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September - December 2023



Public Works Technician Supervisor Cody Booher works to install a banner along Veterans Parkway near Poplar Hill Cemetery. The veteran banner program is a joint project of the City of Vandalia, Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce, and Butler Township.



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Veteran Banners

On Memorial Day, 2023, drivers using Dixie Drive, also known as Veterans Parkway in Vandalia and Butler Township had a very visual representation of what the holiday truly means. The week prior, Vandalia and Butler Township had completed the installation of 151 Veteran banners.

Installed from Stop Eight Road through to National Road, the banners were purchased by family members of those who have served in the United States military.

The project was a joint effort between the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce, the City of Vandalia and Butler Township.

The banners will be displayed along Veterans Parkway through 2024, then presented to the families who purchased them. A new group of banners will be installed in time for Memorial Day, 2025.



This photo honors a soldier killed in the US Civil War. With no available photo of the veteran, organizers used a photo of a statue of Private George Washington Fair. The limestone statue was dedicated in 1884 at the intersection of Main and Monument, and eventually became so weathered that it was moved to a porch in area at the Dayton VA Medical Center. A bronze replica of the original statue is displayed in Dayton's downtown.



ABOVE: Former US Senator Rob Portman presents a flag to the Brown family during the dedication of their Habitat for Humanity home.

LEFT: Tiffany Brown (center) and her family pose with keys to their new home.

Family Purchases City's First Habitat For Humanity Home

For Tiffany Brown, a mother of four children, renting is all that her family has ever known. Although Tiffany has lived in apartments since before her children were born, she has dreamed of owning a home. In June of this year, Tiffany and her family saw the dream of home ownership become a reality.

The family moved into a home on Foley Drive built through Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton.

The lot had once been the site of a home that had fallen into disrepair. The owners had abandoned the structure, and it reached a point where it was no longer financially feasible to make repairs. The only option was to tear the building down.

"We try very hard to work with the homeowners whenever there is an issue with property upkeep," said Rob Cron, Vandalia Public Service Director. "The residents in the neighborhood have every right to expect homes to be kept to some standard, and razing a building is a last resort when we've exhausted all other avenues for code compliance."

Once the home was taken down, the City of Vandalia reached out to the Dayton Habitat for Humanity office and offered to donate the lot to the non-profit.

Ms. Brown was accepted into the Habitat program in 2019, which requires a good amount of dedication from the prospective homeowner. She contributed 295 hours of "sweat equity" working on the home. She also attended home ownership classes to prepare for this new chapter in her life.

Former U.S. Senator Rob Portman, a longtime supporter of Habitat for Humanity, worked on the home in late 2022 and made it a point to drive up to Vandalia for the dedication. He presented the Browns with a United States flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol Building.

Habitat spokesperson Dave Mauch said that the City of Vandalia played a key role in making this house a reality. "Dan Wendt and his team have been really fantastic," Mauch said. "We really appreciate him and all he did to make this happen."

Welcome to Vandalia!

Aggregation Update

City of Vandalia residents deciding whether to remain part of the City's natural gas and electricity aggregation program now have a contracted electric rate to consider. In June, the Miami Valley Communications Council accepted a contracted rate for electricity obtained by the Palmer Energy Group of Toledo.

The electric rate, which is guaranteed through December 2025, is \$.06570/kWh. For comparison, this rate is 4.77% below the rate recently set for Butler Township residents, 31.9% below the City of Dayton rate, and 39.17% below the standard AES rate.

The new rate is expected to begin appearing on Vandalia utility bills in October, 2023.

The organization is still working to negotiate a natural gas rate. There has been no timetable set on when that rate might be set.

"This is the latest step in a process that began in November of last year when Vandalia residents



overwhelmingly approved two ballot issues authorizing the City to negotiate natural gas and electric rates on their behalf," said Dan Wendt, Vandalia City Manager. "We are impressed with the electric rate that Vandalia, and our aggregation partners, were able to secure."

Vandalia residents eligible for aggregation received a letter outlining the new rate and giving them the option to opt out of the aggregation if they choose.

There is no penalty for leaving the aggregation, so at any time within the term of the contract a resident may opt out with no penalty.

If a resident who opts out wishes to join the aggregation, they may do so at any time.

City honors volunteers, board and commission members

To remain a top-tier suburb in the Dayton region, the City of Vandalia relies on the volunteer efforts of its residents. On Tuesday, May 3, the City honored all of its volunteers with an Appreciation Dinner.

"So much of what we do is impacted by the work of caring and dedicated volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions and help us to continue to provide the best possible services for our residents," said Vandalia Mayor Richard Herbst. "Boards and Committees typically meet in evening hours and they consider issues that have an impact on our quality of life. For the tidy sum of zero dollars and zero cents, these volunteers are willing to put in time to help make this city run."

A special award was given to Tim Townsend, who has served on the City's Civil Service Commission for 46 years.

RIGHT: Mayor Richard Herbst and Civil Service Commission member Timothy Townsend

BELOW: The City of Vandalia is grateful for the hard work and dedication of all of our Board and Commission members and other volunteers.



Road Resurfacing

The road is much smoother to ride in parts of Vandalia following the completion of the City's annual road resurfacing project. In 2023, the City spent \$1.4 million to resurface 22 sections of roadway.

The resurfacing of roadways is a two-step process.

