2022 Service Awards Luncheon

Help us to honor employees reaching milestone anniversaries in their employment.

Friday, February 24, 2023 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cassel Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

Lunch Provided



Who's being honored?

30 Years

Joe Blosser - Public Works
Rob Cron - Development and Engineering Services
Missy Pruszynski - City Manager's Office

25 Years

Rudy Wells - Parks and Recreation

20 Years

Bill Miles - Public Works Ben Walker - Division of Police

15 Years

Kimberly Brumfield - Court
Shaun Coatsworth - Division of Police
Brandy Collins - Court
Ed DiFalco - Court
Holly Estepp - Division of Police
Bryan Fine - Parks and Recreation
Cynthia Herbst - Court
Alicia McCracken - Parks and Recreation
Denise Mehall - Court
Doug Nagel - Division of Police
Zeb Ward - Public Works
Jennifer Wegley - Finance
Olga Williamson - Court

10 Years

Jeff Kreill - Parks and Recreation Deborah Wright - Division of Police

5 Years

Ben Lickliter - Parks and Recreation John Marshall - Parks and Recreation Steve Milliken - Division of Fire Mya Mitchell - Division of Fire



THE BLUE LETTER



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February 10, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Employee Service Awards: The 2022 Employee Service Awards Lunch will be held Friday, February 24, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Cassel Hills Golf Course Restaurant. We will be celebrating 395 combined years of service! Employees celebrating a service milestone should have received an invitation in the mail. Attendance is limited to Council, department heads, supervisors, the employee being recognized and one guest. Please RSVP with Mrs. Howard via showard@vandaliaohio.org by Thursday, February 16 at noon.

Foley / Enola Reconstruction Beginning: Double Jay Construction has notified us that they plan to start on the Foley/Enola Drives Reconstruction project this week. Work will begin with the sanitary sewer replacement. DES will be performing the survey layout work in-house. The roadway will be closed to thrutraffic. Learn more from the recent Focus Vandalia episode (LINK).

Asphalt Repairs: Public Works crews have completed permanent asphalt repairs from the watermain breaks using the new Asphalt Hot Box. The permanent repairs now will allow



us to get on to other projects earlier this spring and save money because crews will not need to return to the site with additional materials to repeat the work like we did previously.

Revenues: YTD January 31, 2023, overall Income tax revenue is up 7.13% (\$130,445) from 2022. Withholding tax is up YTD 4.22% (\$65,238); individual tax is up YTD 20.80% (\$34,283); Business net profit tax up YTD 26.30% (\$30,923).





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Kendall Electric: The full building permit has now been issued for Kendall Electric at 769 Center Drive. They have also begun the installation of the underground fire line on this project and the structural steel is going vertical. Learn more about the Kendall Electric project from our recent Focus Vandalia episode (LINK).

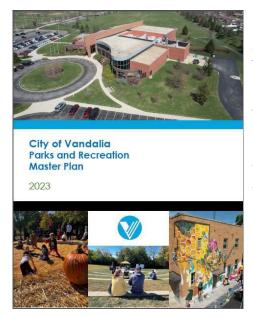
Monday, February 6, 2023 - Focus Vandalia - Kendall Electric

Hondros College: DES has issued a final Certificate of Occupancy for Hondros College at 6520 Poe Avenue.

Water Meters: Public Works is starting to take delivery on the new ultrasonic meters. We will save several hundred thousand dollars over the course of the project by installing the meters in-house. This project may take several years to replace approximately 5,700 meters depending on several factors including budgeting, project prioritization, and product availability. The City is in the process of developing public information about the project including a Focus Vandalia episode, webpage, mailers, and protocols. Some meters are inside of the home, so we want residents to know that our Public Works team will perform meter changes at a pre-scheduled time, and they will be in uniform with a city-issued photo identification badge. The new meters will allow for remote reading and enable utility customers to track usage, pay bills, and detect leaks in (nearly) real time via an App on their phone. The City will begin with the 150+ meters that require manual reading each month.

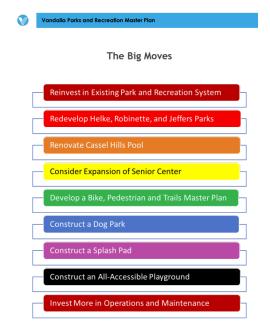
Water Valve Exercising: We have exercised 40 of our water valves using a demo "Hydrant Buddy" tool that is a cordless device for turning water valves and fire hydrants. We will be looking to acquire one of these devices as we are now required by the EPA to exercise 20% of our approximately 2,050 water valves each year. The Fire Division can also utilize this equipment as part of their annual flushing and inspection of fire hydrants.

O Christmas Tree! Our Christmas Tree recycling program garnered the drop off of over 80 trees at the Sports Complex during the month of January. All trees were mulched.



Parks & Recreation Master Plan: This week, Mr. Svetz of PROS Consulting presented the master plan to City Council. The master plan is available on the City website (LINK). The master plan will be on the study session agenda as a discussion item on February 20th and March 6th. The master plan is slated to be adopted by City Council as a policy document on March 20th.

The major recommendations of the master plan include the following:



Facilities Infrastructure Project: During the month of January the following installations were completed – gas line installation, concrete pad pours, and equipment set for the Recreation Center Domestic Water Heater. Communication wiring at the Recreation Center, graphics for the Justice Center and Recreation Center along with Park Maintenance Building thermostat installation. Scheduled work in February includes – Domestic Water Heater shutdown for changeover, final installations of the Justice Center split systems, preparations for the Municipal Building shutdown and equipment replacement, continuation of graphics programming for the Justice Center and Recreation Center.

In addition, the City is conducting a Comprehensive Facility Assessment of eight (8) city facilities as part of the Facilities Infrastructure Project. The assessment will be based on facility and component review utilizing standard industry practices resulting in a report that can be used by the City as the basis for maintenance and replacement schedules as well as budget planning. The point of this project is to actively plan for total cost of ownership and maintenance.





Happy Betty Forte Day!



Betty Forte, a longtime Vandalia resident, turned 100 years young on January 16, 2023. This is a milestone reached by less than one tenth of one percent of Americans.

Mayor Herbst presented Betty with a Proclamation declaring today, February 7, 2023, Betty Forte Day in the City of Vandalia



Fire Lieutenant Recruitment: Second round interviews are underway for the Fire Lieutenant recruitment process. 10 of 13 candidates moved on to the final interview.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement: During the past three weeks, VPD officers made 29 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in two traffic citations, 24 written warnings and one verbal warning while working 24 additional enforcement hours.

Sanitary Sewer Collapse and Rehabilitation: GIS / Engineering Tech Chad Baughman and Director Cron are performing survey work and preparing construction plans to replace a large section of our sanitary sewer trunk main near the exit ramp to US 40. Public Works made an emergency repair in December. By using Tri Cities camera truck to inspect the lines we found two additional spans that need replaced. We plan to have the project out to bid within the next month. The project will likely be financed through the annual sanitary sewer rehabilitation project line in the capital improvement plan.

