



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.

The Blue Letter

September 16, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Between the retreat, first budget workshop, and improved capital improvement plan; it has been an incredible week of proposing, researching, and considering concrete steps that our team can take to improve service delivery, and to improve quality of life in our community. As always, it is a privilege to serve this beautiful town. If you have questions about the extensive documentation that I have shared with you over the last several months, please do reach out to me.

2024 Budget Workshops – The second 2024 operating, maintenance, capital, and revitalization budget workshops will be held at the Justice Center in the Community Room at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023.

Monday, September 18, 2023, Council Meeting: The Study Session will begin at 6:30 pm. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Business Appreciation Day! Thank you to all our teammates who worked to make Business Appreciation Day a success! Our team got great feedback from the business community during this event, and our employees did a great job representing our organization.



The poster features a sunburst background with the Montgomery County Environmental Services logo at the top. The text reads: "Tire Buy-Back Event", "Earn \$2 per tire!*", and "9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 17, 2023". Below this, it says "Montgomery County Transfer & Recycling Facility, 1001 Encrete Lane, Moraine, OH 45439". A note states: "*Maximum 10 tires per vehicle. No truck, farm implement, or other over-sized tires accepted." At the bottom, it says: "Open to all Montgomery County residents. Proof of residency is required. Hauling more than 10 tires at a time without an approved state registration is a felony."

Tire Buy-Back: On Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Montgomery County will hold a Tire Buy-Back event at the Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility. Residents of Montgomery County are permitted to bring up to 10 tires per vehicle and will receive \$2 per tire. Please note, proof of residency is required and only passenger vehicle tires are part of the buy-back. The Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility is located at 1001 Encrete Lane in Moraine. The City has publicized this event on social media.

Lobbying Against Bigger Trucks: Chief Althouse flew to Washington DC this week to meet with several elected officials and staff members in conjunction with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). Chief Althouse and several law enforcement professionals from across the country met to voice concerns and opposition over proposed federal legislation to increase commercial trucks' weight and size. The proposed legislation would be detrimental to roadways and local governments' infrastructures as well as detrimental for the safety of motorists travelling on roadways with bigger and heavier trucks.

Employee Appreciation Taco Bar: The next Employee Appreciation event will be a taco bar on Wednesday, September 20 at the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

October is Fire Prevention Month - In honor of Fire Prevention Month, The Division of Fire will host an open house on Sunday, October 1 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station One, 8705 Peters Pike.

Study Session:

Presentations:

Department of Finance Update: Director Leiter will deliver the Department of Finance Update.

Monday, September 18, 2023 Items:

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

Ordinance: Supplemental – Given that staff has presented to Council, and we have discussed each of these items previously, I am respectfully requesting that Council consider and approve the supplemental in the same meeting. Finance is requesting the approval of the following supplemental appropriation Ordinance for the following reasons:

General Fund:

Fire:

- **\$55,173** – increase appropriations to cover the costs associated with the Community Risk Assessment (CRA). The Division of Fire applied for and requested an amount of \$25,000 in Federal funding back in 2021 and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$23,071.43 in April 2023. The grant award will be used to offset part of the total costs of the CRA.

Capital Improvement Plan Fund:

Parks and Recreation – Building Maintenance:

- **\$34,441** – increase appropriations to account for unexpected expenses for the emergency replacement and installation of a new storm and sanitary pumping system at the Municipal Building due to a failure of the current system.

Police-Fire-Street Fund:

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Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund:

Public Works:

- **\$125,000** – increase appropriations to account for the expenses associated with phase 1 of the Master Services agreement for the design of the Public Works Facility.

Monday, October 2, 2023 Items:

Resolution: 2024 Part-Time Pay Plan: In November of 2022, Council approved a 2% market adjustment to the Part-Time Pay Plan for 2023. Earlier this year, the Council approved a 1% market adjustment to each position on this same pay plan in response to market conditions and internal equity (except the tipped employee positions). To attract and retain talent, and in response to market trends, staff is recommending a 3.5% increase to all part-time positions in 2024. The wage for tipped employees will be



established in accordance with the State of Ohio Department of Commerce. Approval of this new Part-Time Pay plan aligns with our 2023 Citywide Policy Goals of *Trust and Confidence* and *Opportunity*.

Resolution: 2024 General Services Pay Plan – Full Time: In November of 2022, Council approved a 2% market adjustment to the General Services Pay Plan for 2023. Earlier this year, the Council approved a 1% market adjustment to each position on this same pay plan in response to market conditions and internal equity. Staff is recommending a 3.5% increase to the top and bottom of each pay range for all full-time positions for the 2024 year. This adjustment will allow the City to continue to attract and retain high-performing, quality employees. Approval of the 2024 General Services Pay plan aligns with our 2023 Citywide Policy Goals of *Trust and Confidence* and *Opportunity*.