First, concrete contractors move in and repair any damage to sidewalks and curbs. The contractors also install wheelchair accessible ramps at all intersections. To date, roughly 75% of Vandalia's sidewalks have ramps that are in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Unlike some neighboring communities, Vandalia residents are not assessed for any of the repairs done to sidewalks or curbs. The Safe and Stable income tax issue, passed in

2010, funds the majority of the work. Once the concrete work is completed, asphalt contractors move in. First, crews mill off the top 1.5 inches of old asphalt, then resurface with a fresh 1.5 inches of new asphalt.

There are many factors taken into consideration when planning which streets will be resurfaced in any given year. Staff from the Department of Development and Engineering Services keep extensive notes on the condition of all City roadways. The roads are driven on a regular basis so the wear and tear of each can be noted.

When determining the streets to be resurfaced, the condition of the roadway is just one factor. The City also prioritizes those streets that see the most traffic, as their condition impacts the most drivers. Finally, the City considers any future plans

Vandalia 2023 Road Resurfacing Project

Bartles Court
Birchton Place
Bristol Drive
Donora Drive
Dunnigan Avenue
Gold Leaf Avenue
Great Hill Road
Hartshorn Drive
Inverness Avenue
Jeffrey Road
Kristen Lane
Larry Avenue

(National to Waller)
North American Blvd
Old Webster Street
Paddock Road
Poplar Grove Drive
(Crestwood Hills to Dunnigan)
Reichard Drive
Ronald Street
Roxana Drive
Van Arden Drive
Volkman Drive
Waller Avenue

for a roadway. If a water main replacement project is planned on a roadway in the foreseeable future, the road may not be scheduled for resurfacing until that work is done.

To see Vandalia's tentative 10 year Road Resurfacing Plan, scan the QR Code.



Police Officer and Civilian of the Year

The Vandalia Division of Police recently named Officer Nelson Clymer as the 2022 Officer of the Year and Clerk-Typist Nancy Mandelik as the 2022 Civilian Employee of the Year.

Both awards are based on peer nominations submitted for consideration.

Officer Nelson Clymer is in his second year of duty with the Vandalia Division of Police. His nomination was supported by his supervisors, who complimented the quality of his work, his decision making skills and his integrity.

Public Safety Specialists within the Division also supported Officer Clymer's nomination, noting that his reports are free of errors and completed on time. It was also mentioned that Officer Clymer is a good listener who is easy to talk to.

His fellow officers also supported his nomination, calling him a "team player," who often assists other officers during the course of his day. Officer

Clymer was also complimented for his willingness to take on additional shifts when needed.

Nancy Mandelik has been a Clerk-Typist with the Vandalia Division of Police for seven years. One of her primary roles is serving as custodian of the property room. One nomination praised Mandelik for keeping VPD's Property Room well-organized and managed by purging items no longer considered evidence or no longer eligible to be claimed.

Mandelik's effort in helping to plan and carry out the 2022 Police Open House event was also cited in one nomination letter, which commended her on coordinating many of the tasks and displaying exceptional organizational skills to make the community event a great success.

Another nomination pointed out that Mandelik was instrumental in assisting with office duties while an



Nelson Clymer
Police Officer
Division of Police



Nancy Mandelik
Clerk-Typist
Division of Police

administrative assistant position was vacant. The nomination also praised her for working with the newly-hired assistant to get her acclimated to her position.

"We have an exceptional group of officers and civilian employees working here in the Division of Police," said Vandalia Police Chief Kurt Althouse. "Officer Clymer and Clerk-Typist Mandelik have distinguished themselves as employees who go above and beyond to meet the demands of their positions."

AT THE REC

PROGRAM GUIDE

September - December 2023

VPRD provides quality and diverse programs. We offer opportunities that include: swim lessons, youth and adult athletics, fitness classes, youth, family and preschool programs plus special events!



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PARKS & RECREATION

*We bring
recreation
to life!*

Online & walk-in registration begins Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:00 am.
Visit www.vandaliaareccenter.com





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Weather Information



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Call 937.552.2200

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When painful joints, bones, or muscles slow you down, Premier Health's orthopedic specialists are ready to help you move beyond pain.

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Get a personalized care plan from Premier Orthopedics - one of the largest and highly trained orthopedic and sports medicine practices in Southwest Ohio.



Appointments available at our many conveniently located offices - including in Vandalia, Englewood, and Troy.

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general information

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



This symbol indicates a **drop-in program**; you do not need to register prior to the program and the program does not have a minimum participation count.

Save Time and Register Online

Have a username and password...

sign up at <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.

Don't have a username and password?...let us issue you one! Send your name, address, phone number and the name, birthdate, gender and grade (if applicable) of those you want to register in your household to vrinfo@vandaliaohio.org.

Did You Know?

The Vandalia Recreation Center is a certified facility for: Silver Sneakers®, Forever Fit®, Prime®, Silver&Fit®, Active&Fit®, OPTUM®, PeerFit®, GlobalFit®. These insurance based benefits offer zero fee memberships or very low cost annual fees. Most Insurance sponsored programs offer the zero fee VRC membership. Please phone or contact your medical/health insurance provider to see if you may have this fitness benefit! There are several health insurance companies that offer this benefit to person's 18-100 years of age. We can easily verify if you are eligible for Tivity-Silver Sneakers / Prime by providing your birthdate and zip code. Please stop in or phone 937-415-2340 if you have further questions regarding this valuable benefit! If you are the healthy age of 55+, your insurance based membership includes several (no fee) fitness classes per our Senior Strength schedule.

Work in Vandalia city limits?

