

THE BLUE LETTER



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April 22, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

This week, we welcomed several new staff members to our corps of public servants. All of these additions are backfilling vacancies or are additions that were contemplated and included in the annual budget. **City Engineer Ben Borton** joined our Development and Engineering Services team. Mr. Borton and his family relocated back home from Colorado. Mr. Borton is a licensed professional engineer and a Butler High School graduate.

In the Parks & Recreation Department, **Mr. Garrett Danner** joined the Building Maintenance team, and **Mr. Adam Van Hoose** and **Mr. Harry Reed** are the newest Park Maintenance Technicians. Messrs. Van Hoose and Reed are both Butler High School graduates. Also, **Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector Tyler Sean Day** has joined the full-time ranks.

Garage Sale Weekend – May 18 – 21: Residents in Vandalia and Butler Township can sign up and list items for sale here: [Garage Sale Sign Up \(LINK\)](#).

Dog Leg Rd. Closure – April 26th: Starting Wednesday, April 26, Dog Leg Road will be closed between



National Road and Stonequarry Road for approximately three weeks. As part of a utility extension project, contractors will be moving utility lines across Dog Leg Road and will also be working on a large concrete culvert. The detour route will use Stonequarry Road, Peters Pike and National Road (see map). VBCSD and Butler Twp. have been advised. The City is sharing this information online and with residents. Outdoor Enterprise continues with the sanitary sewer installation on Dog Leg Road. The rock excavation slowed this



portion of the project. In the coming days/weeks we will be closing Dog Leg Road for the installation of a 60" concrete culvert that crossed the roadway.

Dayton Development Coalition Fly-In: This week, I attended the Dayton Development Coalition Fly-In. In addition to gaining a better understanding of our region's role in national defense, and economic prosperity, I was fortunate to learn from many business and government leaders.

During the visit, I discussed our requests for Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding totaling \$15.4 million with representatives from the offices of Congressman Turner, Congressman Carey, Senator Brown, and Senator Vance. Our projects were well received. Our requests relate to improvements totaling more than \$100 million for the Tri-Cities wastewater treatment plant and collection system, and a ~\$1.5 million project for developing an accessible restroom, playground, and splashpad at Robinette Park. Congressman Turner's office has already indicated his intention to advance our request (for possibly up to \$5 million) for funds for the Tri-Cities wastewater treatment plant and collection system.



Semi-Truck Hit and Run: Yesterday, Chief Althouse collected a stat as he was the first on-scene for a semi-truck hit and run incident that occurred on I-75 south of town. The driver fled and his vehicle became disabled on National Rd. There was substantial diesel spilled. Police, fire,

and public works crews were on the scene. In Vandalia, even the Police Chief is working commercial vehicle enforcement.

Blight Abatement: Congrats to Chief Building Official Pete Baldauf, Property Maintenance Inspector Kip Millikin, Director Cron, and the DES team on their efforts to meet the 2020 Vandalia Vision Plan goals to address blighted properties in the City. Our team always tries to work with property owners to encourage property maintenance standards. Recently, the City razed structures at 6325 Shady Knoll Dr. and 841 Spartan Ave. Both properties have been abandoned, declared a nuisance by the courts, and the subject of complaints from residents. These properties have had multiple notices of violations and become detrimental to their neighborhoods. All costs associated with the abatement of the properties will be



assessed back to the property owners. Here are some before and after pictures of Shady Knoll – which can be seen from the I-75 southbound ramp from Benchwood.

Annual DES Fee Adjustment: At the May 1st Council meeting, I plan to introduce the annual DES fee adjustment legislation, which includes permits, zoning and tap fees. This proposal calls for a 2%



adjustment rounded to the nearest dollar or cent, whichever applies. The proposal also includes a 2% annual escalator effective each January 1st thereafter.

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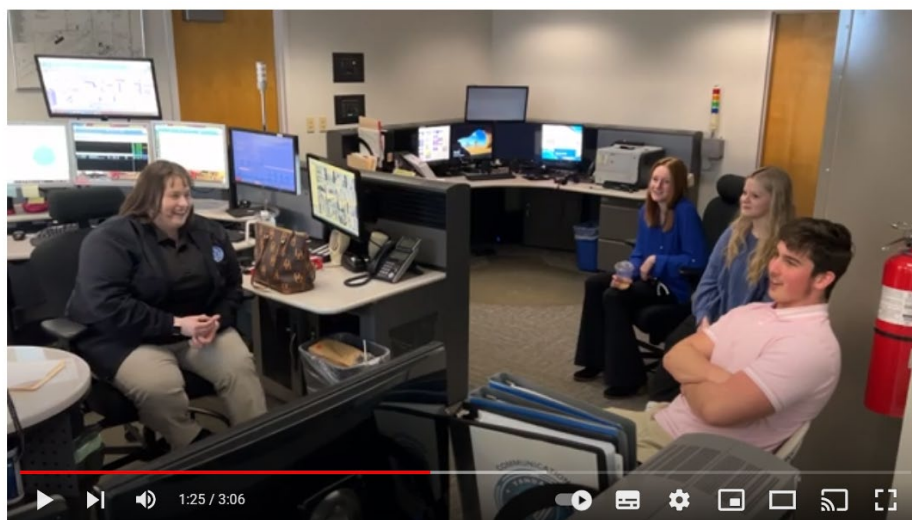
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[Focus Vandalia: Youth in Government Day \(LINK\)](#): See our recent Focus Vandalia Video regarding Youth Day in Government.



April 17, 2023 - Focus Vandalia - Youth in Government Day



Street Resurfacing Project: The City will be advertising our annual Street Resurfacing project in the coming weeks and are scheduled to open bids on May 9th. Due to the timing of the concrete project, I will request to introduce and to request authorization to negotiate and to enter a contract at the May 15th meeting.

Water Meter Replacement – Public Information: Communications Manager Hopkins is working to put together marketing materials for our water meter replacement program. We are creating a webpage and designing door hangers to be used in neighborhoods scheduled for replacement. Public Works recently took delivery of the cellular endpoints for our new water meters. Installation will begin immediately. There are nearly 300 of 5,700 of the old meters that are no longer transmitting and have to read manually – with more transmitters failing each month. These meters will be replaced first. At the next study session, I will propose that we move forward with our next order of meters and endpoints due to the 4 – 5 month lead time. This project is included in the 2023 capital improvement plan. Public Works crews will save the City approximately \$800,000 over the course of the project by performing the installations in-house.

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Part-Time Seasonal Recruitments: The City is recruiting for part-time seasonal positions. Candidates can apply at: www.vandaliaohio.org/jobs. I look forward to participating in career day at Morton Middle School in early May along with Fire Lt. Mya Mitchell and CPO Wehner.

Pay Adjustments: This week, the City Council approved resolutions amending the non-union full-time and part-time pay plan ranges by a 1% increase above the previous 2% adjustment for 2022. The IAFF and OPBA Police Sergeants bargaining units have verbally agreed to the same pay range adjustments and we are working to process those changes (these rates were negotiated in 2021).

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Catch Basin Repair: Public Works crews have been repairing and rebuilding several catch basins on the streets that we will be resurfacing this year. We are near completion of repairs to 46 basins.

Asphalt Patching: Public Works crews are performing asphalt restoration where we have made utility repairs.



Veterans Banner Program – Full! Public Works crews are preparing for the installation of veterans banners on Dixie Drive. We have been mounting the brackets for the banners. We have also made and installed the “Veterans Parkway” street name signs along the corridor.

Finally, I was recently asked to provide the Dayton Business Journal with information regarding forthcoming City of Vandalia bids, requests for qualifications / proposals, and planned development projects. I have enclosed the write up as an attachment. There are a lot of exciting things going on in the City. I feel good knowing that our departmental leaders are taking care of business, stretching taxpayer dollars, and that our town is *buzzing with activity*.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Holloway – April 21, 2023;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – April 21, 2023;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – April 21, 2023;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Pruszynski – April 21, 2023;
5. Information Update - Director Clark – April 21, 2023;
6. Information Update - Chief Althouse – April 21, 2023;
7. Information Update - Director Cron – April 21, 2023;
8. Dayton Business Journal Article;
9. Cassel Hills Pool Flyer;
10. 2023 Citywide Policy Goals;
11. My Vandalia App Flyer; and
12. May – August 2023 My Vandalia Magazine.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager
Date: April 20, 2023
Subject: Information Update



- I attended the Ohio City/County Management Association Conference in Columbus on 4/6 and 4/7.
- You, along with City Planner Hammes, Zoning & Planning Coordinator Graham, and I met to review upcoming public hearing matters on Tuesday, April 11.
- You and I met to review and discuss economic development matters.
- CMO staff met to discuss the upcoming Boards and Commissions Recognition Dinner. We are looking forward to this event.
- Staff from Development & Engineering Services, Fire, and I held our monthly development meeting on Monday, April 17.
- I attended the Tri-Cities Wastewater Authority Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 19.
- Rich and I held our monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20.
- I fielded a phone call from a resident who called with high praise for Property Maintenance Inspector Millikin's work in handling a complaint. The resident indicated that Mr. Millikin provided excellent customer service while working to resolve the issue. Way to go, Kip!

Development Updates

- Walls are going up at Kendall Electric. The project is advancing quickly.
- The building permit for Aldi is ready to issue. We are awaiting submittal for the lot consolidation in order to proceed.

- We have issued the building permit for Ernst Concrete at 993 Falls Creek Drive. We are not yet aware of a date for groundbreaking.

Communications Update

- We filmed the May episodes of Focus Vandalia this week. The stories we'll feature include admission changes at Cassel Hills Pool, Arbor Day 2023, Light Up Ohio Week, the City's efforts to abate blight, and our water meter replacement program.
- Communications Manager Hopkins is working to put together marketing materials for our water meter replacement program. We are creating a webpage and designing door hangers to be used in neighborhoods scheduled for replacement.
- We are moving ahead with our 2023 Corporate Challenge team! This year team Vandalia will be nattily attired in "Vandalia Blue" t-shirts with white print.
- Communications Manager Hopkins and IT Manager Davey have been working to set up the 2023 Garage Sale weekend registration. The webpage and registration link are now live: <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/487/Garage-Sale-Weekend-2023>
- Our annual "Shred Day" event will be held on Friday, May 19. Communications Manager Hopkins is coordinating staff volunteers to assist. We will start publicizing this soon.
- Communications Manager Hopkins attended the Mock Crash exercise held at Butler High School on Tuesday of this week. Police and Fire did a great job demonstrating the consequences of drunk or distracted driving.

Memo



To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: April 20, 2023

Re: Information Update - Period Ending April 21, 2023

1. Kristen attended a regularly scheduled council meeting.
2. Finance continues to provide data to the compilation team and auditors from Plattenburg and Associates for the 2022 Annual Report and audit.
3. The tax office survived another successful tax season! Between March 27, 2023 and April 18, 2023, our office assisted 1,638 taxpayers at the counter, answered 771 phone calls, 300 emails, and 3,223 electronic returns (January – April). Congratulations and great job!!