Ordinance: Fire Insurance: In response to the fire at the Super 8 motel, I requested that Law Director McDonald draft legislation that would allow the City of Vandalia to obtain a portion of fire insurance proceeds when there is a major loss and hold that money in a fund to be used to tear down the building (or repair it) if the owner does not. Law Director McDonald will brief Council on this matter.

Discussion Items:

August 2023 Financial Report – Mrs. Leiter will deliver the August 2023 Financial Report.

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

Council Meeting:

Communications, Petitions and Awards

Introduction and Oath of Office: Fire Marshal Scott Jacobs

City Manager Wendt will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Fire Marshal Scott Jacobs who was promoted on September 8, 2023.

Presentation by Chris Franzmann, Partner Squire, Patton, Boggs LLP

Chris Franzmann, Partner Squire, Patton, Boggs LLP will give a presentation on Public Finance Debt Limitations.

On Monday, the City Council will hear a presentation from Mr. Chris Franzman of Squire Patton Boggs to provide Council with information regarding potential future debt service. Like Mr. Brossart, Mr. Franzman is a subject matter expert on municipal finance. Last year, Mr. Franzman presented a report to the City Council regarding the tax increment financing proposals that were adopted. I have provided some information regarding the potential impacts of debt issuance to the city below.

Resolutions

Resolution 23-R-59: Community Risk Assessment Grant -VFD- The Division of Fire has received a FEMA Fire Prevention Grant for \$23,071.43 dollars, to perform a Community Risk Assessment. This was a grant that was applied for in 2021, as a result our original (2021) inquiries and pricing has increased. The Division of Fire has completed an RFP, and our match/contribution is now \$32,101.57. The Division of Fire is requesting a supplemental appropriation to aid us in covering the cost of conducting the CRA, in late 2023.

Resolution 23-R-60: I am recommending that the City enter into an agreement with WDG Group LLC for Phase One of the Engineering and Design process for the Public Works Facility. Phase One is the programming portion of the design consisting of determining what the needs are through meetings with staff, site assessment surveys, inventory of vehicles and equipment, etc. With the programming we will develop a concept plan and proposed cost estimates for budgeting. The cost for the programming phase of the engineering and design is set at an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Resolution 23-R-61: Professional Aquatic Staffing Service: SwimSafe Pool Management of Cincinnati has submitted a formal proposal to amend the Professional Services Agreement for Aquatic Staffing, originally dated June 18, 2020, and extended via addendums on December 9, 2021, and December 1, 2022, that would extend the term of the agreement for an additional two (2) year period, thereby changing the expiration date to December 31, 2025. The total agreement price for Cassel Hills Pool is \$144,120 for 2024 and \$148,445 for 2025. The total agreement price for the Vandalia Recreation Center pool is \$375,138 for 2024 and \$386,392 for 2025. All terms and conditions of the Agreement and Addendums are effective through December 31, 2025.

The Parks and Recreation Department completed an extensive review of SwimSafe's 2023 performance and performed a cost benefit analysis associated with providing aquatic staffing services internally. Based on the policy options, background information, cost benefit analysis and the overall analysis of the information provided we are recommending that Council approve the proposal submitted by SwimSafe Pool Management to extend the term of the Professional Services Agreement for Aquatic Staffing Services for a two (2) year period, ending December 31, 2025.

Ordinance – Emergency Reading:

(TABLED) Ordinance 23-22: Debt Issuance Schedule – This ordinance was tabled at the September 5, 2023, Council meeting for further discussion of future debt issuance proposals at the Fall Council Retreat and Council Budget meetings. The Council may or may not choose to remove this item from the table and discuss it further at the September 18th meeting. The Council may also choose or not choose to address the issue at a subsequent meeting. I have provided the Council with an updated draft estimate debt forecast.

City Council met with Mr. Andrew Brossart of Bradley Payne Advisors, the City of Vandalia's long-time municipal financial advisor, during the first budget workshop to discuss the City's bond rating score card, most recent Moody's prospectus, and how rating agencies distinguish between debt paid from general revenues (i.e., debt serviced from general revenue sources like income taxes and property taxes) and revenue debt (i.e., debt serviced from enterprise revenue sources like water and wastewater utility rates).

Mr. Brossart shared that the City's bond rating is an Aa2 with several score card ratings that fall within the AAA (the best possible) rating. Mr. Brossart emphasized the impact of general revenues being used to pay debt versus the lesser impact of debt service originating from utility revenues on the city's bond rating and corresponding interest rates for new debt.

The City of Vandalia is currently considering the Dog Leg Rd. Utility Extension Project Phase II (i.e., estimated \$4 mm maximum from utility revenues, infrastructure monies on-hand), new Public Works Facility (i.e., \$18 mm worst-case placeholder from a combination of water, sewer, storm, street, and general revenues), and Golf Course Irrigation Project (i.e., \$2 mm in general fund revenues serviced through the Golf Fund). There are smaller utility-related projects that could result in interest free OPWC or other similar loans that should not have a large impact on the City's general obligation bond rating because they are directly tied to utility provision.