The VRC has a Corporate Membership program that gives employees a 15-25% discount on annual memberships. This program is established to obtain multiple employees as members to receive a discounted fee. If you are interested in having your company establish this employee benefit, have your HR Department contact: Sharon Hamby shamby@vandaliaohio.org or see our website <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/DocumentCenter/View/7754/Corporate-Membership-Incentive> for information.

Vandalia Recreation Center Hours of Operation

October 1st – May 31st:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

June 1st – September 30th:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

Visit www.vandaliareccenter.com for operating schedules of the individual areas.

Vandalia Recreation Center Closings & Holiday Hours

Monday, September 4, 2023 - VRC open 7:00am - 12:00pm
Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Thursday, November 23, 2023 - VRC open 7:00am - 12:00pm Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - VRC CLOSED

Monday, December 25, 2023 - VRC CLOSED

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - VRC open 12:00pm - 6:00pm;
Pool closes at 5:30pm

Monday, January 1, 2024 - VRC CLOSED

Refund Policy

View our refund policy at vandaliaohio.org/recreation/reccenter/rec-center-rules-and-regulations.

Winter Weather Policy

Rainout Line: (937) 552-2200

Facebook: www.facebook.com/VandaliaRec

During inclement weather the Recreation Center and its programs/classes will maintain normal operating hours unless directed otherwise by management and if instructors and staff are available. If a decision is made to cancel programs/classes or to close the facility, we will post it on the Rec Center's Facebook page and on the Rainout Line ASAP. Although we strive to give early notice of cancellations, various circumstances could affect our ability to notify the public in a timely manner. We only update our Weather Hotline when cancellations have been made.



general information

Celebrate your Birthday at the VRC!



The Vandalia Recreation Center offers three birthday party packages to make your child's day special! Each party includes one and a half hours in the party room and two hours in the VRC feature of your choice.

Pricing, and additional information can be found by scanning the QR code. Ready to request a date for your party? Complete our online request form. Birthday party reservations will not be accepted by phone. Please direct additional questions to Jen at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335.



Have your next Group Outing at the VRC!

Did you know that The Vandalia Recreation Center hosts groups of all sizes? We have special rates for groups over 10 during regular operating hours. We also offer after-hour rentals for larger groups who want to utilize the center by themselves. In addition, we have two rooms available for meetings; business or informal gatherings that require reservation. Additional information can be found by scanning the QR code. Contact Jennifer at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335 with additional questions.



Vandalia Rec Center Memberships

The Vandalia Recreation Center has a variety of membership options to accommodate your fitness goals. From the youngest to the oldest, we have healthy fun for everyone! We offer a monthly payment plan (available only as a checking or savings account automated withdrawal) for all annual memberships. A resident (residing in City of Vandalia) family can obtain a membership for only \$42.50 a month! Children 4 years of age and younger do not require membership. Our nonresident dual membership allows two adults (residing in same household) to belong to the VRC for \$48.50 per month. In addition, our membership rates are discounted to those employed in Vandalia city limits. A Business adult membership is priced at \$32.50 per month. We offer Military and age based discounts as well.

Members enjoy use of our gymnasium, fitness floor, indoor walking/jogging track, and aquatics center. Our climbing wall, drop-in fitness classes, and child care services are offered at additional affordable fees. We also offer pre-paid and annual unlimited passes for these features.

The VRC offers three-month trial memberships and they are available for purchase throughout the year. Our punch cards are perfect for visitors and guests, offering ten or twenty daily visits for a discounted rate. Find out how affordable membership to the VRC can be, by visiting our website: www.vandaliaareccenter.com.

Have a question? Contact us...

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21 Tionda Drive South, Vandalia, OH 45377

Cassel Hills Pool - 937-898-2123

1061 Taylorsview Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377

Cassel Hills Golf Course - 937-898-1300

201 Clubhouse Way, Vandalia, OH 45377



aquatics



Swim Lessons

VRC swim lessons utilize a unique program developed by SwimSafe Pool Management. Using industry best practices, years of experience with well-known national and international lesson programs, and the unique nature of swim lessons, SwimSafe's program is primarily focused on safety and can be explained using the acronym S.A.F.E.

S - Safety First. Age and skill-appropriate safety activities and skills are incorporated into every lesson.

A - Adaptability. Our lessons are designed to be adaptable to the specific needs of the swimmer and the pool environment.

F - Fun. Swim lessons should be fun! That's why we incorporate songs, games, and activities in our program to make it a fun learning environment.

E - Easy to remember, learn, and succeed. There's no need to complicate things. We've designed our program to be a simple and straightforward approach to teach and to learn.

Registration

For more information about classes offered or to register for swim lessons, visit <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>.

Questions can be directed to heather@swimsafepool.com or 513-755-7075 ext. 11.



SPECIAL NOTE:

For the safety of everyone, please do not attend class if you (or your child) are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is known to have tested positive.

Private Swim Lessons

Our private swim lessons are for people of all ages and levels. If you prefer a 1-on-1 lesson, our instructors can help you achieve your swimming goals.

Private lessons will be offered in a 4-pack each month scheduled at the same time each week. All lessons will be completed within the time frame with no option for make-ups.