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 4/20/2023
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING APRIL 21, 2023

1. On April 8th, The Division of Fire sent an EMS Strike Team to cover the Easter Extravaganza held at the Vandalia Rec center.
2. The Division of Fire responded to Longhorn Steakhouse on April 9th on a reported structure fire. The fire appeared to have started in a dumpster outside and spread to the building. Crews received mutual aid help from Butler Township, Huber Heights, Harrison Township, Clayton, Englewood and Tipp City Fire Departments. The building was occupied, and crews were able to get everyone out without incident. The building remained closed into the following week due to damage.
3. During National Public Telecommunications Week April 9th-15th, The Division of Fire would like to give thanks to our Public Safety Specialists (Dispatchers). We couldn't do what we do without these folks. We are appreciative of their hard work and dedication.
4. The Division of Fire held a command staff meeting on Monday April 10th. This is the first command staff meeting where we had our new Lieutenants in attendance. Items discussed were, but not limited to; budget, hiring and training.
5. During the week of April 10th CRRC Jacobs provided CPR and First Aid training to the Division of Police.
6. Crews are participating in Haz Mat training on the remaining Fridays for the month of April. Training is being led by Dayton Regional Haz Mat and should not only be a good refresher, but also prepare crews for a possible tech level class later this year.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

7. Additional training this weekend let Vandalia and Butler Township Fire Dept. take advantage of some nicer and warmer weather. Crews trained together on Rural Water Movement.
8. On Tuesday April 18th, The Division of Fire participated in a mock crash at the high school. The mock crash is held to bring awareness to teens about drunk and distracted driving. The event is typically presented during the week of prom and involves the Vandalia Butler Schools, Vandalia and Butler Twp. Fire Departments, Vandalia and Butler Twp. Police Departments, Care Flight, and Morton Whetstone Funeral Home. This year all 4 high school grades were able to watch and participate in the event. Video of the event can be found on our social media pages.
9. The Division of Fire anticipates new vacancies among the part-time staff. We currently have 3 part-time staff members in the final stage of moving to full -time positions within the department as well as others who have left for other opportunities. To prepare, Capt. Milliken and his staff will be scheduling and conducting interviews of possible part-time candidates to fill those vacancies over the next two weeks.



Memo

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Melissa Pruszynski, Human Resources Manager

Date: April 20, 2023

Re: Information Update - Period Ending April 21, 2023

1. At the April 17, 2023 Council approved resolutions amending the non-union full-time and part-time pay plans by 1%. Much appreciation to Council for approving the legislation, which allows our pay rates to remain competitive with our neighboring communities. As you know approval of this amendment aligns with our City-Wide Policy Goals of ***Trust and Confidence, Opportunity, and Vibrant.***
2. Great news! Six new employees began work during this pay period. If you see new faces around, please take a moment to welcome them. Garrett Danner is our new Building Maintenance Technician, Adam Van Hoose and Harry Reed are the newest Park Maintenance Technicians, Paul Pollard is our new Information Technology Systems Administrator, City Engineer Ben Borton and Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector Amanda Everett also began work during this reporting period. The five internal Police Sergeant candidates took their written exam Tuesday, April 18 and we are waiting on the results from the National Testing Network.

Interview dates are scheduled for Police Officer, Public Works Technician, Recreation Coordinator – Fitness, and Police Sergeant. The posting for Public Safety Specialist will remain open until May 5. As well, a posting for Part-Time Public Works Maintenance Technician was posted this week. Feel free to check the Employment Opportunities page for updates: <https://vandaliaohio.org/422/Employment-Opportunities>.

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 www.myuhc.com. You can use www.myuhc.com 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 www.whyuhc.com/choiceplus 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**.
 - EyeMed offers a **Mobile App** tool! You can find this in the App Store.
 - 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>.
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 mbadvocates@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: 4/20/2023
Re: Information Update – Period ending April 20, 2023

RECREATION CENTER

Spring Break CampREC had 30 kids participate during the Vandalia-Butler Schools Spring Break. Summer CampREC registration began on April 17 at 7:00am and the eight main weeks of camp were filled up by 8:20am. As of April 18, the remaining weeks (Memorial Day week and July 4th week) filled and we are now accepting a wait list for the camp.

Several Earth Day events are being held at the VRC this week including an Earth Day Nature Party on April 19 and an Earth Day Terrarium program on April 21. Both events are for children and will include projects that will teach the importance of Earth Day. Participants will paint birdhouses, paint terracotta pots, make Earth Day cloud dough in the Nature Party program and make their own terrariums at the April 21 event.

Alicia, John and Aaron attended the Ohio Parks and Recreation Advocacy Seminar in Westerville on April 19 and will also be attending the OPRA networking event on May 5 at Bear's Mill in Greenville. These types of events are important to our goal to provide top-tier services to our residents as they allow for the opportunity to learn what other Ohio communities are doing in the area of parks and recreation.

The Insurance Based Membership survey is winding down. Thus far we have received 121 completed survey's, 76 in person and 45 online. This survey will allow staff to focus on areas that members deem important to their continued use of the VRC for their fitness activities.

GOLF DIVISION

The contractor for the golf course perimeter fence project has completed the removal of old split rail fence on holes 5, 7 and 8. The installation of new split rail fence will begin in the coming days. This project includes additional fencing to the perimeter/property line along number 5 that previously had no fence distinguishing the course property from the apartment units on Brindlestone Drive.

League play is underway at the golf course. Most leagues will play throughout the summer with some ending in the fall. League play at Cassel Hills has always been strong and Ben Lickliter does a good job working with current league representatives to offer quality league play options.

Superintendent Marty Szturm watered fairways and greens last week for the first time this golf season. This is the earliest he has done so in his 23 years with the city.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Van Tran trips for the month of March reached a three year high with 192 one-way rides. Through the first quarter of 2023 there has been a total of 493 one-way rides provided by the program.

Senior Center Coordinator Toni Williams has completed work on two presentations she will be giving this fall in honor of Veteran's Day. The presentations are entitled "Through My Father's Eyes" with part one being "WWII" and part two "The Occupation of Germany". Both presentations are based on the 132 page biography of her dad's life that Toni authored for her parent's 50th anniversary in 2002.

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

Recreation Coordinator Aaron Messenger organized several community Easter events that provided top-tier services to the residents of Vandalia. A Tiny Tikes Easter Egg Hunt took place on March 24 with 17 children participating. The program included crafts, snacks and an egg hunt. An Adult Easter Egg Hunt took place on March 31 with 117 participating. The event included raffle prizes as well as an egg hunt. An Underwater Easter Egg Hunt took place in the Aquatic Center at the VRC on April 1 with 41 kids participating. Kids enjoyed hunting for eggs in the pool, turning in eggs for prizes and free swim time after the event. The Vandalia Easter Eggstravaganza capped off the series of holiday events on April 8 at the Sports Complex. Several thousand people came out to this revamped event as there were many things for families to do including two egg hunts, vendors, arts & crafts, food truck and more. Community events like these are desired by our residents as indicated in the newly adopted Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Aaron Messenger did an outstanding job planning and conducting these events.

Recreation Coordinator Aaron Messenger will be adding a kid's play area to the Star Spangled Celebration Event. It will be called the "Patriotic Play Area" and include face painting, outdoor games, crafts, rock painting and a goat petting area. Aaron is partnering with local community groups to coordinate the play area. This is another example of using our Parks & Recreation Master Plan and City Wide Policy Goals to improve the quality of life for residents of Vandalia.

Adult Softball Leagues will be starting in May and thus far we have 12 teams registered for the Men's Monday League and 8 teams for the Friday Coed League.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Facilities Infrastructure Project Updates: Work at the VRC continues as all HVAC units and duct have been removed from the roof and two new units have been placed by crane. The locker rooms will be open daily without disruption beginning Friday afternoon as the crane work will be complete at that time. The stretch of dry weather this week has permitted the contractor to stay on schedule with the project. Work also continues with the HVAC portion of the project at the Municipal Building and Justice Center. The Sports Complex pathway light poles are scheduled to ship June 9.

Garrett Danner, Adam Van Hoose and Harry Reed began their full-time employment as Maintenance Technicians on April 19. We are excited to have them as part of our team and look forward to them contributing to our efforts to provide quality and diverse facilities, programs and services to the residents of Vandalia.

Ball diamond maintenance has been a priority as we have school games currently being played on fields at the Sports Complex and youth games starting April 29. Fields 2 and 3 have been laser graded with new field material being added as well. We look forward to improved drainage and the reduction of field prep that will be required after rain events on these fields.

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To: Dan Wendt
City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse
Chief of Police

Date: April 20, 2023

Subject: Information Update Ending April 21, 2023

1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 19 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in one traffic citation, 17 written warnings and two verbal warnings while working 12 additional enforcement hours.
2. Detectives charged a Vandalia man with felony Domestic Violence after he got into a physical argument with his four-month pregnant girlfriend at his residence.
3. CPO Wehner attended Demmitt Elementary School and read books to over 100 students throughout five different classes during their "Cozy Up and Read" event. These positive interactions build the foundation for a good relationship with law enforcement and the students always look forward to a police officer visiting.
4. CPO Wehner attended the Ohio Crime Prevention Association (OCPA) Conference in Columbus from April 3–5. This event provides guest speakers, several training classes, and an opportunity to network with others who attended from throughout the country. Officer Wehner was able to build relationships and bring back ideas for VPD to consider implementing in the future.
5. VPD provides presentations to Vandalia Senior Center residents and members throughout the year. On April 18, VPD partnered with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and had Sheriff Rob Streck as a guest speaker. Sheriff Streck spoke to 80 attendees during his presentation about general safety and modern drug trends in our area. VPD has an officer on the Montgomery County RANGE Task Force run by the Sheriff's Office to combat these trends throughout Montgomery County, including Vandalia and surrounding areas.



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10. Yesterday, I attended a board meeting for the U.S. Air & Trade Show. This year’s show has several great performers scheduled and plans for the show are proceeding on schedule.
11. I met with Chief Porter, Superintendent O’Leary and School Safety Director Bill Wertz last Friday to discuss several relevant issues surrounding the school district and students. This monthly meeting proves invaluable in keeping our community and schools safe as we learn of potential threats or inappropriate behavior issues.
12. Lieutenant Sucher and Support Services Manager Anissa Kanzari attended the Motorola Spillman Summit Conference in Orlando last week along with I.T. Director Darren Davey. This conference gives our administrative staff insight into proposed changes and software management for Computer-Aided Dispatching (CAD), report writing, and records management and included multiple break-out sessions on topics surrounding software functions, capabilities, and solutions.
13. Lieutenant Sucher and Administrative Assistant Shannon Green attended a CALEA accreditation training conference in Dublin on Thursday and Friday this week hosted by the State of Ohio Resource (SOAR) accreditation group. This training was very helpful in learning more about the accreditation process and new standards that are being implemented by CALEA.



Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service
Date: April 8, 2023
Re: Information Update for April 8-21, 2023

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We will also be advertising for our annual Street Resurfacing project in the coming weeks and are scheduled to open bids on May 9th.

I have been working with Montgomery County Engineer's office and Environmental Services to get final approvals of the record plan for the properties on Webster Street that we acquired from the county.

Our consultant has completed the appraisals of the properties that we will need to acquire for the Vandalia Bikeway project. Their next step will be to make contact with the property owners to begin negotiations to complete the transfers.

ODOT will be bidding the Traffic Signal Installation at I-75 and Northwoods Boulevard in June of this year. We will have upcoming legislation for this project to confirm our cost sharing. The completion for this project is scheduled in 2024.

Our site plan, zoning and building reviews have been completed and approved for the proposed Sheetz facility at 3250 Benchwood Road. Once they perform the lot consolidation plat we will be ready to issue their building permit.

