



# Vandalia

At the Crossroads of America

Cassel Hills Golf Course  
Hole #14  
Photo courtesy Nick Alexander

## 2020 Annual Report/2021 Calendar



# City Council

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In January of this year, I was sworn-in as your Mayor. As a lifelong Vandalian, I was proud of my hometown and very excited to be able to give back to the City that has given my family and I so much.

Just one year later, my love for this City and the pride I have in the people who live here has grown exponentially. Over the course of this pandemic, I have watched this community come together to help one another.

We have weathered some disappointments along the way, but we are not letting those disappointments keep us down.

Over the next several months, I believe science will come through with the vaccine that will eventually allow us to put this pandemic behind us. I look forward to a time when we can all gather again for fireworks at our Sports Complex, or to watch our Aviators compete on the playing field.

Until that day comes, please know that your City Council and the men and women who work for the City of Vandalia will be here for you.

Sincerely,

Richard Herbst  
Mayor

[www.vandaliaohio.org](http://www.vandaliaohio.org)



Richard Herbst  
Mayor



Robert Ahlers  
Vice Mayor



Michael Blakesly  
Councilmember



Candice Farst  
Councilmember



Corey M. Follick  
Councilmember



David Lewis  
Councilmember



Constance Woods  
Councilmember

# Administration

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There is no word that describes the year 2020 better than “unprecedented.”

From the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, our operations have been forced to change and evolve to safely provide our citizens with necessary services. We closed access to buildings while we worked through the necessary changes to slow the spread of this virus.

Our first responders met the challenges head on, and have been on our front lines throughout this crisis. They’ve shown dedication and humanity.

It’s been a challenge, but I believe the City is emerging from this crisis, and better days are ahead.

Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate the challenges facing us all in this pandemic.

We look forward to serving you in 2021.

Kurt E. Althouse  
Interim City Manager

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Kurt Althouse  
Interim City Mgr/  
Police Chief



Rob Cron  
Public Service  
Director



Steve Clark  
Parks & Rec  
Director



Darren Davey  
IT Manager



Shannetta  
Dewberry  
HR Manager



Chad Follick  
Fire Chief



Amber Holloway  
Assistant City  
Manager



Rich Hopkins  
Communication  
Manager



Bridgette Leiter  
Finance Director



Jerry McDonald  
Law Director



David Caldwell  
Prosecutor





# City Services

## SNOW REMOVAL

A few tips for you that will help us do our best in clearing snow from the roadways: When snow is heavy enough for the plows to be out, please do not park vehicles in the street. Also, when shoveling driveways and sidewalks, do not move snow onto the street. City ordinances require property and business owners to keep their sidewalks clear of snow. When a snow storm strikes, the city manager can declare a snow emergency. When a snow emergency exists, the law requires all parked vehicles be removed from City streets within 12 hours.

## BULK ITEM PICKUP

Free pickup of extra-large trash items is available weekly through the City's contracted waste hauler, Rumpke. Homeowners must call Rumpke at least 72 hours in advance, (937) 461-0004, to advise what items need to be removed.

Bulk drop-offs at the City Garage, 97 Clubhouse Way, are available the second Saturday of several months, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. These drop-offs are limited to limbs, brush, and large construction materials. This service is not available in January, February, November or December. For more information, call (937) 415-2349.

## WASTE REMOVAL

Residents of Vandalia are provided with refuse collection for a nominal monthly fee. For information regarding pickup days in your neighborhood, call (937) 898-3750. In addition, every home receives a plastic bin for the recycling of glass, metal cans, cardboard, some plastics, and newspaper. These items are picked up along with household trash.

Yard waste may be placed in your regular trash bin or in any trash bag for pickup on your regular trash collection day. There is no longer any requirement to place your yard waste in a special bag or to separate yard waste from the rest of your trash. Brush should be in bundles no larger than 2' x 4'. Limbs larger than 6" in diameter will not be accepted. Rumpke will pick up leaves through the months of November through March. Please put the leaves in plastic bags and place them out at the curb to be collected on your regular trash pickup day. Please... no more than two bags per week.

## BR MULCH

Residents in Vandalia may also take brush, limbs, and trees that are smaller than 12 inches in diameter to BR Mulch, 620 Ginghamburg Road, Tipp City. Those using this free service must show proof of residency. For hours of operation, call BR Mulch, (937) 667-8288.

## UTILITIES

Charges for water usage, wellfield protection, sewer and waste water treatment, storm water management, mandatory trash pickup and curbside recycling are billed monthly and mailed out to residents. Payment can be mailed or dropped off at the Municipal Building's drive-through window from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or the 24-hour dropbox, located next to the drive-through window. For your convenience, the City offers an automatic bill pay option. Customers can register for automatic bill pay by completing the form on the back of the utility bill statement or by accessing the form on the City's website, [www.vandaliaohio.org](http://www.vandaliaohio.org). Automatic bill pay allows residents to have their utility bills automatically deducted from a checking or savings account. Information on other payment options is available on the website. In lieu of a paper utility bill, residents may receive email notifications concerning their utility account. Visit our website and click on the Finance Department tab; choose Utilities Division and then "View Utility Bill."

## GOLF COURSE

Vandalia's renowned and challenging golf course, Cassel Hills, runs through Taylorsville Reserve. The course is located at 201 Clubhouse Way, east of I-75. The course is open for play year-round, weather permitting. In peak season, the golf course opens at 8 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 7 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The course opens at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays so that crews can complete golf course maintenance. Times are adjusted seasonally. Find current information (including course status and golf cart availability) at the web site, [www.casselhills.com](http://www.casselhills.com), or call (937) 890-1300 during normal business hours. Greens fees range from \$8 to \$27, depending on residency or if you hold a current Season Pass. Golf carts rent for \$7 per rider for 9 holes and \$13 per rider for 18 holes.

## PERMITS/REZONING

The City requires permits for improvements such as small buildings, fencing, decks, patio covers, pools, hot tubs, fireplaces, heating and cooling, signs, satellite dishes, sewer or water system repair, and sidewalk, curb or driveway approaches. If you're not sure you need a permit, call Development and Engineering Services, (937) 898-3750.

Also, if you'd like to use your property in a way that is prohibited by its zoning, you may request that the zoning be changed. The decision to rezone land must be justified by public necessity, convenience or general welfare.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department (VPRD) offers more than 200 recreational programs and classes throughout the year. Seasonal programs are listed in a brochure published periodically. If you would like to receive a copy in the mail, please call the VPRD, (937) 890-7709. Copies are also available at the Recreation Center front desk. Information on seasonal programs can also be found online at [www.vandaliaohio.org](http://www.vandaliaohio.org) under the Parks and Recreation header. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for program information as well.



## SENIOR CITIZENS

The Vandalia Senior Center is operated under the administration of the VPRD. Through this organization, the City offers many types of recreation, education, and companionship for adults 55 and older. The center is located at 21 Tionda Drive South. For more information, call (937) 898-1232.

## PICNICS AND PARTIES

Vandalia residents may use the shelters at Helke Park or the gazebo in Seger Park for parties, picnics or special events. These services are for Vandalia residents only. Call the VPRD, (937) 415-2353 to reserve space or equipment.