Ages: 4 & older

Class Size: 1

Class length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$100 VRC Member/Resident;
\$125 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day	Date(s)	Time(s)
Tuesday	Sep 12 - Oct 3	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or
	Oct 10 - Nov 7	6:50 - 7:20 pm; or
	Nov 14 - Dec 5	7:25 - 7:55 pm
Thursday	Sep 14 - Oct 5	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or
	Oct 12 - Nov 2	6:50 - 7:20 pm; or
	Nov 9 - Dec 7	7:25 - 7:55 pm
Saturday	Sep 16 - Oct 7	10:45 - 11:15 am; or
	Oct 14 - Nov 4	11:20 - 11:50 am
	Nov 11 - Dec 9	

* No classes Tuesday, October 31, Thursday, November 23, or Saturday, November 25.



Adult Social Swim

This is a time for adult swimmers of all levels to join other adults for a social swim hour. Catch up on your laps and your friends from 8:30-9:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All levels are welcome and no registration is required.

Group Swim Lessons

Frogs & Tadpoles

Join us for this exploration of water safety.

This class is designed for young children (1-3 years old) who are most at-risk for accidental drowning. Together, parents and children will learn key safety tips and skills while playing games and singing songs.

Requirement: any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.

Age: 12-36 months (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/12 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 12 - Oct 17	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Saturday	Sep 16 - Oct 21	9:35 - 10:05 am
Tuesday*	Oct 24 - Dec 5	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Saturday*	Oct 28 - Dec 9	9:35 - 10:05 am

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Level 1: Flounder

In this class, children will become acclimated to the water through activities, games, and play. Water submersion, independent movement through the water, floating on front and back with support, recovery from a floating position, nose/mouth bubbles, introduction to bobs, and age-appropriate water safety are just a few of the skills that will be covered in this class.

Requirement: any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.

Age: 3 by the first day of class (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 12 to Oct 17	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Thursday	Sep 14 to Oct 19	5:40 - 6:10 pm
Saturday	Sep 16 to Oct 21	9:00 - 9:30 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 pm
Tuesday*	Oct 24 to Dec 5	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Thursday*	Oct 26 to Dec 7	5:40 - 6:10 pm
Saturday*	Oct 28 to Dec 9	9:00 - 9:30 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 pm

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Level 2: Jellyfish

Children will expand on the skills learned in the Flounder class and learn to be in the water unassisted in both front and back positions while also learning to propel themselves through the water using either arms or legs. Skills include: floating, gliding, streamline body position, recovery, bobs, submersion, propulsive kicking, introduction to propulsive arms, sit dives, and safety skills.

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Flounder skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



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Level 3: Octopus

In this class, children will learn fundamental freestyle and backstroke skills with emphasis placed on the coordination and timing of the strokes as well as the development of a strong flutter kick. Skills include novice freestyle, novice backstroke, elementary backstroke, side glide, treading, kneeling dive, and safety skills.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Jellyfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursetorm.com>

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Level 4: Clownfish

Children will work to improve their freestyle and backstroke in this class while learning all 4 competitive strokes. Emphasis will be placed on developing strokes that are swim meet legal. Skills include strong freestyle and backstroke, strong kicks (flutter, butterfly, breaststroke), novice breaststroke and butterfly, tread for 1 minute, standing dives, surface dives, flip turns.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Octopus skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursetorm.com>

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**Combined Level 4 and 5 classes.

Level 5: Seahorse

Children will refine all 4 competitive strokes while gradually increasing strength and endurance in each stroke. The ultimate goal is to swim each of the four competitive strokes legally for the specified distance. Skills include 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 25-meter butterfly, 25-meter breaststroke, 100-meter continuous swim, tread/swim/tread, eggbeater kick, and flip turns.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Clownfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

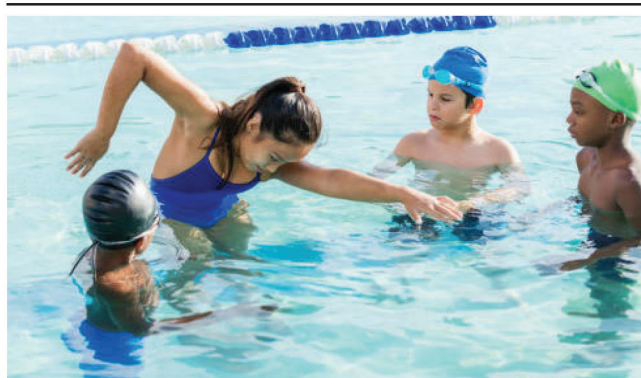
\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursetorm.com>

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Registering in Advance

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For more information on the Youth programs please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Zoom Around the Room

Enjoy a morning full of play with your child! A variety of play equipment is set up in the gymnasium for children and their guardian to run, climb, jump and recreate with! An adult must accompany each child or family of children. No instruction, just open play! Registration not required.

Ages: 1 - 5 years old

Fee: FREE for VRC Members;

Residents/Non-Residents: \$4 per child /per day

Location: VRC Gymnasium Side A

Special Notes: Parent/guardian must accompany child.

Day	Date(s)	Time
FRI	Sep 1	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Sep 15	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Oct 6	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Oct 20	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Nov 3	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Nov 17	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Dec 1	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Dec 15	10:00 - 11:00 am

Kids Night Out

Kids, come on out and have a blast at Kids Night Out! You will enjoy all the activities the Vandalia Recreation Center has to offer, like swimming, outdoor games, gym games and additional games and crafts. Remember to bring a bathing suit and towel.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident/VRC Member; \$18 Non-Resident, per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Note: A snack will be provided for your child.

