THE BLUE LETTER



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December 17, 2022

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Monday Council Meeting: The Study Session will begin at 5:30 pm. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

It was another action-packed week as we wrap up the year! There is no chance at all that we are slowing down. Over the last two weeks, I have been meeting with our Senior Staff to set their 2023 performance goals. They are finalizing departmental and division goals that are used to inform the performance objectives of individual employees. All of these goals tie right into our 2023 Citywide Policy Goals. I cannot help but smile when I think about all the things that we have set up and are about to accomplish this coming year. There is palatable excitement and there is a strong corps of public servants who are poised to improve quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors. Ownership is key. Our team is up for the challenge. 2023 is going to be a year that sets the foundation for transformative and strategic action in Vandalia.

This week, Chamber of Commerce President Bill Clark and his team hosted a great Jingle Mingle event, I had the pleasure of giving an update to the Vandalia Police at the annual division meeting, I issued conditional offers of employment to three candidates for full-time Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspectors and three conditional offers of employment to three candidates for the position of Public Works Technician, and Jeff Hoagland of the Dayton Development Coalition and I caught up to discuss general happenings at the City. I met with Miami Valley Communications Council about their efforts to pursue joint opt-out electric and gas aggregation efforts. So far, they have nine communities committed and are in the process of working with ten more communities.

Director Tom Judy of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association and Law Director McDonald provided risk transfer training to our directors, deputies, and administrative teams. This training covered contracting components, pitfalls, waivers, certificates of insurance, and tips for preventing loss and exposure. Upon receiving authorization from the legislative body to negotiate and to enter into an agreement, the city manager is the organization's contracting authority. This training provided valuable insight into the common objectives that our staff are directed to achieve when negotiating draft agreements with vendors and partners in order to reduce risk and increase efficiency.

Next week, I look forward to meeting with Representative Rodney Creech to give him a general update of what is going on in Vandalia.

I will be out of the office from December 21 - 28. I plan to be in town during this time. There will be no Blue Letter next week.

Brighter Tomorrows Grant Award! Congratulations to Parks Director Steve Clark and the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services on receiving a grant from the Brighter Tomorrows Foundation. The award of \$9,896.76 is for and adult changing station that will go in the unisex restroom at Robinette Park. As a part of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, the City of Vandalia is working to establish an inclusive playground and splash pad for people of all abilities at Robinette Park. The restroom and adult changing station were identified as needs for families. I am proud that our team has been having such a good run at the aggressive pursuit of grant funding to stretch taxpayer dollars.

Utility Rates: I have enclosed a mailer that will go out to residents regarding the utility rates that take effect on the first bill that is due in January 2023. This has been sent to the printer and will be delivered to the post office thereafter. There is extensive information regarding the need for the rate updates at Vandaliaohio.org/utilities.

Recruitment - The City is recruiting for the several full-time positions including (see: VandaliaOhio.org/Jobs):

- Fire Lieutenant;
- Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector;
- Public Safety Specialist;
- Park Maintenance Technician (Buildings);
- Park Maintenance Technician (Parks); and
- City Engineer.

Several of these recruitments are for the purpose of establishing a civil service eligibility list to be ready for anticipated or possible vacancies. I anticipate that we will be establishing a Police Sergeant eligibility list in 2023 as well. Employees who plan on participating in a competitive promotional process can anticipate and should be prepared to speak with me about their own original thoughts on the <u>Citywide Policy Goals</u>, their department / division goals for the year, the major budgetary outlays (operational and capital) for their service areas in 2023, the 2020 <u>Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan</u>, and a cursory skim of the forthcoming Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The ability to master the core competencies of one's profession are a prerequisite. I am a looking to recruit leaders who understand our mission, have taken time to understand the big picture of our organization, have a servant's heart, and have a desire to lead our team to deliver top-tier services.

Thank You Card! I have enclosed a thank you card from Ms. Brenda Todd who expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Walker and staff for assistance with issues relating to visibility of fire lanes and crosswalks as well as parking behind and around Kroger.

Community Calendar / Annual Report: The annual report is being delivered today. I have enclosed a digital copy.

Recreation Pass Form: I have enclosed the form that you can fill out for a gratis recreation pass.

Ladder Push-in Ceremony: 10 am at Station 1 on Monday, December 19, 2022.

Monday Council Meeting: The Study Session will begin at 5:30 pm. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

City Offices Closed: City offices will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2022 in observance of the New Year holiday. The first council meeting in January will be Tuesday, January 3. The Rec Center will be open December 24 from 7:00 a.m. until noon - fitness area, track and gymnasium only, December 25 the VRC will be closed, December 31 the VRC will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closed New Year's Day.

Study Session:

Monday, December 19, 2022 Items

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

Resolution: Vandalia Bikeway Engineering Contracts Amendment - We are in the final stages of the design for the Vandalia Bikeway Connector project. A few things have come in the design that will require a contract modification with our consultant, LJB, to complete the plans. The first two are requirements from ODOT that were not anticipated in the original contract. They are requiring that a detour plan and or notes be added to the plans for the existing bike path and National Road while the bridge work is completed over the CSX Railroad. ODOT is also requiring us to secure waterway permits or request an exception from these through the Army Corps for this requirement. We will ask for the exception, but it will take some time and I would like to have to have the money available if not granted the exception. The third item is a change modification to the plans from the original feasibility study that was approved. It is the location of the portion of the path near the parking lot on the Park District property near the existing trail. This will require additional soil borings and get tech work for the larger MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) walls that are required to support the path. That total cost of these three items is \$41,839.23. This amount will be split 50/50 between the City and Five Rivers Metro Parks. I am recommending that we approve the contract modification to move forward with the final design of the project. This will require approval of a supplemental appropriation to our 2022 Capital Improvement Budget.

Emergency Ordinance 22-45: Assessments – This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, and weed cutting.

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Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Items

Action Item: 2023 Council Appointments to Board/Commissions - Council will consider annual appointments for the following organizations:

- 2023 MVRPC & TC Representatives: Annually a representative and alternate are appointed to the MVRPC. Currently Mayor Herbst is the representative and Amber Holloway is the alternate. Annually a representative is appointed to the Technical Committee. Rob Cron is the current Technical Committee representative.
- 2023 First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton: Annually Council appoints two representatives and an alternate to this consortium. The current representatives are Mayor Herbst and Councilman Ahlers. Vice Mayor Lewis is the alternate.
- 2023 Montgomery County Community Improvement Corporation: This committee requires the annual appointment of the Mayor.
- 2023 Vandalia Development Corporation: This board requires two councilmembers appointments one Council appointment to be made in odd years, the current Council Representative is Councilwoman Woods.

Resolution: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus: As you know the Division of Fire has been awarded \$225,567.00 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to assist us in replacing our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). In our original application, we asked for just under \$308,000.00, FEMA cut \$81,000 from the project prior to awarding the grant. Prices have increased. The Division of Fire has met with other SCBA vendors; however, we believe that changing vendors (from Scott) at this point would negatively impact operations. The Division of Fire is heavily invested in firefighter SCBA training, spare parts, breathing air compressor set-up, firefighter rescue set-ups, in personnel that have been trained as maintenance technicians, and finally in our joint and mutual aid response commitments. Therefore, after careful review and consideration, we are asking for City Council to allocate an additional \$40,630.00 for this project; waive formal bidding, allow the Division of Fire to purchase Scott specific SCBA's and equipment from Atlantic Emergency Solutions for the quoted amount of \$277,472.77, using the Houston-Galveston Area Council (A-GAG) cooperative purchasing agreement; and declare the Division of Fire's current Scott SCBA's as surplus and allow us to dispose of this equipment in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the City of Vandalia.

Resolution: ED/GE Agreement - **Trusscore, Inc.**: On November 30, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved a \$162,000 ED/GE grant for Trusscore USA, Inc. This resolution will authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Montgomery County and Trusscore USA, Inc. regarding these grant funds.

Resolution: Purchase VAC Truck – Public Works: This resolution is for the purchase of a hydro excavator. This piece of equipment will improve efficiency and safety in maintaining our infrastructure. This vehicle can be used for a variety of our tasks including cleaning our sanitary and storm sewers, catch basins, and manholes. This piece of equipment is included in the 2023 budget (\$550,000 budgeted). Quotes from vendors include:

- Best Equipment 2022 Vac-Con Titan Package at Sourcewell Pricing \$493,500.00
- Southeaster Equipment 2023 Vacall Unit at Sourcewell Pricing \$520,485.48
- Jack Doheny Co 2023 Vactor Unit at State of Ohio Contract Pricing \$532,126.42

The 2022 Vac-Con is a brand-new unit that is available now from last year's stock and is the only unit left. I respectfully recommend that the City purchase the 2022 Vac-Con Unit from Best Equipment at the submitted Sourcewell pricing of \$493,500.00.

Discussion Items:

Audible Traffic Signal Push Button Devices – The City has been approached about providing audible devices at certain intersections to assist pedestrians who may be visually impaired to cross our busy roadways. Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway and Director Cron met with a family who asked the City to install these devices to assist them along particular routes they walked. The City has obtained a proposal from Capital Electric Line Builders to install the audible push button devices at five intersections including:

- National Rd. and Foley Dr.;
- National Rd. and I-75 SB Ramps;
- National Rd. and I-75 NB Ramps;
- National Rd. and Ranchview Dr.; and
- National Rd. and Dixie Dr.

Devices will be installed at the proposed locations by Capital Electric Line Builders at their submitted cost of \$19,312.00. The City will leverage funds that are currently appropriated to cover the cost from the Street Fund.

ADA Ramps – \$24,000 of funds that are currently appropriated in the Safe and Stable Fund will be leveraged to install additional Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramps at corners and curbs. This will give the City a head start on the concrete work for the streets that are likely to be paved next year and other key locations. ADA ramps are a core component of ensuring walkability in town and access for persons mobility troubles. Coate Construction, who performed similar work for us last winter, agreed to install the ramps at a negotiated price and the City has been happy with their work. This work will be performed as weather permits. I have enclosed a map of the draft paving plan (not finalized) and most recent update of the map showing the City's progress regarding curbs.

Blight Abatement 841 Spartan Avenue - The City has received a Default Judgement order from the Montgomery County Common Pleas court declaring the property at 841 Spartan Ave. a public nuisance. Thus, permitting the City to abate the nuisance by demolition of the structures on site. There are several steps to demolish the structures. An asbestos survey was completed to determine if asbestos was present in the structure. The City has two proposals for the abatement of asbestos prior to demolition including:

- Alloyd Asbestos Abatement Co. \$22,750.00; and
- CTL Engineering of Ohio, Inc. \$23,975.00.

As well as two proposals for the demolition of the structure and restoration of the lot including:

- Journey LTD \$12,720.00; and
- Bladecutters \$ 18,103.00.

