels.navy.mil">www.blueangels.navy.mil</a>
- U.S. Army Golden Knights, www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights
- F-16 Viper Demonstration Team, www.acc.af.mil/Home/Aerial-Events/F16-Viper
- TORA! TORA! TORA! www.toratora.com
- Kevin Coleman, www.facebook.com/TheKevinColeman
- Vampire Airshows, vampireairshows.simdif.com
- Kent Pietsch Airshows, www.kentpietschairshows.com

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Founded in 1975, the CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger is one of North America's premier air shows. It features world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family, celebrating Dayton's rich aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and National Aviation Heritage Area. It is produced by the United States Air and Trade Show, Inc., a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset costs. The Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the show adds \$3.7 million to the region's economy every year.



#### MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

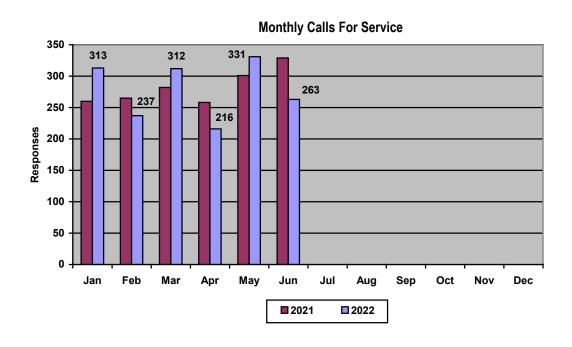
**SUBJECT:** STATISTICS JUNE 2022

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**CC:** DAN WENDT, CITY MANAGER

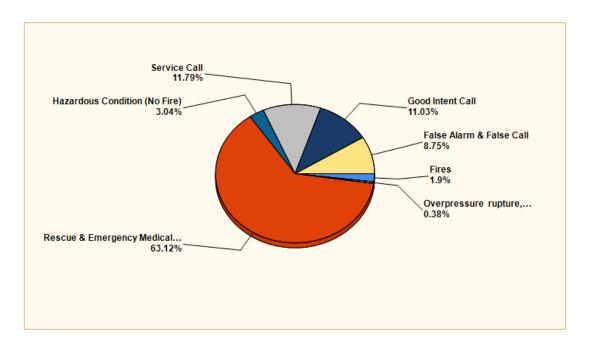
#### **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

The Division of Fire responded on  $\underline{263}$  calls for service in June ( $\underline{166}$  EMS calls and  $\underline{97}$  fire calls). An average of approximately nine  $\underline{9}$  calls for service per day.



**NOTE:** In June, we had  $\underline{106}$  calls for service that overlapped, approximately  $\underline{40\%}$  of the call volume.

Crews responded to 263 calls for service in June the chart below outlines call types (Report 553):



#### The Major Incident Types in June were:

- 1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (63%) All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
- 2. Customer Service Calls (12%) These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
- 3. Good Intent Calls (11%) Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
- 4. Fire Alarm Calls (9%) This type call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
- 5. Hazardous Condition (3%) These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
- 6. Fires (2%) Crews responded to (2) dollar loss fires; one off-road vehicle fire and one fire in a building. The total fire dollar loss reported was **\$8500.00**.

#### MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA (1616 & 1754)

In June, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on (17) occasions and we received mutual aid on (5) occasions.

In June, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on **(34)** occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on **(15)** occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received	Mutual Aid Provided	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided
Butler Fire (57-101)	(1754)	(1616)	34	15
Brookville (57-003)				
Clayton Fire (57-121)				
Dayton Fire (57-011)				
Dayton Airport (57-002)				
Englewood (57-001)	1			
Harrison Fire (57-107)	1	2		
Huber Fire (57-125)	2	6		
*Riverside Fire (57-115)				
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)				
Trotwood Fire (57-113)				
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)	1	9		
Totals	5	17		

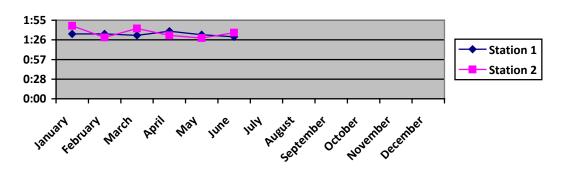
#### **RESPONSE TIMES**

The average turnout time in June was 1:33 and the average response time in June was 6:01.