Congrats Chief Althouse: Chief Althouse has been appointed to serve as the 2nd Vice President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP). He will transition to the 1st vice president after the Chiefs' In-Service Conference in April and serve as the OACP president during the 2024-2025 term.

ADA Ramp Work: Next week, Coate Construction will likely begin the additional handicap ramps from unexpended 2022 program funds. In addition, our contractor will also begin our saw cutting of the trip hazards on some of our residential sidewalks.



Utility Aggregation: There will be a presentation at the next City Council meeting regarding the Miami Valley Communications Council utility aggregation program. Learn more at www.vandaliaohio.org/aggregation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE VANDALIA CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE CITY'S NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLANS OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

and

MONDAY MARCH 6, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

In the Council Chambers of the Vandalia Municipal Building 333 James Bohanan Drive

Pursuant O.R.C. Sections 4928.20(c) and 4929.26 (C) the City of Vandalia will hold two separate public meetings on each of the above days, one regarding the City's Natural Gas Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance and the other the City's Electric Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance. The City's Natural Gas and Electric Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance describes the policies and procedures by which the City will carry out its government aggregation programs, including those policies and procedures, which relate to rates and customer service. Copies of the plans are available for inspection at the City Manager's Office.

1% School District Income Tax: I have received several inquires relating to the Vandalia Butler City School District's 1% income tax proposal that will be on the ballot in May. I have enclosed a frequently asked questions sheet and an article that appeared in the Dayton Daily News.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the Parks: Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill and Recreation Coordinator John Myers conducted a meeting with Chief Follick, Captain Garver, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Scott Jacobs, and Butler Athletic Director Jordan Shumaker to discuss a project that would place seven AEDs in outdoor park settings around Vandalia. The group is working to secure funding from various community organizations to cover the \$14,770 expense for the AED units with cabinets that would be placed at the Sports Complex (4 units), Helke Park (2 units) and the Art Park



(1 unit). Several service groups including the Vandalia Optimists and Rotary clubs have already agreed to make donations.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees

Attachments:

- 1. Employee Service Awards Flyer;
- 2. Information Update ACM Holloway February 10, 2023;
- 3. Information Update Director Leiter February 10, 2023;
- 4. Information Update Chief Follick February 10, 2023;
- 5. Information Update HR Manager Pruszynski February 10, 2023;
- 6. Information Update Director Clark February 10, 2023;
- 7. Information Update Chief Althouse February 10, 2023;
- 8. Information Update Director Cron February 10, 2023;
- 9. MyVandalia App Flyer;
- 10. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Newspaper Article;
- 11. 2023 Citywide Policy Goals;
- 12. School District Income Tax FAQ and Newspaper Article;
- 13. Employee Insurance Flyers and Supplemental Information; and
- 14. Aldi Grocery Store Newspaper Article.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager

Date: February 9, 2023 Subject: Information Update



- I submitted 2022 economic development information to Finance Director Leiter to aid in preparation for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- I prepared updates to the City's website regarding electric and natural gas aggregation.
- I attended Kim Bruce's retirement party on Tuesday January 31. Thanks to Kim for her 27+ years of hard work and dedication to the City. She will certainly be missed around here!
- Parks and Recreation Director Clark and I met with Kolar Design to review sign design options for our parks and facilities.
- I attended the BusinessFirst! Meeting on Wednesday February 1 at Tyler Technologies in Moraine. We heard from the City of Moraine on their economic development efforts and learned about cyber security from Secure Cyber Defense.
- I attended the MVRPC Board Meeting on Thursday February 2, 2023. At this meeting, the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Treatment Plant Improvements and Expansion PDAC application, along with a number of other applications, was given a positive recommendation by the Board.
- On Monday, February 6, Lucious Plant and Chris Bills from the Dayton Development Coalition and I held a business retention visit with Johnson Electric.
- I met with Rob Beeler from AES to discuss economic development in the City. I work with Rob
 often when preparing to submit development sites to site selectors.
- You, Mike Hammes, and I met to review upcoming public hearing items including the site plan for Aldi which is scheduled for review by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 14.
- I met with Alex Kohls from the Small Business Administration (SBA) on Thursday, February 9 to discuss workshop and training opportunities for businesses in topics like: Succession Planning, Access to Capital, Cyber Security, and more.



Information Update

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: February 8, 2023

Re: Information Update - Period Ending February 10, 2023

1. YTD January 31, 2023, overall Income tax revenue is up 7.13% (\$130,445) from 2022. Withholding tax is up YTD 4.22% (\$65,238); individual tax is up YTD 20.80% (\$34,283); Business net profit tax up YTD 26.30% (\$30,923).

The amount of income tax revenue budgeted for 2023 is \$18,470,500. The amount collected in 2023 (\$1,958,724) was approximately 27% higher than the estimated YTD amount based on the budget.

- 2. Kristen attended a council study session and meeting.
- 3. I attended a NAWA Board meeting. I presented the December 2022 End of Year financials.
- 4. Auditors from Plattenburg and Associates were onsite to gather necessary information for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and audit.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER

FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

DATE: 2/9/2023

SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2023

1. January 21st – 25th The Division of Fire posted to social media about predicted inclement weather. Social Media is a good way to get different types of safety messages out to our community, ranging from slick road conditions causing traffic hazards to snow shoveling tips that may help in a medical type emergency.

- 2. On January 25th during the inclement weather, The Division of Fire responded to the scene of a "jack-knifed" semi on south bound I-75 at I-70. One person was transported to the hospital with minor injuries and the highway was closed for some time while crews worked to clean up the accident.
- 3. During the week of January 23rd, The Fire Prevention Bureau provided weekly training to the crews. Crews reviewed with the Prevention Bureau "first due" actions for responding to automatic fire alarms and fire sprinkler systems.
- 4. On January 30th The Division of Fire Command Staff held their monthly meeting. Items discussed were but not limited to; Budget, Hiring, Goals and Process Improvement.
- 5. During this reporting period we have three employees starting new Full-time positions with the Division of Fire. Gage Duvall, Noah VanDoesburg and Marque Jones all started with the Division of Fire as Part-time employees and we are now happy to have them on board as Full-time employees. Congratulations to these three and their future with the Division of Fire!
- 6. The week of January 30th crews participated in Ice Rescue Training. Crews were able to spend some time out on a local pond getting in different rescue revolutions. Crews try to

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DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

- make good use of appropriate weather conditions for this kind of training and they were fortunate to have a little ice on the pond this past week.
- 7. February 7-9 CRRC Jacobs and I am off-site at Dayton Fire Training center to attend the CPSE QI Fire & EMS workshop.
- 8. The Division of Fire received the test results back for the Lieutenants process and will be moving forward with second round interviews at the end of the week. We are anxious to complete this hiring process and transition into our staffing model that includes the new shifted Lieutenants.