Registration Deadline: Preregistration is not required but it is recommended to secure your spot for this program. Walk-Ins are permitted, but only until we reach our maximum number of participants.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320000-01	FRI	Oct 6	5:30 - 9:00 pm
320000-02	FRI	Nov 3	5:30 - 9:00 pm
320000-03	FRI	Dec 8	5:30 - 9:00 pm



Pokémon Playtime

Come out and enjoy a Pokémon filled time! Your child can bring in their phone, cards, Switch or other mobile gaming system and we will battle and trade Pokémon with each other!

Ages: 5 - 14 years old

Fee: \$6 Resident/VRC Members; \$8 Non-Residents

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Note: Snacks and drinks will be provided for your child.

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, October 6. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320012-00	MON	Sep 18	5:30 - 7:00 pm
320012-01	MON	Oct 23	5:30 - 7:00 pm
320012-02	MON	Nov 13	5:30 - 7:00 pm

Lions, Tigers & Toast w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Have you ever wondered what animals eat? Learn about what different animals eat and how that makes them unique. We will make toasts that look like animals!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, September 20. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
310000-00	SAT	Sep 23	10:00 - 11:00 am

**Snack Boards****w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

It's snack o'clock and there's nothing that hits the spot like a snack board! Learn how to make your own epic board for after school with homemade hummus and energy bites. Each child will make their own snack board to eat/take home.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, September 20. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320007-00	SAT	Sep 23	12:00 - 1:30 pm

**Not So Scary Snacks****w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Celebrate Halloween with some not so scary fun! Explore the inside of a pumpkin and for a snack we will make BOONanas and monster mouths.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, October 4. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
310001-00	SAT	Oct 7	10:00 - 11:00 am

**Layered Lasagna w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Leave dinner to the kids with this Italian feast! This will be the new go-to meal in your family and the best part is the kids can make it on their own! Learn how to make an easy dinner of lasagna and salad with homemade croutons to enjoy at the class or take home.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, October 4. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
3320008-00	SAT	Oct 7	12:00 - 1:30 pm

**Thanksgiving CampREC**

During your Thanksgiving Break, spend a day at the VRC with CampREC! We will make Thanksgiving crafts, climb the rock wall, swim, play gym games and more.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$45 Resident / VRC Member; \$55 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: Preregistration is recommended to secure your spot for this camp day.

Note: Please bring closed toe shoes for the climbing wall and a swimsuit and towel. A snack and drink will be provided for your child. Camp runs from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm with structured activities during that time. Free extended hours available from 7:30- 9:00 am and 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320060-00	WED	Nov 22	7:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Merry Berry w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Ring in the holidays by making festive snacks! This class is a great way to spend time together for the holidays. We will make apple Christmas trees and Santa strawberries.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 6. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
310002-00	SAT	Dec 9	10:00 - 11:00 am

**Glow Candy Cane Hunt**

Dress in your warmest pajamas, bring a flashlight and join us for a festive night of glow in the dark fun! It has been rumored that someone has left candy, candy canes and other prizes all over the grounds of the Vandalia Sports Complex. We will meet outside to get a bag to collect the candy and a light-up necklace and then afterwards, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate inside!

Ages: 12 years old & younger

Fee: \$10 Resident / VRC Member; \$15 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 13. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Notes: Bring a flashlight; the hunt will take place outdoors. Parents must accompany children during this program. We will meet in the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium for check in and rules.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390010-00	FRI	Dec 15	6:30 pm

**Winter CampREC**

Even if the weather outside is frightful, Winter CampREC will be delightful! Join us for non-stop fun during your winter break as we climb the rock wall, swim, play gym games, create crafts, and have a holly jolly good time.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Winter CampREC Fees - Week A:

1st Child: \$145 Resident/VRC Member; \$165 Non-Resident

2nd Child: \$130 Resident/VRC Member; \$150 Non-Resident

3rd Child: \$120 Resident/VRC Member; \$140 Non-Resident

4th+ Child: \$115 Resident/VRC Member; \$135 Non-Resident

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320002-A	TUE - FRI	Dec 26 - 29	7:30 am - 5:30 pm



Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Scarecrow Making Day

Bring the family to Art Park and make a scarecrow together! One scarecrow per family. Please bring your own pants, shirts and/or hat to use for your scarecrow. Parks and Recreation staff will provide the rest of the supplies.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$20 per family

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Tuesday, September 5. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330000-00	SAT	Sep 9	10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Enchilada Night w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Not sure what to make for dinner? Bring the family together in the kitchen with this meal making class. We will prepare a delicious meal for you to enjoy as a family!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$35 per family max 2 kids per family (4 people total per family)

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Address: 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, September 15. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330002-00	TUE	Sep 19	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Spooky Jack-o-Lanterns & Storytime w/ The Purple Paintbrush

A fun evening with pottery painting and a not-so-spooky story to start off the month of October! Jack-o-Lanterns will be painted with your choice of glaze colors and fired to a glossy finish! After our Jack-o-Lanterns are glazed, LED tea lights will be provided to give your Jack-o-Lantern a fun candlelight glow! We will read a fun not-so-spooky story by pumpkin light! Pumpkins will be fired in a kiln and returned to Vandalia Recreation Center for pick-up approximately 2 weeks after the event. You will be notified via email when they are ready.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$27 per family

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Rain Plan: Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, September 2. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390022-00	MON	Oct 2	5:30 - 7:00 pm





Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



Family Ornament Making w/ The Purple Paintbrush

A fun (and maybe a little messy) workshop to kick off December! A family friendly ornament workshop for all ages (recommended age 18 months+) and all skill levels, whether you've created in clay before or not! Families will be provided with approximately 1/2lb of clay rolled into a flat sheet (like cookie dough!) with fun cookie cutters in holiday shapes! Depending on the designs chosen, participants can fit up to 3 perhaps 4 ornaments. Ornaments will be glazed the same day, taken offsite, then fired to a glossy finish. Ornaments will be for pick up approximately 2 weeks after the workshop. Pick up location will be Vandalia Recreation Center; emails will be sent to participants when ornaments are ready.