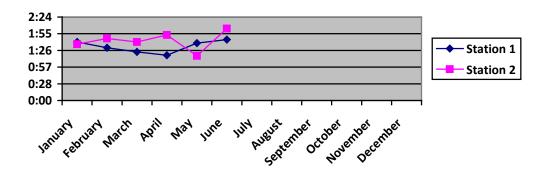
We continue to analyze turnout and response times and to implement improvements that we hope can get us into a response time that is more consistent with our goal of 5 ½ minutes (max). Captain Miller's crew (C-Shift) has the best overall response time in June (4:09).

Turnout times are below our 90 second goal this month, good work! Captain Miller's crews (C-Shift) has the best turnout time in June (1:23).

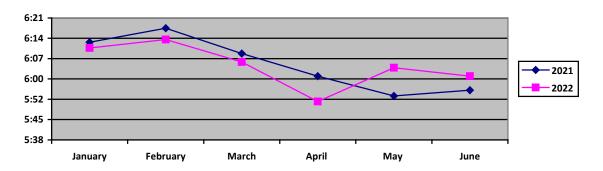
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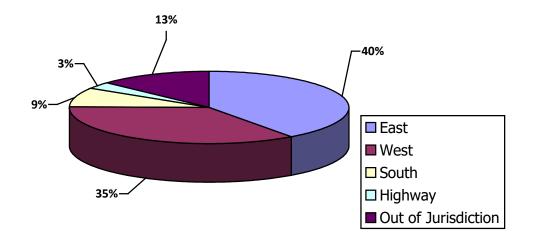
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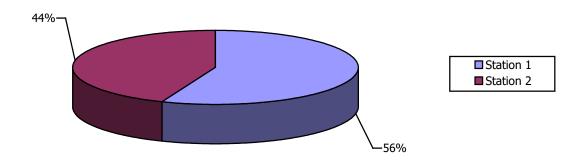
**Total Response (Average) Time for Month** 



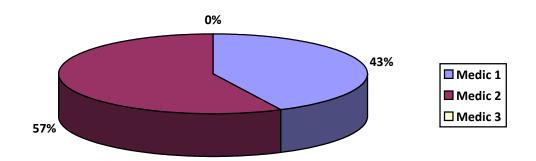
**CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT** (Report 972)



#### CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION (Report 1180)



#### TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH (1645)



#### TRAINING (Reports 1623)

Fire/EMS crews participated in <u>43</u> hours of training in June, topics included:

- EMS Topics-Triage/MCI Emergency
   Rescue- Water Rescue

# **City Engineer**

# City of Vandalia, Ohio











# THE COMMUNITY

The <u>City of Vandalia</u> is optimally situated between the Dayton International Airport and the 1-70 / 1-75 interchange. Vandalia's corporate limits span 12.39 square miles with a population of approximately 15,000 (See: Census QuickFacts). Residents enjoy vibrant amenities, top-tier public services, affordable housing, and quality schools. The town has a robust and stable economy that is growing with businesses representing the industries of defense, aerospace, cyber, automotive, advanced manufacturing, and food processing. Located just 15 minutes from downtown Dayton and one hour from Cincinnati and Columbus, residents have ample access to quality universities and colleges. Each year, the City hosts a series of gatherings and events in its parks, and it plays a large role in helping make the Dayton Air Show a success.

Residents place a high priority on revitalizing the community and creating a downtown area as a community space for gathering and entertainment.

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Ohio's best Brew Pub.



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Ohio's best indoor and outdoor pickleball courts.