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Memo

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Melissa Pruszynski, Human Resources Manager

Date: February 9, 2023

Re: Information Update - Period Ending February 10, 2023

- 1. Mark your calendars! The 2022 Employee Service Awards Lunch will be held Friday, February 24, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Cassel Hills Golf Course Restaurant. We will be celebrating 395 combined years of service! Employees celebrating a service milestone should have received an invitation in the mail. Attendance is limited to Council, department heads, supervisors, the employee being recognized and one guest. Please RSVP with Mrs. Howard via showard@vandaliaohio.org by Thursday, February 16 at noon. The service award flier is included in this update.
- 2. Hiring update Second round interviews for Fire Lieutenant began today. Full-time Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector first round interviews were also held today. Park Maintenance Technician and Building Maintenance Technician first round interviews concluded last week and yesterday the practical exams were held. Staff continues to sift through the Public Safety Specialist candidate pool. First round Police Officer interviews were held Thursday, February 9 there were two candidates. Public Works Technician first round interviews also concluded February 9. Still open for applications are the positions of Information Technology Systems Administrator and Police Officer. The IT Systems Administrator position will remain open for applications until February 17 and the Police Officer position will remain open for applications until February 24, 2023.
- 3. As of **January 1**, the city's new medical carrier is United HealthCare, our new vision carrier is EyeMed, and the city will continue their dental plan partnership with Superior Dental.

Just a few reminders to assist in the transition to our new healthcare vendors:

- If you need duplicate or replacement ID Cards, login to your medical, vision or dental account to print them. EyeMed does not send replacement ID cards.
- In order to eliminate billing issues, present your new healthcare ID cards to all your providers immediately.
- If you have already been pre-certified for an upcoming procedure through Underwriters that procedure **must** be pre-certified through United Health Care.
- Create an account at <u>www.myuhc.com</u>. You can use <u>www.myuhc.com</u> to see if your current provider is in the **Choice Plus** UHC network. Just follow the "Find a Provider" prompt to "Employer and Individual Plans."

- To check coverage for your current medications, you can visit
 <u>www.whyuhc.com/choiceplus</u> and click on "Your Plan Options," then click on
 "Pharmacy Benefits," and chose "Flex Base 3 Tier." I encourage you to
 download the UHC **Mobile App**. A flier is included in this update.
- EyeMed offers a **Mobile App** tool! You can find this in the App Store. A flier is included with this update.
- Just a reminder that our Superior Dental has several convenient tools and
 resources, including a Mobile App, to make it easy to manage our dental plan.
 For example, the Direct Connect tool provides easy access to ebills and the Find-A-Dentist tool allows us to find a NETWORK dentist in our area. There are many
 more features located at https://superiordental.com/employer-support. As well a
 flier is included with this update.
- 4. **Remember,** EmployeeCare, our **free** employee assistance program, is available to you and those living under your roof, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may contact the EmployeeCare staff **confidentially**, any time, at 208-6626.
- 5. Looking for a healthcare advocate? Do you ever wish you had a personal health care assistant? Well...now you do! One of the top-tier services we now have access to is the McGohan Brabender Advocate Team! Feel free to reach out to the advocate team at mbbenefits.com Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- 6. If you would like to browse City of Vandalia Employment Opportunities, the link is https://www.vandaliaohio.org/422/Employment-Opportunities.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: 2/10/2023

Re: Information Update – Period ending February 10, 2023

RECREATION CENTER

The January 20 Homeschool Takeover event at the VRC had 39 families participate. This monthly program allows families that homeschool their children to obtain the necessary physical education requirement. Families can climb the wall, swim, play in the gym, walk the track and much more during their visit.

Kids Night Out, held on February 3 at the VRC with 25 youngsters participating. Participants spend the evening doing crafts, climbing the rock wall, swimming and playing gym games.

January was a busy month at the VRC with a total attendance of 17,927 compared to 14,865 for January, 2022. Also, in the month of January we processed 701 Insurance Based Memberships. Our goal is to get these 701 members to visit the facility more often since we receive funds per visit (up to 10 per month). Staff is finalizing an IBM survey that would provide feedback on increasing visits.

GOLF DIVISION

Managing Golf Professional Ben Lickliter has started the planning process for 2023 outings and leagues. He is reaching out to those who conducted an outing at Cassel Hills Golf Course in 2022 to set dates and is speaking with league representatives to confirm days and times for league play.

With the current stretch of dry weather and above average temperatures we continue to have play at the golf course. There is play scheduled for everyday this week with the exception of Thursday due to the weather forecast.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

During the week of January 23, we welcomed Brian Schissler to the VanTran volunteer driver team. Brian will be taking the driving schedule of Bob Reithman who is moving to the Columbus area. Brian and his wife recently moved to Vandalia. He has completed training and took his first official trip on February 7.

Facilities Maintenance Mechanic James Cabonce recently replaced the tires and brakes on the VanTran van.

Bob Reed is the new travel coordinator for the Senior Center. He comes with 30 years of experience in education and 12 years of experience working for AAA as an escort for senior trips. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan lists travel as a priority for seniors in our community so we are very happy to have Bob on board to coordinate trips.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

A signed agreement is in place with Kona Ice to continue providing concession operations at Cassel Hills Pool and the Sports Complex (baseball and soccer) for 2023. Our partnership with Allen and Sarah Lay of Kona Ice is strong and we look forward to providing patrons with quality concession services in 2023.

The Kindergarten/1st Grade Instructional Basketball Program was a great success thanks to the efforts of Butler Basketball Coach Andy Holderman and the boy's teams at Butler High School and Morton Middle School. A total of 51 youngsters participated in the Saturday morning program.

Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill and Recreation Coordinator John Myers conducted a meeting with Chief Follick, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Scott Jacobs and Butler Athletic Director Jordan Shumaker to discuss a project that would place seven (7) AED's in outdoor park settings around Vandalia. The group is working to secure funding from various community organizations to cover the \$14,770 expense for the AED units with cabinets that would be placed at the Sports Complex (4 units), Helke Park (2 units) and the Art Park (1 unit). The group will continue to work on the details of the project over the next month.

Recreation Superintendent Jeff Kreill is currently reviewing and updating Cassel Hills Pool rules. He is also working with SwimSafe on training schedules and other operational items in preparation for the upcoming pool season.

Jeff Kreill is working with Miami Valley Career Technology Center Instructor Zach Gueth and his Sports Management class again this year to partner on two projects connected to our department. Recreation Coordinators John Myers and Aaron Messenger will each lead the students on a project. The students are coming to the VRC on March 3 for an initial department overview and tour that will kick off the projects.