Mr. Brossart also indicated that because Tri-Cities is its own standalone government entity, it has its own bond rating, which does not directly affect the city's general obligation bond rating. Debt service for the plant improvements at Tri-Cities is not anticipated until approximately 2030. Staff has included placeholders in the preceding years to be conservative.

Regarding the utility extension project, the amortization schedule for a 20-year bond at an interest rate of 4.5% for a \$4 mm principal results in the city paying \$2,148,075 in interest with a total 20-year debt service totaling \$6,148,075 at the City's current Aa2 rating.

Although unlikely given this proposal and the City's bond score card, Mr. Brossart shared that if the City were to be downgraded to the rating to Aa3, the City would experience interest rate increases of approximately 0.05% above the current rating on future debt issuance. Mr. Brossart noted that current debt issuance would not be impacted. For the current proposal, a hypothetical down grade to the Aa3 rating would result in an amortization schedule for a 20-year bond at an interest rate of approximately

4.55% for a \$4 mm principal resulting in the city paying approximately \$2,175,477 in interest with a total 20-year debt service totaling approximately \$6,175,477 – a difference of approximately \$27,402 over 20 years (or an approximate average of \$1,370.10 per year) more than the current Aa2 rating.

Mr. Brossart shared that if the City were to be downgraded two ranks to the rating to A1, unlikely given this proposal, the City would experience an interest rate increase of an additional 0.15% (i.e., a total increase of 0.20% from the current rating of Aa2) on future debt issuance and noted that current debt issuance would not be impacted. For the current proposal, a hypothetical down grade to the A1 rating would result in an amortization schedule for a 20-year bond at an interest rate of approximately 4.70% for a \$4 mm principal resulting in the city paying approximately \$2,256,500 in interest with a total 20-year debt service totaling approximately \$6,256,500 – a difference of approximately \$108,425 over 20 years (or an approximate average of \$5,421.25 per year) more than the current Aa2 rating.

This exercise can also be performed against the amortization schedule for a potential public works facility with an estimated worst-case scenario of \$18 mm (depending on programming and the forthcoming needs assessment).

The amortization schedule for a 20-year bond at an interest rate of 4.5% for a \$18 mm principal results in the city paying \$9,675,900 in interest with a total 20-year debt service totaling \$27,675,900 at the City's current Aa2 rating. Unlike the utility extension project, the public works facility project debt service forecast includes approximately 15% of debt service payments (~\$210,000 / yr.) from general revenue sources (i.e., payments from facilities improvement fund 360, which is financed from general fund 110), as well as the street fund, stormwater fund, water fund, and sewer fund.

Assuming the City were to be downgraded to the rating to Aa3, the City would experience interest rate increases of approximately 0.05% above the current rating on future debt issuance, and current debt issuance would not be impacted. For the public works facility proposal, a hypothetical down grade to the Aa3 rating would result in an amortization schedule for a 20-year bond at an interest rate of approximately 4.55% for an \$18 mm principal resulting in the city paying approximately \$9,797,205 in interest with a total 20-year debt service totaling approximately \$27,797,205 – a difference of approximately \$121,305 over 20 years (or an approximate average of \$6,065.25 per year) more than the current Aa2 rating.

Assuming the City were to be downgraded two ranks to the rating to A1, the City would experience an interest rate increase of an additional 0.15% (i.e., a total increase of 0.20% from the current rating of Aa2) on future debt issuance, with current debt issuance being unimpacted. For the public works facility proposal, a hypothetical down grade to the A1 rating would result in an amortization schedule for a 20-year bond at an interest rate of approximately 4.70% for a \$18 mm principal resulting in the city paying approximately \$10,162,086 in interest with a total 20-year debt service totaling approximately \$28,162,086 – a difference of approximately \$486,186 over 20 years (or an approximate average of \$24,309.30 per year) more than the current Aa2 rating.

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The purpose of this tabled ordinance is to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the municipal public transportation system, including National Road (US-40) and Dog Leg Road, by constructing, reconstructing, extending, opening, widening, grading, draining, curbing, paving and resurfacing, and site preparation, installing storm water, sanitary sewer and water improvements, and acquiring any necessary interests in real property, together with all incidental work and related appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. Although the legislation states that the issuance is not to exceed \$6 mm, Director Cron has worked with Choice One Engineers to reduce costs by reducing the amount of pavement and restoration that will need to be conducted on US-40. As a result, the engineer's estimate is approximately \$3.1 mm and our team believes that with contingencies, the City will not need to issue debt of more than \$4 mm for the project. Debt service for this project will likely be paid from water and wastewater utility revenues, infrastructure fees, and possibly tax increment financing associated with development in the future. This project is not likely to result in direct general fund expenditures and per Mr. Brossart, will not impact our general obligation debt scores, which relate to

our overall bond rating.