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





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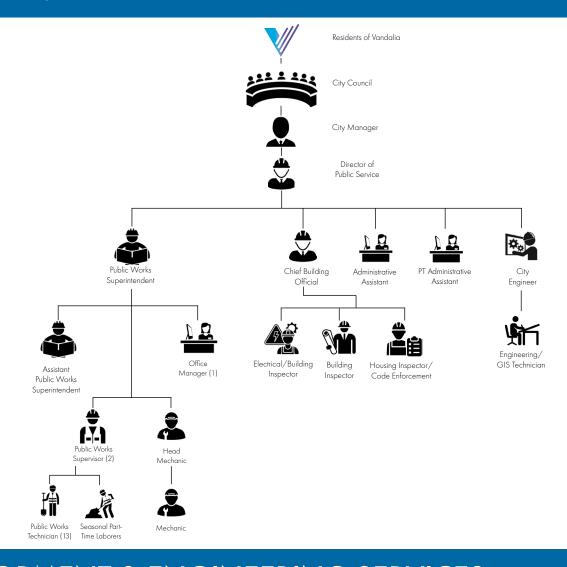
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# **DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The Development & Engineering Services Division is headquartered at 333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive. The division is responsible for project management and overseeing all public works construction projects including plan development, review, bidding, contract management and inspections, plan review of private developments including residential and commercial sites, storm water drainage including plan review and general complaints or concerns from property owners, providing review and analysis of traffic concerns and improvements.

The City of Vandalia is party to two joint venture agreements with neighboring jurisdictions for the purpose of water (i.e., Northern Area Water Authority with Tipp City) and wastewater (i.e., Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority with Tipp City and Huber Heights) for treatment, distribution, and collection. The City Engineer will routinely work with personnel from each of the partnering organizations to advise on technical matters and to achieve the needs of the respective utilities.

The Development and Engineering team is highly visible to our residents, businesses, and visitors. Image matters and we are looking for someone who will enhance the reputation of the City through incremental improvements of public spaces. The City prides itself on ensuring a high level of customer service at every touchpoint with the public.



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

#### **General Description**

The City Engineer position will be an addition to current staffing. The position has been vacant due to a retirement since 2015. This position will require strong leadership skills, as the City Engineer factors strongly in succession planning and will also be strongly considered for enhanced leadership positions within the department in the future.

The City seeks to recruit a positive leader who takes pride in enhancing livability for the residents of Vandalia. The City Engineer will be respon-

sible for providing technical expertise with respect to municipal construction, surveying projects, drainage, flood control, utilities (e.g., water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer), street, traffic control, street lighting, subdivision development, capital planning and other public works projects and programs. The City Engineer shall assure that the City complies with appropriate state and federal (e.g., ODOT, EPA, ODNR, Army Corps of Engineers, NPDES, etc.) regulations and accepted general engineering practices. The City Engineer will review public and private site plans, residential subdivision plans for compliance with all city codes, EPA requirements and any other requirements that must be met. They will also be part of the inspection process to ensure all utility installations and public improvements are installed to city standards. The position will also develop and /or approve engineering plans, calculations and prepare bid specifications and estimates for public works improvement projects. Works with various departments to write grant applications (e.g., CDBG, OPWC).

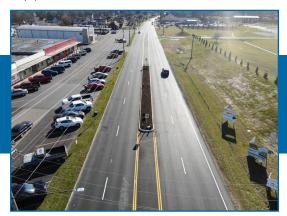


This position plays an essential role in maintaining the health, safety and well-being of residents of Vandalia. The City Engineer will serve as a professional role model for the City as we strive to be a top tier suburb that provides top tier services. The ideal candidate will serve on various boards and committees as the City's representatives including the Northern Area Water Authority (NAWA) Technical Committee, the Tri-Cities Northern Regional Waste Water Authority Technical Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee for the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC). The successful candidate must be comfortable using a personal computer to conduct essential tasks (e.g., conduct purchases, verify payroll, compose documents, communicate work assignments).