<u>FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION</u>

Facilities Infrastructure Project update - During the month of January the following installations were completed – Gas line installation, concrete pad pours and equipment set for the Recreation Center Domestic Water Heater. Communication wiring at the Recreation Center, graphics for the Justice Center and Recreation Center along with Park Maintenance Building thermostat installation. Scheduled work in February includes – Domestic Water Heater shutdown for changeover, final installations of the Justice Center split systems, preparations for the Municipal Building shutdown and equipment replacement, continuation of graphics programming for the Justice Center and Recreation Center.

Our Christmas Tree recycling program garnered the drop off of over 80 trees at the Sports Complex during the month of January. All trees were grinded into mulch.

Three of our Maintenance Technicians attended the Tri-State Green Industry Conference in Sharonville. They participated in several sessions relating to turf and landscape maintenance that will be beneficial to our park maintenance efforts this spring and summer (Sharpening the Saw).

As part of the Facilities Infrastructure Project a Comprehensive Facility Assessment of eight (8) city facilities will take place. The assessment will be based upon facility and component review utilizing standard industry practices resulting in a report that can be used by the City as the basis for maintenance and replacement schedules as well as budget planning. The kickoff meeting was held last week and site visits are taking place this week.

Information Update

To: Dan Wendt

City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse

Chief of Police

Date: February 9, 2023

Subject: Information Update Ending February 10, 2023



- 1. During the past three weeks, VPD officers made 29 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in two traffic citations, 24 written warnings and one verbal warning while working 24 additional enforcement hours.
- 2. Detectives charged a 29-year-old Lewisburg man with one count of Theft. This charge stems from the male stealing a ballistic vest from the Division of Fire while he was doing a ride-along / job shadow.
- 3. Detectives charged a 27-year-old Dayton man with one count of Forgery. This charge stems from the male attempting to cash a counterfeit check at Fifth Third Bank.
- 4. Detectives charged a 38-year-old Huber Heights woman with Criminal Trespass. The female returned to an apartment in Vandalia after having been previously served with a criminal trespass notice.
- 5. Detectives charged a 26-year-old Urbana man with one count of Receiving Stolen Property. This incident stems from a Breaking and Entering at the warehouse being built on Deer Run. Several contractors reported having tools and equipment stolen from the jobsite. The suspect pawned some of the property at Cashland in Vandalia.
- 6. On January 20, the Vandalia-Butler City Schools hosted a First Responders Appreciation Night at the BHS basketball game at the SAC. The Division had two cruisers near the south entrance and several officers were present for recognition during halftime. We appreciate the partnership and support of our local schools.
- 7. Detectives charged a 42-year-old Vandalia man with one count of Domestic Violence. This charge stems from an argument and physical altercation where the male choked his girlfriend / mother of his child inside their apartment.
- 8. Detectives charged a 17-year-old Dayton male juvenile with one count of Theft and Misuse of Credit Card. The male suspect wrote down a customer's credit card number and used it to purchase clothes online in the amount of \$91.67.

- 9. On January 24, the Montgomery County Regional Agencies Narcotics and Gun Enforcement (R.A.N.G.E.) Task Force served a search warrant in the 100 block of Andrews Street in the City of Dayton. As a result of the search warrant, task force detectives recovered two kilos of Fentanyl. One person was arrested and booked at the Montgomery County Jail on Possession of Drugs and is now facing federal drug charges. The matter remains under investigation by the Montgomery County R.A.N.G.E. Task Force. VPD Detective Hulbert serves as a member of the Task Force.
- 10. On January 25, Lieutenants Sucher and Walker and I attended a special virtual presentation in the Justice Center's Community Room provided by the U.S. Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center on Mass Attacks in Public Spaces. Other attendees included School Superintendent Rob O'Leary, Safety Director Bill Wertz, G2G Solutions Director Mark Stusek, and Butler Twp. Police Lieutenant Chris Guthrie. This presentation was an in-depth presentation on precursors and indicators of suspects of mass attacks in the world over the past ten years and highlighted several mass attacks' cases, including incidents of mass attacks on school and higher education campuses.
- 11. On January 26, I attended a virtual meeting as a part of the Ohio Collaborative Standards Review committee. This year's standard being introduced to all Ohio police agencies will cover Property and Evidence procedures and protocols.
- 12. We congratulate Kim Bruce on her recent retirement after many years of dedicated service to the City in the Finance Department. We wish her the best in retirement despite her ongoing battle with cancer.
- 13. Officer Michael Knotts resigned from VPD on January 30 to accept a position with the Butler Township Police Department. Officer Knotts had served VPD since 2017. We wish Michael the best success in his new position with BTPD.
- 14. The Explorers held a meeting on January 31st with CPO Wehner and Det. Brian Krimm. The meeting covered report writing and was a topic picked by the Explorers as they further their interest in law enforcement careers. Report examples and a walk through were provided with two follow-up scenarios. We also had two new female students attend who are interested in the program.
- 15. On February 3, Sergeant Nagel graduated from the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program. CLEE is a formal program of leadership training presented by the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation for police officers (sergeant and higher rank) who are at the executive level or who wish to progress to executive levels in their agency. The program is hosted at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy and takes nearly 14 months to complete. The CLEE program consists of ten modules with a capstone presentation on a program the student wishes to institute or a change at their home agencies. CLEE is graduate-level course work and we congratulate Sgt. Nagel on this accomplishment.



16. CPO Wehner represented the Division of Police at Buckeye Harley-Davidson's annual chili cook-off on Saturday, February 4. The event was very well attended with approximately 100 people present. CPO Wehner joined the Mayor of Huber Heights and the local HOG Chapter President as the "celebrity" guest judges. This event was an excellent way to continue connecting with the community and having positive interactions. At the event's conclusion, Buckeye Harley-Davidson awarded a certificate of appreciation to the judges and took their photographs. We look forward to attending similar events in the future.



- 17. Sergeant Lawson and CPO Wehner continued with amplified recruiting efforts as we continue to search for viable candidates to fill current and upcoming vacant police officer positions. They attended a recruiting event in Nelsonville on February 7 focused solely on positions in law enforcement and natural resources. 400 people signed up to attend the job fair. Multiple people submitted their information for hiring updates during this event. Additionally, I made recruitment presentations to the two police academy classes and one corrections academy at Sinclair's Basic Peace Officer Training Academy over the past two weeks. Our current recruitment process is seeking interested police applicants to apply by February 24.
- 18. This Wednesday, I attended an Executive Board meeting for the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) in Dublin. Our meeting included a presentation from the Critical Response Group, review of annual awards and scholarship nominations, membership application reviews, and other board business. During the meeting, I was nominated and selected to serve as the OACP's 2nd vice-president for the remaining of this year's term, transitioning to 1st vice president after April's Chiefs' In-Service Conference and serving as OACP president in the 2024-2025 term.
- 19. On Friday, I attended a monthly meeting with School Superintendent O'Leary and Safety Director Bill Wertz to discuss school safety and community concerns.



Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service

Date: February 9, 2023

Re: Information Update for January 21 - February 10, 2023

Development & Engineering Services

Our contractor, Outdoor Enterprise, is continuing with the sanitary sewer installation on Dog Leg Road. The progress has been somewhat slow due to the amount of rock excavation, but they have completed the north leg of the sewer and have begun the spans to the south of the lift station.

Double Jay Construction has notified us that they plan to start on the Foley/Enola Drives Reconstruction project next week. Work will begin with the sanitary sewer replacement. We will be performing the survey layout work for them.

Coate Construction also intends to begin next week on the additional handicap ramps we will be installing with the additional funds we had from the 2022 program. Our contractor will also begin our saw cutting of the trip hazards on some of our residential sidewalks later next week as well.

We opened bids this week for the Airport Access Road NB Bridge Deck Rehab project this week. This item will be on the Council Study Session agenda on February 20th for discussion.

We also opened bids for our Asphalt Purchase item that will also be on the February 20th Study Session agenda. This is to purchase asphalt for our own patching use and to use for resurfacing the cart paths as Cassel Hills Golf Course.

We received proposals from three contractors this week for the replacement of approximately 90 feet of sanitary sewer, two service laterals, and a manhole on Scott Avenue. This span of sewer has caused multiple sewer backups and is need of replacement. This item will also be on the February 20th agenda as a discussion item. We will use funds from our 2023 Capital Improvement Budget for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation to perform this work.

Chad Baughman and I are also performing survey work and preparing construction plans to replace a large section of our sanitary sewer trunk main near the exit ramp to US 40 that we made an emergency repair on back in December. By using Tri Cities camera truck to inspect the lines we found two additional spans that need replaced. We plan to have the project out to bid within the next month.

Chad has also been inspecting sidewalks and curbs to prepare our bid package for this year's Concrete Repair Program. We will have this project out for bid in the next couple weeks.

I have been participating in weekly meetings with the design consultant, Montgomery County Engineer's office, and ODOT to finalize the feasibility study for the DIA Northeast Logistics project that will improve Northwoods Boulevard, N. Dixie Drive and Lightner Road. Once completed, the study will be submitted to ODOT for review and the determination of the preferred alternative to be used in the final design.

We have issued a final Certificate of Occupancy for Honduras College at 6520 Poe Avenue.

A temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for FCA at 3970 Image Drive.

True North has also been issued their Certificate of Occupancy and have reopened their business at 22 Ranchview.

The full building permit has now been issued for Kendall Electric at 769 Center Drive. They have also begun the installation of the underground fire line on this project.

Public Works

Crews repaired 3 more watermain breaks during this period. Two were on Tionda Drive and one was on N. Dixie Drive.

We have been able to get all of the permanent asphalt repairs completed from the watermain breaks using our new Asphalt Hot Box. Making permanent repairs now will allow us to get on to other projects earlier this spring instead of going back to make these repairs.

We were called in early morning on Sunday January 29th to remove a fallen tree at the intersection of Stoneysprings and W. Alkaline Springs Road.

We were also called in on Sunday February 5th to replace a Stop Sign that was run over on Poe Avenue and Space Drive and another sign on Bohanan Drive.

We have installed the new logo street name signs on the mast arms at National Rd and I-75 and the intersection of Brown School Road and Little York Road.

We were out on four occasions during this period to salt and/or plow roadways. We also performed pre-treatment on several hills, curves and bridges. To date this we have used approximately 270 tons of salt this winter.

We have started taking delivery of our new water meters for our upgrade to the ultrasonic meters. We are still waiting on the cellular endpoints that are required for the remote reading which are on backorder. We hope to receive them in the next couple of weeks. Once all materials are received we will begin to put out notifications and start the installation of the meters. We will begin with the current meters that are failing and replace those first to eliminate us having to manually read them.

We have exercised 40 of our water valves using a demo "Hydrant Buddy" tool that is a cordless device for turning water valves and fire hydrants. We will be looking to acquire one of these devices as we are now required by the EPA to exercise 20% of our approximately 2,050 water valves each year. The Fire Department can also utilize this equipment as part of their annual flushing and inspection of fire hydrants.

Jake Hayslett and I attended the NAWA Technical Committee meeting February 1st and the Tri Cities Waste Water Authority Technical Committee meeting on February 8th.

We are in the process of conducting interviews for our three Public Works Technician vacancies.

Congratulations to Kim Bruce on her retirement from the City. She was a great asset to the City in her role at the utility window and it was a pleasure to work with her for many years.



Dayton Daily News

Vandalia parks plan shows residents would like to see more paved trails, dog park



LOCAL NEWS

By Aimee Hancock

Feb 7, 2023

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Vandalia residents want to see the addition of a dog park and paved trails to the city's parks, according to a community survey recently completed as part of a parks master plan.

Last year, Vandalia entered into a \$100,000 agreement with PROS Consulting to help lead the master plan process and provide clear objectives to city officials and the parks advisory board.

The master plan can be viewed on the city's website.

In early 2022, the city surveyed 381 residents. Information gathered from the survey, as well as through community engagement sessions, was used to formulate the master plan. Results of the survey and engagement sessions are available within the 253-page finalized document.

Explore Aldi grocery chain plans new store on Miller Lane in Vandalia

The survey found that 86% of households used the Vandalia Rec Center over the previous 12month period, with 69% using other public park and recreation facilities/amenities throughout the same period.

Of those surveyed, 67% indicated there are no barriers to the utilization of Vandalia's park system, while 12% indicated there is a "lack of park amenities that interest me."

Sixty-four percent of respondents indicated a need for paved multi-use trails, and 54% of households indicated a need for free or low-cost community events. The desire for fitness and wellness classes for adults followed closely, with 53% of respondents expressing a need for these types of offerings.

Analysis of the highest park/facility and amenities priorities showed a consistent desire across all age groups for paved multi-use trails and a dog park.

Households that include children of any age, as well as those with young/middle age adults — even those with no kids — also expressed the need for a community splash pad. Desire for an additional outdoor pool is also high on the priority list across most age groups, excluding those aged 55 and up with no children.

The city of Vandalia's current parks inventory, which includes pocket parks, community parks, special use parks, and sports complex parks totals just under 454 acres. The parks master plan does not propose the acquisition of additional acreage, but does recommend the

expansion of facilities/amenities available within those parks to meet the needs of residents, as well as the potential development of additional programming.

In alignment with resident input, the master plan includes several goals and recommendations for potential future improvements and developments within the parks system, along with funding avenues to consider. The plan also includes assessments for each park/facility, with overall ratings and recommended repairs and upgrades for each.

Nine "big move" goals are listed within the plan. These include reinvestment in the existing park and recreation system; redevelopment of Helke, Robinette, and Jeffers parks; renovation of Cassel Hills Pool; considering expansion of the Senior Center; development of a bike, pedestrian and trails master plan; construction of a dog park; construction of a splash pad; construction of an all-accessible playground; and more investment into operations and maintenance.