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August Bill Listing – Mrs. Leiter will deliver the August Bill Listing.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be an in-person meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff and the public to attend in-person. The meetings will be accessible for viewing on through Zoom (LINK). Please note, no comments, electronic or oral, will be allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. **The Study Session will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.**

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Senior Center Newsletter
2. Water Meter Door Hanger;
3. My Vandalia Flyer;

4. Employee Appreciation Events;
5. 2023 Citywide Policy Goals;
6. Division of Fire Breast Cancer Fundraiser Shirt Flyer.

Vandalia Senior Center

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Holiday Catered Dinner on Friday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m.

You can begin signing up for the catered dinner on September 12. The deadline is November 10. To sign up, follow the directions in the hallway by the office at box #3. First pay the \$15 with cash or write a check to the Vandalia Senior Club. Then write your name on the list. That night the doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Lyons Catering will be serving the dinner at 6:00 p.m.. The Preble County singing group, Something Good, will be performing at 7:00 p.m.

MENU

Roast Turkey
Dressing with Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Glazed Carrots
Fruit Salad
Rolls
Pumpkin & Apple Pies



Randall Residence Is Inviting You to Enjoy Entertainment and Dinner



Every Tuesday those residing at Randall Residence enjoy entertainment. Becky Devor would like to invite you to enjoy their scheduled entertainment followed by dinner. If you would like a tour after dinner, let her know. There are two dates, Tuesday, October 17, and Tuesday, October 24. Brian Brenner will be performing on October 17. The entertainment on October 24 will be Spittin' Image. Becky asks that you arrive at

2:30 p.m. Randall Residence can only accommodate 30 members on each date. To allow as many members as possible to accept this invitation, I ask that you only sign up for one of the dates. You can sign up on the waiting list for the second date.

Directions: From the Senior Center, turn right onto Dixie also known as 25A. Drive North about 10 minutes or 5.5 miles. There is a light at W. Evanston Road. Just past the light, you will see Randall Residence on your left at 6400 S Co. Rd. 25A.

Lunch & Learn

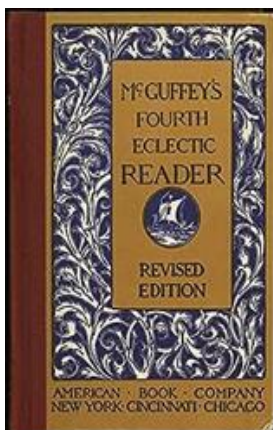
Troy Rehabilitation Lunch & Learn on **Monday**, October 2, at Noon

Beth Bell from Troy Rehabilitation will bring your meal. In preparation for honoring veterans, Toni Williams will present "Through My Father's Eyes: World War II Part 1". She was lucky to spend five years with her parents creating their biographies. Toni's dad joined the U. S. Army right after graduating in 1944. He was sent to the front lines in Germany. His recollections were as much about everyday Army life and procedures as it was about his experiences in the war. "Through My Father's Eyes: The Occupation Part 2" will be presented on Tuesday, November 28. Limit: 75



Shelby Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 3, at Noon

Christopher Norman from Shelby Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation will provide your lunch. Robin Heise will be coming to us by Zoom from the Greene County Archives. She will present "Spooky Tales: Bad Blood—The John Fogwell Murder". This program examines one of Harold Igo's ghost stories, *Number 12, The Ghost of the County Jail*. It explores the fact and fiction behind it based on county records and newspaper articles. This is the story of bad blood between two neighbors in Beavercreek Township that ultimately ended in murder! Limit: 80



Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 10, at Noon

Andrea West and Allexus Rachelson from Momentum Health will provide your lunch. Ruth Anne Attalla from the Washington Township Centerville Library will present the story of Alfred Hitchcock by Zoom. Take a behind the scenes peek at the films from the Master of Suspense. Limit: 75



Wright-Patt Credit Union Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, October 12, at **11:00 A.M.**



Wright-Patt Credit Union will provide your lunch. They will give a five minute introduction about their new member center and what services they offer. Then they'll present "Budgeting and Fraud". They will explain why it is important to build a budget and how to do that on a fixed income. Shortages or extras? What do you do when your budget isn't working? They will also talk about fraud trends and how to protect your money. Limit: 75

Holiday Flower Arrangements

The Flower Group will be making arrangements for the holiday season that will be for sale in the dining room. If you want to order a special arrangement, you need your order in before November 1.



