



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

The new Vandalia Recreation Center logos have been unveiled! Below are a few examples:



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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)



Please keep our dear friend, Joe Dranschak, in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with some health issues.

PARKS

- Fall turf fertilization was completed. A tractor and fertilizer rotary spreader attachment is shared between the Parks Department and Golf Course. Once the Golf Course completes their use, we begin our large area fertilization program. High nitrogen fertilizer is absorbed through the root system providing nutrients for healthy growth next year.
- Painting and other improvements are being made to the Human Resources office. Our Building Maintenance Staff will be completing this project soon.
- Received quotes for a variety of building projects, carpet replacement, interior and exterior painting, fencing, and gutter replacement.
- Energy Systems Group continues to provide information regarding roofing and HVAC replacement work. We continue to discuss and provide feedback as we work towards the project recommendation.
- Christmas tree preparations were completed outside the Recreation Center.

Helke Park Playground

We have received notification that we were awarded a \$100K grant from the Montgomery County CDBG Program for the Helke Park Playground. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program supports community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities. Add this to the \$225K from ARPA funds, and we now have \$325K for the redevelopment project for the Helke Park Playground!

Picnic Tables

We have received notification that we were awarded \$12,600 from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District for the purchase of recycled plastic picnic tables for our Parks.

TREE CITY USA

- We are completing the planting of six commemorative trees. Three will receive a tree charm, and one will receive a tree plaque. All will receive a recognition plaque on the wood cut out located in the VRC west hallway.

Commemorative Tree Locations and Types:

- Golf Course - Sterling Silver Linden
 - Seger Park - Ivory Silk Tree Lilac
 - Art Pak - Common Bald Cypress
 - Recreation Center - Thundercloud Plum
 - Sports Complex - Autumn Fantasy Maple and Akebono Cherry
- Landscaping was installed in the new median on National Road and the new median on North Dixie.
 - The landscape plants at the Municipal Building were 23 years old. To freshen up the look, those plants were removed and new plants were installed. The new landscape design has four-season appeal, with the natural environment in mind. Where possible, plants were used that provide environmental benefits to our bird and pollinator populations.
 - Fall landscape maintenance continues as landscape beds are cleaned out at our Parks and around our facilities.

RECREATION



Job Fair

The VRC is hosting a Job Fair on Thursday, January 20, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. To date all divisions of Parks and Recreation, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and SwimSafe will all be in attendance.

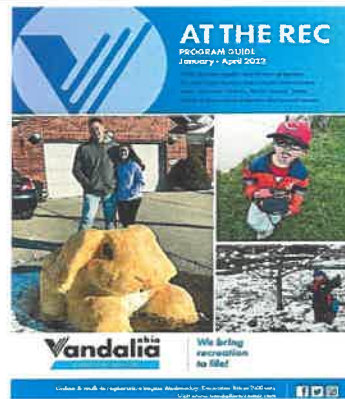


Successfully Run Programs

- Christmas Tree Lighting - Many thanks to everyone that was able to attend this event. It's always great seeing so many people enjoy a Parks & Rec event!
- Playful Picassos - Held on Monday, November 15. 8 preschoolers attended (max was 10). The kids made different Thanksgiving themed crafts and enjoyed pumpkin pie afterwards.
- Kids Night Out - Held on Friday, December 3. 28 kids attended (max was 30).

Upcoming Events

- Winter CampREC - Begins on Monday, December 20 and ends on Thursday, December 30. To date, 36 kids are signed up for the first week, and 31 kids for the second week.
- The Annual Glow Candy Cane Hunt will be held on Friday, December 17 at 6:30 PM. To date, 26 kids are signed up for this fun event!



New Program Guide

The new January - April program guide is out, and registrations began on December 8. It can be found on our website. Check it out!

ATHLETICS



Optimist Club Youth Basketball

Saturday games have begun at the VRC, and are going very well. John is navigating an Official's shortage. If you know of anyone interested in officiating, please let us know.

RECREATION CENTER



The annual 19% off Holiday Special began on November 17 and runs through January 5. This is a great opportunity to save 19% off paid-in-full annual VRC memberships and gift card purchases of \$50 or more. With a paid-in-full annual membership you will receive 10 free group fitness classes or childcare visits.

Rec Center Visits

Total number of VRC visits for November 2021 was 12,163, compared to 9,015 visits in November 2020.

November Senior Incentive Winners - \$25 Kroger Gift Card

Gerald Matheny - 24 Jean Weaver - 13
Jan Gueth - 15 Tedmond Grady - 10



A Community CPR Class was held on Friday, December 3. The cost was \$25, and 12 people attended.



The Rec Center is continuing to see a high number of birthday parties on Saturdays and Sundays. 35 parties were held in November.



Many thanks to Mike Seaman for offering free Pickleball Skills classes at the VRC. The classes have been very well attended.

Wireless Mic

A new wireless mic has been purchased for Fitness Classes in the gym and studio. The Instructors love the updated version and they are working seamlessly!

SENIOR CENTER



Toni will be out of the office through the holidays.

	Paid November	Free November	Paid YTD	Free YTD
2021	1	10	8	111
2020	1	8	4	69

The Senior Center's after-hours usage has been much busier than 2020.



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

CASSEL HILLS POOL

No new updates.

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!