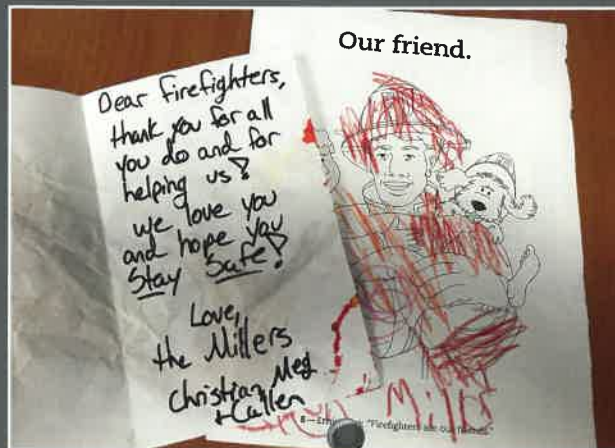
## COMMEMORATIVE TREE PROGRAM

If you'd like a living reminder of a special person or event, you may want to look into the VPRD's Commemorative Tree Program. Through this program, you can remember a friend or relative with a tree, the symbol of life. For a minimum cost of \$120, the VPRD will plant a tree in a City park and place your honoree's name on a plaque that hangs in the Vandalia Recreation Center or Municipal Building lobby (your choice). All participants receive a Commemorative Tree Recognition Certificate. The cost includes the tree, its planting and the plaque. Call (937) 890-7709 for details.



## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The VPRD will dispose of your Christmas tree, just bring it to the Sports Complex. The drop-off lot will be clearly marked and is open from December 26 through mid-January.



## MEDIA

Focus Vandalia is a locally-produced video program which features City of Vandalia news. The program is designed to keep Vandalia residents informed of important issues, programs and trends taking place in the City. Programming can be found on Dayton Access TV, which airs on Spectrum Cable Channel 5. The package that airs on DATV includes the most recent television episode, plus the most recent City Council meeting. The shows are broadcast four times each month. The schedule is as follows:

1st Wednesday 9 pm – 11 pm / Repeat following Sunday 7 am – 9 am  
3rd Wednesday 9 pm – 11 pm / Repeat following Sunday 7 am – 9 am

The programming is also available on the City of Vandalia website, [www.vandaliaohio.org](http://www.vandaliaohio.org), and on the City's YouTube Channel. To access the Vandalia YouTube channel, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and do a search for Focus Vandalia. Vandalia's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and NextDoor feeds are also great sources of information on Vandalia happenings. There are Facebook feeds for the City Manager's office, the Division of Police, the Division of Fire, Cassel Hills Golf Course, and Parks and Recreation. Public Works also manages a Twitter feed to update the community on road and sewer projects underway.





# Living in Vandalia

The COVID-19 pandemic took center stage throughout much of the year as Vandalians navigated a "Stay at Home" order, and tried to make the best out of a summer of cancelled events. Among the events cancelled were: the Vandalia Corporate Challenge, the Star Spangled Celebration; the Art Park season opener; the Citywide Garage Sale, the annual Shred Day, the Vectren Air Show and Air Show Parade; the Taste at the Crossroads; and the National Night Out Against Crime.

Vandalia made a push to encourage residents to sign up for Hyper-Reach. The free service calls registrants with important information in the event of an emergency. Those interested in signing up should visit [VandaliaOhio.org](http://VandaliaOhio.org) and click the Living Here tab.

Vandalia joined forces with Butler Township and the Vandalia-Butler School District to create a joint newsletter. The COMMUNITY Connection features information of interest to the entire Vandalia-Butler community.



(Above) Pamela Speranza made face masks and offered them free to anyone passing by her Bayonne Drive home. Speranza and her neighbors donated all the materials. More than 1,700 masks were made and distributed. An unintended consequence was that many who took the masks donated cash to the effort. The Speranzas used the \$1,500 in donations to purchase gift cards for local doctors, nurses and environmental staff working in COVID-19 units at local hospitals



(Above) Vandalia City Council held a planning retreat in May. Some Council members and staff attended the meeting using the Zoom application.



(Above) With graduation ceremonies cancelled, Butler High School used its front lawn to honor each and every member of the class of 2020.



(Left) Vandalia used Federal CARES Act funds to purchase and install glass partitions in City buildings.

(Left) The social distancing message appeared everywhere in 2020, including on the sides of RTA buses.

(Right) Vandalia encouraged citizens to participate in the 2020 U.S Census.



# JANUARY

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
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Utility Bill Due

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Martin Luther King Day  
City Offices CLOSED  
VRC OPEN

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
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# Division of Police

The Division of Police in 2020 implemented an Endangered Missing Adult and Children Program (EMAC). This program offers residents the opportunity to voluntarily share information, including photos of themselves or a family member who may have disabilities, mental health challenges, or similar health concerns. This information is available to assist officers during a missing persons investigation.

VPD is increasing training to focus on officer response to high-stress calls for service, de-escalation techniques, verbalization methods, and officer safety tactics.

Two Youth Explorer meetings are held every month. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays at 6pm. The Youth Explorer Program offers youth an opportunity for hands-on learning of law enforcement related activities for ages 14-20 who are interested in a law enforcement career.



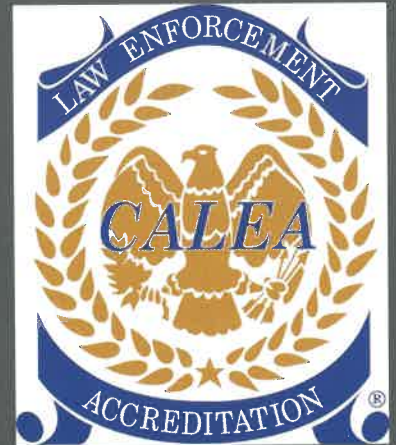
(Left) Training is an important component of the job for Vandalia Police Officers. Each year officers are required to undergo firearms training on a nearby gun range.

(Right) Increased focus on promoting commercial vehicle traffic safety on Vandalia roadways is a priority. VPD dedicates extra patrol hours that focuses on commercial vehicle traffic safety and enforcement. One of the results has been fewer commercial vehicles traveling through town.



(Above) The Division of Police partnered with Montgomery County's Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) and the Butler Township Police Department to create a Mobile Crisis Response Program which is staffed by a mental health professional. This program placed Michael Spirk, a mental health professional, in the field with police officers. The result has been less repeated police interactions with those experiencing some problems.

(Right) This sign of gratitude appeared one day in front of the Justice Center. Police Officers and staff appreciate the support they receive from the community.



The Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) completed a review of the Vandalia Division of Police in November. Vandalia has been CALEA accredited since 1992, and undergoes a recertification process every three years.

(Left) Sergeant Doug Nagel poses with a possible future Vandalia police officer on Beggar's Night in Vandalia. Officers spend time in neighborhoods handing out candy and spreading good will.





# FEBRUARY

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
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President's Day  
City offices OPEN  
Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Utility Bill Due

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Parks & Rec Advisory  
Board, 6:30 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
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# Economic Development

The Vandalia Commercial Facade Improvement Program launched over the summer. The program is designed to help local businesses improve their building appearance through grants. The grants can cover up to 50% of the costs of eligible building improvements.

Leaders from throughout the region attended a kickoff event for a project that will widen US Route 40 west of Airport Access Road. The project is expected to ease traffic congestion by increasing capacity and encouraging trucks to avoid driving through the center of town.

Vandalia partnered with the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce to present a webinar on loan and grant programs in place to assist businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Vandalia Eats" was a local program that made people aware of which local restaurants were open for carry-out service during the Governor's "Stay-At-Home" order.



(Above) The iconic Rib House sign was removed from its National Road location in February. The site will become a Chipotle Restaurant in 2021.