Lunch & Learn

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

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your food. Betty Hoevel from Five Rivers Metro Parks will talk about collecting seeds from the garden, woods, and prairies. Learn about seed types, how they are spread in the wild, and how to collect them for your own garden. She will cover trees and shrubs as well as native perennial flowers and grasses, rates of germination, and lessons to learn from nature about planning your own garden. Limit: 45



Independent Insurance Brokers Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 16, at Noon

Kathleen Smith and Dave Boyd are Independent Medicare Insurance Brokers and they will bring your lunch. Kathleen and Dave will discuss general Medicare options. If you want to see your options, bring a list of your current medications and doctors for them to do a search. Dave will have a trivia game that will be a mixture of general and Medicare related questions. Limit: 20



Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 17, at Noon

Jacque Dalton from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. You are at the grocery or in a park and suddenly, you hear pow, pow, pow. You can't believe it. You don't have time to think, you need to react. The Vandalia Police Department will present "Run, Hide, Fight" so that you know what to do if you are in a situation with an active shooter. They will give you a plan to follow if you find yourself in this situation. Limit: 75

The Oaks of West Kettering Lunch & Learn on Monday, October 23, at Noon

Shirika Brown from the Oaks of West Kettering will provide your lunch. Angie Hoschouer Berghuis is now on staff at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. She will present "Funeral Services and Burials of the Wright Family". Four prominent members of the Wright family utilized Boyer Mortuary from 1912 to 1948. This program explores the differences in the funeral services and arrangements for these family members including media coverage, church services, and burial services. Limit: 75



Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 24, at Noon

Donna Bargo and Jordan Peterson will bring your lunch. Donna will give you a booklet called a Perspective. Jordan will further discuss some of the topics in the booklet. He will also answer any financial questions that you have. Limit: 25

Information



One Lincoln Park Lunch & Learn on **Monday**, October 30, at Noon

Dana Chesser and Jonathan Carl will bring your lunch. Jonathan Carl, Retirement Counselor for One Lincoln Park, will talk about the importance of downsizing and how to approach it. He will share all the resources that can be used. Jonathan will also bring some information regarding businesses that One Lincoln partners with that could be resources to help you. Limit: 50

Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 31, at Noon

Gina Havenar from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. The King's English is back in time for Halloween!! They will sing the songs from the fifties and sixties that make you smile. They may even play the Monster Mash!! The band does not charge the Senior Center but appreciates your tips to cover traveling expenses. Limit: 100



Volunteer Lunch on Friday, October 27, at Noon

While we truly appreciate the hundreds of people who donate items to the center all year, this volunteer lunch is just to celebrate those who volunteered their time on a regular basis at the center. It could be as a driver, on the Senior Club committee, cleaning tables regularly, and more. There will not be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Just RSVP to Toni that you are able to attend if you have been a volunteer this year.

Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday!

Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, October 10. Meet at the Toll House Tavern at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 128 N Main in Union. Follow National Rd or Rt 40 through Vandalia and over the dam. Turn right and continue on N. Main through Englewood and into Union. After crossing E. Martindale, look for a green building on the left. ***If you have a restaurant you would like to request, talk to Toni in the office.



Streaming TV Service 101 on Wednesday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Is streaming a foreign language for you? Join Mark Spirk from Mill Ridge Village and Grace Brethren for a one-hour presentation. He will explain streaming, Roku, Firesticks, billing, remotes, and how to cancel your services. There will be a snack and Mark will have a goodie bag for you. Meet in the art room in front of the tv.

Art & More



FREE Iris Fold Christmas Card Class on Wed, Oct. 4, at 1:00 p.m.

Sign up to make this striking Christmas card. Toni Williams will take you through the process of doing the iris fold ornament on the front. The shape is already cut out. You will have a few choices for the inside pages. Limit: 12

FREE Christmas Ornament Class on Wed., October 11, at 1:00 p.m.

You can design two Christmas ornaments using the plastic snap together

bulbs. There are many decorations to glue inside including figurines, gifts, greenery, and more. You have many fillers to choose from such as beads, snow, and more. The bulbs can be topped off with ribbon or a twist tie bow. Limit: 15



German Star Ornament Class on Thurs., October 12, at 1:00 p.m.

Cass Barth, a member, bought special paper to make these stars. She will have the paper already cut into strips. The cost to make the first star is \$2. If you want to make more stars while in class, it will be \$1 for each additional star. Cass can take 6 who

are new to making German Stars. If you have made German Stars before and just want a refresher course, also sign up but you will be in addition to the six new students. Limit: 6+

FREE Card Making Class on Tues., October 24, at 1:45 p.m.