#### Qualifications

Registered Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Ohio or ability to obtain PE designation within one (1) year. Possession of a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from an ABET accredited university; five (5) or more years of related, preferably municipal, experience; two (2) years of experience in hydraulics or hydrology, traffic, civil engineering, and project management; one (1) year of supervisory / management experience preferred; or any equivalent combination of education, experience, and training which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Certified Stormwater Manager, Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality, Certified Erosion Sediment and Storm Water Inspector, or Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control desirable. Must possess a valid State of Ohio driver's license and must remain insurable under the City's vehicle insurance plan.

The City Engineer is an unclassified, Fair Labor Standards Act exempt position. The new City Engineer will be subject to a one-year probationary period. The successful candidate will be expected to work the hours that are necessary for effective service.





# **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

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

The City Engineer is a highly valued position with an annual salaryrange of \$76,024 to \$104,000.

Employer contribution to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System;

Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance;

Paid Vacation, Sick Leave, Holidays, and Floating Holidays;

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Funeral Leave, Jury Duty Leave, Military Leave, Maternal and Paternal Leave with Pay, Adoptive Parent Leave;

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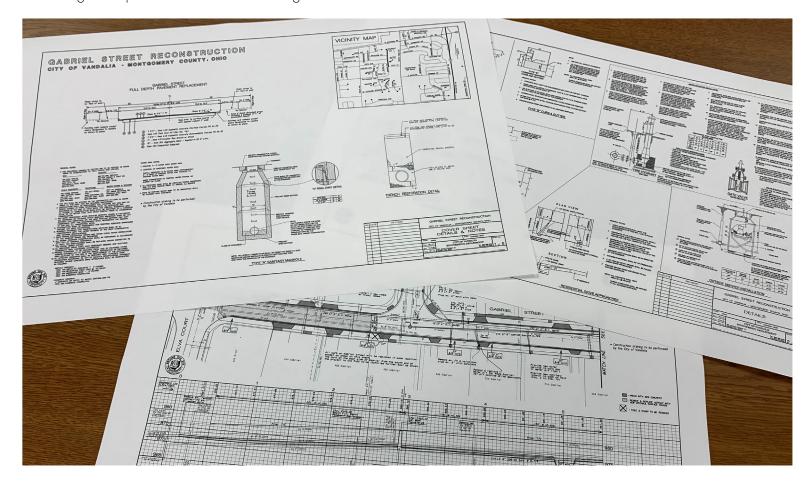
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Applications must include copies of any relevant certifications, a résumé and a cover letter.

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Vandalia Municipal Building



Municipal Building Reception Area

# Firefighter/Paramedic/Fire Inspector City of Vandalia, Ohio











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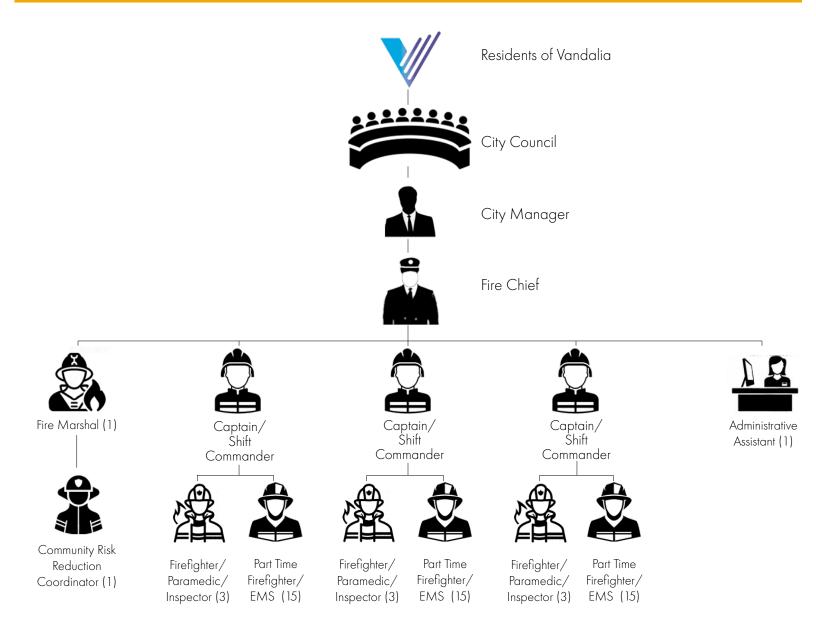
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## **DIVISION OF FIRE**