(Above) Triad Technologies is in the process of completing a 47,000 sq. foot expansion in 2020, which nearly doubles the size of its Vandalia operation.



Vandalia distributed PPE kits to local small businesses including Superior Abrasives (above) and the Vandalia Barber Shop (right). The kits included masks and hand sanitizer.



Vandalia staff launched a campaign to encourage people to patronize local restaurants struggling with the COVID-19 restrictions. Assistant city manager Amber Holloway (above) enjoyed lunch at Hothead Burritos while Missy Pruszyński ate at Christy's Pizza.



# MARCH

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
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Free large item and  
debris drop-off  
Public Works Garage  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Daylight Savings Time  
begins. At 2 a.m., set clock  
ahead to 3 a.m.

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Utility Bill Due

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Golf Advisory Board,  
7:30 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
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# Finance Department

The majority of the Auditor of State's Office 2019 Audit was completed remotely. This presented challenges, as large amounts of paperwork typically handed to the auditors needed to be scanned and e-mailed.

The City of Vandalia received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for fiscal year 2019. This marks the 31st consecutive year that the City has received this award. The award means that the City has timely filed the report and there are no findings for recovery.

Vandalia utility customers have the option of signing up for online ACH payments, which eliminates the need to write monthly checks. Customers can also opt for paperless billing, which sends your monthly statement in a convenient e-mail format.

Need your water service turned off to make repairs? Moving? Need a final meter reading? Call the Water Division, 937-415-2231, 48 hours prior to schedule an appointment.



(Left) Kim Bruce assists a customer making a utility payment.



(Right, Below) Finance staff prepare for a purge of outdated paperwork on file. All sensitive documents are shredded onsite to prevent identity theft.



(Left Middle) Finance Director Bridgette Leiter accepted the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction on behalf of the Finance Department.



(Above) With the tax window open to the public, there has been strong focus on cleaning surface areas to limit the spread of COVID-19. Staff wear facemasks and sanitize common areas after every customer interaction.

## Need help with your City taxes?



The Vandalia Tax Division will have extended office hours in the days leading up to the April 15 filing deadline.

Saturday, April 3  
Saturday, April 10  
Wednesday, April 14  
Thursday, April 15

8 a.m. to Noon  
8 a.m. to Noon  
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# APRIL

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                        | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                | TUESDAY                                                                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                  | THURSDAY                                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                        | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>4</p> <p>Easter Sunday<br/>VRC CLOSED</p>                                                                                                                  | <p>5</p> <p>Council Study Session, 6 p.m.<br/>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.</p>                                                                        | 6                                                                                                      | 7                                                                                                          | 8                                                                                                                | 9                                                             | <p>10</p> <p>Extended Tax Office Hours<br/>8 a.m. to Noon<br/>Free large item and<br/>debris drop-off<br/>Public Works Garage<br/>8 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> |
| 11                                                                                                                                                            | 12                                                                                                                                                    | <p>13</p> <p>Planning Commission,<br/>6 p.m.<br/>Extended Tax Office Hours<br/>7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Extended Tax Office Hours<br/>7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.<br/>Board of Zoning Appeals,<br/>6 p.m.</p> | <p>15</p> <p>City Tax Returns Due<br/>Extended Tax Office Hours<br/>7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.<br/>Utility Bill Due</p> | 16                                                            | 17                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>18</p> <p>Vandalia-Butler Historical<br/>Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.</p>                                                                               | <p>19</p> <p>Council Study Session, 6 p.m.<br/>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.</p>                                                                       | 20                                                                                                     | 21                                                                                                         | 22                                                                                                               | 23                                                            | 24                                                                                                                                                     |
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# Public Works

The Public Works Department utilized a split schedule during the first few weeks of the pandemic. The staff was split into two groups, which worked on alternating days. This reduced the risk of an infection wiping out the entire crew. Those working were required to social distance and wear masks.

The Public Works Department continued work on the Foundation Drain Disconnect program. The program reimburses homeowners 80 percent of the costs up to \$1,200 to disconnect their foundation drains from the sanitary sewer line. Public Works crews perform drain inspections for EPA compliance and then extend storm sewers and provide a lateral connection.

In an effort to control the growth of unwanted vegetation in the roadway, curbs and gutters, the Public Works Department sprayed weed control chemicals throughout the City. A small utility vehicle equipped with a spray tank allowed crews to efficiently apply the herbicide.



(Above) The Public Works Department purchased a utility vehicle with a mounted spray tank to eliminate vegetation in the roadways, curbs and gutters.



(Above) Public Works crews are responsible for picking up leaves raked to the curb. Each neighborhood is swept at least four times through the fall.

(Right) Public Works crews are responsible for maintaining the 68 miles of Vandalia roadways. In the photo, crews cleaning up after installing storm sewer lines on Leaf Tree Lane.



(Below) Front end loaders are used to load the plow trucks with road salt.



(Left) In the winter months, Public Works crews drive the plows that keep City streets clear of snow and ice. The trucks are equipped with large plows and a good supply of road salt.



(Above, Right) Public Works crews are responsible for repairing water main breaks throughout the City. These breaks can occur any time of the day or night and in any kind of weather.



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| 2<br>Vandalia-Butler Historical Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.                                                                                            | 3<br>Council Study Session, 6 p.m.<br>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.                                                                                        | 4                                 | 5                                           | 6                           | 7                           | 8<br>Free large item and debris drop-off<br>Public Works Garage<br>8 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| 9                                                                                                                                                          | 10                                                                                                                                                        | 11<br>Planning Commission, 6 p.m. | 12<br>Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.       | 13                          | 14                          | 15                                                                                  |
| 16<br>Vandalia-Butler Historical Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.<br>City-Wide Garage Sale                                                                  | 17<br>Council Study Session, 6 p.m.<br>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.<br>Utility Bill Due                                                                   | 18                                | 19<br>Parks & Rec Advisory Board, 6:30 p.m. | 20<br>City-Wide Garage Sale | 21<br>City-Wide Garage Sale | 22<br>City-Wide Garage Sale                                                         |
| 23<br>30                                                                                                                                                   | 24<br>Memorial Day<br>City Offices CLOSED<br>VRC OPEN<br>7 a.m. - Noon<br>(Fitness Floor, Track and Gymnasium only)<br>31                                 | 25<br>Planning Commission, 6 p.m. | 26<br>Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.       | 27                          | 28                          | 29                                                                                  |



# Parks and Recreation

A project to replace all outdoor lighting at the Sports Complex with more efficient LED lighting is nearly complete. All pole lights, with the exception of the ball diamond lights, are now LED. These lights provide a higher-quality light and requires less maintenance.

Austrian Pine trees at some park locations are starting to die as the result of a fungus. Parks and Recreation staff are closely monitoring the situation and will remove the trees as they fail. Trees that die will be replaced with Eastern Red Cedar trees, which are native to southwest Ohio.

Several commemorative trees were planted this spring. The street trees along National and Dixie were pruned for roadway clearance and low limb removal.

Building maintenance staff were able to complete several projects during COVID related building shutdowns. Improvements were made at the senior center and the recreation center.



(Above) "DASH" is the name of this sculpture on display at the Vandalia Art Park. Created by James Oleson, the sculpture will remain at the park until late Spring, 2021.



(Above) A monumental day for Vandalia youngsters! June 10 was the day the State of Ohio lifted restrictions on playground equipment. Bright and early that morning, Parks and Recreation staff removed the fencing around the equipment to make it available to the public.