We have also approved the site plans, zoning and building plans for the proposed Aldi's on Miller Lane. They also need to complete a lot consolidation plat before the permit can be issued.

We will be bringing forward a proposal to adjust our fees in Development & Engineering Services that would include permits, zoning and tap fees. We plan to discuss this at the May 1st Study Session.

We continue our efforts outlined in the 2020 Vandalia Vision Plan to address blighted properties in the City. This past week we were able to demo two structures in the City that have been abandoned and declared a nuisance by the courts. These properties have had multiple notices of violations and become detrimental to their neighborhoods. All costs associated with the abatement of the properties will be assessed back to the property owners.

Ben Borton joined our department on April 19th as our new City Engineer. Ben and his wife recently relocated back to the area from Colorado. Ben is a licensed professional engineer and a Vandalia Butler graduate. We are excited to get Ben involved in the many projects we have in process.

Public Works

Crews have been repairing and rebuilding several catch basins on the streets that we will be resurfacing this year. We are near completion of repairs to 46 basins.

We have been performing asphalt restoration where we have made utility repairs.

We are preparing for the Veterans Banners on Dixie Drive. We have been mounting the brackets for the banners. We have also made and installed the “Veterans Parkway” street name signs along the corridor.

We assisted the set up for the Mock Crash event at Butler High School.

We placed portable message boards out to alert people of the event.

We were called out to clear a sanitary sewer blockage on Skyview Avenue.

We used our Vac Truck to assist with the installation of an underground electric line at Helke Park for lighting at the pickle ball courts.

Our mechanics have made repairs to sirens on two of the Fire Department’s medic units.

We took delivery this week of the cellular endpoints for our new water meters. We will begin installation of the new meters immediately. We have nearly 300 of the old meters that are no longer transmitting and have to read manually. We will focus on replacing these meters first. We will be bringing to City Council at the next meeting the proposal for our next order of meters and endpoints. They expect about a 4-5-month lead time on orders.

We have recently kicked off a program with a new vendor, BSI Online, that will be managing our water service backflow device inspection reports. Any device that is connected to our water system must be tested and approved by a certified testing company each year. We have over 600 of these devices in the City on our water system. BSI Online handles all of the notifications to the customers and the database of reports as submitted.

Wally Ritchie, Jake Hayslett, Mike Buss, Chad Baughman and I received training on the AI Glance software that will give us access to monitor the controllers in our traffic signals. These devices were installed as part of our infrastructure upgrade project.

Jake Hayslett and I attended the Tri Cities Wastewater Authority technical committee meeting on April 12th.

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Local city laying groundwork for greater revitalization strategies



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Vandalia City Manager Dan Wendt gives a loot into current development efforts for the city.
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By Blythe Alsbaugh
Staff Reporter, Dayton Business Journal
Apr 20, 2023

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A Dayton-area city has been hard at work moving forward with economic development projects that will revitalize outdoor spaces for community members. It’s just the tip of the iceberg where development incentives and strategies

are concerned, with the goal of identifying commercial and residential projects that should be incentivized in the future.

The city of Vandalia City Manager Dan Wendt recently sat down with the DBJ to give a glimpse into what these incentives and projects are and how they will help shape future development in Vandalia.

Are there any projects that will be opening for bid soon?

Vandalia is taking requests for qualifications (RFQ) for a market study to determine the types of sit-down restaurants, commercial uses, entertainment, and residential projects we should incentivize in Vandalia as part of a greater revitalization strategy. I believe we will issue RFQs relating to master planning for downtown development and active transportation later this year or in early 2024.

We anticipate issuing an RFQ to design and to prepare construction documents for bids for a new public works facility on Northwoods Boulevard. The City is taking bids to perform approximately \$1.5 million in asphalt overlay and concrete work. Soon, we will issue advertisements for \$927,000 for full-depth reconstruction of Clyde Place & Cyril Court with all new utilities, a \$979,000 resurfacing project on Webster St., and the Dog Leg Road Phase II Utility Extension project, which will extend water and wastewater utilities to the western corporate limits in our Industrial Innovation zone.

Next year, in partnership with Five Rivers Metro Parks, we will use grant funds to build multi-use trails and bike lanes that will connect US-40 and South Brown School Road to the Great Miami River Trail via Taylorsville Metro Park.

What are the biggest needs in your city? How is your department meeting these needs?

Our community is taking a multi-prong approach to develop a sense of place through strategic revitalization

efforts; to mitigate the negative impacts of commercial truck traffic; and to encourage development that improves quality of life for residents, corporate citizens, and visitors.

What makes your area good for development?

Vandalia is full of hard workers and caring neighbors. We have had consistent and strong strategic decision making by the Vandalia City Council over decades. Our location at the Interstate 70 / Interstate 75 interchange and adjacent to the Dayton International Airport is ideal, and the Vandalia Arts Council has made great strides to promote our town as a vibrant place to live and to do business.

What are some new initiatives, such as growth and business initiatives, your department is implementing?

Vandalia City Council recently implemented a Job Creation & Revitalization Program to leverage the city's ability to help business partners to revitalize our city center at Dixie Drive and National Road. This is going to end up being a transformative decision. They also expanded the boundaries of our façade improvement program to span the corporate limits. Our team recently implemented three, 30-year non-school tax increment financing districts, which cover approximately 900 acres and overlay some of our pre-1994 community reinvestment areas.

Is there anything else you'd like to note about upcoming or soon to be completed developments, projects, etc.?

We are proud that Mayor Herbst and the Vandalia City Council are leveraging American Rescue Plan Funds, grant monies, and strategic partnerships to replace playgrounds at the Sports Complex and Helke Park. Currently, we are working with the Montgomery Board of Developmental Disabilities Services to develop an accessible and inclusive playground, splashpad, and restroom facility at Robinette Park. I anticipate expanding the amphitheater seating and building out the stage at Art Park in the next 18 months. In the coming years, the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority consisting of Huber Heights, Tipp City, and Vandalia will need to perform more than \$100 million in

plant and collection system improvements to meet regulatory mandates.

What is your favorite restaurant to take clients/visitors to in the Dayton region? What is your personal favorite?

Everyone loves Bunkers Sports Bar & Grill for the hometown feel, great food, and new outdoor seating. Warehouse 4’s sandwiches and cappuccino son magníficos.

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Dayton-Area Municipalities

Ranked by 2021 population

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2	City of Springfield	58,763
3	City of Kettering	57,862
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2023 Cassel Hills Swim Season is Upon Us!



Cassel Hills Swimming Pool Weekly Admission Schedule



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted

NEW ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2023!

Member and Resident Only Days - Every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, pool admission will be limited to CHP Members and Vandalia Residents, each of whom may bring up to three non-resident paying guests.

Non-residents who purchase a membership will be admitted on Member/Resident Only days.

General Admission Days - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be General Admission Days. Any person paying the daily admission fee will be admitted until maximum capacity is reached.

On General Admission days, CHP members and residents will be admitted beginning at 11:30 am. Non-residents will be admitted at 12:30 pm.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY will be required for admission. A "Resident Card" may be obtained by visiting the front desk of the Vandalia Recreation Center. Bring State-issued ID or a utility bill with a Vandalia address and a valid ID.



Scan the QR Code for the
2023 Cassel Hills Pool Members
and Visitor's Guide.

2023 Cassel Hills Pool: Membership Rates

Category	Resident & Taxpayer	Non-Resident
Family	\$169	\$249
Dual	\$149	\$219
Youth (3-17)	\$79	\$119
Adult (18-54)	\$99	\$149
Senior (55+)	\$79	\$119

IMPORTANT!

Beginning April 10, 2023, Season Passes for Cassel Hills Swimming Pool will go on sale at the Vandalia Recreation Center!

A limited number of Non-Resident passes will be available for purchase.



2023 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved December 5, 2022

Live



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



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



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

Work



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



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



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

Play



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

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"COMMUNITY - Come Sit in Unity" the newest permanent sculpture placed at the Vandalia Art Park.

The piece was created by the Humanity Memorial Team of Chen, AiQui and Bill Hopen of Sutton, West Virginia.

Opening Day at the Vandalia Art Park will be Saturday, June 3.



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Vandalia Energy Aggregation Program

Vandalia has selected a supplier to assist the City in its efforts to insulate residents from unpredictable price spikes in natural gas and electricity. Toledo-based Palmer Energy will serve as a broker, bring aggregation pricing proposals to the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) energy aggregation group, a collective of like-minded municipalities that includes the City of Vandalia.

The MVCC group consists of approximately 61,000 households and another 5,100 business locations, all of which will pool their buying power to negotiate a better price for energy.

Amy Hoffman from Palmer Energy explained how the aggregation program works at the February 20, 2023 Vandalia City Council study session.

Hoffman said anyone living in Vandalia who is not already in a pricing contract arrangement with their electric and natural gas supplier is eligible to participate in the aggregation program. Those who are already in a program and wish to take part in the MVCC aggregation must contact their supplier to see if they can leave the program without paying an early termination fee.

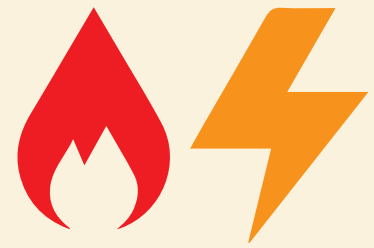
When everything is in place, an “opt-out letter” will be mailed to every eligible household. The letter, shared online, will explain that the City is in an aggregation program, and has negotiated a rate over a set period of time. Residents who wish to be a part of the aggregation program will be automatically enrolled. Residents who do not wish to be a part of the aggregation program will have 21 days from the receipt of the letter to opt-out of the program.

The current electric and natural gas supplier will then send a letter to all participating aggregation members. The letter will notify the residents that they will be changing providers to participate in the aggregation program. Anyone receiving the letter from their current provider will have seven days from the receipt of that letter to advise their current provider that they wish to remain with them.

At the contract’s effective date, all participating residents will then receive the aggregation rate, which will remain in effect throughout the contract.

It is important to know that at any point within the contract period, any resident who wishes to opt out of the program can do so. Residents are never under any obligation to remain in the aggregation program.

For more information, go to www.vandaliaohio.org/aggregation.



Aggregation Process

- 1.** City of Vandalia enters Miami Valley Communications Council Aggregation collective, utilizing Palmer Energy of Toledo to research rate options.
- 2.** MVCC collective assembles a committee with one representative from each community in the collective.
- 3.** The Committee receives, reviews and then votes on potential contract with provider.
- 4.** All eligible Electric and Gas customers in the municipality will receive an “Opt-Out Letter” from the selected aggregation provider. This letter will detail the contract rates and terms. Residents are automatically enrolled in the program unless they choose to opt-out.
- 5.** The opt-out letter will contain detailed instructions on how to opt-out of the aggregation program. Every residential customer will have 21 days to opt out.
- 6.** The current provider will send a letter informing the resident they have selected to change providers and join the aggregation collective. Residents will have seven days from receipt of the letter to contact their current provider to opt out of the aggregation collective.
- 7.** The new aggregation rate goes into effect for a period of time equal to the length of the contract.
- 8. Residents have the ability to opt-out of the collective at any time with no termination penalty.**
- 9. Residents have the option to opt-in to the collective at any time.**

Vandalia-Butler Veterans Banner Program

The City of Vandalia is partnering with the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce and Butler Township to provide residents of the Vandalia-Butler community an opportunity to recognize those who have served in the United States Armed Forces (i.e. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines Corps, Coast Guard and Space Force), and pay tribute to our Veterans on Veterans Parkway (Dixie Drive).