As part of its 2022 budget, the city appropriated \$675,000 of its total \$1.5 million in allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to go toward improvements of playgrounds and other equipment in Robinette Park, Helke Park, and at the Sports Complex.

"We want to see what comes out of this (master plan) process and what initial feedback we get before we make these (improvements)," City manager Dan Wendt said in March. "We're committed to making those investments and this process is going to help us make the right investments."

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2023 Citywide Policy Goals

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



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

Work



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



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



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

Play



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



School District Earned Income Tax Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the earned income tax that will be on the ballot on May 2, 2023?

A: The Vandalia-Butler City School District will be seeking an earned income tax at the May 2, 2023 election. The ballot issue contains a 1.0% earned school district income tax for a term of five (5) years.

Q: What is a School District Income Tax (SDIT)?

A: The SDIT is an income tax separate from federal, state and municipal income taxes that is earmarked specifically to support school districts. In order for the tax to be implemented, it must receive approval of voters within the school district.

Q: Why is Vandalia-Butler City Schools seeking an earned income tax?

A: The District submitted the five-year forecast in November, 2022 in which they are projected to have a deficit balance in the coming years. The Board of Education, Superintendent, and Treasurer/CFO discussed many options during public sessions before certifying the ballot issue to the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

The Board does not take the decision to request earned income tax funds lightly, and considered several factors before deciding to request an earned income tax, including:

- The district's demographics
- Current approved property tax levies
- The impact of a property tax versus an earned income tax on the taxpayers

With an earned income school district tax, if a taxpayer has a decrease in wages or experiences job loss, the tax liability also decreases. With a property tax levy, the taxpayer would be required to continue paying the same amount of property tax regardless of the earned income.

Q: When was the last time the District requested new operating funds?

A: Vandalia-Butler City Schools was on the ballot for new operating funds with a property tax levy in 2013. The typical span between new levy requests for school districts is five (5) years. It has been **ten years** since Vandalia-Butler City Schools has requested new funds.

Q: What is the difference between an Earned Income School District Tax (SDIT) and a Property Tax?

A: An earned school district income tax is based on the amount of income the taxpayer residing within the school district earns rather than the value of the taxpayer's property within school district limits. The earned income tax shares the financial burden of supporting the school district among more residents rather than property owners only. The earned income tax would have no effect on property taxes.

Because only earned income is taxed, retirees would not be taxed. The following are examples of additional incomes that are FXFMPT:

- Retirement pensions
- Social security benefits
- Disability and survivor benefits
- Annuities/IRA distributions
- Capital gains
- Child support

Source: Ohio Department of Taxation - Guide to Ohio's School District Income Tax (http://tax.ohio.gov)

Q: Is the school district income tax the same as a municipal tax?

A: No, the SDIT and the municipal income tax differ in many ways. Municipalities collect the tax from both the residents and non-residents working within the municipality, but the SDIT is only collected from those residing within the school district. Municipal taxes are levied on businesses, whereas the SDIT is on individuals only.

Q: What is the cost comparison of the earned income school district tax versus a property tax levy?

A: When placing a school district income tax on the ballot, the ballot issue must state the amount of property tax millage that would be required to generate the same dollar value as the proposed income tax. The Ohio Department of Taxation calculated and certified that 9.19 mills would be needed for the property tax equivalent. Below are examples of both earned income and property tax and the costs associated with each:

*Cost of Earned School District Income Tax Per Year

**Median Household Income: \$39,559 at 1.0% Income Tax Rate

Cost Per Year = \$395.59

Cost Per Year if the District Were to Request a Property Tax Levy

***Average Property Value/Occupied Home: \$163,613 at 9.19 Mills

Cost Per Year = \$526.26

^{*}For more information about earned income, <u>refer to this page</u> from Ohio's Guide to Ohio's School District Income Tax Sources: **Ohio Department of Education FY2021 District Profile Report, Tax Year 2019

^{***}Montgomery County Auditor's Officer; Average Home Value and Millage Calculation

Q: If passed, what will the earned income tax fund?

A: With the passage of a school district earned income tax, the District would use the funds to help with day-to-day operations, the School Safety Officer program, and the initiatives that have been implemented throughout the past six years of the Strategic Plan, including:

- Classroom student/teacher ratios
- Middle School and High School electives
- Stem courses
- Elementary specials including full-time art and music
- Mental health and counseling services

Q: How will the tax be collected from the taxpayers?

A: The school district income tax is collected in the same manner as the state income tax; through employer withholding, individual quarterly estimated payments, and annual returns. Employers are required to withhold the tax and submit payments to the state under the same rules and guidelines as they currently use to withhold the state income tax. Individuals subject to the tax are required to file an annual SDIT return.

Q: If passed, when would the District begin to receive earned income tax funds?

A: If approved by voters, the tax would become effective on January 1, 2024. The first payment would be received by the District in April, 2024. The District would receive four payments per calendar year, one each in January, April, July and October. Each payment would be for the amount collected during the prior quarter.

It would take approximately one and a half years (six quarters) for the District to receive the full amount of taxes generated from the first year it is levied because of how the tax is collected. Employer withholding comes in throughout the year, but individual annual returns are not due until the following calendar year.

Q: Do other school districts in Ohio have income taxes?

A: Yes, many school districts in Ohio have income taxes. Out of over 600 Ohio districts, a total of 210 school districts have an income tax, including 63 with an earned income tax. In our Miami Valley League conference of ten schools, half of them have school district income taxes.

For a complete listing of Ohio Schools with income taxes, <u>click here</u>.

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Tim White, a Mikesell's employee in Dayton, packs bags of chips into boxes in December. Inflation, retiree pension liabilities and retail product placement trends have hurt the company. MARSHALL GORBY/STAFF

Mikesell's ending 110-plus years of local business

Dayton potato chip company seeks to sell to another company.

By Thomas Gnau Staff Writer

Mikesell's, a historic Dayton maker of potato chips and snack foods, is going out of business.

The company announced Wednesday that it hopes to sell its brand and intellectual property rights to another snack food manufacturer to potentially continue the Mikesell's brand.

But the company said it "is beginning to wind down its manufacturing, distribution, and administrative operations to proceed with an orderly liquidation of its assets.'

The action will affect some 100 employees at the Mikesell's Leo Street plant.

Earlier this week, as rumors swirled, company President Luke Mapp referred questions about his company's future to its public relations firm. This news outlet has requested an interview



An employee of Mikesell's Potato Chips in Dayton posts a letter onto the front door of the business Wednesday announcing that they will be closing operations after 110 years. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

Some people who said they are Mikesell's employees posted on social media this week that the Dayton plant will close this

To continue to protect the Mikesell's brand, so it can remain viable in the market and continue to move forward, Mikesell's is announcing that it intends to transition all Mikesell's brand and IP rights to another quality snack food manufacturer, as soon as possible," the company said in a statement.