Ages: All ages welcome; recommended age at least 18 months old

Fee: \$26 per family

Location: Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, November 24. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390023-00	FRI	Dec 1	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Holiday Cookie Swap w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Nothing says the holidays like baking cookies! Each family will be given a different cookie for everyone to swap at the end and go home with a tray full of different flavors and the recipes for each cookie.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$35 per family max 2 kids per family (4 people total per family)

Location: Vandalia Senior Center
Address: 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, December 1. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330003-00	TUE	Dec 5	6:00 - 7:30 pm





Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.



Charcuterie Board Making w/ Dayton Charcuterie Gal

Grab a friend and make your own charcuterie board! During this workshop, each person will learn all about charcuterie boards and build their own 2-person charcuterie board to take home and enjoy a charcuterie cup to snack on while we build.

Ages: 21 & older

Fee: \$45 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Thursday, November 2. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Nov 10	6:00 - 8:00 pm



Ugly Christmas Sweater Goat Yoga

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and join us for an evening of laughter, goat yoga and hot chocolate at the Vandalia Recreation Center!

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

Register: Please email amessenger@vandaliaohio.org to register.



Day	Date	Time
WED	Dec 20	6:00 - 7:30 pm





community events

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Soggy Doggy Dip

We have reserved some time for the dog in your family to come take a dip in the pool! Enjoy the last day of Cassel Hills Pool being open with your pup!

Fee: \$5 per dog

Location: Cassel Hills Pool

Address: 1061 Taylorsview Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377

Registration Deadline: Drop-in event; no registration needed

Rules:

- Maximum of 2 dogs per owner.
- All dogs must display a valid license.
- All dogs must have PROOF of current rabies vaccinations.
- Dogs must be on a 6' leash when not in water.
- An adult must accompany their dogs at all times while they are out of the water.
- Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
- Unruly, worrisome to others, or aggressive dogs will not be permitted.
- VPRD reserves the right to deny admission for any reason.



Day	Date	Time
MON	Sep 4	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Homeschool Takeover

Attention homeschool parents and students! Come on out to the VRC to recreate and enjoy everything we have to offer! Enjoy a day filled with swimming, climbing wall, gymnasium play and Luther's Jungle! All ages welcomed and no need to preregister. Swimming is available until 3:00 pm

Fee: \$15 per family (up to 5 people), \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Day	Date	Time
FRI	Sep 15	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Oct 20	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Nov 17	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Dec 15	11:30 am - 2:00 pm



Touch-a-Truck

Get up close and personal with some of your favorite big rigs! Truck lovers young and old will have fun interacting with a wide variety of trucks, construction vehicles, public safety vehicles and more! No registration needed for this FREE event. Event will be held rain or shine at the Vandalia Sports Complex near the baseball concession stand.

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Sep 16	10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Vandalia Fall Festival

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

Ages: All ages welcome

Fees: Free to attend

Location: Vandalia Art Park & Vandalia Historical Society
256 E Alkaline Springs Rd,
Vandalia, Ohio 45377



Day	Date	Time
SAT	Oct 14	12:00 - 6:00 pm

Rock The Rec Halloween Party

Come out and have a spooky good time at the Rock the Rec Halloween Party! This fall community event will have food trucks, hayrides, Trick-or-Treat, live music, inflatables, kid's activities, Halloween costume judging, many craft vendors and more!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: FREE to attend

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex; near the Baseball Concession Stands



Day	Date	Time
SAT	Oct 28	12:00 - 7:00 pm



community events

Vandalia Pumpkin Smash

Do you want to get rid of your old pumpkins in a fun way? Stop by Helke Park for our Pumpkin Smash! We will drop pumpkins from a fire truck, smash them with hammers, and more! All pumpkin debris will be composted after the event. Bring your own pumpkin.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fees: Free to attend

Location: Helke Park



Day	Date	Time
SAT	Nov 4	11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Vandalia Tree Lighting & Holiday Market

Join us for our Tree Lighting Ceremony and our second Holiday Market at the Vandalia Recreation Center! The City will ring in the holiday season by conducting a tree lighting ceremony at the Vandalia Sports Complex at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 3. There will be a Holiday Market running from 4pm - 7:30pm inside the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium where you will be able to get a head start on your holiday shopping from a various number of vendors! The tree will be decorated through community efforts and then lit to kick off the holiday season! Join us for refreshments, music, activities and a chance to tell Santa Claus your wish list! Please make sure you bring cash and card to the market to purchase your items and raffle tickets!

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: FREE

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Day	Date	Time
SUN	Dec 3	4:00 - 7:30 pm

Letters To Santa

It is time to let Santa know about your Christmas wishes! From Monday, November 27 through Wednesday, December 13, the Vandalia Recreation Center will accept letters to Santa! Letters to Santa can be dropped off in the red mailbox in the Vandalia Recreation Center lobby. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a

return letter back from Santa. If you have questions, please contact Aaron Messenger at: amessenger@vandaliaohio.org.