All of these costs will be invoiced/assessed back to the owner of the property. I recommend that the city manager be authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Alloyd Asbestos Abatement for the asbestos removal at their submitted cost of \$22,750 and that we enter into an agreement with Journey LTD for the demolition of the structures and restoration of the lot at their submitted cost of \$12,720.00. The City appropriated \$30,000 in the 2022 budget for blight abatement and have spent approximately \$12,300 to date. \$18,000 is included in the end of the year supplemental to cover the additional expenses.

November Financial Reports - Director Leiter will deliver the November 2022 Financial Report.

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

Council Meeting:

Communications, Petitions and Awards:

Mayor Herbst will be presenting a proclamation to Sydney Ramsey, a Girl Scout and a student at Vandalia – Butler High School, who for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project interviewed CPO Wehner and presented VPD with very professional, informative flyers she made, which will be an asset to the community.

Resolution 22-R-89: Vandalia Recreation Center Entry Project - The Parks & Recreation Department solicited proposals for the Vandalia Recreation Center Entry Project from five (5) companies. The purpose of the request for proposals was to identify and select a qualified firm experienced in the design and installation of a new glass and aluminum storefront entry system at the VRC that includes a touchless entry system at both the main and west entry points to the facility. Modern Entrance Systems, Inc. of Beavercreek, Ohio submitted a complete and qualifying proposal of \$44,768 for the project. Funding for this project will come from the American Rescue Plan Act funds in which \$45,000 was earmarked for this specific project.

Resolution 22-R-90: Golf Course Sidewinder Trim Mower - The Parks & Recreation Department is recommending the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D Sidewinder Trim Mower through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract at a price not to exceed \$52,000 from Century Equipment. Due to industry wide volatility in pricing and unpredictable delivery date projections, Toro is unable to give an exact price at this time but is estimating an increase prior to an established delivery date. The Sourcewell contract is for 22% off the manufacturer suggested retail price, which is currently at \$57,619. The 2022 golf maintenance CIP budget has \$38,000 allotted for the purchase so we are recommending using the balance of capital funds from the golf course well house project to bring our total funds available to \$52,000. Should the Sourcewell contract price increase to above our \$52,000 limit we are not obligated to purchase the unit.

Resolution 22-R-91: Sandy's Towing Agreement – In November 2020, the Division of Police entered into a service agreement with Sandy's Towing for towing and impounding services. This agreement was for two years and renewable in additional two-year increments if mutually agreed to by both the City and Sandy's Towing. Sandy's Towing has consistently been prompt and professional when responding to towing requests, provided Liability Insurance Certificates, and is capable of meeting all the towing standards and requirements for removal, towing, and storage of vehicles. Sandy's Towing also maintains a locally owned storage lot at 10530 Northwoods Boulevard and provided a revised fee schedule as requested. I recommend City Council extend a two-year service agreement with Sandy's Towing for police towing requests.

Resolution 22-92: Vandalia Bikeway Right of Way Acquisition Serves Contract - The next step in our Vandalia Bikeway Connector project is to acquire the necessary right of way and easements for the construction of the project. Because there is federal funding in the project there is specific process that must be followed to acquire the land. Firms must be ODOT per-qualified to perform this work. We are recommending entering in to an agreement with OR Colon Associates LLC to perform this work at their submitted cost of \$48,315.00.

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Ordinance - Second Reading

Ordinance 22-44: The Applicant, Piper Stamps, has requested a rezoning from Highway Business to Industrial for the 12.4-acre property located at 7249 N. Dixie Drive. The purpose of the rezoning request is to allow for a concrete recycling facility. The parcels in question have a 2020 Future Land Use Map designation of Medium Density Residential. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend denial of this request. Staff strongly recommends denial of the proposal.

Ordinance - Emergency

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Reports from Boards and Commissions

Conditional Use: 7249 N. Dixie Drive - The Applicant, Piper Stamps, has requested a conditional use permit to allow the use of Asphalt & Concrete Manufacturing and Contractor on property located at 7249 N. Dixie Drive. This use is a conditionally permitted use in the Industrial Zoning District. The Applicant is simultaneously requesting a rezoning of this property from Highway Business to Industrial. The Applicant intends to use the site as a concrete recycling facility. At its meeting on November 8, 2022, the Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend denial of this request. Staff strongly recommends denial of the proposal.

Variance: 819 East National Road - The Applicant, Alison Purdon, has requested a variance to allow a fuel station on the property located at 819, 825, and 855 E. National Road within 80 feet of another fuel station on the opposite side of the street. The Code requires that fuel stations on opposite sides of the street be separated by a minimum of 300 feet. The Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend denial of the request. Staff strongly recommends denial of the proposal.

Planning Commission Minutes: November 8, 2022

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: April 20, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: May 18, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: June 16, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: July 20, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: September 19, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: October 19, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: November 16, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: December 20, 2021

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: January 18, 2022

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: March 15, 2022

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: August 16, 2022

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: September 20, 2022

Vandalia Arts Council Minutes: October 18, 2022

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

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be an inperson meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff and the public to attend inperson. The meetings will be accessible for viewing on through Zoom. 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 5:30 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm**.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC: Board and Commission Members All City Employees

Attachments:

- 1. Utility Rate Mailer;
- 2. Thank You Card;
- 3. Gratis Recreation Pass Form;
- 4. Ladder Push-in Ceremony Flyer;
- 5. Annual Report / Calendar;
- 6. Senior Center Newsletter January 2023;
- 7. Curb Ramp Map; and
- 8. Draft Tentative Paving Program Map.

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Vandalia utility rates are being adjusted.

Effective on the first utility bill in January, 2023, utility rates in Vandalia will be adjusted to meet emerging needs in the City's water, sewer and stormwater systems.



- ▼ To provide safe drinking water.
- ▼ To prevent accidental discharges of raw sewage.
- ▼ To address costs associated with regulatory mandates.
- ▼ To better prevent flooding during rain events.
- ▼ To perform deferred maintenance within the utility system.

For more details on Vandalia utility rates, check out the City of Vandalia website: www.vandaliaohio.org/utilities or use the QR code to visit the site. Questions? Call (937) 898-5891.









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Vandalia Recreation Center

Council Member/Employee/Eligible Retiree
Membership Application



Memberships are valid Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023 (Prorated fees apply to monthlypay only or new employees)

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You Are Cordially Invited to attend a "Push In-Ceremony" for the City of Vandalia's New 108' Ladder Truck.

When:

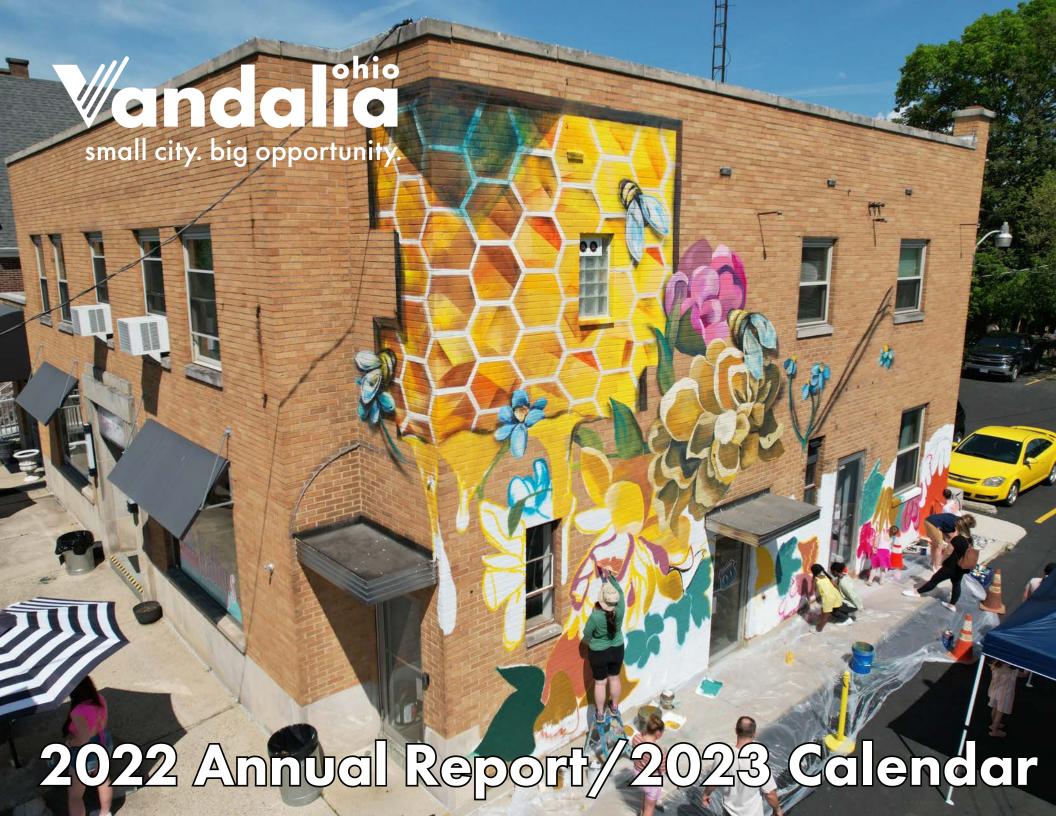
Monday, December 19, 2022 10:00am

Where:

Vandalia Fire Station 1, 8705 Peters Pike, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Why:

The push-in ceremony is a fire service tradition that dates back to the late 1800's. Join us in paying tribute to those that made this day possible and in starting the ladder's long service life off on a positive note, through this time-honored tradition.



City Council



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In 2021, City Council created seven policy goals for 2022 that were aimed squarely at improving the quality of life in Vandalia. These weren't just words Dear Vandalia Residents, on paper. We pledged that if any piece of legislation failed to address at least one of the seven policy goals, we would not consider it.

Legislation throughout the year addressed issues such as traffic safety, job creation and revitalization, and utility expansion. Council also invested in important upgrades to software systems used by the Finance Department, Development and Engineering Services and the Division of Fire.

Through it all, our guiding principle was creating and maintaining a municipal operation that you, the resident, can be proud of.

We are excited for what the future holds for Vandalia.

Thank you for your support over the past year. We look forward to serving you in 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely

Mayor www.vandaliaohio.org







Richard Herbst Mayor



David Lewis Vice Mayor



Robert Ahlers Councilmember



Vandalia City Council



Michael Blakesly Councilmember



Candice Farst Councilmember



Corey M. Follick Councilmember



Constance Woods Councilmember

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Honorable Residents, Businesses, and Visitors of Vandalia!