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ELECTION 2023

Multiple large tax levies are headed to ballots for May election

Several northern suburb school districts seeking new funding.

By Eileen McClory Staff Writer

A large number of school districts, cities and townships in the core four-county Dayton area have submitted tax levies to be put on the May election ballot. That includes the Huber Heights, Northmont, Fairborn and Vandalia-Butler school districts seeking new, additional funding.

Multiple jurisdictions are requesting additional money to fund police departments, including Beavercreek and Sugarcreek Twp. in Greene County,

as well as Miami Twp. in Montgomery County.

Most of these tax levies will be officially certified by county boards of election in the coming days.

Huber Heights schools

By far the largest levy request is from the Huber Heights school district, which is requesting an 8.12mill levy generating \$6.9 million per year for five years. It would cost homeowners \$284 annually per \$100,000 in property value.

The district has a comparatively high cash balance, but says it is planning budget cuts regardless of if the levy passes, because of projected deficits in

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Security cameras are mounted outside of an Oregon District business. Dayton police want access to live and recorded video feeds from privately owned cameras. CORNELIUS

Dayton police want access to video from businesses' cameras

Voluntary program could speed casework, those in favor say.

By Cornelius Frolik Staff Writer

The Dayton Police Department wants to use a controversial technology that allows officers to access and view live and recorded video from privately owned cameras.

Police say accessing live video feeds and video footage from businesses can help officers immediately identify suspects, assess and respond to emergency situations and solve crimes.

'This is to simplify the investigation process for officers and detectives and to make a safer response when responding critical incidents," said Major James Mullins, commander of the Dayton Police Department's Community Services Division.

Some cities have embraced law enforcement's use of private security camera networks, while others rejected it primarily over concerns about privacy, surveillance and potential misuse.

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CLOSER LOOK

Bias, human error played roles in FBI's Jan. 6 failure, draft of document suggests

Adam Goldman

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WASHINGTON - Days before the end of the 2020 presidential race, a team of FBI analysts tried to game out the worst potential outcomes of a disputed election.

But of all the scenarios they envisioned, the one they never

thought of was the one that came to pass: a violent mob mobilizing in support of former President Donald Trump.

The team's work, which has never been reported, is just the latest example of how the Federal Bureau of Investigation was unable to predict – or prevent

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Supporters of President Donald Trump protest outside the Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021. JASON ANDREW/THE NEW YORK TIMES

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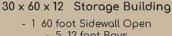
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Monkeys found, but mystery deepens

DALLAS – Two monkeys taken from the Dallas Zoo were found Tuesday in an abandoned home after going missing the day before from their enclosure, which had been cut. But no arrests have been made, deepening the mystery at the zoo that has included other cut fences, the escape of a small leopard and the suspicious death of an endangered vulture. Dallas police said they found the two emperor tamarin monkeys after getting a tip that they could be in an abandoned home in Lancaster, just south of the zoo. The animals were found safe, in a closet, and then returned to zoo for veterinary evaluation. Police said earlier Tuesday that they were still working to determine whether or not the incidents over the last few weeks are related. Meanwhile, in Louisiana, officials were investigating after 12 squirrel monkeys were taken from a zoo there on Sunday and considering whether there could be a connection. Here's what is known so far about the incidents:

What has happened at the Dallas Zoo?

The zoo closed Jan. 13 after workers arriving that morning found that the clouded leopard, named Nova, was missing. After a search that included police, the leopard weighing 20-25 pounds was found later that day near her habitat.

Police said a cutting tool was intentionally used to make the opening in her enclosure. A similar gash also was found in an enclosure for langur monkeys, though none got out or appeared harmed, police said.

On Jan. 21, an endangered lappet-faced vulture named Pin was found dead by arriving workers. Gregg Hudson, the zoo's president and CEO, called the death "very suspicious" and said the vulture had "a wound," but declined to give further details.

Hudson said in a news conference following Pin's death that the vulture enclosure didn't appear to be tampered with.

On Monday, police said the two emperor tamarin monkeys – which have long whiskers that look like a mustache – were believed to have been taken after someone cut an opening in their enclosure.

The following day, police released a photo and video of a man they said they wanted to talk to about the monkeys. The photo shows a man eating Doritos chips while walking, and in the video clip he is seen walking down a path.

What could be the motive in taking the monkeys?

Lynn Cuny, founder and president of Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation in Kendalia, Texas, said she wouldn't be surprised if it turns out the monkeys were taken to be sold. Depending on the buyer, she said, a monkey like those could be sold for "several thousands" of dollars.

"Primates are high-dollar animals in the wildlife pet trade in this country," Cuny



Two emperor tamarin monkeys were taken from the Dallas Zoo, shown in 2008, on Monday, the latest in a recent string of incidents at zoos, including the suspicious death of a vulture in Dallas and missing squirrel monkeys in Louisiana. APFILE

said. "Everybody that wants one wants one for all the wrong reasons – there's never any good reason to have any wild animal as a pet.'

She said there were a variety of ways the taken monkeys could have been in danger, from an improper diet to exposure to cold. Temperatures in Dallas dipped into the 20s on Tuesday during a winter storm.

What is known about the vulture?

Pin's death has been hard on the staff, a zoo official said.

The vulture was "a beloved member of

the bird department," according to Harrison Edell, the zoo's executive vice president for animal care and conservation.

Speaking at a news conference, Edell said Pin was at least 35 years old and had been at the zoo for 33 years. "A lot of our teams have worked closely with him for all of that time," Edell said.

Pin, one of four lappet-faced vultures at the zoo, was said to have sired 11 offspring, and his first grandchild hatched in early 2020.

Edell said Pin's death was not only a personal loss but also a loss for the species, which "could potentially go extinct in our lifetime."

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What is known about security?

Hudson, the zoo's CEO, said in a news conference following Pin's death that normal operating procedures included over 100 cameras to monitor public, staff and exhibit areas, and that number had been increased. Overnight presence of security and staff was also raised.

Where possible, he said, zoo officials limited the ability of animals to go outside overnight.

After Nova went missing, officials said they had reviewed surveillance video but did not say what it showed.

The zoo was closed Tuesday and Wednesday due to the storm.

What happened in Louisiana?

The 12 squirrel monkeys were discovered missing Sunday from their enclosure at a zoo in the state's southeast.

Their habitat at Zoosiana in Broussard, about 60 miles west of Baton Rouge, had been "compromised" and some damage was done to get in, city Police Chief Vance Olivier said Tuesday. He declined to provide further details on the damage, citing the ongoing investigation.

He said police did not have any suspects yet but were still searching through

Zoosiana said in a Facebook post that the remaining monkeys have been assessed and appear unharmed.

Have there been other incidents at the Dallas Zoo?