Kathy Dunn's card is a celebration of the bright beautiful colors of fall. You will be embossing the colored front which is an easy but wonderful technique to give cards depth. Linda Karn's card is a slimline get well card guaranteed to bring a smile to the face of the recipient. There will be two choices that require coloring and some "fussy" cutting. Limit: 12



Ceramic Class on Friday, October 27, at 1:45 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a member, returns with a gnome holding a flower. You can also work on the gnomes and the witch from the previous two months. Mindy has been working with ceramics for a long time and she is a vendor. She will teach you different ways to paint ceramics using her brushes and her paint. You will be able to choose one of these designs to work on. Each mold costs \$6. Limit: 17

Movies

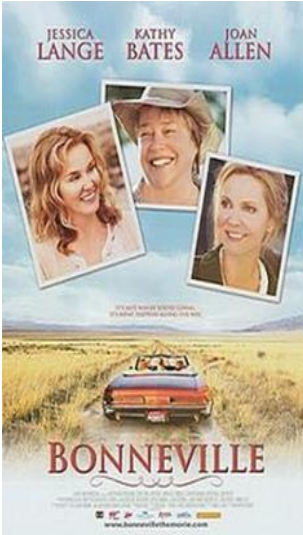
Remember to sign up for each movie so we have the correct amount of snacks and treats.

Movie on the First Friday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Beth Bell with Troy Rehabilitation

The movie, *The Ladies in Black*, takes place in Goode's department store in Sydney, Australia, during the 1959 Christmas season. It follows the lives of four different women working at the store who are all at different places in their lives.

PG Drama / Comedy 1 hr. 49 min.



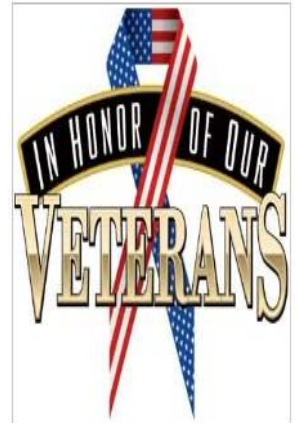
Movie on the Third Fri., Oct. 20 , at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Andrea West & Alexus Rachelson
of Momentus Health

In the movie, *Bonneville*, Arvilla Holden's (Jessica Lange) husband has died. His daughter in California from his first marriage wants her to hand over the ashes or she will evict her from the house. Arvilla asks her two friends (Kathy Bates and Joan Allen) to go with her to hand over the ashes. She decides to make it a road trip in her husband's 1966 Bonneville. Arvilla decides to make a few detours and that is when the trouble begins. PG Drama / Comedy 93 min.

Preparations to Get Ready to Honor Veterans for Veteran's Day

Toni will be putting up the photos of veterans in the dining room for four weeks from October 16 until Veteran's Day, November 11. She has kept the photos from previous years to use again. If you haven't given Toni a photo of veterans and active duty members from your family, please bring in your photos or email them to her. She will make a copy and add any names, ranks, and dates that you know.



Renew Your Membership by January 31, 2024!

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

Born in 1934: You are turning 90 in 2024. Your membership is free! Contact the office.

90+ and Lifetime Members: Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
2 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Bingo 1:45	3 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 BP & Sugar Ck 11-12 Travel 11:00-12:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Book Club 1:40 Bingo 1:45	4 Hula Hooping 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 12:30 Christmas Card 1:00	5 Travel 9:00-12:00 Tech Talk 11:00 Art Group 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Rummikub 1:00	6 Travel 9:00-11:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Mah Jong 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Poker 1:00 Movie 1:00
9 Hand & Foot 12:30	10 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 Travel 11:00-12:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Art Appreciation 1:40 Let's Eat Out 5:00	11 Hula Hooping 9:30 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 12:30 Christmas Ornaments 1:00	12 Travel 9:00-11:00 Lunch & Learn 11:00 Art Group 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 1:00 Rummikub 1:00 German Stars 1:00	13 Travel 9:00-11:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Mah Jong 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Poker 1:00 Bingo 1:45
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

A Haunting in Venice by Agatha Christie
The Witch Is Back by Sophie H. Morgan
Positively, Penelope by Pepper Basham
The Coworker by Freida McFadden
Appalachian Song by Michelle Shocklee

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Shazam! Fury of the Gods
Champions
Honor Among Thieves
John Wick: Chapter 4
Avatar: The Way of Water

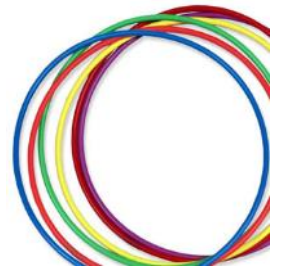


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Vevia Enix will teach Golden Qi which is a seated form of Tai Chi. This exercise improves balance, reduces joint pain, increases calmness, improves reasoning abilities, helps your memory, and improves the quality of your life. This class can be taken by anyone.

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

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



FREE Exercise Class on the First and Third Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading a seated exercise class on the first and third Wednesdays each month at 11:00 a.m. right after the hula hoop class. Robin holds a 5th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and takes kickboxing. She has taught aerobics, and dance.