It's been a very busy year for all of us here in the City of Vandalia, as staff have worked hard to maximize local tax dollars to improve the lives of all

We have received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant monies to improve our infrastructure. We've opened up our police and fire stations of our residents. to give people a chance to see how we operate. We've completed a To give people a cliutice to see flow we operate, vive ve completed a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide us through the

As you page through this annual report, I hope you are struck with the next generation. same thought that I was... that Vandalia is a very special place.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you for another year.

Very Respectfully, BHASE D. WENCE

Dan Wendt City Manager

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Amber Holloway **Assistant City Manager**



Bridgette Leiter **Finance Director**



Missy Pruszynski **Human Resources**



Darren Davey IT Manager



Kurt Althouse Police Chief



Rob Cron **Public Service Director**



Jerry McDonald Law Director



Rich Hopkins Communication Manager



Chad Follick Fire Chief



Steve Clark Parks & Rec Director



Dave Caldwell **Prosecutor**



Angela Swartz **Executive Secretary**

City Services

SNOW REMOVAL

A few tips for you that will help us do our best in clearing snow from the roadways: When snow is heavy enough for the plows to be out, please do not park vehicles in the street. Also, when shoveling driveways and sidewalks, do not move snow onto the street. City ordinances require property and business owners to keep their sidewalks clear of snow. When a snow storm strikes, the city manager can declare a snow emergency. When a snow emergency exists, the law requires all parked vehicles be removed from City streets within 12 hours.

BULK ITEM PICKUP

Free pickup of extra-large trash items is available weekly through the City's contracted waste hauler, Rumpke. Homeowners must call Rumpke at least 72 hours in advance, (937) 461-0004, to advise which items need to be removed.

Bulk drop-offs at the City Garage, 97 Clubhouse Way, are available the second Saturday of several months, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. These drop-offs are limited to limbs, brush, and large construction materials. This service is not available in January, February, November or December. For more information, call (937) 415-2349.

UTILITIES

Charges for water usage, well field protection, sewer and waste water treatment, storm water management, mandatory trash pick-up and curbside recycling are billed monthly and mailed out to residents. Payment can be mailed or dropped off at the Municipal Building's drive-through window from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or the 24-hour dropbox, located next to the drive-through window. Customers can register for automatic bill pay by completing the form on the back of the utility bill statement or by accessing the form on the City's website, www.vandaliaohio.org. Automatic bill pay allows residents to have their utility bills automatically deducted from a checking or savings account. In lieu of a paper utility bill, residents may receive email notifications concerning their utility account. Visit our website and click on the Finance Department tab; choose Utilities Division and then "View Utility Bill."

BRUSH DISPOSAL

Residents in Vandalia may take brush, limbs, and trees that are smaller than 12 inches in diameter to Harris Sod and Seed, 8890 Dog Leg Road. Those using this free service must show proof of residency. For hours of operation, call Harris Sod and Seed, (937) 667-8288.

PERMITS/REZONING

The City requires permits for improvements such as small buildings, fencing, decks, patio covers, pools, hot tubs, fireplaces, heating and cooling, signs, satellite dishes, sewer or water system repair, sidewalk, and curb or driveway approaches. If you're not sure you need a permit, call Development and Engineering Services, (937) 898-3750.

Also, if you'd like to use your property in a way that is prohibited by its zoning, you may request that the zoning be changed. The decision to rezone land must be justified by public necessity, convenience or general welfare.

WASTE REMOVAL

Residents of Vandalia are provided with refuse collection for a nominal monthly fee. For information regarding pickup days in your neighborhood, call (937) 898-3750. In addition, every home receives a plastic bin for the recycling of glass, metal cans, cardboard, some plastics, and newspaper. These items are picked up along with household trash.

Yard waste may be placed in your regular trash bin or in any trash bag for pickup on your regular trash collection day. There is no longer any requirement to place your yard waste in a special bag or to separate yard waste from the rest of your trash. Brush should be in bundles no larger than 2' x 4'. Limbs larger than 6" in diameter will not be accepted. From November through March, Rumpke will accept leaves that are bagged and placed at the curb to be collected on your regular trash pickup day. Please... no more than two bags per week. For information on holiday service delays, check out the Rumpke website, www.rumpke.com.



PARKS AND RECREATION

The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department (VPRD) offers more than 200 recreational programs and classes throughout the year. Seasonal programs are listed in a brochure published periodically. Beginning in 2023, the brochure will be mailed to all Vandalia households. If you would like to receive a copy in the mail, call the VPRD, (937) 890-7709. Copies are also available at the Recreation Center front desk. Information on seasonal programs can also be found online at www.vandaliaohio.org under the Parks and Recreation header. Follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for program information as well.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Vandalia Senior Center is operated under the administration of the VPRD. Through this organization, the City offers many types of recreation, education, and companionship for adults 55 and older. The center is located at 21 Tionda Drive South. For more information, call (937) 898-1232.

COMMEMORATIVE TREE PROGRAM

If you'd like a living reminder of a special person or event, you may want to look into the VPRD's Commemorative Tree Program. Through this program, you can remember a friend or relative with a tree, the symbol of life. For a minimum cost of \$120, the VPRD will plant a tree in a City park and place your honoree's name on a plaque that hangs in the Vandalia Recreation Center or Municipal Building lobby (your choice). All participants receive a Commemorative Tree Recognition Certificate. The cost includes the tree, its planting and the plaque. Call (937) 890-7709 for details.

MEDIA

Focus Vandalia is a locally-produced video program which features City of Vandalia news. The programming is available on the City of Vandalia website, www.vandaliaohio.org, and on the City's You Tube Channel. To access the Vandalia You Tube channel, go to www.youtube.com and do a search for Focus Vandalia. Vandalia's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Next Door feeds are also great sources of information on Vandalia happenings. There are Facebook feeds for the City Manager's office, the Division of Police, the Division of Fire, Cassel Hills Golf Course, and Parks and Recreation. Public Works also manages a Twitter feed to update the community on road and sewer projects underway.

GOLF COURSE

Vandalia's renowned and challenging golf course, Cassel Hills, runs through Taylorsville Reserve. The course is located at 201 Clubhouse Way, east of I-75. The course is open for play year-round, weather permitting. In peak season, the golf course opens at 8 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 7 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The course opens at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays so that crews can complete golf course maintenance. Times are adjusted seasonally. Find current information, including greens fee rates, course status and golf cart availability at the web site, www.casselhills.com, or call (937) 890-1300 during normal business hours.

PICNICS AND PARTIES

Vandalia residents may use the shelters at Helke Park or the gazebo in Seger Park for parties, picnics or special events. These services are for Vandalia residents only. Call the VPRD, (937) 415-2353 to reserve space or equipment.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The VPRD will dispose of your Christmas tree if you just bring it to the Sports Complex. The drop-off lot will be clearly marked and is open from December 26 through mid-January.

Living In Vandalia



bus that pays homage to the City of Vandalia.

The Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority created a

On the cover: local artist Tiffany Clark of The Mural Machine worked with Vandalia residents in May to create a mural on the wall of 115 E. National Road. The mural was funded through the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District, administered by Culture Works, and the Vandalia Arts Council. Vandalia Rental also assisted with the donation of a platform lift. Check out photos of the mural elsewhere in this report.

It was wet weather for the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, held December 5. Nothing, however, could dampen the spirits of the crowd on-hand, who were also treated to hot chocolate, a hand bell choir concert, and a holiday bazaar.

Vandalia utilizes the Hyper Reach system to notify residents in the event of a public emergency. Those registered will receive a phone call to their home phone and/or cell or a text message. To register a cell phone, visit www.Hyper-Reach.com

The Vandalia community hosted one of the biggest Garage Sale Weekends in recent memory. Scores of residents took advantage of the interactive map placed on the City's website, www.vandaliaohio. org to let people know about the treasures they were putting up for sale. Garage Sale Weekend is always the third full weekend of May each year.



The Vandalia Oktoberfest brings people from across the region to enjoy beer, bratwurst and lots of German music. Proceeds benefit Sister Cities of Vandalia.





The 2022 Air Show Parade was a very popular hangout for canine parade fans. Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway spotted a number of pooches who took in the parade along with their owners.



Students from the Butler High School Art Department painted two of the City's snow plows.





The garden tools were out one Spring day as the Municipal Building received a landscaping makeover.

January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Year's Day	City Offices CLOSED	Gity Council Study Session 6 p.m	4	5	6	7
VRC CLOSED	in observance of New Year's Day	Council Meeting 7 p.m.				
8	9	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	12	13	14
15	Martin Luther King Day City Offices CLOSED VRC is OPEN	City Council Study Session 6 p.m Council Meeting 7 p.m. Utility Bill Due	18	19	20	21
22	23	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	25 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31			December 2022 S M T W T F S	February 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Division of Police



In 2022, VPD began transitioning to a "greener" fleet. Moving forward, police vehicles will be hybrid-powered in order to conserve fuel, reduce emissions, and reduce operational cost.

The Vandalia Division of Police participated in a "Pizza with the Police" event held in March at the Vandalia branch of the Dayton-Montgomery County Public Library. Officers enjoyed the opportunity to greet and interact with members of the community in a social environment.

The Division of Police held an Open House event on Thursday, July 14. The community was invited to tour the Justice Center and learn about various aspects of police work. Local residents and organizations donated food for the event.

In 2022, the Division of Police began working to expand the existing employee wellness program. The enhanced offerings cover mental wellness, physical fitness, nutrition, and financial planning.

All police personnel completed 24 hours of continuing education. Officers received training on topics such as diversity, inclusion and equity, use of force, legal updates and domestic violence.

The Division of Police unveiled a new logo in 2022 as part of the City's rebranding effort. A new cruiser design was unveiled to complement the new brand.



The Vandalia Justice Center is home to Vandalia Municipal Court and the Vandalia Division of Police.



Thanks to generous donations from Abbey Credit Union and the Vandalia Rotary Club, six bicycles along with safety equipment were given away at the National Night Out event in August.



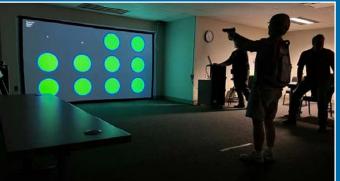
The Division of Police unveiled a new police cruiser design for 2022.



Officer Brittany Blackford chats with a young visitor at the Division's "Pizza with Police" event.







Visitors to the July 14 Police Open House had the opportunity to try out a firearms training simulator.

February



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5	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	7	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	9	10	11
12		Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Utility Bill Due Parks & Rec Advisory Board 6:30 p.m. @ Senior Center	16	17	18
19	President's Day City offices OPEN City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	21	22 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	23	24	25
26		28 Planning Commission 6 p.m.				

Economic Development



Vandalia City Council has expanded the Façade Improvement Program to include businesses throughout the entire city. The program seeks to assist businesses with improving the appearance of their buildings. The program can be used to fund 50% of the total eligible costs of an improvement or repair. For full program details, go to vandaliaohio.org and search "Facade Improvement."