(Right) In October, the Parks and Recreation Department celebrated the value trees bring to our City. The 117 trees planted along the business corridor bring \$2,677 in value each year by intercepting stormwater, reducing atmospheric carbon and saving cooling costs by providing shade. The tag placed on the tree represents ten years of savings.



(Left) Parks crews install a totem to replace a tile mosaic totem. The new totem used twist-off bottle caps to create interesting designs.



(Below) Alicia McCracken places a sign encouraging social distancing on the grounds of the Vandalia Recreation Center.



(Above) Each year the Parks and Recreation Department invites citizens to bring their Christmas Trees to the Sports Complex parking lot so they can be recycled. In the photo above, Bryan Fine loads a tree into the wood chipper.

# JUNE

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                        | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>May 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p><del>23</del> <del>24</del> 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p><del>30</del> <del>31</del></p> | <p>July 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> | 1                                                                                                   | 2                                                | 3        | 4      | 5        |
| <p>6</p> <p>Vandalia-Butler Historical Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.</p>                                                                                                                                     | 7                                                                                                                                                            | <p>8</p> <p>Planning Commission, 6 p.m.</p>                                                         | <p>9</p> <p>Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.</p>  | 10       | 11     | 12       |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 14                                                                                                                                                           | <p>15</p> <p>Utility Bill Due</p>                                                                   | 16                                               | 17       | 18     | 19       |
| <p>20</p> <p>Vandalia-Butler Historical Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.</p>                                                                                                                                    | <p>21</p> <p>Council Study Session, 6 p.m.<br/>City Council, 7 p.m.<br/>(Summer Schedule)</p>                                                                | <p>22</p> <p>Planning Commission, 6 p.m.<br/>Taste at the Crossroads Sports Complex 5 to 8 p.m.</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.</p> | 24       | 25     | 26       |
| 27                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>28</p> <p>Golf Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m.</p>                                                                                                              | 29                                                                                                  | 30                                               |          |        |          |



# Cassel Hills

SwimSafe Pool Management will be handling the aquatic staffing at Cassel Hills Pool for the 2021 season. Contact the VPRD to receive information on applying to become a lifeguard.

Cassel Hills Golf Course was able to host outings after COVID-19 guidelines were adjusted. The Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club and Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce were able to conduct their annual events.

Cassel Hills Golf Course hosts the boys and girls high school golf teams from Vandalia-Butler and Tippecanoe. The course hosted 720 high school rounds in 2020.

If you've ever wanted to improve your game by playing in a league, Cassel Hills Golf Course is the place to go. The course has multiple men's and women's leagues that play throughout the week. Go to the course website, [CasselHills.com](http://CasselHills.com), for sign-up information. The course had 17 leagues in 2020 and is looking to add more in 2021.



(Above, Below) The Cassel Hills Golf Course was one of the few City amenities that was able to operate throughout the pandemic. Course staff were able to incorporate mandated operational guidelines and remain open to the public.



A beautiful sunrise at Cassel Hills Golf Course.



(Left) Cassel Hills will be replacing its fleet of golf carts for the 2021 golf season. The new carts are equipped with GPS technology that allows the staff to program carts so they cannot be driven into restricted areas of the course.

(Right) Cassel Hills Swimming Pool's 2020 season was a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic, and did not open.

(Left) Carl Hafer and Managing Golf Professional Ben Lickliter work behind the counter.



# JULY

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

June 2021

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August 2021

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Independence Day  
VRC OPEN  
7 a.m. to Noon

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City Offices CLOSED in  
observance of  
Independence Day

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Vandalia-Butler  
Chamber of Commerce  
Air Show Parade  
7 p.m.

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Vectren Dayton Air Show  
Free large item and  
debris drop-off  
Public Works Garage  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Vectren Dayton Air Show

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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Utility Bill Due

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Vandalia-Butler Historical  
Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council, 7 p.m.  
(Summer Schedule)

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Taste at the Crossroads  
Sports Complex  
5 to 8 p.m.

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Golf Advisory Board,  
7:30 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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# Budget

## CITY OF VANDALIA 2021 BUDGET ESTIMATES

### ESTIMATED REVENUES

|                                                    |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund.....                                  | \$24,715,740 |
| Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund..... | 1,459,623    |
| State Highway.....                                 | 101,856      |
| Permissive Tax.....                                | 40,300       |
| Law Enforcement.....                               | 1,000        |
| Drug Law Enforcement.....                          | 150          |
| OMVI Education and Enforcement.....                | 500          |
| OMVI Indigent.....                                 | 20,000       |
| Computer Legal Research.....                       | 140,000      |
| Indigent Drivers IAM Fund.....                     | 20,000       |
| Storm Water.....                                   | 286,500      |
| Court Projects Special Revenue.....                | 125,000      |
| Employment Retirement Reserve.....                 | 225,000      |
| Capital Improvement.....                           | 875,200      |
| Police-Fire-Street CIP.....                        | 2,188,000    |
| TIF Capital Projects Fund.....                     | 71,450       |
| Ohio Public Works Commission Fund.....             | 195,424      |
| GO Debt Service.....                               | 2,655,000    |
| Golf.....                                          | 999,400      |
| Water.....                                         | 2,454,405    |
| Sewer.....                                         | 1,723,215    |
| Hospital Care.....                                 | 3,202,000    |
| Stonequarry Crossings TIF Fund.....                | 17,000       |
| Fire Equipment Fund.....                           | 1,100,000    |
| Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund.....           | 2,404,500    |

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE.....\$45,021,263

### ESTIMATED EXPENSES

|                                                    |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund.....                                  | \$25,871,766 |
| Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund..... | 1,117,251    |
| State Highway.....                                 | 77,000       |
| Permissive Tax.....                                | 46,500       |
| Law Enforcement.....                               | 500          |
| Drug Law Enforcement.....                          | 100          |
| OMVI Education and Enforcement.....                | 1,000        |
| OMVI Indigent.....                                 | 50,000       |
| Computer Legal Research.....                       | 145,191      |
| Indigent Drivers IAM Fund.....                     | 100,000      |
| Storm Water.....                                   | 283,479      |
| Court Projects Special Revenue.....                | 149,117      |
| Employment Retirement Reserve.....                 | 92,882       |
| Capital Improvement.....                           | 803,316      |
| Police-Fire-Street CIP.....                        | 2,012,690    |
| TIF Capital Projects Fund.....                     | 26,653       |
| Ohio Public Works Commission Fund.....             | 195,424      |
| GO Debt Service.....                               | 2,273,500    |
| Golf.....                                          | 1,083,406    |
| Water.....                                         | 2,535,037    |
| Sewer.....                                         | 1,864,566    |
| Hospital Care.....                                 | 3,127,950    |
| Stonequarry Crossings TIF Fund.....                | 15,500       |
| Fire Equipment Fund.....                           | 1,100,000    |
| Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund.....           | 2,404,500    |

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE.....\$45,377,328

# AUGUST

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Vandalia-Butler Historical  
Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Nat'l Night Out Against Crime  
6 p.m.,  
Sports Complex

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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Free large item and  
debris drop-off  
Public Works Garage  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Vandalia-Butler Historical  
Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.

16

Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council, 7 p.m.  
(Summer Schedule)  
Utility Bill Due

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Parks & Rec Advisory  
Board, 6:30 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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July 2021

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September 2021

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# Development & Engineering

At the height of the pandemic, Development and Engineering Services staff met with the public by appointment only and postponed inspections not deemed critical. The DES lobby was closed to the public while the Stay at Home order was in effect.