FREE Exercise Class on Fridays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

This chair exercise class is being run by the members. They might use the weights and exercise bands that are here at the center. The group will use some of the exercises they have learned to help guide the Friday class.



Tech Talk on the First and Third Thursdays, at 11:00 a.m.

Tom Underwood and Hannah Priebe from the Vandalia Public Library will answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices on October 5 and 19. Come to Tech Thursday and they will do their best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you may learn something new, just by listening in! Please sign up.



Information

The Vandalia Senior Center Book Club Meets on the First Tuesday

The VSC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 3, at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the book, *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. Twelve year old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his broken father. His mother, a poet, left the family when he was nine. The country now has special laws to preserve the "American culture" to keep the peace. One day Bird receives a letter with a drawing which makes him decide to find his mother. His winding journey helps him discover many things and make changes.



Get Your Numbers Checked



Nurses with Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health will be here on Tuesday, October 3, to do BP and sugar checks. Nurses from Premier Health will also do checks on Tuesday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m. to noon. They will be sitting by the drinking fountains in the dining room.

Collecting: Afghans and Blankets for Veterans

Every year we collect crocheted or knitted afghans, lap size quilts, and new twin size blankets for Veterans. An afghan can be full size or lap size. Lap size is 36" x 36" or 36" x 40". The Super Sewers will also donate many lap quilts. All the donations need to be brought in before November 1. Give your donations to Toni in the office or Darby. The Amvets will distribute them to veterans. Last year we filled a pick-up truck.



Winter Closings Policy Reminder



If the Vandalia Schools are closed for weather, the Senior Center will be closed. If the schools are on a delay, the center is open. If the schools are on a delay in the evening, be sure to recheck the news in the morning because sometimes the schools change to being closed if the weather becomes worse.

When schools are not in session, the City will determine whether or not the Senior Center will open and will put closing information on the Weather Hotline. The Hotline is only updated when cancellations have been made. **937-552-2200** We encourage you not to drive to the Senior Center when the weather conditions are not favorable.

Answers for page 11

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Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Linda Wright. 937-898-6025

Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267

Thursday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Jim Danks. 937-667-3780



Bingo and Other Games

1. Mandi Dillow from Medicare Resource Center will call bingo on Monday, October 2, at 1:45 p.m.
2. Beth Bell from Troy Rehabilitation will call bingo on Tuesday, October 3, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, October 13, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Jessica Ward with Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
6. Sam Stidham from Patient's Choice will call bingo on Wednesday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48
7. Brandie Lovato from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will call bingo on Monday, October 30, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48



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

Momentum Health will provide the birthday cakes. Please sign up if you have an October birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing to the birthday people. Everyone at the center may have a piece of cake but the birthday people get their cake first!



Donations Needed

*****Please give ALL donations to Toni.** Some items that can be used by the center.

Leave in the Office: *Diet Coke and diet drinks, drink cups (fall colors), non-refrigerated individual creamers, individually labeled flavored teas, art supplies, greenery, new greeting cards, and items for the free tables.

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

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



It's the time of year when many people are buying up candy for Halloween. Can you match the description to the correct candy? Check your answers on page 9.

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| _____ 1. named after a famous baseball player from long ago | A. Peppermint Patty |
| _____ 2. _____ cliff | B. Skor |
| _____ 3. $10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ | C. Nerds |
| _____ 4. to get a touchdown or points | D. Skittles |
| _____ 5. a person who drops things | E. Starburst |
| _____ 6. a happy person with a herd of animals | F. Heath |
| _____ 7. piles | G. \$100,000 |
| _____ 8. a group of people with a lot of brain power | H. Tootsie Roll |
| _____ 9. comic strip character | I. Butterfinger |
| _____ 10. laughs | J. Baby Ruth |
| _____ 11. sweet father | K. Jolly Rancher |
| _____ 12. a planet | L. 5th Avenue |
| _____ 13. to subtract a nickel | M. Sour Patch |
| _____ 14. hefty | N. Sugar Babies |
| _____ 15. a bright object in space that explodes | O. Smarties |
| _____ 16. a galaxy | P. Mounds |
| _____ 17. an address | Q. Almond Joy |
| _____ 18. sweet infants | R. Mars |
| _____ 19. socially awkward person devoted to academic pursuits | S. Snickers |
| _____ 20. toe tumble | T. Milky Way |
| _____ 21. piece of sweet syrup | U. Take Five |
| _____ 22. not a sweet time or area | V. Sugar Daddy |
| _____ 23. nut happiness | W. Bit-O-Honey |
| _____ 24. rhymes with fiddles | X. Chunky |



In 2005 the members enjoyed several activities for Senior Day. The Lion's Club donated lots of cakes so the seniors could have a cake walk to see which cake each person would get to take home.