Kendall Electric is constructing a 115,000 square-foot facility at 769 Center Drive. The \$13.5 million structure will open with 45 full-time positions, and the company has plans to add an additional 15 employees within the first 12 months of operation. When complete, the facility is expected to serve as the company's Midwest headquarters. Construction has been ongoing since late summer. It is expected to be completed in Spring, 2023.

In November the City of Vandalia hired Michael Hammes in the role of City Planner. Hammes has more than 20 years of planning experience at the City of Moraine. He will guide Vandalia's execution of the 2020 Vision Vandalia Com-

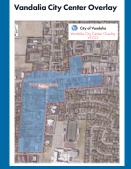


Michael Hammes

prehensive Plan, work on code revisions, and help to develop the City's forthcoming downtown development and transportation connectivity plans.



Construction continues on the Redwood Apartments being built off of Webster Street. The units offer low-maintenance apartment living in a neighborhood setting.



City Council approved the Vandalia City Center Overlay in May. The overlay re-imagines Downtown Vandalia along Dixie Drive as a mixed-use district of retail, restaurants, office, open space and a variety of housing options.



A speculative building is under construction on Deer Run, located in the Northwoods Business Park.



White Castle cut the ribbon in October on a building addition to their Stonequarry Crossings production facility. The addition nearly doubles the company's local footprint and allows the plant to dramatically increase production.



Ribbon Cuttings in 2022

When a new business opens, it is customary to hold a ribbon cutting event. Among the 2022 ribbon cutting events were: (clockwise from left) the US-40 Expansion and Improvement Project, Flyghtfit Kids Club, Culver's Restaurant and Athletico Physical Therapy.







March



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5	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	7	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	9	10	Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Daylight Savings Time begins. At 2 a.m., set clock ahead to 3 a.m.		Planning Commission 6 p.m.	15 Utility Bill Due	16	17	18
19	20 City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	21	22 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	23	24	25
26	27 Golf Advisory Board 7 p.m. @ Cassel Hills G.C.	28 Planning Commission 6 p.m.	29	30	31	

Finance Department



For the 31st consecutive year, the City of Vandalia received the Auditor of State with Distinction Award for Financial Reporting. Less than 5% of all Ohio governmental agencies receive this award.

For the 32nd year, the City of Vandalia received the Government of Finance Officer's Association Award with Excellence.

In 2021 the City of Vandalia began using Incode, a new finance software package. The functionality of the new software will increase productivity and decrease costs. Vandalia had been with the previous software system for 37 years.

The Finance Department began using Executime in 2022. This software replaces paper time sheets that the City had been using since 1960. All departments now enter their time sheet information electronically. The system also features advanced scheduling, which offers more in depth and detailed scheduling for Public Safety and Parks and Recreation.

Future projects planned include a new payroll withholding tax payment site for businesses in 2023, and a new e-filing site for individuals in 2024. Both updates will be more user-friendly and have a brand new look! Mobile e-filing will also be available to individuals with the new site in 2024.



The Finance Department dressed in pink one day in October to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness month.



To give residents an opportunity to safely dispose of sensitive documents, the Finance Department organizes a shred event each year.

(Below) Residents now have the option of using credit cards to pay for utility and tax services. The easy-to-use interface has been popular with customers.





Finance Clerk Kim Bruce is the smiling face you meet when making a payment through the Utility drive-up window. Kim will be retiring in February.



Erin Crisp will be assuming the role of Finance Clerk for the Utility drive-up window.

April



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Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.					Tax Office Open 8 a.m. to Noon Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Sunday VRC CLOSED		Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.			Tax Office Open 8 a.m. to Noon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	Utility Bill Due City Council Study Session 6 p.m.	City Tax Returns Due Extended Tax Office Hours 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.		_ 3		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.			

Public Works



There were new faces in Public Works in 2022. Walter Ritchie stepped in to become Public Works Superintendent. Jake Hayslett was hired in August to be Assistant Superintendent.

In 2022 the Department of Public Works updated many of the City's street signs and corporate limit signs to reflect Vandalia's new branding.

Public Works crews installed a new parking lot at the Justice Center for the City's IT Division.

The Public Works Department restarted an educational program that had been on hiatus the past two years. Public Works Day gives Vandalia third graders an opportunity to tour the Public Works Garage and learn how the department positively impacts the City of Vandalia.

The Public Works Department is responsible for 210 lane miles of roadway in Vandalia. When there are potholes or repairs to be made, the Public Works crew is quick on the scene to complete asphalt patching.

Now there's an easy way to connect with the City of Vandalia. Download the My Vandalia app, the fast, easy and free way to connect with the City for just about anything. Request a vacation house check, report a property maintenance issue, report a pothole, or just ask a question. Download the My Vandalia app at the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Public Works crews installed banners along National Road in August to recognize local golfer Austin Greaser's selection in an international tournament.



A major responsibility of the Public Works Department is the maintenance of the City's water and sewer lines. In the photo above, crews repair a broken waterline.





One way the Public Works department saves the City money is to handle small paving projects in-house. (Above left) A cart path at Cassel Hills Golf Course is repaved, (above right) crews patch of section of roadway following a water main repair.







Walter Richie joined the department of public works as Superintendent in 2022.

May



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	8	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	11	12	Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
14	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m. Utility Bill Due	16	Parks & Rec Advisory Board 6:30 p.m. @ Parks Maint. Bldg.	78 City-Wide Garage Sale	City-Wide Garage Sale	20 City-Wide Garage Sale
City-Wide Garage Sale Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	Golf Advisory Board 7 p.m. @ Cassel Hills G.C.	23 Planning Commission 6 p.m.	24 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	25	26	27 Cassel Hills Pool Opening Day
28	Memorial Day City Offices CLOSED VRC Open 7 a.m. to Noon Fitness, Track, Gymnasium ONLY	30	31		April 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 323 24 25 26 27 28 29	June 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Parks and Recreation



Vandalia received a Community Development Block Grant award of \$100,000 for the Helke Park Playground replacement project. The new equipment is designed to be easier for people with disabilities to utilize and will be installed in 2023..

The Parks and Recreation Department landscaped two new roadway medians in 2022. One is located on West National Road just east of Peter's Pike and the other is on North Dixie Drive near Inverness Avenue.

For the eighth year in a row, Vandalia received Tree City, USA designation by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The award recognizes communities with tree conservation policies in place.

The City received Bee City, USA designation for the sixth year in a row in 2022. The award recognizes communities with pollinator-friendly policies in place.

Parks and Recreation opened four new Little Free Libraries in 2022. The units were installed at Helke Park, Copperfield Park, Warner Park and Brown School Woods Park. The Vandalia branch of the Dayton-Montgomery County Library will service the units, ensuring a good supply of books are available.

Want to check out the Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department of the future? Download the Parks and Recreation Master Plan from our website: www.vandaliaohio.org/parksmasterplan.



Parks and Recreation crews are responsible for clearing snow from all City facility walks and parking lots. Pictured (L-R) Matt Roberts, Jerrod Hill, Andrew Christian, Rudy Wells, Dan Morrow, James Frye and Bryan Fine.



gather input for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which will inform decisions regarding the parks for many years to come. (Left, Below) The Master Plan

(Left) Parks and Recreation

held a series of community meetings in City parks to



(Right) A student from Helke Elementary School assists in planting a tree as a part of the City's Arbor Day celebration. Vandalia is proud to be a Tree City, USA.







Facilities Superintendent Rudy Wells received the Marvin C. Link Distinguished Service Award at the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet.



Four Little Free Libraries were opened over the summer of 2022. The libraries encourage literacy by bringing books into neighborhood parks.



The 2022 Vandalia Corporate Challenge was a huge success, giving local businesses the opportunity to have fun and compete in a week-long athletic and non-athletic competition.

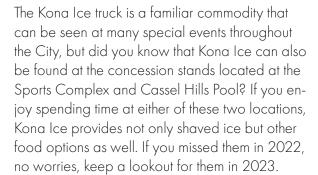
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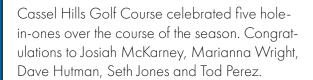


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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Vandalia Corporate Challenge 12 to 4 p.m. @ Sports Complex Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	Vandalia Corporate Challenge 6 to 8 p.m. @ Helke Park	Vandalia Corporate Challenge 6 to 8 p.m. @ Rec Center	Vandalia Corporate Challenge 6 to 8 p.m. @ Sports Complex	Vandalia Corporate Challenge 6 to 8 p.m @ Helke Park	Vandalia Corporate Challenge 6 to 8 p.m. @ Sports Complex	Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
11	12	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	15 Utility Bill Due	16	17
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m. (SUMMER SCHEDULE)	20	21	Division of Police - Open House 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	23	24
25	26	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	28 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	29	30	

Cassel Hills

A hole in one!





The Cassel Hills Tudor clubhouse is available for rental. The clubhouse can seat up to 80 guests, but is ideally suited for 20-60 guests. To reserve the clubhouse, check availability or ask questions, call (937) 890-1358 or email chafer@vandaliaohio.org.

Cassel Hills Golf Course has a wide variety of leagues in place for every level of golfer. Competitions and leagues are a great way to meet new golfers and have more fun on the course. Leagues play on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



The Cassel Hills Swimming Pool provides cool relief from the Summer heat.



On the last day of swim season, the pool opens things up for four-legged swimmers with the Soggy Doggy Dip.



The Cassel Hills Piranha Swim Team represents Vandalia in swim meets held throughout the region.



Josiah McKarney July 2 Hole #9

Marianna Wright July 7 Hole #4



To Share

Tod Perez September 29 Hole #4

Dave Hutman July 20 Hole #13





Cassel Hills Golf Course opened a restroom facility in late Summer. The facility was paid for by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.



Golfers now have the ability to use a built-in GPS system in each cart to better assess their distance from the hole.

July



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June 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	August 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26					1
25 26 27 28 29 30	3	4	5	6	7	8
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	Star Spangled Celebration 7 - 10 p.m. @ Sports Complex VRC CLOSED at 6 p.m.	Independence Day City Offices CLOSED VRC Open 7 a.m. to Noon Fitness, Track, Gym ONLY				Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
9	10	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m. (SUMMER SCHEDULE) Utility Bill Due				Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce Air Show Parade 7 p.m.	CenterPoint Dayton Air Show
23	Golf Advisory Board 7 p.m. @ C.H.G.C.	25	26	27	28	29
CenterPoint Dayton Air Show	31	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.			

Celebrating our Residents

Here in Vandalia, we believe in honoring those who are doing great things.

Vandalia City Council issues proclamations honoring those who enhance the quality of life for residents, and those residents who bring honor to the City through good deeds.