The Division of Fire is a combination, full-service fire department whose mission it is to provide superior fire, emergency medical, educational and prevention services to the residents we serve. By consistently delivering these services in a courteous, safe and professional manner we enhance the quality of life for the residents, business, and visitors of Vandalia. The Division of Fire is led by a lifelong Vandalian, Chief Chad Follick.

Delivering "first-tier" service remains the primary Mission of the Division of Fire. Chief Follick and the command staff have worked to align the Division of Fire's 2022 goals with the newly established "Citywide Policy Goals" including:

#### 1. Safe & Secure

- Recruiting & Retention focus: Building a sustainable staffing model, re-imagine recruiting (creating hometown heroes), and enhance retention.
  - Conduct part-time salary study.
  - Have a part-time compensation plan for consideration in 2023.
  - Develop the Fire Explorers program to create a sustainable source of part-time firefighters (Hometown Hero's).

# **DIVISION OF FIRE**

- b. First-Tier Training Focus: Re-imagine fire/EMS training, "first-tier" service is a by-product of "first-tier" training. Establish Vandalia as an organization that is committed to providing "first-tier" training. When you become a destination for "first-tier, first-class" fire, rescue, EMS training you create a destination for aspiring young fire/EMS professionals.
  - Overhaul the Division of Fire's "Candidate" training program.
  - Refocus the Division of Fire's Fire/EMS training to address generational learner and create training opportunities that address "tactical priorities".
  - Complete a master plan for the Public Safety Training Facility.
- c. Creative Outreach Focus: Working through the Community Risk Reduction Coordinator, provide schools with more frequent, non-emergency, positive interactions between school kids and firefighters.
- d. Analyze our Community Risks focus: Better understanding of the challenges and/or public safety threats that come along with being a "first-tier suburb". Work to conduct a Community Risk Analysis in 2022.

#### 2. Sharpen the Saw

- a. Leveraging Technology to Improve Internal Processes focus: Transition to a new data management system in 2022.
  - Collecting data points that will assist us in developing a Community Risk Assessment. Determine where our outreach (Community Paramedicine) efforts should be focused.
  - Improve the flow of information internally, operational information (logs, street closures, & maintenance issues).
  - Improve tracking of non-emergency activities (outreach, pre-fire planning, & public events).
  - Improve tracking of Fire Safety Inspections & pre-fire planning data.
  - Improve flow of vehicle/facilities maintenance repair requests (scheduling, tracking, cost analysis).

#### 3. Enhance Infrastructure

a. Protect Public Asset focus: Properly train personnel on the operation (driving) of new 108' aerial ladder.



# FIRE DIVISION BACKGROUND

Formed in 1976, following a split from the Butler Township Fire Department, The City of Vandalia's Division of Fire started out as a volunteer fire department. Since that time the Division of Fire has been progressive in its approach to providing fire, rescue, and

emergency medical services, transitioning into a full-service, combination (part-time and full-time) fire department that delivers 24/7 service.

The Division of Fire is a full-service fire department, providing fire suppression, emergency medical service, specialized rescue, hazardous materials response, and inspection services to a community with "planes, trains, and automobiles." The Division of Fire protects two major highways, US 40, a large stretch of railroad, and provides automatic mutual aid to the Dayton International Airport.

The Division of Fire operates from two fire stations, with three advanced life support medic units, two rescue-equipped fire engines (one equipped as a heavy rescue), and a 110' aerial ladder (which is being replaced with a brand new Sutphen 108' aerial ladder in 2022). The "Safe and Stable" income tax helps the Division of Fire ensure that the tools and equipment carried on every fire/EMS unit are the best technology possible.