New watermains were installed and individual services lines reconnected on Brindlestone Drive and Marview Avenue in 2020. The old water lines were brittle and subject to frequent breaks.

The 2020 street resurfacing project was completed over the summer months. The \$385,000 project allowed crews to resurface more than a dozen streets. Curbs and concrete repair were also a part of the project.

Neighborhood drainage projects were completed on S.Tionda Drive and Adeline Avenue. The work was necessary to eliminate issues with standing water.



(Above) New fire hydrants were installed as part of a water main replacement project on Marview Avenue.

(Right) After 27 years of dedicated service to the City, DES Office Manager Vicki Hawse is taking a well-deserved retirement. Vicki has been a terrific ambassador for the City, and her friendly demeanor will be missed.



(Below) Crews completed the first phase of a road improvement project at Northwoods Boulevard and Falls Creek Drive. A traffic signal will be installed in 2021.



(Right) A resurfacing project on US-40 was completed in late spring. The project began in 2019 with National Road being resurfaced from Airport Access to Brown School Road. Brown School Road to the Taylorsville Dam was completed in 2020.



(Above) Crews give the Inverness Drive water tower a thorough cleaning.

# SEPTEMBER

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August 2021

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Vandalia-Butler Historical  
Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Labor Day  
City Offices Closed  
VRC OPEN 7 a.m. to Noon

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council, 7 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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Free large item and  
debris drop-off  
Public Works Garage  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Utility Bill Due

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Vandalia-Butler Historical  
Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council, 7 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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Golf Advisory Board,  
7:30 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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# Division of Fire

In March of 2020, the Division of Fire implemented its flu response & continuity of operations plan in response to the COVID pandemic. Fire Stations were closed to the public, crews were confined to quarters, enhanced PPE protocols, disinfecting and cleaning protocols, and self-medical evaluations were put into place.

The Division of Fire continues to require enhanced PPE on every EMS contact and continues to execute enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

The Division of Fire continues to promote social distancing in the fire station and while crews are out in the community performing non-emergency functions.

The Division of Fire's Five Year Strategic Plan was implemented January 1. Action steps identified in the plan have been initiated and several of the goals and objectives are being met.



Vandalia's medic vehicles are now equipped with cot lifting devices, which make it much easier and much safer to place patients in the back of the vehicle.



Crews at Fire Station #1 pose in front of a Very Important Vehicle in September... the Presidential limo.

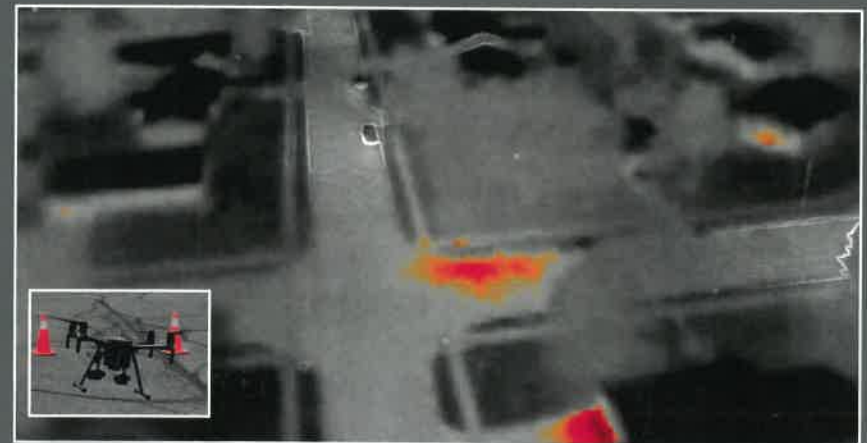
(Right) The Explorers program gives high school aged students the opportunity to learn about careers in fire service. Pictured are: back row (L-R) Nick Clark, Kristian Hockwalt; middle row (L-R) Drew Stitzel, Ryan Santo, Noah Vandoesburg; front row (L-R) Murry Harris, McKenna Cleek, Anthony Perkins Jr.



(Left) Vandalia Fire crews receive instructions during a training exercise.



(Right) Fire Chief Chad Follick presents Bridgette Haines with the Civilian Medal of Courage. Haines was honored for actions she took in a medical emergency.



(Above) Vandalia has trained 8 police/fire employees and one IT employee to become FAA certified drone pilots. The drones, which are equipped with infrared cameras, have already proven very useful in lost person emergencies, water rescue situations, hazardous material spills and working fires.

# OCTOBER

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                               | MONDAY                                                                                                                         | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY                                | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                 | SATURDAY                                                                               |
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| 3<br>Fire Division Open House<br>8705 Peters Pike<br>Noon to 2 p.m.<br>Vandalia-Butler Historical<br>Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m. | 4<br>Council Study Session, 6 p.m.<br>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.                                                             | 5                                    | 6                                        | 7        | 8                      | 9<br>Free large item and<br>debris drop-off<br>Public Works Garage<br>8 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| 10                                                                                                                                   | 11<br>Columbus Day<br>City Offices OPEN                                                                                        | 12<br>Planning Commission,<br>6 p.m. | 13<br>Board of Zoning Appeals,<br>6 p.m. | 14       | 15<br>Utility Bill Due | 16                                                                                     |
| 17<br>Vandalia-Butler Historical<br>Society Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.                                                                  | 18<br>Council Study Session, 6 p.m.<br>City Council, 7 p.m.                                                                    | 19                                   | 20                                       | 21       | 22                     | 23                                                                                     |
| 24<br>Beggars Night<br>6 to 8 p.m.<br>31                                                                                             | 25<br>Golf Advisory Board,<br>7:30 p.m.                                                                                        | 26<br>Planning Commission,<br>6 p.m. | 27<br>Board of Zoning Appeals,<br>6 p.m. | 28       | 29                     | 30                                                                                     |



# Senior Citizens Center

Governor DeWine ordered the closing of the Senior Center at 4:00pm on Friday, March 13. The center reopened on Thursday, October 1. With the center closed for much of the year, staff used the opportunity to make a number of improvements.

Improvements during shut down included painting the interior of the building. Contractors painted the dining room, restrooms, art room, card room, kitchen, hallways and some ceilings. Senior Center Coordinator Toni Williams also dismantled, sanded and painted all of the kitchen cabinets and refinished all of the Center's door jams.

The Senior Center resumed Van Tran transportation services on Monday, July 6.

The Center has put a number of safety protocols in place. The Center's maximum capacity has been reduced to allow for six-foot social distancing throughout the building.



(Above) Even with the Senior Center closed, some members could not stay away. This group decided to meet once a week in the center's parking lot to stay in touch while also staying six feet apart. Crossroads Rehab caught wind of the group and surprised the ladies with goodie bags.



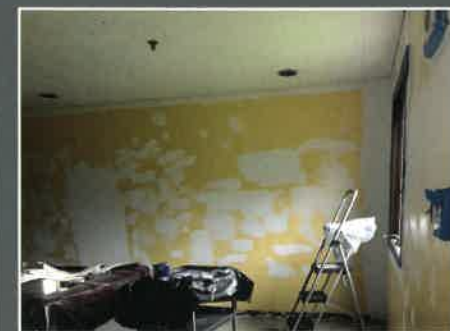
(Above) The Brukner Nature Center visited the Senior Center in October to introduce a black rat snake to those attending the socially-distanced "Dessert & Learn" event.

(Right) The new normal. One of the procedures instituted when the Senior Center reopened in October requires every visitor to undergo a temperature check upon entering the building.