In February, Vandalia Facilities Superintendent Rudy Wells was recognized by City Council with a day in his honor. Rudy manages the maintenance and upkeep of all City buildings and grounds. He was the recipient of the 2021 Marvin C. Link Distinguished Service Award. The award noted his service to the City, but also to his church and community.



In June, Vandalia City Council recognized Will Roberts with a month in his honor. Roberts was presented with a proclamation by Mayor Richard Herbst at his last official Chamber meeting. Roberts served as President and CEO of the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce for 14 years, arowing the organization's membership and influence during his tenure.



Brady Schneider, a student at Vandalia-Butler High School, is very active in Special Olympics. Brady qualified for the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games, and June 24 - 26 competed in the weightlifting events.

Jackson Clark is a student at Morton Middle School who also competes in Special Olympics. Jackson qualified for the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games, and June 24-26 competed in the gymnastic events.





Ashley Arnett is a student at Morton Middle School who qualified for the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games. On June 24-26, Ashley represented the City of Vandalia by competing in the gymnastic events.

Joe Dranschak was honored in December of 2021 by City Council for his many contributions to the Vandalia-Butler community.

Joe was heavily involved with the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler, and worked to establish



Vandalia as a Bee City, USA. Joe passed away June 12, 2022.



Vandalia City Council honored four siblings in November for their role in operating the Airline Dairy Creme, a Vandalia institution for more than 58 years. Earlier this year the family sold the business which opened in February of 1964. Tim Krimm, Teri Rizvi, Mike Krimm and Nancy Suther received a day in their honor at the November 7 Vandalia City Council meeting.

August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	10	11	Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cassel Hills Pool Weekends Only After Today	14	15 Utility Bill Due	Parks & Rec Advisory Board 6:30 p.m. @ Robinette Park	17	18	Cassel Hills Pool OPEN
Cassel Hills Pool OPEN Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m. (SUMMER SCHEDULE)	22 Planning Commission 6 p.m.	23 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	24	25	26 Cassel Hills Pool OPEN
27 Cassel Hills Pool OPEN	28	29	30	31		

Development and Engineering



In 2022 the City completed the Gabriel Street Reconstruction project. The \$781,000 project rebuilt a portion of the roadway from the base up, and included new water and sewer lines. Vandalia received \$399,000 in funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission to complete the project.

Vandalia was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Foley/ Enola Drive Reconstruction project. Work on the project will take place in 2023.

The budget for Vandalia's annual street resurfacing project was increased for 2022. The City spent \$1,000,000 in street resurfacing and \$400,000 in concrete repairs. The project included installing 13 new handicap ramps.

Vandalia received a grant worth up to \$717,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program dollars through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for the resurfacing of Webster Street. The project is in the initial design stages and will be completed in 2024.

Work began in 2022 on the Dog Leg Road Phase One Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension to provide utilities west of the Airport Access Road to Dog Leg Road. This is a \$4,000,000 project to open this area up for development and provide safe drinking water to existing residents and businesses.



The Tri-Cities Wastewater Treatment Plant processes wastewater from Vandalia, Tipp City and Huber Heights.



In 2022 Vandalia began a utilities extension project to bring water and sewer to City addresses west of Airport Access Road.





Development and Engineering manages the annual street resurfacing program. In 2022, James Bohanan Drive was resurfaced and new curbing was installed.



Robert Martin joined the Development and Engineering Services Department as an electrical inspector.



A major project in 2022 saw Gabriel Street rebuilt from the base layer up. The project included replacing water and sewer lines. More than half the funding for the project came from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

September



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Cassel Hills Pool OPEN	Labor Day City Offices CLOSED VRC Open 7 a.m. to Noon Cassel Hills Pool OPEN (Soggy Doggy Dip @ 6 p.m.)	5 City Council Study Session 6 p.m Council Meeting 7 p.m.	6	7	8	Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	11	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	13 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	14	15 Utility Bill Due	16
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Golf Advisory Board 7 p.m. @ Cassel Hills G.C.	26 Planning Commission 6 p.m.	27 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	28	29	30

Division of Fire



The Division of Fire has upgraded its thermal imaging cameras. These vital tools see through smoke and help to monitor a fire's spread. They allow responders to quickly visualize a plan of attack, locate hot spots, and save lives. The Division now has purchased enough cameras that every response vehicle is equipped with one.

Communication is vital when responders are working an incident. In 2022 the Division upgraded all of the radios used by command staff to manage a scene.

The Division in 2022 updated its ballistic armor by adding plates and helmets. The additional purchases now allow for three complete sets of ballistic armor on every medic, engine and ladder.

The Division received a FEMA Fire Act Grant in the amount of \$225,567 to replace the City's aging self-contained breathing apparatus supply. With the grant, Vandalia paid roughly 5 percent of the total cost to replace the equipment.

The Division added technical rescue props to its training program. These props better prepare rescuers for industrial equipment entrapments.

In 2022, the Division adjusted Fire/Rescue/EMS training programs, to become more practical and "hands on." This change better prepares firefighter/medics with less time in a classroom and more time in the field



The Division of Fire provided the water works for the City's Splashtacular held at the Sports Complex.



Firefighters in Vandalia are full service. This includes the occasional rescue of a cat stuck in a tree.

"Man in Machine" training teaches crews how to rescue someone entangled in an industrial piece of equipment.



The Vandalia Division of Fire utilizes drone technology to assist in a number of rescue procedures.

(Right) The Division of Fire participates in the Passport To Safety program each year, which gives all Vandalia kindergarten students training in a number of safety topics.



Training is a high priority for the Vandalia Division of Fire. Crews work to stay prepared for almost any circumstance, including a water rescue.



October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fire Division Open House 8705 Peters Pike Noon to 2 p.m.	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.					
8	9	Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	12	13	Free large item debris drop-off at Public Works Garage, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m. Utility Bill Due	17	18	19	20	21
Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler Open House 1 p.m 3 p.m.	23	24 Planning Commission 6 p.m.	25 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31 Beggar's Night (Trick or Treat) 6 - 8 p.m.			September 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	November 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Senior Citizens Center



The Vandalia Senior Center is connected to the community. Local businesses have the opportunity to support the center by sponsoring Lunch and Learn events where members get a free lunch while listening to a speaker on an interesting topic. In 2022, the Center expanded it's monthly newsletter thanks, in large part, to sponsors buying ad space.

The City invested in some significant improvements the Senior Center in 2022, including a new roof, a new HVAC system, and new LED lighting throughout the facility.

The Senior Center collects used greeting cards for outside groups to use, pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, glasses for the Lions Club, cell phones for Artemis House, and canceled stamps for a church mission.

Each fall the Super Sewers group at the Senior center donate blankets and afghans which are distributed to veterans in need.

Former first lady of Ohio, Hope Taft, talked about her project of Walking Ancient Ohio, in 2021. This helped the application for the Mound Group to become a World Heritage Site.

Each year the Senior Center hosts approximately 90 different speakers giving presentations on a wide range of topics.



The Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Drive South, offers fun programs for those 55 or older. Through lunch and learns, special classes and recreational activities, there's always something happening at the Senior Center!



Storyteller Stephen Hollen came dressed as American humorist Mark Twain, and he delighted the audience with many humorous tales.



Former Ohio First Lady Hope Taft talked about her support for the Mound Group to become a World Heritage Site.

Live music can be heard throughout the Senior Center through the year. In the photo, musical group Kings English is performing.





Senior Center members had the opportunity to cuddle with baby goats in October.

November



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5	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	7	Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	9	10	11
12		Planning Commission 6 p.m.	Utility Bill Due Parks & Rec Advisory Board 6:30 p.m. @ Recreation Center	16	17	18
19	20 City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	21	22 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	Thanksgiving City Offices Closed VRC OPEN 7 a.m. to Noon Fitness, Track, Gymnasium ONLY	24 City Offices Closed	25
26		28 Planning Commission 6 p.m.	29	30		

Recreation Center



Interested in joining the VRC, attending Summer Camp, or playing a Rec Sport but may not have the means to participate? Check out our Youth Scholarship Fund to see if you may be eligible to receive financial help to start receiving the benefits of great recreational opportunities!

Volunteer coaching is a rewarding opportunity to teach kids the fundamentals of the game, sportsmanship, and give back to the community! If you have a child or a relative in one of the VPRD Athletic Programs, consider volunteering. We are always in need of great volunteer coaches to keep our programs top notch!

The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department is actively seeking youth sports officials for recreational league play. When officials were unavailable for some games, volunteer coaches were able to step in to provide great experiences to young athletes. If you or someone you know (age 14+) is interested in becoming a youth sports official, please fill out an online application at vandaliaohio.org.

The Recreation Center gymnasium received an upgrade in 2022 with the replacement of the center's original scoreboard. Staff leveraged sponsorship monies to make the purchase.



The Vandalia Recreation Center, 1111 Stoneguarry Road, offers programs and equipment to help anyone meet their fitness goals.



The 2022 Star Spangled Celebration was well-attended in 2022. The weather was perfect and the fireworks show was second to none!

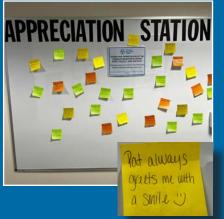


season at the City's Christmas Tree Lighting. Hundreds braved cold and wet weather to watch the lights on the 20foot spruce light up.



(Right) The "Appreciation Sta-





Want to have fun while making a positive contribution to youth athletic programs? Consider becoming a volunteer coach! Call John Myers, (937) 415-2333 for details.

December



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10	11	12 Planning Commission 6 p.m.	13 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.	14	15 Utility Bill Due	16
17	City Council Study Session 6 p.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
Christmas Eve VRC Closed New Years Eve VRC Closes at 6 p.m.	25 Christmas Day City Offices Closed VRC Closed	26 City Offices Closed	27	28	29	30

National Road Mural Project

With help from a talented artist and a host of community members, an impressive mural highlighting Vandalia's Bee City USA status was created in the City's downtown business corridor. The mural, located at 115 National Road, was completed in May.

The \$10,000 project received a major boost from the Montgomery County Culture Works Special Projects Fund, which gave the City a \$4,250 grant. The Vandalia Arts Council also provided funding for the mural. Vandalia Rental supported the project by donating the use of a lift.



The mural was designed and created by Tiffany Clark (right), a member of the Mural Machine, a local organization dedicated to the creation and celebration of large public

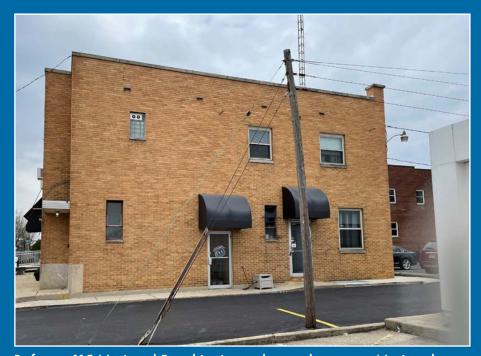


art spaces. It celebrates Vandalia's designation as a Bee City, USA by showcasing bees and some of the flowers they routinely pollinate. One corner of the mural features a honeycomb.