Commemorative banners may be purchased and will be displayed on decorative light poles along Dixie Drive, which is designated Veterans Parkway, from Elva Court south to Stop Eight Road. The banners will be installed each May, prior to Memorial Day weekend, and will remain displayed until after Veteran's Day, November 11. There are approximately 130 banner locations in Vandalia and Butler Township.

The cost of each banner is \$100.00, payable at the time of application with the Chamber of Commerce. Those who wish to have their banner included in the initial placement should submit an application before 12 Noon on Monday, April 24.

All application materials are available on the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce website, <https://www.vandaliabutlerchamber.org/Vandalia-butler-veterans-banner-program>



Eligibility and Requirements:

The Veteran to be honored and recognized on the banner must:

- reside or have resided in the City of Vandalia or Butler Township; or
- attended or graduated from the Vandalia-Butler City School District; or
- be an immediate family member (i.e., spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, child-in-law) of a current City of Vandalia or Butler Township resident.

The Veteran must have served in any of the six branches of the military service (i.e., Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Space Force), including Reserves and National Guard, and must have been honorably discharged. A valid DD214 form or equivalent (i.e., prior to January 1, 1950) is required at the time of application.

Season passes are now on sale for 2023 Cassel Hills Swimming Pool



In an effort to enhance the pool experience for Vandalia residents, Vandalia Parks and Recreation has made a number of changes to pool operations for 2023.

Members of Cassel Hills Pool and Vandalia residents will have exclusive access to the pool every Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday. Members and residents are permitted to bring up to 3 paying guests per visit. Vandalia residents who are not members wishing to attend the pool on a Sunday, Monday or Wednesday will be required to show a state-issued ID or a Vandalia resident card to gain entry.

For more information on changes for the 2023 season at Cassel Hills Swimming Pool, check out the Member and Visitor's Guide, available at www.vandaliaeccenter.com.

2023 Cassel Hills Pool: Membership Rates		
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Senior (55+)	\$79	\$119

2023 Cassel Hills Pool Daily Admission Rates Cash and Card Accepted	
Age 2 years & under	Free
Age 3+	\$9 \$6 with proof of residency

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Aldi Grocery Store Coming to Town

The City of Vandalia will be getting a new grocery store. Aldi has announced plans to construct a 20,000 square foot grocery store on Miller Lane in Vandalia, next door to the Culver's Restaurant.

"We're really excited to be bringing Aldi to the City of Vandalia," said Dan Wendt, Vandalia City Manager. "The new grocery store is going to be located at 6415 Miller Lane, just south of Culvers."

Wendt said this is a deal that's been in the works for quite some time.

"For many years, our residents have talked about a desire for an additional grocery store option in town, and we're very excited that Aldi's is the one that landed here," Wendt said.

"My team and I have been working on bringing Aldi to Vandalia for a number of years." He added "We developed a relationship with the third party who made a presentation on our behalf to corporate. They looked at another parcel and ultimately chose this location."

Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway says the finished building will be impressive.

"It's going to be predominantly brick, which will be aesthetically pleasing," said Holloway. "This is a storefront that will fit very well within the building design standards."

The company will begin construction sometime in the Spring or early Summer, with a goal of having the grocery store open before the end of the year.

Friendly Reminder: Taxes are Due April 18th

City of Vandalia tax offices will have special hours of operation in April to assist filers with their City income taxes.

Federal, State and City taxes are due Tuesday, April 18.

Vandalia residents have a number of options when filing their City taxes. They may use the City's online tax filing tool available through the MyVandalia App, www.vandaliaohio.org/filetaxes. In order to utilize the online tax tool, you will need to have your Tax Account ID Number, which can be located on the tax letter sent each year by the Vandalia Tax Division. If you cannot locate that letter, there is an online option to retrieve it.

Residents also have the option to bring their tax materials such as W-2's and other statements

directly to the Vandalia Tax office. Clerks on hand will prepare and file your taxes for you while you wait. The process typically takes less than 10 minutes.



The Vandalia Tax Division office will have extended hours on the following days:

Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon;
Saturday, April 15, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon;
Monday, April 17, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To log in to file city taxes, go to the City of Vandalia website, www.vandaliaohio.org/filetaxes

Firefighter/EMT/Command Staff of the Year

Three members of the Vandalia Division of Fire have been recognized by their peers for their hard work and dedication in 2022.

The Firefighter of the Year for 2022 is Ben Wilson.

"Ben is one of those guys who has earned the respect and admiration of all who work with him," said Chief Follick. "He shows up every day he's scheduled with a smile on his face and a great attitude."

"Ben is also someone willing to step up if there's a scheduling problem or we need additional support."

One of the nomination letters cited Wilson's care and concern for fellow firefighters.

"On numerous occasions I have been on shift when Ben has reached out to our shift following a bad call with a text message make sure we are ok."

David Todd was named the Emergency Medical Squad Person of the Year. He was nominated by his peers for his work on overnight shifts.

"The overnight shifts are historically the most difficult to fill," explained Chad Follick, Vandalia Fire Chief. "Not only does David reach out to offer his services when shifts are

left unfilled, but he works very hard while on the job to make sure all of the duties of the position are done."

One nomination letter summed it up.

"David is out in the bay re-checking the medic, mopping it out and making sure nothing was missed throughout the day." The writer said. "I never have to worry about not having a solid partner to rely on when David is with me on the medic."

Captain Mike Pinson was named the 2022 Command Officer of the Year.

"Captain Pinson has been an invaluable resource for the Division of Fire for many years," said Chief Follick. "As a relief Captain, one of his primary responsibilities is filling in for a Captain who may be out for some reason."

Follick noted this means Capt. Pinson has to be ready at a moment's notice to take a command role on any given shift. In 2022, Captain Pinson filled in for nearly five month's when one of the Division's captains was off for an extended period of time.

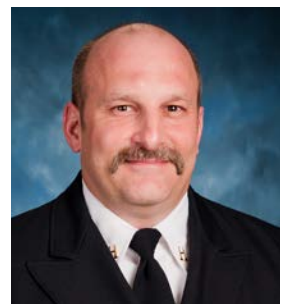
The nomination letter noted that even when Captain Pinson was handling the duties of a full-time captain, "he still came in to work extra part-time shifts when needed."



Ben Wilson
Part Time Firefighter/EMT



David Todd
Part Time Firefighter/EMT



Mike Pinson
Fire Captain

Reaching Milestones

Vandalia employees reaching milestones in their employment were honored in February. In all, 26 employees with a combined 400 years of service were recognized.

"We are very proud of the tremendous team we have built here in Vandalia," said Dan Wendt, Vandalia City Manager. "These are public servants who are working hard to make Vandalia a top-tier suburb with top-tier city services."



Among those honored were (L-R) Rob Cron, Bryan Fine, Missy Pruszynski, Jack Marshall, Alicia McCracken, Kim Brumfield, Jeff Kreill, Cindy Herbst, Olga Williamson, Steve Milliken, Deborah Wright, Brandy Collins, Mike Skaggs, Jennifer Wegley, Ed DiFalco, Doug Nagel, Ben Walker, Shaun Coatsworth.

Garage Sale Weekend is May 18 - 21

The City of Vandalia will be helping residents of Vandalia and Butler Township to better market their garage sales in 2023.

In 2023, Garage Sale Weekend is May 18-21.

To support local sellers and to make it easier for buyers to locate items of interest, the City of Vandalia will once again offer a registration process. Those wishing to register their sale will be able to do so in mid-April by going to the City of Vandalia website, www.vandaliaohio.org/garagesale.

The registration process will ask for an address, sale dates and hours of operation, but also a listing of some of the major items offered for sale. On Wednesday, May 17, the City of Vandalia will release an interactive map showing all of the registered sales, as well as a listing of items for sale.

There is no charge to register a sale, and there no charge to access the interactive map.

Residents in Vandalia and Butler Township are eligible to register their garage sales.



New Playground Equipment

A pair of Vandalia playgrounds will be getting new equipment this summer.

The playground units at the Vandalia Sports Complex being replaced were installed in 1992 and 1996. The unit at Helke Park was installed in 2000. The industry standard is to replace playground unites every 10-15 years.

The new playground units were designed with input from a special committee comprised of Vandalia residents, Parks and recreation staff, and representatives from the

Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services, the Miami Valley Downs Syndrome Association, and Vandalia-Butler City Schools.

The Sports Complex unit was funded through \$225,000 in America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$150,000 from the City of Vandalia's Capital Improvement Fund.

The Helke Park unit was funded through a \$225,000 ARPA grant and \$100,000 from the City of Vandalia Capital Improvement Fund.



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1. Keep your cat indoors
2. Don't leave pet food outdoors
3. Never leave a dog unattended in a yard
4. Never chain your dog outside
5. Always walk your dog on a leash
6. Try not to walk your dog at twilight or in the evening
7. Make sure any fence in your yard is at least 6 feet tall and extends below the ground at least 6 inches.



Sports Complex



Helke Park

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general information

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



This symbol indicates a **drop-in program**; you do not need to register prior to the program and the program does not have a minimum participation count.

Save Time and Register Online

Have a username and password...

sign up at <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.

Don't have a username and password?...let us issue you one! Send your name, address, phone number and the name, birthdate, gender and grade (if applicable) of those you want to register in your household to vcinfo@vandaliaohio.org.

Did You Know?

The Vandalia Recreation Center is a certified facility for: Silver Sneakers®, Forever Fit®, Prime®, Silver&Fit®, Active&Fit®, OPTUM®, PeerFit®, GlobalFit®. These insurance based benefits offer zero fee memberships or very low cost annual fees. Most Insurance sponsored programs offer the zero fee VRC membership. Please phone or contact your medical/health insurance provider to see if you may have this fitness benefit! There are several health insurance companies that offer this benefit to person's 18-100 years of age. We can easily verify if you are eligible for Tivity-Silver Sneakers / Prime by providing your birthdate and zip code. Please stop in or phone 937-415-2340 if you have further questions regarding this valuable benefit! If you are the healthy age of 55+, your insurance based membership includes several (no fee) fitness classes per our Senior Strength schedule.

Work in Vandalia city limits?

The VRC has a Corporate Membership program that gives employees a 15-25% discount on annual memberships. This program is established to obtain multiple employees as members to receive a discounted fee. If you are interested in having your company establish this employee benefit, have your HR Department contact: Sharon Hamby shamby@vandaliaohio.org or see our website <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/DocumentCenter/View/7754/Corporate-Membership-Incentive> for information.

Vandalia Recreation Center Hours of Operation

October 1st – May 31st:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

June 1st – September 30th:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

Visit www.vandaliareccenter.com for operating schedules of the individual areas.

Vandalia Recreation Center Closings & Holiday Hours

Monday, May 29, 2023 - VRC open 7:00am – 12:00pm
Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Monday, July 3, 2023 - VRC closes at 6:00pm; Aquatic Center closes at 5:30pm

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 - VRC open 7:00am - 12:00pm Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Monday, September 4, 2023 - VRC open 7:00am - 12:00pm Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Refund Policy

View our refund policy at vandaliaohio.org/recreation/reccenter/rec-center-rules-and-regulations.

