



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT JANUARY 2022

According to the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) 94% of US adults have health and wellness goals for 2022. Top goals include:

- Drinking more water and eating healthier.
- Reducing stress.
- Increasing exercise and daily step counts.
- Getting outside more often.



Our Department takes great pride in providing healthy environments for our Residents and guests to meet their health goals on a daily basis! Here's to a healthy 2022!!

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan process kicked off on Tuesday, January 11 with a Project Plan Review meeting. The next milestone will be on Wednesday, February 9 with a Project Team meeting followed by a tour of our parks by PROS Consulting, and concluding with a Steering Committee meeting at 3:30 PM. A Community Virtual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15. Community members will be invited to participate in the virtual meeting.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to long-time City employee, and former Parks & Recreation Staff Member, Missy Pruszynski, on her new appointment to the position of Human Resources Manager. We look forward to working with her!



Advisory Board Members

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

PARKS

- Removal of the Christmas Tree and decorations. Thank you to Public Works for the use of the bucket truck. The bucket truck was also used to fix some failed lighting.
- Review of Energy Systems Group Project Scope documents.
- Human Resources office work was completed. Lighting was installed and office furniture was moved back in.
- Filling of newly settled graves at the cemetery. This is important to do in a timely manner to prevent possible injury to those visiting the cemetery. Depending on weather conditions, grave settling can extend for a year.
- Removal of parking timbers at the golf course parking area. Parks Staff removed approximately 80 parking timbers. Public Works Staff removed the railroad tie wall and asphalt above the wall in preparations for Parks Staff to regrade this area and add grass seed so that this area can be mowed in the future. The railroad tie wall and pathway were both in poor condition and no longer served a purpose. This was a nice project between the Public Works and Parks Departments, and a higher degree of efficiency resulted from this group effort.
- Staff has been providing snow control as needed.
- Repairing wood trash boxes by replacing wood as needed and applying stain.
- Removed most pickleball and tennis nets at Helke Park for winter storage.
- Garden marking stakes have been cut, painted, and numbered and are ready for placement in early Spring.

TREE CITY USA

- Review of a list of trees suitable for planting in curb lawns and streets in Vandalia.
- Parks Staff viewed an online tree work safety course.
- Landscape maintenance at Cassel Hills Pool included the rejuvenation pruning of the privet shrubs and cutting back most of the perennial grasses.
- One Commemorative Tree order has been processed for the Spring, for planting at the Sports Complex.

RECREATION



Job Fair

The VRC hosted a Job Fair on Thursday, January 20, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Approximately 40 people attended, and most appeared sincere about wanting a job. Thank you to staff members from the Parks & Rec Department, along with Police and Fire, and SwimSafe.



Successfully Run Programs

- Winter Wonderland Snowman with CozyMelts - 5 participants painted snowmen pottery and snowflakes during the class.
- Kids Home Alone - 18 kids participated in this program. Thank you to the Vandalia Police and Fire Departments for leading the class. The kids learned about many different aspects of being home alone.



Recreation Staff will begin working with Zach Gueth's Sports Marketing & Management class at CTC in February and March. We are thrilled to continue this relationship with Zach and his class of Seniors.



Little Free Library

We received the \$1,000 donation from the Dayton Metro Library for the Little Free Library project. Combined with the \$1,000 from the Optimist Club, we are proceeding with purchasing the libraries and supplies.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Program registrations have been on the lower end due to the recent Covid-19 outbreaks. We will continue to provide program opportunities, but chances are, we may have more canceled programs in the future. Not due to the content of the program, but we feel people would rather stay on the safe side during this time.

ATHLETICS



Basketball Individual Participation #'s			
Avg - Past 5 Years	2019	2020	2021
149	144	108	173



With permission from Jordan Shumaker and Lindsey Shepherd (Butler's Varsity Softball Coach), one team within the Butler Baseball Club will be playing home games on Field 6. They will schedule games around the BHS Varsity Softball teams schedule by working with Jordan and Lindsey. They will work with John Myers to schedule games around VPRD games. The Butler Baseball Club will be adding 70' bases to field 6 and removing 4-6 inches of sod from the edge of the field.



142 sponsorship forms have been mailed to local businesses requesting sponsorships for the 2022 VPRD Athletic teams.

K-1st Instructional Basketball

The K-1st Instructional Basketball program began on Saturday, January 8, and is going very well. Thanks to Coach Betten and players from the boys teams in 7th, 8th, 9th, JV, and Varsity. This program is beneficial to all 60 kids registered and to the older kids that provide instruction.



Youth Baseball/Softball and Adult Softball registrations are now active!

RECREATION CENTER

December Daily Admissions Reporting

	Dec 2021 Daily Visits	Dec 2020 Revenue	Dec 2021 Revenue	Dec 5-Year Avg Revenue
Resident	436	\$ 1,575	\$ 2,488	
Non-Resident	1,069	\$ 752	\$ 7,651	
Totals	1,505	\$ 2,327	\$ 10,139	\$ 8,276



Premier Health

- The Living Will Health Talk that was scheduled for Monday, January 10 was canceled due to the instructor being ill. We are trying to reschedule.
- Stop the Bleed is scheduled for Monday, February 21 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

December Senior Incentive Winners - \$25 Kroger Gift Card

Sang Nam - 28 Charles Pace - 20
 Castaneda Jacher - 20 Marycarol Gee - 14



Happy Birthday

The Rec Center is continuing to see a high number of birthday parties on Saturdays and Sundays. 25 parties were held in December. 24 Non-Resident, 1 Resident.

Maintain Campaign

The Maintain Campaign ended on January 9 with 56 members participating. 44 members successfully completed the program at a healthy weight and will receive a free t-shirt. Titan Graphics designed the t-shirts. Hock's Pharmacy is still our program sponsor. Congratulations to all the participants!

Fitness Class Special

A HighFitness "Valentine's Special" class will be held in the gym on Thursday, February 10, from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Thanks to our outstanding instructor extraordinaire, Jill Kovacs, for providing treats and giveaways for this special class. Cost for this class and other Group Fitness classes is \$5.00. Or, no cost if you have an Unlimited Group Fitness Class pass. As a reminder, classes are available to VRC members and non-members! For more information about Group Fitness classes you can visit our website at:

Group Fitness Classes: <https://vandaliaohio.org/303/Group-Fitness-Classes>

Senior Group Fitness Classes: <https://vandaliaohio.org/344/Senior-Fitness>



SENIOR CENTER



Sinclair Class

We are the second location in Montgomery County to get a class published for the Spring Term: March 17 through May 2. (Centerville is the only other City). We will be offering the same History class that we started to have in the spring of 2020, but Covid canceled that class. Jennifer Lorenzetti will present history through photographs. Classes will be 8 weeks long. A minimum of 15 Senior Center Members must register for the class to proceed. Cost is \$30.00.



The February Newsletter has been posted online:
<https://vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center>

CASSEL HILLS POOL

- Quotes are being received for work to be done with the diving board stand that failed in 2021.

2022 Finalized Meeting Schedule

The 2022 in-person meeting schedule has been finalized. We will meet at 4 different locations around the City.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Senior Center at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the Facilities Maintenance Garage at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Helke Park at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at the Recreation Center at 6:30 PM.

If you have any discussion topics for the February 16 meeting, please let Steve know!