(Left) A Community Paint Day held in May gave residents the opportunity to participate in painting the mural.





Before - 115 National Road is situated near the corner National Road and Maple Street. The east wall is visible to traffic on National Road's business corridor.







The mural is an homage to Vandalia's designation as a Bee City, USA.





Division of Fire Ladder Truck Arrives!



On November 18, the Vandalia Division of Fire took delivery of a new Sutphen Fire Ladder Truck. This 108-foot vehicle is equipped with modern technology that allows fire crews to quickly and easily deploy the ladder to more efficiently begin rescue operations. The ladder also has added functionality not available when the previous ladder truck was purchased in 1995.





"We're very grateful for City Council's trust and confidence in the Division of Fire. This is an investment in the safety of our community for the next 25 years. This ladder truck will enhance our operations on the scene of an incident both performance-wise and safety-wise for many years to come."

Fire Chief Chad Follick







Budget



CITY OF VANDALIA 2023 BUDGET ESTIMATES

ESTIMATED REVENUES

General Fund......\$27,188,132 Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund.......1,628,000 State Highway......120,500 Law Enforcement......1.000 Drug Law Enforcement......150 OMVI Education and Enforcement...... 500 Computer Legal Research.....120,000 Indigent Drivers IAM Fund...... 15,000 FEMA Special Revenue Fund......225,567 Job Creation and Revitalization Fund......225,000 Court Projects Special Revenue.....120,000 Crisis Intervention Training Fund......40,000 Capital Improvement......1,651,700 Police-Fire-Street CIP......2,675,500 TIF Capital Projects Fund......71,450 Stonequarry Crossings TIF Fund......20,000 Ohio Public Works Commission Fund......954,000 Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund......865,250 Water...... 5,346,551 Hospital Care......3,850,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES.....\$54,951,315

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund	1,937,567
State Highway	100,000
Permissive Tax	54,000
Law Enforcement	500
Drug Law Enforcement	100
OMVI Education and Enforcement	
OMVI Indigent	50,000
Computer Legal Research	212,159
Indigent Drivers IAM Fund	
FEMA Special Revenue Fund	
Storm Water	
Job Creation and Revitalization Fund	1,200,000
Court Projects Special Revenue	
Employment Retirement Reserve	349,172
Crisis Intervention Training Fund	
Capital Improvement	1,714,066
Police-Fire-Street CIP	3,170.059
TIF Capital Projects Fund	25,720
Stonequarry Crossings TIF Fund	15,500
CDBG Fund	
Ohio Public Works Commission Fund	477,000
Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund	865,250
GO Debt Service	3,008,000
Golf	1,094,562
Water	6,298,468
Sewer	6,258,548
Hospital Care	4,215,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES......\$60.994.049

General Fund.....\$29,134,574

Citizen Volunteers

A number of Vandalians assist our community on a variety of City Boards and Commissions. Go to our website for more information on these groups' roles.

Arts Council

Kristin Cox Taylor Cupp Cynthia Doogan Emily Esau

Judith Pope Edgar Rapp Rebecca Roderer Christopher Royse Justin Spivey

Joanne E. Townsend

Bicycle Committee

Michael Henry Henry Hunter (Hal) Chuck Smith

Board of Zoning Appeals

Amber Aivalotis-Weaver

Dan Faulkner
Mike Flannery
Mike Johnston
Arlene Setzer

Civil Service Commission

Harry G. Beyoglides, Jr. Forest Moses Timothy Townsend

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

Amber Aivalotis-Weaver Matthew Bauer Judy Dodge John Froschauer, Sr Jack Shirley Jack Williams

Golf Advisory Board

David Higgins Gordon Jackson Danny Knife Robert Wolfe

Housing Code Board of Appeals

Matthew Bauer
Craig Earhart
John Froschauer, Sr.
Jimmie Geaslen
Aaron Hathaway
Holly Payton

Local Board of Tax Review

Peter Breidenbach Frank Keish, Jr.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Bob Costello (Emeritus) Lydia Baker

Tara Landis Lenny Maenza Rick Scherer Larry Taylor Rodney Washburn

Planning Commission

David Arnold Ron Atkins Kristin Cox Kevin M. Keeley, Jr. Claudia Turrell

Frequently asked questions

Q: I need to pay a traffic ticket. Do I still go to the Municipal Building?

A: No. Since June 1999, the Vandalia Municipal Court has been located in the Justice Center, 245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive (on the west side of the Post Office). The Municipal Building now houses only council, administrative offices, finance and development and engineering services.

To pay a traffic ticket, you can go to the Justice Center, or pay online at www.vandaliacourt.com

Q: Where are the Parks & Recreation offices located?

A: The Parks & Recreation offices are located within the Vandalia Recreation Center, 1111 Stonequarry Road.

Q: I would like to participate in the annual Citywide Garage Sale. Does the City coordinate it?

A: Although the City sets the date for the garage sale — usually the third weekend in May — and advertises it in the annual report, there is no coordination involved. Citizens simply advertise their sales and enjoy the increased "traffic" that city wide publicity brings.

Q: I am a business professional working in Vandalia. Where can I get more information about how Vandalia can help me?

A: The City Manager's Office has detailed information on business and industrial recruitment and retention, local business, property availability, tax incentives and more. Much of this information can be accessed by visiting the City's website, www.vandaliaohio.org. You may also want to call the Chamber of Commerce, (937) 898-5351.

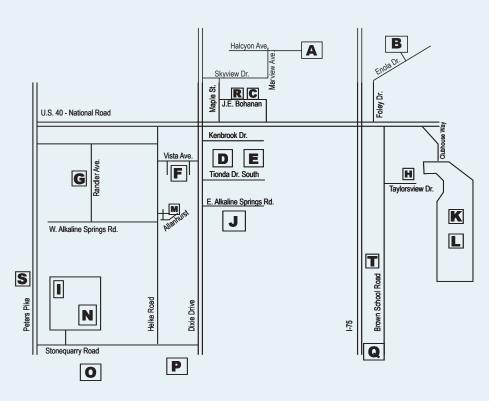
Q: My group would like to have a float in the Air Show Parade. Does the City organize the parade?

A: While the City is very much involved in the Air Show Parade, the event is actually organized by the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce. If you'd like to participate, call the Chamber, (937) 898-5351.

Q: Does the City handle marriage licenses?

A: No. To obtain a marriage license, you must go to the Marriage License Bureau, 41 North Perry Street, Dayton. For more information, call (937) 225-4656.

Parks and Facilities





- A. Jeffers Park 407 Halcyon Avenue
- B. Robinette Park 750 Enola Drive
- Vandalia Municipal Building 333 James E. Bohanan Drive
- D. Senior Citizens Center 21 Tionda Drive South
- Seger Park 23 Tionda Drive South
- Victory Park Attica Street
- G. Helke Park 888 Randler Avenue
- H. Cassel Hills Pool 1061 Taylorsview Drive
- Vandalia Sports Complex 1101 Stoneguarry Road
- J. Vandalia Art Park 256 E. Alkaline Springs Road
- K. Public Works Garage 97 Clubhouse WayL. Cassel Hills Golf Course 201 Clubhouse Way
- M. Warner Park 405 Allanhurst Avenue
- N. Vandalia Recreation Center 1111 Stonequarry Road

- O. Copperfield Park- Greystone and Middlefield
- P. Ashbury Farms Park 1701 Ashworth Drive
- Q. Brown School Road Park Hunter's Chase and Waldsmith
- R. Vandalia Justice Center 245 James E. Bohanan Drive
- S. Fire Station #1 8705 Peters Pike
- T. Fire Station #2 725 S. Brown School Road

Phone Directory

Air & Trade Show	(937) 898-5901
American Legion #668	(937) 890-7336
Amvets #99	(937) 890-6161
Animal Shelter/Animal Control	(937) 898-4457
Board of Elections (Voter Registration)	
Butler Township Offices	(937) 898-6735
Montgomery County Incinerator	(937) 225-4999
Post Office	
RTA Information	(937) 425-8300
Rumpke	(937) 461-0004
VFW Post 9582	
Vandalia Public Library	(937) 496-8960
Vandalia Food Pantry	
Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce	(937) 898-5351
Vandalia-Butler Foundation	(937) 898-5802
Vandalia-Butler Historical Society	
Al Tuttle	(937) 890-0811
Vandalia-Butler Lions Club	
Gary Spoltman	(937) 478-0494
Vandalia-Butler Lioness Club	
Glenda Ziemer (Only call after Noon)	(937) 898-3736
Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club	
Jeff Bardonero	(937) 371-0154
Vandalia-Butler Rotary	
Rob O'Leary	(937) 415-6400
Vandalia Sister Cities	
Dave Starline	(937) 898-6462
Vandalia-Butler Schools	
Board of Education	
Butler High School	
Demmitt Elementary	
Helke Elementary	
Morton Middle School	
Smith Middle School	(937) 415-7000

Municipal Office	(007) 000 5004
Municipal Offices	(937) 898-5891
City Manager	(037) 415 2254
Economic Development	4 15-2254 (937) 4 15-2254 (937) 115-2250
Fax Line:	(937) 898-6117
Tax Fax Line:	(937) 415-2361
Engineering & Inspection Fax Line:	(937) 415-2319
Parks and Recreation	
Recreation Center	
VPRD Automated Hotline	
1111 Stonequarry Road	
Fax Line:	(937) 890-7748
Division of Police	(937) 898-5868
245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive	(55.) 555 5555
Fax Line:	(937) 898-5040
Vandalia Division of Fire	
Fire Station #1	(931) 090-2201
8705 Peters Pike	
Fax Line:	(937) 898-8388
Vandalia Municipal Court	
245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive	(337) 030-3330
Fax Line:	(937) 898-6648
Vandalia Senior Center	
	(937) 090-1232
21 Tionda Drive South	
Water/Sewer After-Hours	(937) 898-5868
Cassel Hills Golf Course	
Clubhouse	(937) 890-1358
Pro Shop	(937) 890-1300
201 Clubhouse Way	
Cassel Hills Swimming Pool	(937) 898-2123
1061 Taylorsview Drive	
City Council	
Mayor Richard Herbst	
Vice Mayor Bob Ahlers	
Mike Blakesly	(937) 898-6748
Candice Farst	(937) 890-4646
Corey M. Follick	(937) 387-7010
David Lewis Constance Woods	(937) 657-1185
Constance woods	(337) 030-3002

Vandalia Senior Center



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You Are Invited to Soup & Salad & Basketball on January 31

As a deep appreciation for your ongoing support of the schools in Vandalia, they are inviting you to a second event this school year. There will be a winter soup & salad dinner in the banquet room on Tuesday, January 31. They will begin serving the dinner at 6:15 p.m. Afterwards, you can attend the home basketball game against West Carrollton which starts at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

The dinner will be in the banquet room in the SAC (Student Activity Center). Drive down S. Dixie from the center of town. Turn left onto Alkaline Springs Road. Turn left into the high school parking lot. Pass the front parking area. Enter the south SAC doors on the side closest to the baseball field.