Parks and Recreation Month – July

Stay tuned to VPRD's webpage www.vandaliaohio.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/VandaliaRec for more information on what Vandalia is doing for Parks and Recreation Month this July.



Corporate Challenge

Attention Vandalia businesses! We will be hosting the 34th annual Vandalia Corporate Challenge June 4-9. This is a week-long festival of athletic and non-athletic events designed to promote friendly competition, fitness and fellowship among community businesses. So, are you up for the challenge? For more information, please contact Jeff Kreill at jkreill@vandaliaohio.org.



general information

Celebrate your Birthday at the VRC!

The Vandalia Recreation Center offers three birthday party packages to make your child's day special! Each party includes one and a half hours in the party room and two hours in the VRC feature of your choice.



Pricing, and additional information can be found at www.vandaliaohio.org/244/Birthday-Parties.

Ready to request a date for your party? Complete our online request form. Birthday party reservations will not be accepted by phone. Please direct additional questions to Jen at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335.

Have your next Group Outing at the VRC!

Did you know that The Vandalia Recreation Center hosts groups of all sizes? We have special rates for groups over 10 during regular operating hours. We also offer after-hour rentals for larger groups who want to utilize the center by themselves. In addition, we have two rooms available for meetings; business or informal gatherings that require reservation. Additional information can be found at vandaliaohio.org/recreation/reccenter/group-rates-rentals. Contact Jennifer at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335 with additional questions.



Vandalia Rec Center Memberships

The Vandalia Recreation Center has a variety of membership options to accommodate your fitness goals. From the youngest to the oldest, we have healthy fun for everyone! We offer a monthly payment plan (available only as a checking or savings account automated withdrawal) for all annual memberships. A resident (residing in City of Vandalia) family can obtain a membership for only \$42.50 a month! Children 4 years of age and younger do not require membership. Our nonresident dual membership allows two adults (residing in same household) to belong to the VRC for \$48.50 per month. In addition, our membership rates are discounted to those employed in Vandalia city limits. A Business adult membership is priced at \$32.50 per month. We offer Military and age based discounts as well.

Members enjoy use of our gymnasium, fitness floor, indoor walking/jogging track, and aquatics center. Our climbing wall, drop-in fitness classes, and child care services are offered at additional affordable fees. We also offer pre-paid and annual unlimited passes for these features.

The VRC offers three-month trial memberships and they are available for purchase throughout the year. Our punch cards are perfect for visitors and guests, offering ten or twenty daily visits for a discounted rate. Find out how affordable membership to the VRC can be, by visiting our website: www.vandaliaareccenter.com.

Have a question? Contact us...

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aquatics

Cassel Hills Pool

Welcome to the 2023 CHP season! In an effort to improve the pool experience for members and guests, a number of changes will be implemented. These changes include a new Admission Policy, a new Pool Manager, and an updated Membership Rate structure and Daily Admission fee. Scan the QR code for all the details.



Swim Lessons

VPRD swim lessons utilize a unique program developed by SwimSafe Pool Management. Using industry best practices, years of experience with well-known national and international lesson programs, and the unique nature of swim lessons, SwimSafe's program is primarily focused on safety and can be explained using the acronym S.A.F.E.

S - Safety First. Age and skill-appropriate safety activities and skills are incorporated into every lesson.

A - Adaptability. Our lessons are designed to be adaptable to the specific needs of the swimmer and the pool environment.

F - Fun. Swim lessons should be fun! That's why we incorporate songs, games, and activities in our program to make it a fun learning environment.

E - Easy to remember, learn, and succeed. There's no need to complicate things. We've designed our program to be a simple and straightforward approach to teach and to learn.



Registration

For more information about classes offered or to register for swim lessons, visit <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>.

Questions can be directed to heather@swimsafepool.com or 513-755-7075 ext. 11.



SPECIAL NOTE:

For the safety of everyone, please do not attend class if you (or your child) are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is known to have tested positive.

Private Swim Lessons

Our private swim lessons are for people of all ages and levels. If you prefer a 1-on-1 lesson, our instructors can help you achieve your swimming goals.

Private lessons will be offered in a 4-pack each month scheduled at the same time each week. All lessons will be completed within the time frame with no option for make-ups.

Ages: 4 & older

Class Size: 1

Class length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$100 VRC Member/Resident;

\$120 Non-Member/Non-Resident

*July Tuesday Session: \$75/\$95 due to the 4th of July (only three weeks instead of 4)

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day	Date(s)	Time(s)
TUE	Jun 6 - Jun 27	10:10 - 10:40 am; or 6:25 - 6:55 pm; or 7:00 - 7:30 pm
	*Jul 11 - Jul 25	6:25 - 6:55 pm; or 7:00 - 7:30 pm
THUR	Jun 8 - Jun 29	10:10 - 10:40 am; or 6:25 - 6:55 pm; or 7:00 - 7:30 pm
	Jul 6 - Jul 27	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm
SAT	Jun 10 - Jul 1	10:10 - 10:40 am; or 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am
	Jul 8 - Jul 29	10:10 - 10:40 am; or 10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am



Adult Social Swim

Space is dedicated every Tuesday and Thursday for a social swim hour from 8:30-9:30 am. This is a great opportunity to connect and exercise with other adults. All levels are welcome and no registration is required.

Group Swim Lessons

Frogs & Tadpoles

Join us for this exploration of water safety. This class is designed for young children (1-3 years old) who are most at-risk for accidental drowning. Together, parents and children will learn key safety tips and skills while playing games and singing songs. **Please note:** any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.



Age: 12-36 months (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/12 maximum

Fee: \$64 VRC Member/Resident

\$74 Non-Member/Non-Resident

*Tuesday PM Session: \$56/\$66 due to the 4th of July

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day(s)	Session One	Time
Tuesday*	Jun 6 - Jul 25	5:15 - 5:45 pm
Saturday	Jun 10 - Jun 29	9:00 - 9:30 am

* No classes July 4th.



Level 1: Flounder

In this class, children will become acclimated to the water through activities, games, and play. Water submersion, independent movement through the water, floating on front and back with support, recovery from a floating position, nose/mouth bubbles, introduction to bobs, and age-appropriate water safety are just a few of the skills that will be covered in this class. **Please note:** any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.



Age: 3 by the first day of class (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$64 VRC Member/Resident

\$74 Non-Member/Non-Resident

*Tuesday PM Session: \$56/\$66 due to the 4th of July

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Summer 1	Jun 5 to Jun 15	9:00 - 9:30 am
Mon - Thur		9:35 - 10:05 am
Summer 2	Jun 19 to Jun 29	9:00 - 9:30 am
Mon - Thur		
Tuesday*	Jun 6 to Jul 25	5:15 - 5:45 pm
Thursday	Jun 8 to Jul 27	5:50 - 6:20 pm
Saturday	Jun 10 to Jul 29	9:00 - 9:30 am

* No classes July 4th.

Level 2: Jellyfish

Children will expand on the skills learned in the Flounder class and learn to be in the water unassisted in both front and back positions while also learning to propel themselves through the water using either arms or legs. Skills include: floating, gliding, streamline body position, recovery, bobs, submersion, propulsive kicking, introduction to propulsive arms, sit dives, and safety skills.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Flounder skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$64 VRC Member/Resident

\$74 Non-Member/Non-Resident

*Tuesday PM Session: \$56/\$66 due to the 4th of July

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Summer 1	Jun 5 to Jun 15	9:00 - 9:30 am
Mon - Thur		
Summer 2	Jun 19 to Jun 29	9:00 - 9:30 am
Mon - Thur		9:35 - 10:05 am
Tuesday*	Jun 6 to Jul 25	5:50 - 6:20 pm
Thursday	Jun 8 to Jul 27	5:15 - 5:45 pm
Saturday	Jun 10 to Jul 29	9:35 - 10:05 am

* No classes July 4th.



Level 3: Octopus

In this class, children will learn fundamental freestyle and backstroke skills with emphasis placed on the coordination and timing of the strokes as well as the development of a strong flutter kick. Skills include novice freestyle, novice backstroke, elementary backstroke, side glide, treading, kneeling dive, and safety skills.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Jellyfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$64 VRC Member/Resident

\$74 Non-Member/Non-Resident

* Tuesday PM Session: \$56/\$66 due to the 4th of July

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Summer 1 Mon - Thur	Jun 5 to Jun 15	9:35 - 10:05 am
Summer 2 Mon - Thur	Jun 19 to Jun 29	9:35 - 10:05 am
Tuesday*	Jun 6 to Jul 25	5:50 - 6:20 pm
Thursday	Jun 8 to Jul 27	5:15 - 5:45 pm
Saturday	Jun 10 to Jul 29	9:35 - 10:05 am

* No classes July 4th.

Level 4: Clownfish

Children will work to improve their freestyle and backstroke in this class while learning all 4 competitive strokes. Emphasis will be placed on developing strokes that are swim meet legal. Skills include strong freestyle and backstroke, strong kicks (flutter, butterfly, breaststroke), novice breaststroke and butterfly, tread for 1 minute, standing dives, surface dives, flip turns.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Octopus skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$64 VRC Member/Resident

\$74 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Thursday	Jun 8 to Jul 27	5:50 - 6:20 pm

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

Level 5: Seahorse

Children will refine all 4 competitive strokes while gradually increasing strength and endurance in each stroke. The ultimate goal is to swim each of the four competitive strokes legally for the specified distance. Skills include 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 25-meter butterfly, 25-meter breaststroke, 100-meter continuous swim, tread/swim/tread, eggbeater kick, and flip turns.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Clownfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$64 VRC Member/Resident

\$74 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Thursday	Jun 8 to Jul 27	5:50 - 6:20 pm.





Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information on the Youth programs please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Zoom Around the Room

Enjoy a morning full of play with your child! A variety of play equipment is set up in the gymnasium for children and their guardian to run, climb, jump and recreate with! An adult must accompany each child or family of children. No instruction, just open play! Registration not required.

Ages: 1 - 5 years old

Fee: FREE for VRC Members;

Residents/Non-Residents: \$4 per child /per day

Location: VRC Gymnasium Side A

Special Notes: Parent/guardian must accompany child.

Day	Date(s)	Time
FRI	May 12	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	May 26	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Jun 9	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Jun 23	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Jul 14	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Jul 28	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Aug 11	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Aug 18	10:00 - 11:00 am

Campfire Cookout

Enjoy an evening around the campfire! We will start off with making an appetizer, a hot-dog dinner and enjoy s'mores afterwards. We will have outdoor games to play with as well.

Ages: 12 and younger

Fee: \$15 Resident/VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident, per person

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex – Grass Area near Sand Volleyball Courts

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, May 31. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
220015-00	FRI	Jun 2	6:30 - 8:00 pm



Building Memories with Dad w/ Miss Bec

Celebrate Father's Day with LEGO! Join Miss Bec at Helke Park for an evening of science, engineering, and art with Lego. Participants will compete in Lego build challenges and make art inspired by the famous brick.