Snow Creation Contest

You know how to make this winter delightful? By participating in the VRC Snow Creation Contest! This winter, gather up the family and build a snow creation of any sort to win a VRC Winter Family Fun Gift Basket! All photos should be emailed to Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org. This contest will last from December 1 to February 16. Photos will be posted on the Vandalia Recreation Center's Facebook from February 19 - 23. The photo that receives the most "likes" will win!





athletics

Registering in Advance

All age group in team sports require a minimum number of participants. If an age group minimum is not met by the deadline date, the age group is subject to cancellation. Call your friends and get registered today!

For more information please contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2333.

Youth Athletics

Vandalia Butler Optimist Basketball Leagues

Teams are drawn in late October and practice begins in early November.

Participants are notified of team

placement in late October/early November.

The first games are scheduled for early December and the last games are scheduled for early March. Practices are held at Vandalia- Butler City Schools. Games are played at the VRC/and Englewood (all grades).

Registration Information: Save \$10 by registering online at www.vandaliaareccenter.com by using coupon code **BSKTBALL** at checkout. To guarantee your spot register before October 11. After October 11, walk-in registration is available until leagues are full.

Fees: \$45 Resident/VRC Member; \$55 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Activity #	Day/Dates	Time	Grade
380400-00	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	2nd boys/girls
380400-01	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	3rd & 4th boys
380400-02	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	3rd & 4th girls
380400-03	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	5th & 6th boys
380400-04	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	5th & 6th girls

Kindergarten / 1st Grade Instructional Basketball

Participants practice skills and learn the rules of the game for the first 30 minutes, and participate in a non-competitive recreational game for the last 30 minutes.

Grades: K-1st

Fees: \$20 Resident/VRC Member; \$25 Non-Resident

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Activity #	Day/Dates	Time
380413-00	SAT Jan 6 - Feb 3	10:30 - 11:30 am

38th Annual Turkey Shoot



Two-member teams, one adult and one child from the same family, take shots from multiple spots on the court to earn points toward a gift certificate for their Thanksgiving feast. Our youngest competitors, up to 8 years old, shoot at a lowered basket. Teams can find official rules at www.vandaliaohio.org/recreation/athletics.

The event will begin promptly at 10:30am!

Fees: \$5 Resident/VRC Member Team;

\$7 Non-Resident Team

Location: VRC Gymnasium

SPECIAL NOTE: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged but not required.



Activity #	Day/Date	Time	Ages
390012-00	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	4 & under
390012-01	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	5 & 6
390012-02	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	7 & 8
390012-03	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	9 & 10
390012-04	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	11 & 12
390012-05	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	13 & Older

2024 Youth Baseball / Softball Registration

The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department would like to give youth softball/baseball participants a friendly reminder. Registration for the Baseball-Softball Season will begin in late December. If you would like more information in regards to the Vandalia Softball -Baseball Program contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org.

Adult Athletics

Cornhole



Come on in and toss a few bean bags around with us! No partner is needed.

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: FREE VRC Member; \$3 Drop-In; Senior Strength Punch Card accepted

Location: VRC Fitness Studio

Class Size: 30 maximum



Day	Date	Time
MON/FRI	Sep 6 - Dec 27	12:00 - 3:00 pm

Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

On behalf of the entire VPRD, we would like to thank our 2023 Volunteer Youth Baseball Coaches. All the time and effort these coaches put in to teaching our athletes the fundamentals of the game and the rules of good sportsmanship are what makes our program great!



fitness

For more information please contact Josh Berry at jberry@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2337.
Visit our web page for our Group Fitness Schedule: vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness.com



Group Fitness Classes



Come try out our fitness classes taught by our experienced, certified instructors! With a low drop-in cost you can't go wrong trying them out until you find the perfect class that fits your needs. Be sure to visit our website at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness for our Group Fitness Schedule to view the variety of classes we offer! Keep an eye out for the "Class Spotlight" special we offer throughout the year for opportunities to try out new classes FREE!



Personal Training at the Vandalia Rec Center

Whether you are just getting started on a workout program or ready to take your workouts to the next level, we have nationally certified VRC Preferred trainers that can help you reach your fitness goals. If you are interested in getting a personal trainer, please submit the VRC Preferred trainer request form located online at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness.

Maintain Campaign: VRC Members ONLY

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Need a little motivation during the holiday season? Lose or maintain your weight over the holidays and get a FREE t-shirt to show your success! FREE Program for VRC Members! Weigh-in and weigh-out with a VRC Fitness Attendant during the specified weeks listed below.

Ages: 15 & up

Fees: Free; VRC Members Only

Location: VRC Fitness Desk

Weigh-In Dates: Nov 15 - Nov 22

Weigh-out Dates: Jan 2 - Jan 9



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Senior Volleyball



Stay active and have fun in this non-competitive program! No experience required.

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium



Day	Time
TUE/THU	1:00 - 3:30 pm

Senior Pickleball



Come join the fun and get a good cardio workout while playing indoors on our three Pickleball courts!

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium



Day	Time
MON/WED/FRI	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
TUE/THU	10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Inclusive Pickleball Time



We opened gym time for drop-in inclusive pickleball! This program is for individuals who have developmental disabilities. Paddles and balls will be provided for participants and registration is not required. Participants can bring their own paddles.

Ages: 18 and Older

Fee: Free

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Sep 8	10:00 - 11:00am
FRI	Oct 13	10:00 - 11:00am
FRI	Nov 10	10:00 - 11:00am
FRI	Dec 15	10:00 - 11:00am



Does the chilly or wet weather have you moving your exercise indoors?

