



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT
JANUARY 2021**



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- Lenny Maenza, Chairperson
- Larry Taylor, Vice Chairperson
- Rick Scherer, Secretary
- Tara Landis
- Lydia Baker
- Rodney Washburn
- Corey Follick, City Council Representative
- Bob Costello (Emeritus Status)

NEW MEETING FORMAT!

A new meeting format was approved at the November, 2020 Board Meeting. The Board will meet on the following Wednesday dates in 2021 at the Vandalia Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

- February 17
- May 19
- August 18
- November 17

A monthly Update Report will be distributed to keep Members up-to-date on the Department. We welcome any comments, concerns, or questions, and invite Members to call or email anytime.

With the new meeting format, reports will be much shorter and discussion topics will be shared in advance so Members are prepared for this portion of the meeting. Members will also be solicited for input on discussion items. We are hopeful this new format will generate more input and sharing of ideas and information.



PARKS

December through January 21, 2021

- Cares Act touchless fixtures installed at selected restroom and kitchen / kitchenette areas.
- Roof repairs / maintenance on the Municipal Building and Recreation Center flat roofs. Repaired wind damage to shingles as needed.
- Asphalt repair and maintenance at the Recreation Center and Helke Park.
- Fall turf care including aerification, fertilization, and winter over seeding.
- Christmas decorations at the Recreation Center in preparation for the Santa Drive-Thru. And then, removal of decorations and placed them in storage until next year.
- Packaged and sent our failed florescent light bulbs to be recycled.
- Continued routine maintenance at the Cemetery, Parks, and Buildings.
- Snow and ice control, as needed.
- Met with Contractors regarding upcoming Capital Projects.

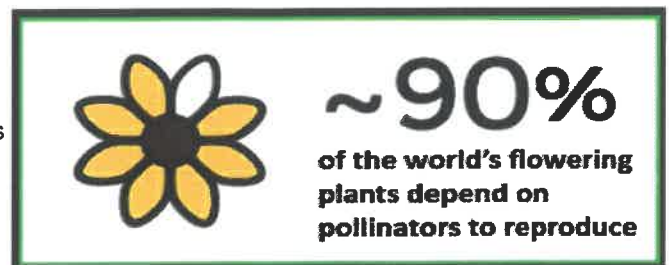
TREE CITY USA

- Fall landscape maintenance as needed at all locations. Mulch applied to beds at various locations, including Seger Park and around some of our young trees. No Veteran's Day service at the Sports Complex this year, but the landscape plantings were pruned, bed and paver walkways edged, and mulch applied in honor of the Day. Removed 75 tree water bags from young trees and placed them in storage.
- Thank you for your comments concerning what Tree City recognition means to you! Our application packet was turned in and we have again achieved Tree City USA status for the sixth consecutive year!
- Honeysuckle removal is taking place at selected areas. The East section of Robinette Park is complete, and currently working along the south perimeter of the Cemetery.
- Structural tree pruning is taking place as time allows.
- Replaced three trees and seven shrubs in the # 10 Dixie median, and then applied mulch. The original plants were hit and destroyed by a vehicle.



BEE CITY USA

Two 50 foot areas on either side of the Art Park/Historical Society Rotary Bridge were tilled in the Spring/Summer/Fall of 2020 and a variety of pollinator seeds were planted. The plants did well and the number of rows of flowers in 2021 will be enlarged. It was planned to have a Bee City display table at Seger Park for the Summerfest, hosted by *The Anthony Trissell Memorial Foundation*, but the event was cancelled due to Covid. Tom Hertlein did plantings again in 2020, but he does that on his own.



RECREATION

Dec and Jan Successful Programs

- Glow Candy Cane Hunt
- Adult and Child Cooking Classes
- Playful Picassos: Winter Wonderland
- Christmas Tree Throw-Off
- Wildlife Encounters
- Winter Camp Rec
- Kids Night Out
- Santa Drive-Thru

ESPORTS



Our 12-team, 5-week, pilot program is successfully underway! John reports that participants are enjoying playing War Zone, which is a Battle Royale game. John is monitoring game rules, and policy and procedures, and will make any needed adjustments prior to offering a league to our Community. In addition, he is preparing for an end of season single elimination tournament.

ATHLETICS

Youth Basketball



Youth Basketball has 113 participants compared to 144 last year, and is off to a good start! We are not participating with neighboring communities due to them either cancelling their leagues or playing all their games in-house. Therefore, all our leagues will be in-house.

Covid Compliance

During Youth Basketball games, our policy of "each player can bring their legal guardian and the guardian's spouse" has been working to keep the number of people in the gym to a minimum. In the first two weeks we had a few families try to work around the policy. Week one we reminded everyone of the policy, and week two we asked those that did not follow the policy to leave the gym. John continues to send emails to coaches to ask that they remind parents each week of our Covid Attendance Policy related to games played at the VRC.

Referee Shortage

The Dayton area has run into a shortage of Basketball Referees. Kevin Forrer (our assigner) is short 130 referees due to Covid. For the first two weeks of our season we had to find our own Referees, including John handling referee duties. This will be a problem for the foreseeable future. John is desperately searching for referees at the time of this report.

Winter Adult Volleyball

Due to lack of interest, the Winter Adult Volleyball league has been canceled. With the opening of the new West Carrollton facility, Miami Valley Sand, our numbers have decreased substantially. The silver lining is that Members will now have more gym time since we are not closing the gym for volleyball games in the evenings this winter.