Ages: 3 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident/VRC Member; \$20 Non-Resident

Location: Helke Park Shelter #2

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, June 9. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
210014-00	MON	Jun 12	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Red, White, & Blue Food w/Eat Pretty Darling

Enjoy a morning full of patriotic fun! We will play with red, white and blue with firework food experiments and we will make a flag inspired snack afterwards.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this class by Wednesday, June 21. Walk-ins will not be accepted

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
1210011-00	SAT	Jun 17	10:00 - 11:00 am



Pizza Party w/ Eat Pretty Darling

There's no party like a pizza party! Kids will get to make their own easy personal pizza crust and pile on all their favorite toppings.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$30 per child

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered by Friday, June 16 to attend. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian can accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
220040-00	TUE	Jun 20	6:00 - 7:00 pm



Aviation Art w/ Miss Bec

The airshow is approaching young aviators, time to fly! Join Miss Bec at the Vandalia Sports Complex to learn more about flight while making your own kites, pool noodle airplanes, straw rockets, and more.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$10 Resident/VRC Member; \$15 Non-Resident, per person

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex Baseball Concession Stand

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, July 7. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
220011-00	MON	Jul 10	6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Build Your Own Lunchbox
w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Get ready for back-to-school by learning how to pack your own lunch! We will learn what yummy foods to include in a well-rounded lunch and the lunch box provided during the class will be yours to take home.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$40 per child; class fee includes a lunchbox to take home

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered by Friday, July 7 to attend. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
220045-00	TUE	Jul 11	6:00 - 7:00 pm

So Long Summer Art Creations w/ Miss Bec

Mix and make your own seashell stepping stone, paint a rock for the VRC rock garden, and help Miss Bec decorate the park side-walks with sun prints, shadow tracings, sidewalk chalk art, and more!

Ages: 3 - 12 years old

Fee: \$10 Resident/VRC Member; \$15 Non-Resident, per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, August 4. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany children 3 - 5 years old during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
220012-00	TUE	Aug 8	6:00 - 7:30 pm

ABC's w/ Eat Pretty Darling

There are many fun ways to learn the ABCs, so why not learn with food? In this class, we will explore food that starts with every letter of the alphabet and we will make an ABC snack mix.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be signed up for this class by Wednesday, August 23. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
210013-00	SAT	Aug 26	10:00 - 11:00 am

Open House for Summer CampREC

Join us on Friday, May 26 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for our 2023 Summer CampREC Open House. You will meet our summer camp staff who will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about summer camp. You can tour our facility and enter a free raffle to have a chance to win a gift card for the Vandalia Recreation Center! We hope to see you there! Registration is not required to attend.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Day	Date	Time
FRI	May 26	7:00 - 8:30 pm

Summer CampREC

Welcome to Summer CampREC! Each week is themed for maximum summer excitement and includes a variety of activities. Children will participate in swimming, climbing wall, field trips, presentations, activities in nature, crafts, recreational games and more. All camp leaders are CPR certified and have completed various camp training sessions. Registration begins April 17 at 7:00 am. There are weekly options and field trip day options to sign up for. Parents will receive a parent packet at registration with important forms to complete that must be turned in before children can attend. Be sure to pack a lunch and drink and bring a bathing suit and towel on swim days!

Camp will begin on Tuesday, May 30 and run through Friday, August 11. Camp runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with structured activities during that time. FREE extended hours available from 7:30 - 9:00 am and 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Registration:

Register ONLINE Monday, April 17 through Monday, April 24 and receive a \$15 VRC gift card that will be mailed to you. Registration continues throughout the summer if spots are available. You will receive a detailed schedule each week telling you what activities camp will be participating in each day.

Field Trips:

Camp takes a weekly field trip every Wednesday. Any child signed up for a field trip day must attend the field trip. There will be no supervision at the VRC while the camp is on the field trip. All field trips are included in the weekly fee.

Summer CampREC 2022 Weekly Rates:

1st Child	\$145 Resident/VRC member;	\$165 Non-Resident
2nd Child	\$130 Resident/VRC member;	\$150 Non-Resident
3rd Child	\$120 Resident/VRC member;	\$140 Non-Resident
4+ Child	\$115 Resident/VRC member;	\$135 Non-Resident

Deposit Amount Required for Weekly Enrollment:

\$25 per child

Remaining Weekly Amount Owed:

Due the Friday (10 days) prior to enrolled week by 6:30 pm

Field Trip Daily Rates:**Wednesday Rates:**

\$55 Resident/VRC Member; \$65 Non-Resident



Themes and Field Trips

Each camp week has a specific theme and activities will be based around the weekly theme. All field trips are held on Wednesdays.

Children **MUST** wear their camp T-shirts on field trip days. This is to maximize staff's ability to supervise campers on the field trips. If your child does not bring their camp T-shirt, you will have to purchase a shirt from the Vandalia Recreation Center Front Desk.

Week 1: Summer Kickoff! May 30 - June 2

Camp meets Tuesday through Friday

Welcome to Summer CampREC 2023! To ring in the summer season, we'll dive right into the week with activities like dodgeball, kickball, Cassel Hills Pool, Skateworld, climbing the wall, crafts, and more!

Field Trip: Skateworld

Week 2: Space & Technology Week: June 5 - 9

Prepare to go into infinity, and beyond! During this week, kids will learn all about space, technology and all the wonders the universe has to offer! For our field trip, we are going to Get Air to try to jump as far into space as we can!

Field Trip: Get Air

Week 3: Healthy Lifestyle Week: June 12 - 16

It is important for everyone to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle. During this week, kids will learn about the benefits of eating healthy and fitness through activities and play! For our field trip, we will go exploring at the Ohio Caverns!

Field Trip: Ohio Caverns

Week 4: The Great Outdoors Week: June 19 - 23

Hello world! During this week, kids will learn about the great outdoors and participate in nature themed activities. For our field trip, we will take a trip to Learning Tree Farm to adventure and learn all about farm life!

Field Trip: Learning Tree Farm

Week 5: Artistic Adventures: June 26 - June 30

Explore your range of creativity throughout this week! Artistic Adventures week is designed for kids to use their imaginations and creative thought processes. To add to the excitement of the week, our field trip will be to Outside the Box Art Studio to explore nature and art!

Field Trip: Outside the Box Art Studio

Week 6: Party in the U.S.A! July 3 - 7

Camp meets Tuesday through Friday

It is time to celebrate! During this week, we will party down and celebrate and participate in patriotic themed activities! We will keep the good times going by taking our field trip to Sycamore Trails Aquatic Park!

Field Trip: Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center

Week 7: Beach Vacation: July 10 - 14

Aloha! During our beach week, we will surf around a various amount of crafts and activities involved with the sun and beach fun! We will take a trip to the Troy Aquatic Park for our field trip.

Field Trip: Troy Aquatic Park

Week 8: Silly Science: July 17 - 21

Get silly with a whole bunch of fun and scientific games and activities! Your little scientist will be able to learn all about science through a variety of different activities and experiments. We will take a trip to COSI so your scientist can explore and learn about the world around us!

Field Trip: COSI

Week 9: Camp Olympia: July 24 - 28

Let the games begin! During this week, we will compete in many Olympic-type games and activities to see who will take home the trophy for their team! For our Field Trip, we are going to Adventure Reef Water Park!

Field Trip: Adventure Reef Water Park

Week 10: All About Animals: July 31 - August 4

This week at camp, unleash your inner monster as we head into the wild! We will learn about animals of various shapes and sizes and animals that live among us and animals that live far-out from us! We will visit animals of all kinds this week on our field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo!

Field Trip: Cincinnati Zoo

Week 11: End of Summer Spectacular: August 7 - 11

We're spending the week revisiting all our favorite games and activities as we put the entire summer on rewind. Children can pick activities from the weeks they loved the most! A visit to Tipp City Aquatic Center, Young's Dairy and a cookout will be our final farewell to the best summer yet!

Field Trip: Tipp City Aquatic Center

Summer CampREC Field Trips Timeline

Camp takes a weekly field trip to various places every Wednesday. Any child signed up for a field trip day must attend the field trip. There will be no supervision at the VRC while the camp is on the field trip. All field trip fees are included in the weekly fee.

Activity #	Day	Date	Field Trip
220004-00	WED	May 31	Skateworld
220004-01	WED	Jun 7	Get Air
220004-02	WED	Jun 14	Ohio Caverns
220004-03	WED	Jun 21	Learning Tree Farm
220004-04	WED	Jun 28	Outside the Box Art Studio
220004-05	WED	Jul 5	Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center
220004-06	WED	Jul 12	Troy Aquatic Center
220004-07	WED	Jul 19	COSI
220004-08	WED	Jul 26	Adventure Reef Water Park
220004-09	WED	Aug 2	Cincinnati Zoo
220004-10	WED	Aug 9	Tipp City Aquatic Center



Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Cupcakes & Canvases w/ The Purple Paintbrush

Spend an extra sweet evening in the park with cupcakes and canvas painting! A handful of sweet treat themed designs will be available with easy to use stencils, however painters are encouraged to make it their own! Helpful tips and painting instruction provided by The Purple Paintbrush.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$25 per family

Location: Helke Park

Rain Plan: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Tuesday, April 25. Walk-ins will not be allowed.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
290025-00	TUE	May 2	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Playtime at the Park

Mondays in July, come out to play games, make chalk art, enjoy Kona Ice and free play at the playground! Each session runs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and is free to attend. No pre-registration needed.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free

Location: Various - see chart below

Day	Date	Time	Location
MON	Jul 10	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Helke Park
MON	Jul 24	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Robinette Park
MON	Jul 31	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Vandalia Sports Complex Baseball Concessions



All About Bees

Come check out what the buzz is all about! Join Al Tuttle, the Bee City representative in Vandalia, as you learn about pollinators, the different types of bees, and how bees make honey. You will also have a chance to see a live observatory hive! We will explore the Historical Society and after learning about the importance of bees, your child will take home a honey stick!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$3 Resident / VRC Member; \$5 Non-Resident child

Location: Vandalia Historical Society

Address: 336 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: Parent/guardian must accompany child and will not pay extra for being present. You must be registered for this program by Friday, June 2. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
210022-00	TUE	Jun 6	10:00 - 11:30 am

Campfire Story Night w/ Dayton Metro Library

Bring your comfy blanket and enjoy a fun time around the campfire! During this program, we will have crafts, read stories (with Terri Stringer from the Vandalia Library) and enjoy s'mores.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex –

Grass area near Sand Volleyball Courts

Registration Deadline: Drop-in event but we ask that you register by Friday, June 2.

To register, please email Aaron at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org to secure your spot.

Note: Walk-Ins will not be allowed. Parent/guardian must accompany young children during the program.



Day	Date	Time
TUE	Jun 6	8:00 - 9:00 pm



Foam Party Friday w/ Freedom Fun USA

Bring your kids out to Foam Party Friday! We will have a foam pit and other games for kids to enjoy. Free to attend. There will be a food truck on-site to serve lunch. Foam will be provided by Freedom Fun USA at this event.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex Soccer Concession Stand Area

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Jul 7	12:00 - 2:00 pm

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



Vandalia Summer Splashtaculars

The Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department and the Vandalia Fire Department will provide a bunch of water fun in July! There will be a slip n' slide, water games, outdoor games and the Vandalia Fire Department will spray their hose and shower from their truck. There will be a food truck and Kona Ice each Tuesday for you to enjoy! We encourage you to bring your water toys, so you can fill up and play as well! This will be a free drop-in event and you can play with any water activity during the designated time; there will not be set times for each activity.

Day	Date	Time	Location
TUE	Jul 11	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Vandalia Sports Complex
TUE	Jul 18	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Robinette Park
TUE	Jul 25	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Vandalia Sports Complex



Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.