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HISTORY

Travel

- October 23-28 Savannah, Jekyll Island, Beaufort: \$717 pp, \$934 single; \$100 deposit due by June 16, final payment due by August 16 **Meet with Bob during his office hours during the weeks of October 2 and October 9 to pick up your itinerary.**
- November 13-17 Nashville: **This trip will not be going.**
- November 30-December 6: The Holidays in New York City! \$900 pp, \$1214 single, \$100 deposit due by July 30, final payment due by September 30 **More people are needed for this trip to be able to go. This is a fantastic trip for a price you couldn't do on your own. Come enjoy all the holiday excitement in New York City!**

Flyers are in the holder by the card room door. Information is on the travel bulletin board and on the senior center web page at <https://vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel>.

You write a separate check to Diamond Tours for each trip. Then either mail them to the Vandalia Senior Center or drop them in box #4 in the hallway by the kitchen. You also need to fill out the form at the bottom of this page and include it with your payment.

Bob Reed will have office hours at the Senior Center in the dining room by the fountains.
Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursdays: 9 a.m. to noon Fridays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Or call 937-313-9692, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leave a voicemail.

TRAVEL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. You must be a member of the Vandalia Senior Center.
2. No invoices or reminders will be sent out.
3. There are only 5 single rooms for each trip.
4. Final payment must be to the Senior Center by the due date.
5. If payments are not received by the due date, your name will be removed from the list.
6. If you need to cancel, ask if there is a waiting list before asking someone to replace you.
7. If the tour operator cancels a tour, a full refund will be issued as soon as it is received from the operator. Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended.



Name: _____ Name of Roommate: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Trip Destination: _____

Emergency contact—Name: _____ Phone number: _____

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Parks & Recreation



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VANDALIA'S COMMEMORATIVE TREE PROGRAM

The Commemorative Tree Program provides individuals, groups, clubs, and organizations with the opportunity to enhance the City with trees that honor people, ideas, and special events. A Commemorative Tree is a thoughtful and lasting legacy to a person or an event that has occurred.

The City of Vandalia cares for all City-owned trees. Commemorative trees planted on City property are included in the City's tree maintenance program, which includes pruning, mulching, and fertilizing. Trees will be watered at the time of planting and during drought stress conditions during the first year of establishment. The City will transplant or replace any Commemorative Tree threatened by land use or site changes during the lifetime of the tree.



All participants receive a Commemorative Tree Recognition Certificate, and the donation will be recognized on a brass nameplate which will be attached to an attractive indoor plaque located at the Municipal Building or Vandalia Recreation Center (your choice). To place recognition at the tree, the City of Vandalia offers the additional options of either a Commemorative Tree Charm or a Commemorative Plaque. For additional information, contact Sherry McConnaughey at smcconnaughey@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2332.

Parks & Recreation Information

Vandalia Fall Festival—Saturday, October 14, from 12:00-6:00pm

At the Vandalia Art Park

Bring the family out and enjoy our Fall Festival at the Art Park! We will have live music, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, corn pit, vendors, inflatables, games, arts & crafts, and more! What a great way to end the Fall season!!

Ages: all ages are welcome!

Cost: free to attend!

Location: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, OH 45377

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Rock the Rec Halloween Party

Saturday, October 28 from 12:00pm - 7:00pm at Vandalia Sports Complex

Come out for some seasonal fun! This fall community event will have food trucks, a beer garden, hayrides, Trick-or-Treat, live music, inflatables, kid's activities, Halloween costume judging, craft vendors, and more!

Ages: All ages welcome Fee: Free to attend

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex—near the baseball concession stand

Address: 1111 Stonequarry Rd, Dayton, Ohio 45414



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9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Toni Williams

twilliams@vandaliaohio.org

Phone: 937-898-1232

Fax: 937-665-0796

[https://vandaliaohio.org/341/](https://vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center)

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Vandalia Senior Club

2023 Committee:

President	Cathy Nortman 985-201-6747
Vice President	Iris Siebert 937-454-1583
Treasurer	Kay Lowe 937-409-8300
Secretary	Dottie Ganter 937-898-7286

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A resident is defined as someone who pays

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you must notify the office to continue to get the newsletter.

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It's a year of Employee Appreciation!

2023 is the Year of Employee Appreciation!

Please note the dates below and plan to attend these events.



Wednesday, June 14
Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



Thursday, July 20
Pizza in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Helke Park



Wednesday, August 16
Picnic in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



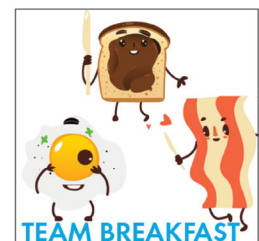
Wednesday, September 20
Employee Taco Bar
12:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center



Wednesday, October 25
Employee Donut Bar
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Vandalia Justice Center



Wednesday, November 8
Team Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Cassel Hills Clubhouse



Monday, December 18
City Council Employee Appreciation Day
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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