The Division of Fire considers itself a team, and the key to a successful team is preparation and training. The City is currently conducting a feasibility study to inform the development of a joint public safety training facility for the Division of Fire, Division of Police, and surrounding jurisdictions. The Division of Fire provides on-duty fire, EMS, and specialized rescue training to its personnel while on-duty. Team members should have no problem obtaining enough continuing education to submit for certification renewals.

The Division of Fire aggressively trains on progressive and cutting-edge firefighting tactics, high quality emergency medical care and aggressive, out-of-the-box specialized rescue skills.

Some examples of this training include:

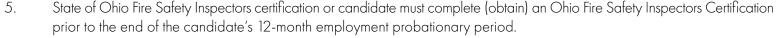
- Routine live fire training sessions, high quality firefighter training using digital fire simulations.
- High Quality CPR, patient assessment and advance patient management using the Division of Fire's computerized patient care mannequin.
- Hazardous materials operations and technician level training.
- Variety of technical rescue training (rope rescue, water/ice rescue, confine space, lost urban search and rescue, machine rescue and auto extrication).

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

The City seeks to recruit full-time fire service professionals who are energetic, ready to learn, and are looking to become a mentor and a leader on his/her shift. Candidates must be customer focused, and take pride in enhancing livability for the residents of Vandalia.

Candidates for the position of full-time Firefighter/Paramedic/ Fire inspector must have the following:

- Candidates must be 18 years old with a valid Ohio Driver's License.
- Candidates must be a United States Citizen/ Valid Permanent Resident Card. The city will not sponsor applicants for work visas, including H1B visas.
- 3. State of Ohio Firefighter (Level 2), Emergency Medical Technicians Certifications (minimum).
- State of Ohio Paramedic certification or candidate must be enrolled in a paramedic education program and will be expected to pass and obtain a state paramedics certification prior to
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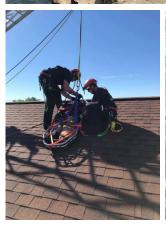


- 6. Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (EVOC).
- 7. Candidate should have at least one year of recent, successful service, as a full or part-time Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic.

Additional consideration will be given to candidates with an Associate's Degree, two years of college credit, or more post-secondary education.













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Pay scale is established by Collective Bargaining Agreement (current scale 2021-2023)

2021	2022	2023
\$19.2978	\$19.7802	\$20.1758
\$20.0753	\$20.5771	\$20.9887
\$20.8847	\$21.4068	\$21.8349
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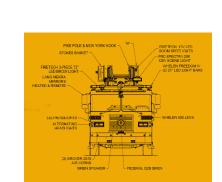
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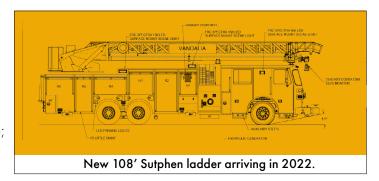
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The process for establishing a provisional eligibility list and appointing a Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector is:

- 1. Submission of application, Resume, Cover Letter and NTN Test.
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# Public Works Technician

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Residents of Vandalia



City Council



City Manager



Director of Public Service



Public Works Superintendent





Technician (13)







Mechanic (2)

Office Manager (1)

Seasonal Part-Time Laborers

# **PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

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



# PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

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

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

# THE POSITION - THE IDEAL CANDIDATE - THE QUALIFICATIONS

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

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

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Must be at least 18;

Must possess a high school diploma or GED;

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

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

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

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

Those with any of the following will receive preference:

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

EPA water and wastewater certifications;

Recent successful public works experience;

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

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

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

# APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

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

Applications will be reviewed as they are received with a deadline for submission of July 22. The recruitment of the Public Works Technician position will remain open until filled.

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

Flexible schedules available to accommodate school.



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

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