(Left) Patty Kopp is one of the members of the Senior Center Flower Group. The group makes beautiful arrangements for just about any occasion. Their work is available for purchase at the Senior Center.

(Below) The parking lot at the Senior Center was resurfaced during the mandated closure in 2020.



(Above) Maintenance crews repaired the walls in the billiards room and Center Coordinator Toni Williams painted them.

# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Election Day

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Daylight Savings Time ends.  
At 2 a.m., set clock  
back to 1 a.m.

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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Veterans Day  
City Offices OPEN

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Utility Bill Due

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Golf Advisory Board,  
7 p.m.

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Parks & Rec Advisory,  
Board, 6:30 p.m.

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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Thanksgiving Day  
City Offices CLOSED  
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7 a.m. to Noon

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City Offices CLOSED

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October 2021

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December 2021

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# Bruce Sucher Recreation Center

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Recreation Center was closed to the public on Monday, March 16. The Center reopened under new operational guidelines on Tuesday, May 26.

Fitness classes were highly impacted by the pandemic, as the group fitness studio did not offer enough social distancing space. More than 60 different classes were moved to the gymnasium. This was a challenge as all classes and times needed to be rearranged in order to allow a variety of classes for seniors and non-seniors to fit in one space. The length of time for land classes was changed to allow sufficient time for proper and effective equipment cleaning.

The Center added a new Cleaning Attendant part-time position at the VRC specifically due to the pandemic. This position was added to have extra staff on hand to clean during busier times at the VRC.



(Above) The Vandalia Recreation Center offers a wide variety of fitness classes. "Pound" is a cardio jam session utilizing drumsticks to work out to the beat of the music.



(Left) The Vandalia Recreation Center features a state-of-the-art fitness center and an elevated walking track.

(Right) The Aquatics Center contracted with SwimSafe, a pool management company, in 2020. The Center is also offering swim lessons through SwimSafe.



Staff at the Recreation Center took advantage of down time to do some deep cleaning. Staff cleaned the large fans situated above the fitness area, and drained and scrubbed the Aquatic Center.



(Above) The Recreation Center custodial staff researched and purchased new cleaning products. Disinfecting wipes and new surface disinfectant spray were selected that would be more effective in killing the virus on all surfaces. In the photo, Paul Easterly sanitizes a workout machine.

# DECEMBER

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November 2021

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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Utility Bill Due

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Council Study Session, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Appeals,  
6 p.m.

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Christmas Eve  
City Offices CLOSED  
VRC OPEN 7 a.m. to Noon

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Christmas Day  
VRC CLOSED

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City Offices CLOSED

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Planning Commission,  
6 p.m.

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New Years Eve  
City Offices OPEN  
VRC OPEN 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.





# What Brightens Your Day?

*In the early weeks of the Stay at Home order, we held a photo contest that asked Vandalia residents to answer a simple question, "What brightens your day?"*

*The photos we received illustrated how families across the City were able to find joy in an unprecedented public health emergency. We were overwhelmed by the volume and quality of photos we received.*

*Some of our favorite photos are included over the next four pages.*

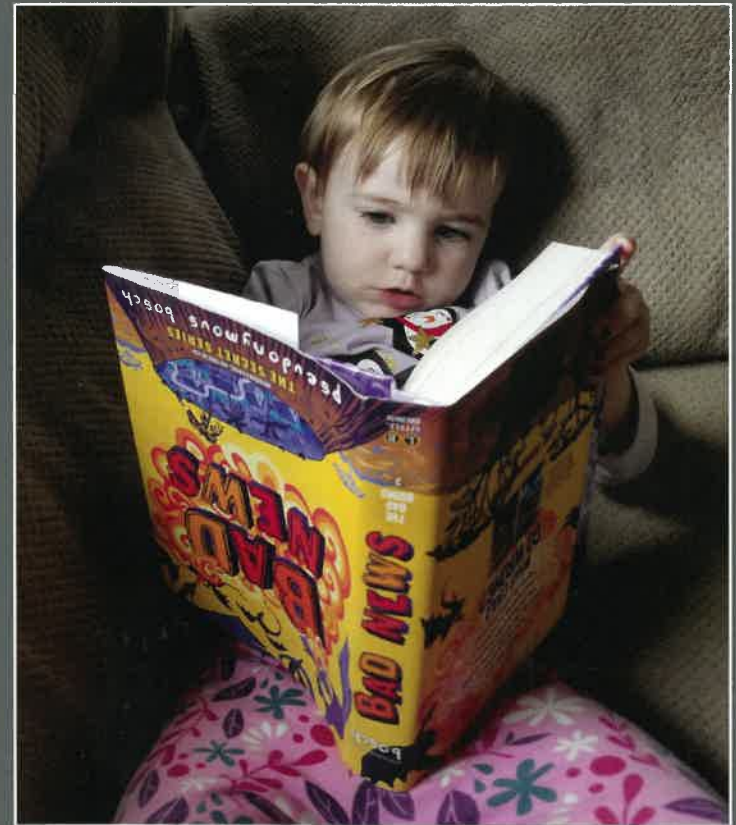


**Sarah Bramlage**

"Spending every day with the love of my life! The one up side about the virus is I didn't have to go back to work as I had planned, and have gotten to spend quality time with my son. We have gone out for some walks on the nice days, even if it's just around the yard."

**Cait Rybak**

"Flowers in our hair brightens our day!"



**Ashley Miller**

"Reading brightens all of our days."





**Laura Wampler**

"Bubbles brighten our days! Bubbles turn our frowns upside down!"



**Tasha Gibbs**

"My boys are still able to play together outside on sunny days."



**Amy Uhl Heis**

"Life Hack for missing our baseball games at the Rec. Our boys had their own opening day for baseball at home!"



**Dallas Sabourin**

"Gardening and celebrating her birthday family time has been how we have gotten through this and it's been wonderful!"



**Debbie Miles-Zwolski**

"This girl... everyday!!!"



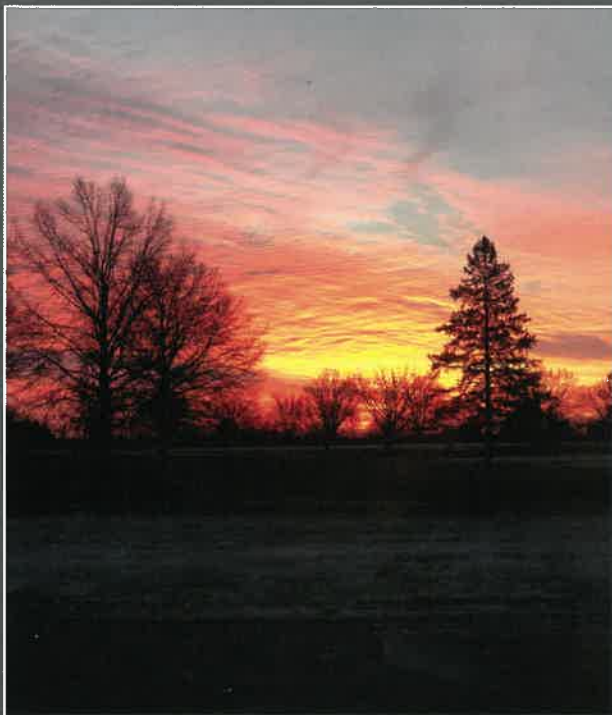
**Jamie J. Crossman**

"School outside! We can enjoy math again!"