36th Annual Turkey Shoot

The Turkey Shoot was held during the week of Nov 16-19 from 7:30-9:00pm. Due to Covid, participation was lower than normal. There were 14 participants vs. 24 participants in 2019.

RECREATION CENTER



- A daily high (since Covid) of 550 visits was hit on Monday, January 18. Daily visits continue to rise or stay steady, and Monday's continue to be the busiest day of the week.
- 46 Participants registered for our 1st winter session of swim lessons.
- 31 Patrons participated in our annual Maintain Campaign. 25 successful participants either maintained or lost weight over the Holidays! T-shirts have been ordered and will be handed out to the participants once they arrive. Vandalia Hock's once again sponsored the program.
- Standard Group Fitness Classes - 167 Classes offered in December, 155 Classes completed successfully.
- Senior Group Fitness Classes - 87 Classes offered in December, 79 Classes completed successfully.
 - Classes were canceled due to there not being at least 2 participants, or if an Instructor in unable to make the class, and is unable to secure a Sub.
- We had 14 Active Unlimited Group Fitness Passes in December. These 14 Patrons took 326 classes, or an average of 23 classes each!
- 4 Butler Swim meets were held at the VRC without incident. No spectators were permitted and we had no complaints from Patrons. Coach Bergman expressed his gratitude.



- Alicia is on the Committee working on the updated City website that will be released in the coming months.
- Premier Health has two speaker presentations scheduled at the VRC for February.
 - February 16 - Common Wounds and Burns
 - February 22 - Foam Roller
- The Front Desk Staff has been busy with Insurance-Based Memberships and the 19% discount special.
- The December Senior Incentive winners are below. 10 or more visits are required to be eligible for the drawing, and each winner receives a \$25 gift card to Kroger.
 - Ida Bukett - 11 Visits
 - Milton Alkire - 15 Visits
 - Lowell Thompson - 21 Visits
 - Freeda Hutchinson - 21 Visits
- The new January - April Program Guide has been posted.
 - To view the Program Guide, please visit <https://vandaliaohio.org/recreation/programs/>

SENIOR CENTER

2021 Memberships are steadily coming in!

Due to the lengthy Covid shut-down at the Senior Center in 2020, the 2021 membership rates have been adjusted for those individuals that were Members in 2020 to the following:

- Vandalia Resident - \$7
- Vandalia Couple - \$12
- Non-Resident - \$10
- Non-Resident Couple - \$17

New Member rates remain unchanged:

- Vandalia Resident - \$15
- Vandalia Couple - \$20
- Non-Resident - \$25
- Non-Resident Couple - \$35

Please visit the website below to view the January and February 2021 Senior Center Newsletters:

<https://vandaliaohio.org/recreation/senior-center/senior-center-newsletter/>



Due to health issues, we've lost some of our Van Tran drivers. If you know of anyone seeking volunteer opportunities and you think they would enjoy providing transportation for our senior population, please have them contact Toni Williams at 937-898-1232.

CASSEL HILLS POOL

Discussions with the Wright State Graduate Students (Capstone Project) about the CHP survey continue. Currently the WSU graduate students have 20 questions that are being reviewed for relevancy. Steve, Jeff, and Amber Holloway will meet in person with them on Thursday, Jan 21. At this meeting we hope to solidify the questions and determine when to release the survey to the public. Avenues to disperse the survey are also being discussed.

Marketing documents are being prepared for the upcoming season.

2021 DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS

o **Park Maintenance Projects**

- Tractor - \$25,000
- Forklift - \$25,000
- Fuel Tanks - \$25,000
- Helke Park Tennis and Pickleball Court Maintenance - \$20,000 (To be share with VB Schools)
- Sports Complex Outbuildings Exterior Maintenance - \$20,000
- Sports Complex Asphalt Maintenance - \$30,000
- Jeffers Park Tennis Court Maintenance - \$10,000
- Art Park Signage - \$10,000
- Art Park Pathway Asphalt - \$10,000

o **Baseball/Softball/Soccer**

- Golf Carts - \$9,000
- Ball Diamond Material - \$10,000

o **Recreation Center**

- Fitness Equipment - \$25,000
- Exterior Maintenance - \$16,600
- Main Pool Pump Rebuild - \$10,000
- Pool UV System Upgrade - \$8,500
- Pool Chemical Pumps – \$5,000
- Pool Pump Hoist System - \$15,000
- Interior Painting - \$10,000

o **Cassel Hills Swimming Pool**

- Sand Filter Media - \$7,000
- Asphalt Maintenance - \$12,000
- Pool Floor Repairs - \$15,000
- Paint Pool Floor - \$25,000 (2020 carry over project)

o **Senior Center**

- Fire Sprinkler System - \$30,000

o **Building Maintenance**

- Work Van - \$35,000
- City Building carpet - \$10,000
- City Building paint - \$10,000
- Justice Center Exterior Maintenance - \$17,000
- Justice Center Asphalt Maintenance - \$20,000
- Justice Center Flooring - \$60,000
- Park Garage Exterior Maintenance - \$15,000
- Park Garage Paint Exterior - \$10,000

o **Golf Course Building Maintenance**

- Clubhouse Roof Replacement - \$65,000
- Clubhouse Asphalt/concrete maintenance - \$20,000
- Clubhouse Patio Renovations - \$5,000

Discussion Topics for February Meeting

- Cassel Hills Pool Capstone Project
- Beverage Contract (Pepsi)
- Vision 2020 Recap
- Vision 2030 Plan