Cinco De Mayo Charcuterie Board w/ Dayton Charcuterie Gal

Join Dayton Charcuterie Gal in collaboration with the City of Vandalia for a charcuterie night with a southwest kick! This charcuterie board will have Cinco de Mayo themed ingredients & design! Each person gets everything needed to make and take home your own themed charcuterie board and a charcuterie cup for snacking on while we build! Use this link to register:

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: \$50 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Address: 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Link: Use this link to register: www.eventbrite.com/e/516752409367

Registration Deadline: Ticket sales will end on Monday, May 1. Drop-ins will not be accepted.

Day	Date	Time
FRI	May 5	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Painting Pawty w/ Miss Bec

Happy Mother's Day puppy parents! Come paint alongside your dog with Miss Bec at Vandalia's Art Park. Each dog and dog mom will create a canvas painting, make a no-bake sweet treat and design their own tug toy.

Ages: 16 & older

Fee: \$15 Resident / VRC Member child; \$20 Non-Resident child

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, May 5. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
230002-00	TUE	May 9	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Veggie Loaded Meals w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Looking to add more veggies to your meals? This class will show you ways to feature them in easy recipes! We will make cauliflower fried rice and zucchini roll ups..

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered by Friday, May 12 to attend. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
230000-00	TUE	May 16	6:00 - 8:00 pm



International Yoga Day - Goat Yoga w/ GoatCountry

Coming soon to a park near you, and no we aren't "kidding." GoatCountryLLC has partnered with the City of Vandalia to host Goat Yoga in celebration of International Yoga Day. Since 2015, International Yoga Day is observed on June 21 to spread awareness of importance of yoga to your health. Having a cute goat join the celebration is sure to put a smile on your face and they say "laughter is the best medicine!"

This will be an hour-long yoga session and is a beginner friendly course with goat interaction time after the yoga session. Please bring Yoga mats or towels, proper attire and water. No yoga experience required. You can even sit on the ground and hang out with a goat if you don't like yoga. Waiver must be signed to participate. For more information and schedule updates related to weather conditions contact Aaron Messenger at: amessenger@vandaliaohio.org.

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: \$30 per person

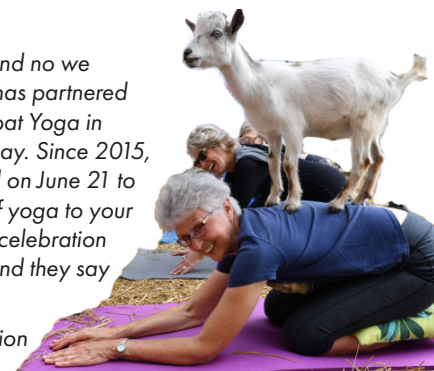
Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Rain Plan: Session will be held at the Vandalia Recreation Center if there is inclement weather..

Register: Use this link to register: http://wix.to/nvrq3kk?ref=2_cl

Day	Date	Time
WED	Jun 21	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Summer Sides w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Level up your next cookout with these yummy side dishes! We will make street corn dip, baked beans, and watermelon salad.

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered by Monday, July 10 to attend. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
230001-00	THU	Jul 13	6:00 - 8:00 pm





special events

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Vandalia Sweet Treats Fest



NEW! The City of Vandalia is hosting the Sweet Treats Fest for all the sugar lovers out there. There will be food trucks, dessert vendors selling candy and sweets, non-food vendors, live music, crafting opportunities and more!

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Music: The Connor Smith Trio & Chris Andrews



Day	Date	Time
SAT	May 13	4:00 - 8:00 pm

Homeschool Takeover



Attention homeschool parents and students! Come on out to the VRC to recreate and enjoy everything we have to offer! Enjoy a day filled with swimming, climbing wall, gymnasium play and Luther's Jungle! All ages welcomed and no need to preregister. Swimming is available until 3:00 pm

Fee: \$15 per family (up to 5 people), \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Aug 18	11:30 am - 2:00 pm



Youth Small Business Market

During the City-Wide Garage Sale weekend, the youth will have the opportunity to set up and sell their products in the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium!

Ages: 9 - 17 years old

Fee: Vendor spots cost \$10.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: You must have your application turned in for your vendor spot by Saturday, May 13.

Note: Vendor spots will be 10'x6'. To receive an application, email Aaron at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or pick up an application from the Vandalia Recreation Center Front Desk.

Day	Date	Time
SAT	May 20	11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Vandalia Art Park Opening Day



Come out to Vandalia Art Park and check out the new sculpture exhibit and enjoy art opportunities! There will be two new sculpture displays; the Humanity Memorial Project and the Triad Technologies Project. To add on to the fun, there will be an interactive kids music performance by Dorie & the Daddy-o's starting at 12:00 pm.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377



Day	Date	Time
SAT	Jun 3	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Family Health & Fitness Day



Happy Family Health & Fitness Day! Come on out to the Vandalia Recreation Center with your family and enjoy a variety of health and fitness opportunities. This day will include a family fitness class, rock wall climbing, swimming, childcare, gymnasium play and the fitness floor.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fees: Free for VRC Members & Residents; Non-Residents: \$15 per family up to 5. \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: Drop-in event; no pre-registration required.

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Jun 10	
Activity		Time
Family Zumba		9:00 - 10:00 am
Climbing Wall		11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Swimming		11:30 am - 7:00 pm
Luther's Jungle		10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Ricky's Tiny Tikes		8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Fitness Floor & Gymnasium		Normal Operating Hours



special events

Art Park Music Series

Come out and enjoy music at Art Park this summer! On the third Thursday each month, there will be a band playing at Art Park and each performance will be a different genre of music.

Fee: Free

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377



Day	Date	Time	Band/Genre
THU	Jun 15	6:00 - 8:00 pm	The Bridge Live! Mellow Classic Rock
THU	Jul 20	6:00 - 9:00 pm	U.S. Air Force Band Classical & Patriotic
THU	Aug 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Ludlow Creek Originals – Modern Classic Rock
THU	Sep 21	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Boogie Woogie Kid Upbeat Jazz/Swing/Dance

All Inclusive Recreation Day

Are you looking for a day full of fun and recreation in an inclusive setting? The Vandalia Recreation Center will be hosting an all inclusive recreation day for people who have developmental disabilities. This day will be filled with recreational field game activities, lunch and water activities.

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: Free

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex Baseball Concession Stand Area

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this event by Friday, June 9. To register, please contact Aaron at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org.

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Jun 16	10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Vandalia Air Show Backyard Bash

Kick off the Dayton Air Show weekend early at Vandalia Art Park! We will have live music from the United States Air Force Band of Flight, food trucks, activities for kids, vendors, arts & crafts and more!

Fee: Free entry event.

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377



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Day	Date	Time
THU	Jul 20	6:00 - 9:00 pm

Star Spangled Celebration

Come celebrate our country's independence on Monday, July 3 at the Vandalia Sports Complex from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. In addition to having an assortment of food trucks, the Blue Leaf's will provide entertainment with a variety of classic rock music. They will take the stage at 7:00 pm and play until the fireworks at 10:00 pm. Parking fills-up quick so come early and enjoy an evening with all your neighbors.

Vandalia Dogs Night Out

Come on out for a PAWty at the park! Come out to Helke Park and enjoy an evening full of doggy fun. We will have activities, photobooth, doggy talent show, demonstrations hosted by the Gem City Dog Club, a puppuchino bar, food and more!

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Helke Park

Address: 829 Randler Ave, Vandalia, OH 45377

Rules:

- All dogs must display a valid license.
- All dogs must have proof of current rabies vaccinations.
- An adult must accompany their dog(s) at all times
- Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
- Unruly, worrisome to others, or aggressive dogs will not be permitted.
- VPRD reserves the right to deny participation in the event for any reason.



Day	Date	Time
FRI	Jul 28	5:30 - 8:00 pm

National Night Out

The Vandalia Division of Police is celebrating National Night Out.

We will have food, hayrides, raffles, entertainment and free bike helmets (while supply lasts) to children participating in a bike safety education program and receiving a proper helmet fitting. For more information, call 937-415-2272. This program will be held at the Baseball Concession Area / Vandalia Sports Complex.

Fee: FREE

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex Baseball Concession Area



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Day	Date	Time
TUE	Aug 1	6:00 - 8:00 pm



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Food Truck Wednesdays



Stop by the Vandalia Recreation Center during the summer for Food Truck Wednesday! We will have a different food truck each week for you to enjoy.



Day	Date	Time	Food Truck
WED	Jun 7	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Thai 1 On
WED	Jun 14	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Sunrise Breakfast
WED	Jun 21	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	What the Taco
WED	Jun 28	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	KK's Grubb Hubb
WED	Jul 12	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Yummy Gyro
WED	Jul 19	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Cupzilla Korean BBQ
WED	Jul 26	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Home Cooked Vibes
WED	Aug 2	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Thai 1 On
WED	Aug 9	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	What the Dilla
WED	Aug 16	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Let's Eat
WED	Aug 23	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Wheel Fresh Pizza
WED	Aug 30	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Nourishing Souls Mobile Juice Bar



Artful Adventure Day



Enjoy a creative afternoon at Art Park! We will have many arts & crafts activities for you to engage in, from face painting, friendship bracelet making, chalk art, rock garden painting, and more! There will be a food truck and snow cones for you to enjoy a picnic at the park as well.

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: Free entry event.

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Aug 12	11:00 am - 2:00 pm



Vandalia End of Summer Spectacular



Come out to the Vandalia Sports Complex and enjoy family fun before the school year starts! The Vandalia-Butler Foundation will host a cornhole tournament, there will be games, arts & crafts, food trucks, a back-to-school raffle and more! Then, we will finish off the night with the playing of Encanto at dark around 9:00pm.

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: Free entry event

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Aug 4	6:00 pm

Soggy Doggy Dip



We have reserved some time for the dog in your family to come take a dip in the pool! Enjoy the last day of Cassel Hills Pool being open with your pup!

Fee: \$5 per dog

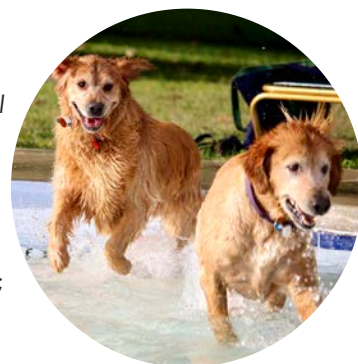
Location: Cassel Hills Pool

Address: 1061 Taylorsview Dr, Vandalia, OH 45377

Registration Deadline: Drop-in event; no registration needed

Rules:

- Maximum of 2 dogs per owner.
- All dogs must display a valid license.
- All dogs must have PROOF of current rabies vaccinations.
- Dogs must be on a 6' leash when not in water.
- An adult must accompany their dogs at all times while they are out of the water.
- Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
- Unruly, worrisome to others, or aggressive dogs will not be permitted.
- VPRD reserves the right to deny admission for any reason.



Day	Date	Time
MON	Sep 4	6:00 - 8:00 pm



Registering in Advance

All age group in team sports require a minimum number of participants. If an age group minimum is not met by the deadline date, the age group is subject to cancellation. Call your friends and get registered today!

For more information please contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2333.

Youth Athletics

Youth NFL Flag Football

Games will be played on Sunday afternoons beginning in mid- September. Practices will be optional for the league. Participants will get a call from a coach before the season begins. Included in the registration fee is a reversible NFL youth flag football jersey and flags. Tentative date for the coaches meeting is scheduled for the last week of August.