# Here Comes The Sun!



**Crystal Veselik**

"Some of the best sunrises are from my balcony looking out at the Cassel Hills Golf Course!"



**Crystal Rotramel**

Sunrise at Vandalia Recreation Center.



**Tami Daniel**

"Sunrise this morning. In front of the VBHS football field."



**Becky Carter Galyon**

"My favorite spot in the city to watch the sunrise - Taylorsville Dam."





**Tammy Jo Himsworth**  
"Making artwork outside."



**Brandy Kincaid**  
"Driveway/sidewalk art for the neighborhood walkers to enjoy!"



**Valerie Hildbranski**  
"Treats are our positive outlook! Henry, Oliver and Dutchess."



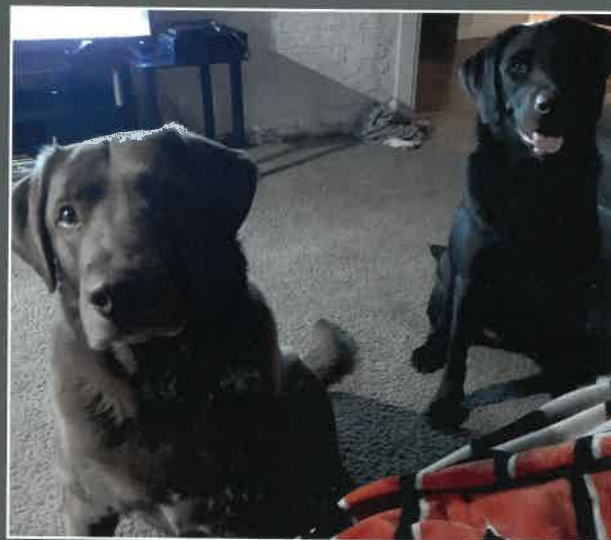
**Aimee Gerard**  
"I stay positive by sharing my positivity with others via chalk message. When the rain washed this one away, I'll change it to a new one!"



**Karen Joynes**  
"I found a new hobby during the quarantine. Fishing. This was Easter Sunday at the pond below the sledding hill on Brown School Road. This keeps your mind and hands occupied while spending time with family."



**Jessica Johnson**  
"Life hack for social distancing - pup handshakes with grandma."

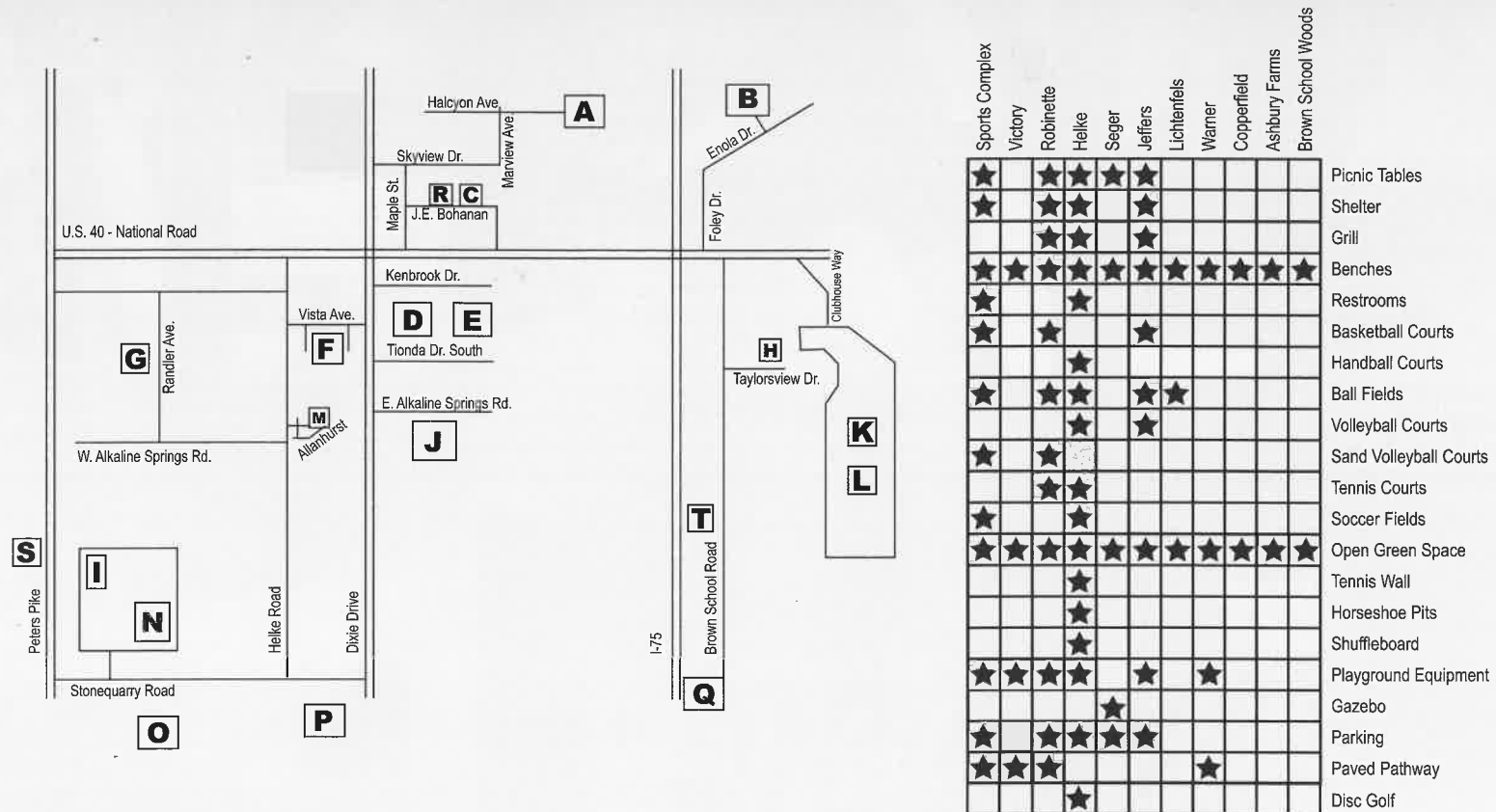


**Ashleigh Smith**  
"My fur babies Murphy and Maverick."





# Parks and Facilities



- A. Jeffers Park - 407 Halcyon Avenue
- B. Robinette Park - 750 Enola Drive
- C. Vandalia Municipal Building - 333 James E. Bohanan Drive
- D. Senior Citizens Center - 21 Tionda Drive South
- E. Seger Park - 23 Tionda Drive South
- F. Victory Park - Attica Street
- G. Helke Park - 888 Randler Avenue
- H. Cassel Hills Pool - 1061 Taylorsview Drive
- I. Vandalia Sports Complex - 1101 Stonequarry Road
- J. Vandalia Art Park - 256 E. Alkaline Springs Road
- K. Public Works Garage - 97 Clubhouse Way

- L. Cassel Hills Golf Course - 201 Clubhouse Way
- M. Warner Park - 405 Allanhurst Avenue
- N. Vandalia Recreation Center - 1111 Stonequarry Road
- O. Copperfield Park - Greystone and Middlefield
- P. Ashbury Farms Park - 1701 Ashworth Drive
- Q. Brown School Road Park - Hunter's Chase and Waldsmith
- R. Vandalia Justice Center - 245 James E. Bohanan Drive
- S. Fire Station #1 - 8705 Peters Pike
- T. Fire Station #2 - 725 S. Brown School Road

# Citizen Volunteers

A number of Vandalian assist our community on a variety of City Boards and Commissions. Go to our website for more information on these groups' roles.