In 2004, a 340-pound gorilla named Jabari jumped over a wall and went on a 40-minute rampage that injured three people before police shot and killed the animal.

BY JAMIE STENGLE / ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABOUT THE EXPLAINER: We developed The Explainer to take you beyond the headlines and provide a deeper look at the issues close to home or around the globe.

Levies

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upcoming years. Treasurer Penny Rucker said at a board meeting in early January the district should make at least \$1.7 million in cuts in the first year to stay in good financial standing.

Beavercreek police levy

The city of Beavercreek is requesting a permanent 1.8-mill levy that would generate more than \$3 million in additional funds for the police department. The city of Beavercreek says the funds generated would be used to hire five more officers and purchase more equipment.

Last fall, Beavercreek voters rejected a 2.5-mill November levy that had additional plans to build a new police department. Beavercreek officials say the current levy would not include a new police building.

The levy would cost an additional \$63 per \$100,000 in property evaluation.

Fairborn schools

Fairborn Schools have asked for a 1.7-mill, 34-year bond issue generating \$24.6 million to be placed on the May ballot. It would cost \$60 per \$100,000 in home evaluation.

The proposal would pay the remaining costs on the new high school construction project. The district says the cost of the construction on the new high school has inflated from \$70 million to \$82 million.

A 5.83-mill bond issue was approved in 2020 to pay for the new high school, arts center and athletics complex. The district also has funding from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

Vandalia-Butler

The school district is asking for an additional 1% income tax that would generate about \$6.4 million per year and last five years, said Vandalia-Butler Treasurer Eric Beavers.

Vandalia Superintendent another five years. That levy Rob O'Leary said the funds would pay for the cost of and costs \$184 per \$100,000



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requesting a 10-year, 7.82-mill

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would cost residents \$273.70 annually per \$100,000 of

property value, according

to the Montgomery County

district is asking for a per-

manent 5.9-mill additional

levy that would raise \$1.54

million per year and cost about \$207 per \$100,000

■ Beavercreek Schools

are asking for renewal of a

5.25-mill substitute levy for

raises \$11.4 million per year

■ The Mad River school

Auditor's office.

in property value.

Other school levies ■ Northmont schools are

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■ Franklin City Schools O'Leary said the district are asking for a substitute levy of 13.92 mills, which has never previously used an income tax, though it's would continue to cost \$488 been discussed. But this per \$100,000 in valuation option allows flexibility in and collect \$7.75 million each payment with inflation and year for five years. job loss and doesn't impact

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■ Carlisle schools are asking for a renewal of 4.41 mills, which costs \$154 per \$100,000 in home valuation and collects \$993,222 each year for five years.

Other city, township

Miami Twp. is asking voters to replace an existing 5.25-mill police levy with an increase to 5.75 mills for police. The annual cost is estimated at \$201 per \$100,000 in home value (an increase of \$73), with revenue to be

■ Xenia Twp. will have two levies on the May ballot. The township is asking levy, costing \$123 per each township is also asking for a 3.5-mill fire levy, which

■ Sugarcreek Twp. is ask-

1.5 mills, generating \$721,000 per year and costing homeproperty evaluation. ■ Cedarville is asking for

Brian Faggett ing for a new police tax for

a renewal of a 1.25% income tax rate as a permanent percentage.

■ New Jasper Twp. is asking for renewal of a 1.5mill, \$101,000 road levy that would continue to cost \$44 per \$100,000 in property value.

■ Jackson Twp. South Fire is asking for a 1.5-mill, \$108,926 renewal fire levy that would again cost a homeowner \$43.44 per \$100,000 in value.

■ Brookville, Cedarville, Huber Heights, Troy and Union are requesting the ability to aggregate natural gas loads. Union, Brookville and Cedarville are also asking to aggregate electric loads.

■Trotwood is asking owners \$53 per \$100,000 in for the renewal of a 4.15mill, \$988,291 fire and EMS levy that costs \$110.67 per \$100,000 in property evaluation.

■ Farmersville is asking for a renewal of a 1.5mill, \$22,931 street and road levy that costs about \$36 per \$100,000 in property valuation.

■ Brown Twp. is asking for an additional 1.5 mill levy for five years to cover current expenses.

Reporters Aimee Hancock. London Bishop and Nick Blizzard contributed to this story. Contact reporter Eileen McClory at 937-694-2016 or email eileen.mcclory@coxinc.



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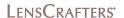
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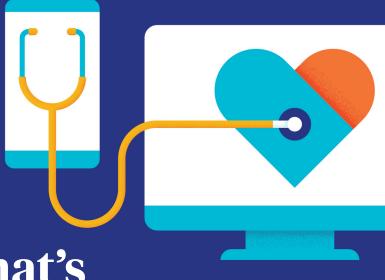
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Aldi grocery chain plans new store on Miller Lane in Vandalia



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By Aimee Hancock

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National grocery chain Aldi may soon be heading to Vandalia.

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According to planning documents recently submitted to the city, the grocer plans to develop a new location at 6415 Miller Lane, just south of the intersection with Benchwood Road, and immediately south of Culver's restaurant.

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Documents show plans to construct a 20,664-square-foot building on a 2-acre plot of land. The site is currently undeveloped.

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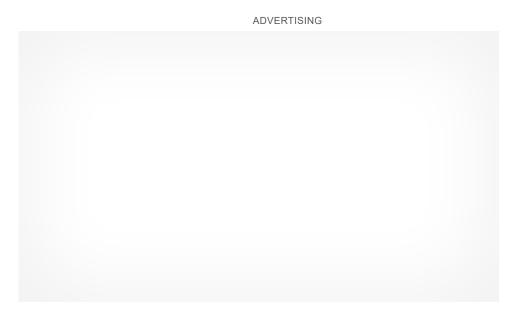


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The project proposal is scheduled to be presented to Vandalia planning commission on Feb. 14, according to Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway.

Aldi currently has more than 150 locations in Ohio, with additional locations in the works. Earlier this week, the city of Troy confirmed an Aldi location will be developed on Troy Town Drive, just west of I-75 and south of Ohio 41.



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Dayton region Aldi locations include Beavercreek, Centerville, Kettering, Huber Heights, Englewood and Middletown. Each ALDI store employs between 15 and 20 people, an Aldi representative said in September.









Known for its affordability and no-frills store design, Aldi claims to keep prices low by offering a majority of private brand items, as opposed to national brands typically found at big box stores. Advertisement

In 1961, the Albrecht Family founded its first discount grocery store in Germany, which gave way to the first Aldi store that opened in 1976 in Iowa. Today, the grocer is based in Batavia, Illinois, and has over 2,200 stores across 39 states with over 25,000 employees.

In 2022, approximately 150 new Aldi stores opened nationwide. In addition to opening stores, Aldi expanded its curbside grocery pickup offering from 1,200 to 1,500 stores.

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