Grades: Kindergarten - 8th grade

Fees: \$40 Resident; \$50 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex



Activity #	Day	Date	Grade
285107-00	SUN	SEP - OCT	K & 1st grade boys/girls
285107-01	SUN	SEP - OCT	2nd & 3rd grade boys/girls
285107-02	SUN	SEP - OCT	4th & 5th grade boys/girls
285107-03	SUN	SEP - OCT	6th, 7th & 8th grade boys/girls

Vandalia Youth Soccer

Teams are drawn in mid-July and practice will begin in August. Participants are notified of team placement around the end of July by their child's coach. The first games are scheduled for mid-August and the last games are scheduled for October.

Registration Information: Save \$10 by registering on-line at www.vandaliaareccenter.com. Online registration begins April 10th. Utilize coupon code **SOCCER** at checkout.

Fee (Mighty Mites thru Minors/Seniors):

\$70 Resident; \$80 Non-Resident

Activity #	League	Ages based on birth year (Born in 2018 = 5 years)
280300-00	Mighty Mites	5 & 6 years
280300-01	Boys Passers	7 & 8 years
280300-02	Girls Passers	7 & 8 years
280300-03	Boys Wings	9 & 10 years
280300-04	Girls Wings	9 & 10 years
280300-05	Boys Strikers	11 & 12 years
280300-06	Girls Strikers	11 & 12 years
280300-07	Kickers COED	13 & 14 years
280300-08	Minors/Seniors COED	15 & 17 years



Lollipop Soccer

This program is designed to teach boys and girls the basic fundamentals of soccer. For 5 weeks participants will practice skills and learn the rules of the game. Shirts will be provided, and instruction will be done by the BHS girls' soccer team.

Ages: 3 - 4 years based on birth year (2018-19 birth years)

Fees: \$25 Resident; \$30 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex

SPECIAL NOTE: Shin guards and cleats are not mandatory for this league

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
280312-00	SAT	Aug 19 - Sep 23	8:30 - 9:30 am

*No practice 9/2

Soccer Referee Information

Looking to earn some extra money? Soccer referee may be the job for you! All classes are MANDATORY and will be held at the Vandalia Senior Center. If you would like further information please contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org. MUST be 14 years old by August 19, 2022.

Day	Date	Time
SUN	Jul 9	6:00 - 8:00 pm
SUN	Jul 16	6:00 - 8:00 pm
SAT	Jul 22 (Field class)	9:00 - 10:30 am

T.O.P. Soccer League

The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department is a proud partner of North Dayton T.O.P. Soccer League. This program is a fun and adaptive recreational soccer league for children with special needs of any kind ages 5 thru adult. Any child that is not able to compete effectively in the local "recreational" leagues for any reason is welcome. For information or to print registration forms, please visit our website at northdaytontopsoccer.com. Pre-Registration (\$25 fee) ends August 5th. Fees increase to \$35 after this date. Opening day (and FINAL day to register) will be August 16th from 2:00-3:30 pm. Practices and games are held on Wednesdays and Sundays. For more information on the league or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website: northdaytontopsoccer.com or contact Elaine Helman at 937.242.5302 or ehelman9@gmail.com.



Adult Athletics

Adult League Free Agent List

Are you interested in participating in an adult league with VPRD, but don't have a whole team to sign up? Now is your chance to be part of a team! This list will be available to any teams looking for players. Please contact John Myers by email at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org and provide name, primary phone number, email address and the league of interest.

Co-Ed Fall Softball League

The league will be filled on a first come, first pay basis. Payment is due at the time of registration. A league meeting will be held for all teams prior to the season's start. League consists of 5 weeks of doubleheaders; NO tournament at the end of the season.

Ages: 18 & older/2023 High School Graduate

Fees: \$275 per team

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex & Helke Park

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
285303-00	FRI	Late Aug - Oct	6:15 - 10:00 pm

Men's Fall Softball Leagues

The league will be filled on a first come, first pay basis. Payment is due at the time of registration. A league meeting will be held for all teams prior to the season's start. League consists of 5 weeks of doubleheaders; NO tournament at the end of the season.

Ages: 18 & older/2023 High School Graduate

Fees: \$275 per team

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex & Helke Park



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
285303-01	MON	Late Aug - Oct	6:00 - 10:00 pm



Cornhole

Come on in and toss a few bean bags around with us! No partner is needed.

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: FREE VRC Member; \$3 Drop-In; Senior Strength Punch Card accepted

Location: VRC Fitness Studio

Class Size: 30 maximum

Day	Date	Time
MON / WED	May 1 - Jun 28	1:00 - 3:00 pm
MON / WED	Jul 3 - Aug 30	1:00 - 3:00 pm

Camps

Butler Baseball Camp

This camp is designed to instruct youngsters in the fundamentals of baseball, hitting, fielding, pitching, base-running and game situations. The camp is conducted by the Butler High School baseball coaching staff and team, under the direction of Coach Trent Dues. The Butler program has become an area and state power during the last fourteen seasons.

Ages: 4th - 9th Grade Boys

(grade is based on the '23-'24 school year)

Fees: \$70 (make check payable to Vandalia ACME Baseball)

Family Pricing: \$35.00 for each child after the first child pays full price

Location: Butler High School Baseball Field

Day	Date	Time	Grade
MON - WED	Jun 5 - 7	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	4th - 9th



Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

On behalf of the entire VPRD, we would like to thank our Volunteer Youth Basketball Coaches from the 2023 Youth Basketball season. All the time and effort our coaches put in to teaching our athletes the fundamentals of the game and the rules of good sportsmanship are what make our program great!

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



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For more information please contact Alicia McCracken at amccracken@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2347. Visit our web page for our Group Fitness Schedule: vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness.com



Group Fitness Classes



Come try out our fitness classes taught by our experienced, certified instructors! With a low drop-in cost you can't go wrong trying them out until you find the perfect class that fits your needs. Be sure to visit our website at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness for our Group Fitness Schedule to view the variety of classes we offer! Keep an eye out for the "Class Spotlight" special we offer throughout the year for opportunities to try out new classes FREE!



Personal Training at the Vandalia Rec Center

Whether you are just getting started on a workout program or ready to take your workouts to the next level, we have nationally certified VRC Preferred trainers that can help you reach your fitness goals. If you are interested in getting a personal trainer, please submit the VRC Preferred trainer request form located online at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness.



FREE Climbing Wall in July

Come check out our Climbing Wall at the VRC! Looking to mix up your fitness routine? Indoor rock climbing is a great way to work on your endurance, build strength and give your balance a boost. It's an exciting sport that can be done by virtually anyone, of any age and fitness level, whether you're a hardcore athlete, or casual fitness enthusiast! Join us the month of July to climb during any of our regular scheduled wall hours for FREE!

Insurance Member Incentive

Visit the VRC at least 10 times each month and you will automatically be entered in a drawing to **WIN a Gift Card!**

The VRC accepts the following insurance programs: Tivity Health, ASH Fit, and OPTUM Health.



Senior Volleyball



Stay active while having fun in this non-competitive program!

No experience required.

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium



Day	Time
TUE/THU	1:00 - 3:30 pm



Senior Pickleball



Come join the fun and get a good cardio workout while playing indoors on our three Pickleball courts!

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Time
MON/WED/FRI	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
TUE/THU	10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Does the chilly or wet weather have you moving your exercise indoor?

Don't forget we have a 1/16-mile indoor track plus all the equipment you need to have a great workout inside!



senior center



Senior Center

Welcome to the Vandalia Senior Center located at 21 Tionda Dr South. To learn about all the offerings at the Senior Center, scan the QR code or visit us at www.vandaliaohio.org/341/senior-center



Questions? Contact our Senior Center Coordinator, Toni Williams at twilliams@vandaliaohio.org or 937-898-1232.

Membership Information

Are you 55 years of age or better? Join the Vandalia Senior Center and you will have opportunities to meet new friends, stay active and healthy, find valuable services and learn through educational opportunities. Seniors are welcome at the center three times before joining. Membership dues are \$15 per year for single Vandalia residents, \$20 for non-resident single membership, \$25 for Vandalia resident married couples and \$35 for non-resident married couples.

Transportation

VanTran is available to residents of Vandalia and Butler Township, age 60 years and older who can board the vehicle unassisted. The vehicle is not wheel chair accessible at this time. Senior Center membership is not required. Trips are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm. Destinations may include, but are not limited to, grocery, bank, post office, pharmacy, hair salon, medical appointment, church, Vandalia Senior Center and Vandalia Recreation Center. There is a one-time registration fee

of \$20.00. Riders then purchase tickets in \$10 or \$20 increments to pay the cost for each one-way trip. Each one-way trip costs \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$3.00 depending on the destination. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 937-898-1232.



Sinclair College History Class

Monday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Card & Game Groups

Monday:

12:30 pm Hand & Foot and other games in card/library room

Tuesday:

9:45 am Bridge in card room

1:40 pm Hand & Foot on side of dining room

Wednesday:

12:15 pm Bridge on side of dining room

1:00 pm Up and Down the River in dining room (need 50 pennies)

1:00 pm Euchre in card/library room

Thursday:

12:00 pm Duplicate Bridge on side of dining room

1:00 pm Pinochle in dining room

1:00 pm Rummikub in dining room

Friday:

9:30 am Mah Jong in card room

1:00 pm Poker in card room



The Senior Center has Lunch & Learns, bingos, movies, craft classes, exercise, a birthday celebration each month, a book club, and more. There are jigsaw puzzles and books to loan. The Floral Group has flower arrangements for sale. The Super Sewers group always has display lap quilts and baby quilts for sale as well as many kitchen items in the display case.



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Bring your unwanted documents to this drive-up paper shredding event! Unwanted documents may include old tax returns, processed checks, loan documents, financial reports and papers that might include Social Security or credit card account numbers. There is NO NEED to remove paper clips, staples, rubber bands or folders. All paper collected will be recycled.



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Smart Waste & Recycling Units Coming to 3 Vandalia Parks

The City of Vandalia has received a grant from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District to assist in the purchased of three innovative trash and recycling bins.

The bins use a web-based platform to allow City staff to monitor the bins online. Crews will be able to save trips to their location, as they will only visit the bins to empty them when they know they are full.

The bins use a solar-powered trash compactor to increase the capacity of the unit. The solar panels also allow the unit to be placed in just about any outdoor location.

The units will be wrapped so that City branding and messaging are visible from all sides.

Plans call for the units to be placed at the Vandalia Art Park, Helke Park and the Vandalia Sports Complex before the end of the summer.



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Airshow weekend just got one day longer!

On Thursday, July 20, the US Air Force Band of Flight will kick off Air Show Weekend with a free concert at the Vandalia Art Park! We'll also have food, crafts and vendors! It's the Vandalia Airshow Backyard Bash, and YOU'RE invited! For complete details, check out page 22 in the enclosed Recreation Program Guide!

My Vandalia App Enhances Communication with City

The City of Vandalia's public service app, My Vandalia, is making it easy for residents to report issues and check the progress of their concerns. The app is downloadable for free on Google Play and the App Store.



The City of Vandalia is now recruiting Seasonal Parks Maintainers!

Enjoy working outdoors for great pay. Starting wage of \$14.28 per hour.
Vandaliaohio.org/jobs

Welcome New Employee



Jack Brandenburg
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Technician
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Congratulations Promoted Employees



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Derek Copp
Fire Lieutenant
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