## Arts Council

Kristin Cox  
Taylor Cupp  
Emily Esau  
Deborah Fain  
Carolyn Gray  
Kimberly Hyatt  
Judith Pope  
Edgar Rapp  
Justin Spivey  
Joanne Townsend

## Bicycle Committee

Deborah Barry  
Henry "Hal" Hunter  
Chuck Smith

## Board of Zoning Appeals

Amber Aivalotis-Weaver  
David Arnold  
Mike Flannery  
Christopher Prokes  
Arlene Setzer

## Civil Service Commission

Harry Beyoglides  
Forest Moses  
Timothy Townsend

## Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

Judy R. Dodge  
Amber Aivalotis-Weaver  
John Froschauer, Sr.  
Jack Shirley

## Golf Advisory Board

Douglas Arp  
David Higgins  
Gordon Jackson  
Carolyn North  
Robert Wolfe

## Housing Code Board of Appeals

John Froschauer, Sr.  
Jimmie Geaslen  
Aaron Hathaway  
Robert Heeter  
Holly Payton

## Local Board of Tax Review

Peter Breidenbach  
Frank Keish, Jr.

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Bob Costello (Emeritus)  
Lydia Baker  
Tara Landis  
Lenny Maenza  
Rick Scherer  
Larry Taylor  
Rodney Washburn

## Planning Commission

Ron Atkins  
Kristin Cox  
Lori Hertlein  
Elaine Johnson  
Claudia Turrell

## Vandalia Development Corporation

Michael Blakesly  
David Gerhard  
William G. Hibner, Jr.  
Larry Taylor  
Constance Woods

# Frequently asked questions

Q: I need to pay a traffic ticket. Do I still go to the Municipal Building?

A: No. Since June 1999, the Vandalia Municipal Court has been located in the Justice Center, 245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive (on the west side of the Post Office). The Municipal Building now houses only council, administrative offices, finance and development and engineering services.

To pay a traffic ticket, you can go to the Justice Center, or pay online at [www.vandaliaocourt.com](http://www.vandaliaocourt.com)

Q: Where are the Parks & Recreation offices located?

A: The Parks & Recreation offices are located within the Vandalia Recreation Center, 1111 Stonequarry Road.

Q: I would like to participate in the annual Citywide Garage Sale. Does the City coordinate it?

A: Although the City sets the date for the garage sale — usually the third weekend in May — and advertises it in the annual report, there is no coordination involved. Citizens simply advertise their sales and enjoy the increased "traffic" that city wide publicity brings.

Q: I am a business professional working in Vandalia. Where can I get more information about how Vandalia can help me?

A: The City Manager's Office has detailed information on business and industrial recruitment and retention, local business, property availability, tax incentives and more. Much of this information can be accessed by visiting the City's website, [www.vandaliaohio.org](http://www.vandaliaohio.org). You may also want to call the Chamber of Commerce, 898-5351.

Q: My group would like to have a float in the Air Show Parade. Does the City organize the parade?

A: While the City is very much involved in the Air Show Parade, the event is actually organized by the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce. If you'd like to participate, call the Chamber, 898-5351.

Q: Does the City handle marriage licenses?

A: No. To obtain a marriage license, you must go to the Marriage License Bureau, 41 North Perry Street, Dayton. For more information, call 225-4656.





# Phone Directory

|                                               |                |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Air & Trade Show.....                         | (937) 898-5901 |
| American Legion #668.....                     | (937) 890-7336 |
| Amvets #99.....                               | (937) 890-6161 |
| Animal Shelter/Animal Control.....            | (937) 898-4457 |
| Board of Elections (Voter Registration) ..... | (937) 225-5656 |
| Butler Township Offices .....                 | (937) 898-6735 |
| Montgomery County Incinerator .....           | (937) 225-4999 |
| Post Office .....                             | (937) 898-4282 |
| RTA Information .....                         | (937) 425-8300 |
| Rumpke .....                                  | (937) 461-0004 |
| VFW Post 9582 .....                           | (937) 890-5055 |
| Vandalia Public Library .....                 | (937) 496-8960 |
| Vandalia Food Pantry .....                    | (937) 890-6628 |
| Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce.....      | (937) 898-5351 |
| Vandalia-Butler Foundation .....              | (937) 898-5802 |
| Vandalia-Butler Historical Society            |                |
| Joe Dranschak.....                            | (937) 898-5300 |
| Vandalia-Butler Lions Club                    |                |
| Gary Spoltman.....                            | (937) 478-0494 |
| Vandalia-Butler Lioness Club                  |                |
| Glenda Ziemer (Only call after Noon) .....    | (937) 898-3736 |
| Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club                 |                |
| Matt Neely .....                              | (937) 280-5858 |
| Vandalia-Butler Rotary                        |                |
| David Yenney.....                             | (937) 898-8989 |
| Vandalia Sister Cities                        |                |
| Dave Starline.....                            | (937) 898-6462 |
| Vandalia-Butler Schools                       |                |
| Board of Education .....                      | (937) 415-6400 |
| Butler High School.....                       | (937) 415-6300 |
| Demmitt Elementary .....                      | (937) 415-6500 |
| Helke Elementary .....                        | (937) 415-3000 |
| Morton Middle School.....                     | (937) 415-6600 |
| Smith Middle School.....                      | (937) 415-7000 |

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|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Municipal Offices .....                  | (937) 898-5891 |
| 333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive      |                |
| City Manager .....                       | (937) 415-2254 |
| Economic Development.....                | (937) 415-2250 |
| Fax Line: .....                          | (937) 898-6117 |
| Tax Fax Line: .....                      | (937) 415-2361 |
| Engineering & Inspection Fax Line: ..... | (937) 415-2319 |
| Parks and Recreation .....               | (937) 890-7709 |
| Recreation Center .....                  | (937) 415-2340 |
| VPRD Automated Hotline .....             | (937) 415-2350 |
| 1111 Stonequarry Road                    |                |
| Fax Line: .....                          | (937) 890-7748 |
| Division of Police .....                 | (937) 898-5868 |
| 245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive      |                |
| Fax Line: .....                          | (937) 898-5040 |
| Vandalia Division of Fire .....          | (937) 898-2261 |
| Fire Station #1                          |                |
| 8705 Peters Pike                         |                |
| Fax Line: .....                          | (937) 898-8388 |
| Vandalia Municipal Court.....            | (937) 898-3996 |
| 245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive      |                |
| Fax Line: .....                          | (937) 898-6648 |
| Vandalia Senior Center.....              | (937) 898-1232 |
| 21 Tionda Drive South                    |                |
| Water/Sewer After-Hours.....             | (937) 898-5868 |
| Cassel Hills Golf Course                 |                |
| Clubhouse .....                          | (937) 890-1358 |
| Pro Shop.....                            | (937) 890-1300 |
| 201 Clubhouse Way                        |                |
| Cassel Hills Swimming Pool .....         | (937) 898-2123 |
| 1061 Taylorsview Drive                   |                |
| City Council                             |                |
| Mayor Richard Herbst.....                | (937) 477-1411 |
| Vice Mayor Robert Ahlers .....           | (937) 620-6775 |
| Michael Blakesly .....                   | (937) 898-6748 |
| Candice Farst .....                      | (937) 890-4646 |
| Corey M. Follick .....                   | (937) 387-7010 |
| David Lewis .....                        | (937) 657-1185 |
| Constance Woods .....                    | (937) 898-5802 |