You need to RSVP to attend this dinner and game. Call Kim Thaler at 937-415-6306. You need to leave your name, phone number, and number of seniors attending the event. The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, January 24



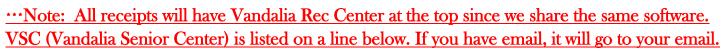
Reminder: Renew Your Membership by January 31, 2023!

Your membership can be renewed in December through January. You need to renew by January 31 in order to receive your newsletter without interruption.

You can write a check to the City of Vandalia and mail it to the Vandalia Senior Center at 21 Tionda Drive South, Vandalia, 45377. For Vandalia residents, it is \$15 or \$25 for couples. Outside Vandalia, the cost is \$20 or \$35 for couples. If your address or phone number has changed, please send in the new information with your renewal. You can also come in to renew, using cash, check, or credit card.

Born in 1933: Congratulations! You are turning 90 in 2023. Your membership is free! Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

90+ Members and Lifetime Members: You still need to call, stop in, send a note or email that you want to receive your newsletter in 2023.

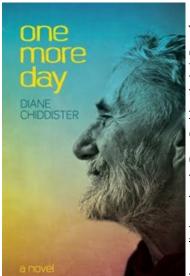


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Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 3, at Noon

Gina Havenar and Donna McAdams will bring your lunch from the Hearth & Home of Vandalia kitchen. Let's ring in the New Year with some laughter. You will be watching award winning comedian Jeanne Robertson's DVD called *Not Just for Laughs*. She has sixteen different stories that she will tell you. Jeanne has a funny way of looking at life. Limit: 100

Springmeade Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 10, at Noon



Robin Shafer from Springmeade will order your pizza. Our Vandalia Senior Center Book Club selected Diane Chiddister's book, *One More Day*, to read and discuss at their January 3 meeting. Toni invited the author Diane

Chiddister who lives in Yellow Springs to join us for this Lunch & Learn. She will tell you about her background. Diane will do a book reading and then discuss the book with you. She will have copies of the book available to purchase after the lunch. Limit: 75

Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Thursday, January 12, at 11:00 A. M.

Robin Kent will have Brookberry, the Brookhaven kitchen, prepare your lunch. Ruth Anne Attalla, from the Washington-Centerville Library will come to us by Zoom. She will be presenting *Walt Disney:*

The Man and his Vision. One man's vision became the world's delight! Limit: 75

Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, January 13, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your lunch. Stacie Cornwell is a physical therapist and also the manager of Athletico which is located on National Road in Vandalia. Toni told Stacie that all of us will probably be sitting around too much during the holidays.



It is too cold and



dangerous to be walking outside. Stacie is going to give you some ideas to get the kinks out of your body so you will be limber and ready for spring which we hope will be here soon. Limit: 45

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Trivia & Information

The Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 17, at Noon

Jackie Dalton from The Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. This talk was rescheduled from September, 2021. Dennis Turner, a law professor at the University of Dayton, will present "Where Would You Like to be Arrested?" He will compare aspects of the United States criminal justice system with a couple of European criminal justice systems. After some exploration and discussion of those systems, members of the audience will be asked if they were going to be arrested for



some alleged offense, which system would they prefer to have adjudicate their case. Limit: 75



Momentus Health of Vandalia Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 24, at Noon

Andrea West of Momentus Health of Vandalia will order your lunch. Toni Williams will be the presenter. She has a senior quiz for you followed by the answers. Then there will be riddles to figure out. Last you will learn what myths are and are not true. Limit: 75

Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thursday, January 26, at 11:00 A. M.

Sarah Anderson from Stonespring will order your food. Pat Holmes is the Extension Educator for Family & Consumer Sciences from the OSU Extension Office of Montgomery County. She will be coming to us by Zoom. She will present An *Introduction to Mindfulness*. Pat will describe mindfulness and how it can benefit you. She will give you several activities to strengthen your mind and body connection. Pat Holmes will return in future months to explain Mindful Eating and Mindful Living. Limit: 75



Mind Full, or Mindful?



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

Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, January 10. Meet at Longhorn Steakhouse at 5:00 p. m. It is located at 6418 Miller Lane in Butler Township.



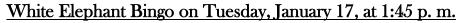
Information

The Center Needs More Van Tran Drivers for Tuesdays

Are you or someone you know interested in volunteering and helping people? Can you drive in all seasons of weather? Can you pick up a walker and put it in a vehicle? Can you carry groceries? Then come in and see Toni in the office at the Senior Center to learn more details. To become a Van Tran driver, you fill out an application. You have a doctor sign a form certifying that you are capable of



driving others. The City of Vandalia will do a background check and a driving record check. If all goes well, then you ride with other Van Tran drivers until you know the procedures and are ready to start taking riders on your own.



One of our members had an interesting idea that we are going to try just for January but you have homework to do. This member realizes that many of us get gifts for the holidays that we don't need so she suggested using those for a white elephant bingo. These should be unused items. If you don't get any gifts that you don't need, just stop in a dollar store and buy two items.

HOMEWORK: You need to bring two unused items to come to this bingo. One item needs to be packaged so you can't see it. It can be

wrapped, tied in a bag, or stapled in a sack. The other item is not wrapped.

Round One of the bingo will be all the white elephant items. We will pause briefly to see what each "prize" turns out to be. Rounds two and three will be the second item you brought in and items that Toni supplies. Toni Williams will be calling this bingo.

Three Special Collections in 2022

In the summer, you were asked to donate shoes as a fundraiser for Paw Patrol. Paw Patrol received money from a group for the shoes. That group then sent the shoes to third world countries. The Paw Patrol volunteers were shocked by the very large number of shoes you donated.



In August and September, you donated winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for First Light Baptist Church to give to about 100 needy students in the Vandalia-Butler Schools. They had to come at least once a week to collect the items since you piled the boxes so high.

You were asked to donate quilts, blankets, and afghans by November 1 for the Amvets to take to the VA Center. In all of the past years, you and the Super Sewers donated 40 to 60 total items. You outdid yourselves on this collection. The Super Sewers donated 22 lap quilts. You donated 26 blankets and a whopping 97 afghans. That made a total of 145 items. The man who came to get them brought a pick-up truck and we stuffed it full! Thanks for your generosity!

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Art & More



Make Cards Class on Wednesday, January 11, at 1:00 p.m.

You will be designing and making two cards. One or both of them can have a winter theme. One option is to make the card on the left. There will also be materials to make a regular card. Toni Williams will put out lots of paper, stickers, some embossed papers, rubber stamps, corner punches, and much more.

Limit: 12



Metal Embossing Class on Thursday, January 12, at 12:30 p. m.

Cass Barth will teach you the techniques of metal embossing as you make the smaller project. You will then attach it to a card. If you want to do more, then you will pay Cass \$3 in class to do the larger and more detailed 6" x 6" project with an initial. When you sign up, you will need to write down which initial you might do in class so she can have all the materials prepared. Plan on up to 3 hours to do both projects. Limit: 8





Make Cards Class on Tuesday, January 24, at 1:45 p. m.

Linda Karns will tell you how to make the peony card. This stamp makes coloring very easy. You can decide whether to make it into a birthday, get well, thank-you, or thinking of you card. Kathy Dunn will be teaching a smile card. This card is full of color and guaranteed to brighten someone's day. Limit: 12





Movies & Sinclair

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

Movie on the First Friday, January 6, at 1:00 p. m. Snacks from Ashley White with Devoted Health

The movie, *I Can Only Imagine*, is an inspiring and unknown true story behind the Christian band, Mercy Me. Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur (Dennis Quaid). After he left home, Bart struggled to follow his dreams. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as a singer of the Christian band Mercy Me. This movie also stars Cloris Leachman, Trace Adkins, and Amy Grant. PG Drama / Musical 1 hr. 50 min.



Movie on the Third Friday, January 20, at 1:00 p.m. Snacks from Andrea West from Momentus Health of Vandalia



In the movie, *Forever My Girl*, Liam Page is a country music superstar who left his bride Josie at the altar to pursue fame and fortune. Page never got over Josie, his one true love, or forgot his Southern roots in the small community where he was born and raised. Now, he must unexpectedly face the consequences of his actions when he returns to his hometown for the funeral of his best friend from high school.

PG Musical / Comedy 1 hr. 48 min.

Three Art Groups

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

This group is led by Charlene Gratz who was a docent at the Dayton Art Institute. The group often watches a DVD about artwork and then discusses it.

2. Art Group on Thursdays from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your own project and materials. You socialize as you work. Sometimes there is an optional project to work on.

3. Colored Pencils Group on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Bring your own original colored pencil art work to work on. If you need advice or suggestions, the group can help.



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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
	Super Sewers 9:00	Hula Hooping 9:30	Tech Talk 11:00	Colored Pencils 9:30
CLOSED	Bridge 9:45	Bridge 12:15	Art Group 12:00	Mah Jong 9:30
FOR	Golden Qi 10:00	Up & Down the	Duplicate Bridge 12:00	Exercise 10:30
NEW YEAR'S	BP & Sugar Ck 11-12	River 12:30	Pinochle 1:00	Movie 1:00
	Lunch & Learn 12:00	Euchre 1:00	Bingo 1:00	Poker 1:00
	Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00		Rummikub 1:00	Samba 1:00
	Hand & Foot 1:40			
	Book Club 1:40			
	Bingo 1:45			
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	Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00	River 12:30	Rummikub 1:00	Bingo 1:45
	Hand & Foot 1:40	Euchre 1:00	Metal Embossing 1:30	Samba 1:00
	Art Appreciation 1:40	Card Making 1:00		
	Let's Eat Out 5:00			
16	17	18	19	20
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library
When Franny Stands Up by Eden Robins
Hearts of Steel by Elizabeth Camden
Georgie, All Along by Kate Clayborn
Just the Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica
Loathe to Love You by Ali Hazelwood

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Elvis

Vengeance

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris Jurassic World: Dominion

Where the Crawdads Sing



FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Vevia Enix will 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.

FREE Hula Hoop Class on Wednesdays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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



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

A licensed physical therapist from Stonespring Transitional Care Center leads two classes each month. The therapist will adapt the exercises to the needs of the participants with different intensities, methods, and education about the exercises. <u>Please sign up for each time.</u>

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 will use some of the exercises they learn at the Stonespring Wednesday class to help guide the Friday class.