Don't forget we have a 1/16-mile indoor track plus all the equipment you need to have a great workout inside! Walk the track for a low daily fee of \$3, or buy a punchcard for \$2/visit.



senior center



Senior Center

Welcome to the Vandalia Senior Center located at 21 Tionda Dr South. To learn about all the offerings at the Senior Center, scan the QR code or visit us at www.vandaliaohio.org/341/senior-center



Questions? Contact our Senior Center Coordinator, Toni Williams at twilliams@vandaliaohio.org or 937-898-1232.

Membership Information

Are you 55 years of age or better? Join the Vandalia Senior Center and you will have opportunities to meet new friends, stay active and healthy, find valuable services and learn through educational opportunities. Seniors are welcome at the center three times before joining. Membership dues are \$15 per year for single Vandalia residents, \$20 for non-resident single membership, \$25 for Vandalia resident married couples and \$35 for non-resident married couples. Go to www.vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center to see this month's newsletter and list of activities and opportunities.

Transportation

VanTran is available to residents of Vandalia and Butler Township, age 60 years and older Monday through Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm.



Destinations may include, but are not limited to, grocery, bank, post office, pharmacy, hair salon, medical appointment, church, Vandalia Senior Center and Vandalia Recreation Center. Riders are required to board the vehicle unassisted. Vehicle is not wheel chair accessible at

this time. The one time registration fee is \$20.00. Senior Center membership is not required. Riders buy either a \$10 or \$20 ticket to pay for each trip. The cost per one-way trip is \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$3.00 depending on location area of drop-off/pick up. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 937-898-1232. You can also view the information on the City of Vandalia website at www.vandaliaohio.org/345/Transportation

Card & Game Groups

Monday:

12:30 pm Hand & Foot and other games in card/library room

Tuesday:

9:45 am Bridge in card room
1:40 pm Hand & Foot on side of dining room

Wednesday:

12:30 pm Bridge on side of dining room
1:00 pm Up and Down the River in dining room (need 50 pennies)
1:00 pm Euchre in card/library room

Thursday:

12:00 pm Duplicate Bridge on side of dining room
1:00 pm Pinochle in dining room
1:00 pm Rummikub in dining room

Friday:

9:30 am Mah Jong in card room
1:00 pm Poker in card room



More Activities

The Vandalia Senior Center currently has six to ten Lunch & Learns each month. There are also bingos, movies, craft classes, art groups, exercise classes, a birthday celebration each month, a book club, and more. There are jigsaw puzzles and books to loan out. The Floral Group has flower arrangements for sale. The Super Sewers group always has lap quilts and baby quilts on the walls for sale as well as many kitchen items in the display case. If you can use a sewing machine, consider joining the Super Sewers. Nothing to bring; everything is at the center.



Travel

The center has a list of bus trips going out of state for members of the Senior Center. Bob Reed is the travel director who is very experienced at leading senior trips. For more information scan the QR code, or visit www.vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel for more details.



Encourage and promote the use of the facility and services to grow, bond, learn and share in the ever changing moments of life.



Corporate Challenge

The 34th Annual Vandalia Corporate Challenge was held the week of June 4-9. Inteva Products claimed the championship, winning outright six of the 12 events in the weeklong challenge. Inteva won in Volleyball, Minute to Win It, Football Skills, Soccer Skills, Golf Closest to the Pin and the Jig Saw Puzzle Challenge.

Fire Open House Sunday, October 1

Ever wonder what it's like to ride on a fire truck? What it feels like under a firefighter's helmet? Or even how to keep yourself and loved ones safe from a fire or accident?

Learn all these things and more at the Vandalia Division of Fire's 2023 Open House. Kids and adults are invited to ride on a fire engine, try on firefighting gear and learn what

it's like to be a firefighter. Firefighting and EMS personnel will be on hand to answer questions and lead tours of the station and equipment.

The Open House will be held Sunday, October 1, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station 1, 8705 Peters Pike. For more information, contact the Vandalia Division of Fire at 898-2261.



The City of Vandalia welcomes new employees!



Benjamin Borton
City Engineer
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Sherry McConaughy
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation



Amanda Everett
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Inspector
Division of Fire



Marque Jones
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Inspector
Division of Fire



Paul Pollard
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Administrator
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Matthew Nicley
Police Officer
Division of Police



Aaron Evans
Public Works
Technician
Public Works



Garrett Danner
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My Vandalia App Enhances Communication with City

The City of Vandalia's public service app, My Vandalia, is making it easy for residents to report issues and check the progress of their concerns. The app is downloadable for free on Google Play and the App Store.



Hyper-Reach Messages in Action

On May 11 of this year, a seven-year-old boy was reported missing in the Timberwind area of Vandalia. The Division of Police and the Division of Fire were quick to set up a command post to find the boy.

One of the first actions they took was to issue a Hyper-Reach message to all addresses in the area the boy was last seen. Hyper-Reach can very quickly send a message to every registered phone in a geographic area to alert as many people as possible to an emergency situation. Within a couple hours, the boy was found safe.

Hyper-Reach has access to every listed landline number. Many households, however, no longer have a land line and instead use only a cell phone. In order to receive these messages, residents must register their cell phone numbers with Hyper-Reach.

Hyper-Reach messages may also be sent in the event of severe weather, an important road closure, or some other situation that requires fast, widespread notification.

You can register your number by logging onto the City of Vandalia website and clicking on the Hyper-Reach pull down menu on the top right corner of the page. You can also register by scanning the QR code below.



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