Technology Talk on Thursday, January 5 AND January 19, at 11:00 a.m.

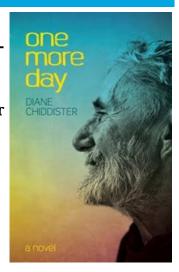
Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will be here to answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices on January 5. The library is doubling the Tech Talk. Hannah Priebe will be here to help you on January 19. Come to Tech Thursday with your questions and both Tom and Hannah will do their 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 is returning to meet on Tuesday, January 3, to discuss the book, One More Day by Diane Chid-Ultidister. One More Davis a story of endings and new beginnings. mately, in the words of playwright Natalie Symons, the book is "...a tender celebration of life." This book shines a light on the surprising depth and complexity of Grace Woods Care Center. The facility itself is small, yet the emotional world is expansive. While grieving and loss play a part in this world, so do love, joy, and compassion. The novel is told in four voices: Thomas, a retired anthropologist who approaches aging with curiosity; Lillian, a woman with dementia trying to find her way home; Sally, a compassionate caregiver blindsided by love; and Beth, the center director, who strives to maintain quality care through difficult changes.



Get Your Blood Pressure and Sugar Level Checked

Elizabeth Warren is a nurse with Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health. She will be here from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, January 3, to **Public Health** check your blood pressure and your sugar level. She will be sitting at a table near

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Winter Closings Policy Reminder

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

The 12th of the Month

On the 12th of each month, newsletters are emailed to members who chose to get them by email. The printed newsletters are put on the office counter for those who signed up to pick up the newsletter. More than a week earlier, the newsletter will have been sent to UPS to be printed and taken to the post office. If the 12th lands on a weekend, then this will all happen on the day closest to the 12th. By the 12th, all

the sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. A newsletter is always posted on the vandaliaohio.org website.

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Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Barb Weikert. 937-751-9303 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. Cierra Sutherland from Adventura will call bingo on Tuesday, January 3, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 2. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, January 5, at 1:00 p. m. Limit: 48
- 3. Mark Maudlin from Humana will call bingo on Friday, January 13, at 1:45 p. m. Limit: 48
- 4. Toni Williams will call White Elephant bingo on Tuesday, January 17, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 5. Jessica Ward with Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, January 19, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
- 6. Becky Devor from Randall Residence will call bingo on Wednesday, January 25, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48
- 7. Brandon Silvers from Friendship Village will call bingo on Friday, January 27, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate January Birthdays on Wednesday, January 25, at 1:00 p. m.

Friendship Village will provide the cakes for this birthday party. Please call, email, or come in to sign up. First we will take a group photo. Next the 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.

<u>Leave in the Office:</u> NEW: dessert plates, 16 oz. blue and red drink cups (winter and Valentine colors), Diet Coke and Coke, non-refrigerated individual creamers, gallon and quart ziplock bags.

Individually labeled flavored teas (not black tea, we have plenty), card making supplies, art supplies, quilt batting, glass, metal, and wood and other containers for flower arrangements, ribbon, greenery, new greeting cards, and 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 for Cares4Kids box

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



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New Year's Traditions

Many New Year's traditions date back to ancient times.

MAKE SOME NOISE

- 1. In ancient Thailand, guns were fired to frighten demons.
- 2. In China, firecrackers routed the forces of darkness.
- 3. In the American colonies, pistols were fired.
- 4. Today Italians ring church bells, the Swiss beat drums, and we use party horns.

EAT LUCKY FOOD

- 1. In Spain, revelers stuff their mouths with 12 grapes to represent 12:00 midnight.
- 2. In southern U. S., black-eyed peas and pork foretell good fortune.
- 3. Eating a ring-shaped treat symbolizes "coming full circle" and leads to good fortune.
- 4. The Irish enjoy pastries called bannocks.
- 5. In India and Pakistan, rice promises prosperity.
- 6. Apples dipped in honey are a Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year, tradition.
- 7. Germans believe eating sauerkraut bring good luck.
- 8. In Swiss homes, dollops of whipped cream, symbolizing the richness of the year to come are dropped on the floors and allowed to remain there!!

HAVE A DRINK

- 1. Popping the cork of a champagne bottle is the tradition in many places.
- 2. In England, wassail, a punch-like drink named after the Gaelic term for "good health" is served.
- 3. In Scotland, a "hot pint" is their version of wassail. The Scots drink to each other's prosperity.
- 4. In Holland, toasts are made with hot, spiced wine.

GIVE A GIFT

- 1. Gifts of gilded nuts or coins marked the start of the new year in Rome.
- 2. Eggs, the symbol of fertility, were exchanged by the Persians.
- 3. Early Egyptians traded earthenware flasks.
- 4. In Scotland, coal, shortbread, and silverware were traditionally exchanged for good luck.

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

- 1. Jews during Rosh Hashanah make time for personal introspection, prayer, and visiting graves.
- 2. Christian churches hold "watch night" services, a custom that began in 1770 in Old St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia.
- 3. The practice of making New Year's resolutions is said to have begun with the Babylonians as early as 2600 B. C. as another way to reflect on the past and plan ahead.

NEW YEAR'S FOLKLORE

- 1. On New Year's Eve, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing.
- 2. If New Year's Eve night's winds blow south, it means warmth and growth.
- 3. For abundance in the new year, fill your pockets and cupboards today.
- 4. If the old year goes out like a lion, the new year will come in like a lamb.
- 5. Begin the new year square with every man and pay your debts.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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History

HISTORY: Chapter Two: The 1970's

1979

Membership hit 242. The club found out that the City had budgeted money to hire a coordinator for the club. The club did not want this. They worried they would lose control of the club and the decision making for the Senior Center. They finally agreed and Helen Tomski was hired in July. She worked 20 hours per week. She was 57 at the time. Helen worked 27 years until 2006 when she was 84. She died in 2016 at the age of 94.

They decided only new items would be sold at the Bazaar each year. A flea market was started for the used items.

The Kiwanis Club donated a flag pole and the American Legion donated a flag. Those lasted 38 years until 2017. In 2017, Toni asked the VFW #9582 on Old Springfield Road to replace the broken eagle on the top of the pole. They couldn't find one that would work so they replaced the flag and flag pole.

HISTORY: Chapter Three: The 1980's

1980

Membership jumped to 326. Helen's hours increased to 40 hours a week after a petition was signed by 129 of the members. In exchange, the club agreed to pay any utility costs over \$3500 a year. That first year they paid \$818.19 in utility costs.

1982

In previous years, the club had to submit a budget to the City. In 1982, the City began creating the budget.

1983

Dues went up to \$7.00. Bridge and pinochle games were started. Ceiling fans were installed. The Parks and Rec Department asked the club to take over their program of Santa Calling. That program continued until 2016 when there weren't any members who wanted to participate in Santa Calling.

1986

The club purchased a projector, big screen tv, and a VCR. The last two items were gone by 2015. Using earnings from the bazaar, a scholarship program was started with a \$1000 scholarship given to two graduating Vandalia-Butler students. This program lasted through 2015. Toni was part of the committee that picked the last two students who got scholarships. After 2015, the club decided to give money to the student groups at the high school. About 2017, they decided to start giving most of the earnings from the bazaar to different projects and groups around the City of Vandalia.

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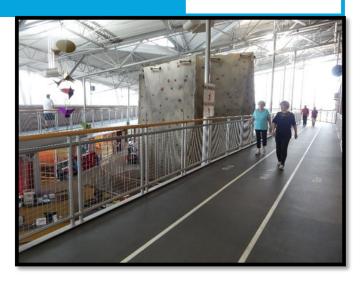
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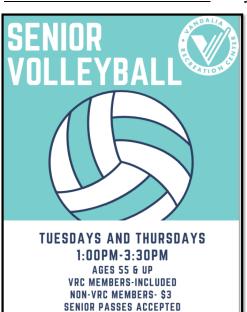
Indoor Track at the Vandalia Recreation Center!

The Indoor track at the VRC is an excellent place to escape the winter weather and still get some exercise! The track is 1/16th of a mile. You can walk at your own comfortable pace without having to worry about



inclines or unstable surface challenges. Can't do steps? No problem! Just let us know if you need to use the elevator when you arrive!

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: Did you know Senior Volleyball is offered at the Rec Center? Come



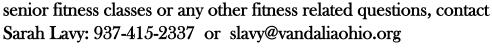
out and join this great group of seniors for a non-competitive game where it's all about having FUN! Make new friends while learning skills, improving performance, and having an enjoyable time in the process. According to the National Health Service, older adults who choose to remain active by playing volleyball pose a lower risk of stroke, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes. Staying physically active can also help slow cognitive decline and

minimize muscle loss that naturally occurs as we age. Who wouldn't want that?! See you on the court!



QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about our indoor track. senior volleyball,





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Parks & Recreation Information

Happy New Year from the Rec Center! A big shout out to our dedicated part-time staff who are always ready to provide support to visitors! From the smiling faces at the Front Desk and Fitness Desk, to the Childcare Attendants that watch the kiddos, and don't forget the Custodial Staff that makes the VRC sparkle and shine! We are so grateful for each of our Rec Center part-time employees. We recognized our part-time employee milestones in 2022:

25 Years of Service:

Christina Clark- Fitness Instructor

20 Years of Service:

Becky Dill- Fitness Instructor Helen Perkins- Child Care Barb Smith- Facility Coordinator/Fitness Instructor

5 Years of Service:

Molly Deck- Front Desk/Child Care
Sara Francis- Front Desk/Rec Leader
Carol Geaslen- Front Desk
Tami Henderson- Facility Coordinator/Front Desk
Katie Henry- Camp Leader
Jillian Kovacs- Fitness Instructor
Monalisa Moazampour- Fitness/Climbing Wall
Jamie Nadalsky- Front Desk
Abby Plsek- Childcare/Rec Leader
Julie Pratt- Facility Coordinator
Keagan Sommer- Custodial
Paula Trapp- Custodial

Thank You Rec Center Part-Time Staff!!!

Youth Baseball/Softball Registrations

It's cold now but it won't be for long! Remind grandkids to get registered early for our youth baseball/softball program to secure a spot at the Vandalia's Parks & Rec Department! The VPRD offers Youth Baseball/Softball leagues for kids ages 3-15 and all skill levels. We all remember playing sports when we were young. Nothing was better than a Saturday morning game with all your friends!!! Let's make sure our younger generation reaps the benefits of YOUTH SPORTS! For information about leagues and how to register, visit our City's web site or contact John Myers, our Athletics Manager. Also, ask about our Youth Scholarship Fund! Vandalia-Butler students receiving free or reduced lunch are eligible for financial assistance.

* Interested in being a Volunteer Coach, we could use your help! Contact John.

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John Myers: 937-415-2333, jmyers@vandaliaohio.org

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