



Vandalia
Recreation
Center



Vandalia Fall Festival

Saturday, October 14 | 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Sponsored by:



Location: Vandalia Art Park
Live Music | Food Trucks | Vendors
Beer Truck | Arts & Crafts | Corn Pit
Pumpkin Patch | Inflatables
And More!

MUSIC BY:

The Michelle Robinson Band
12:30pm - 2:45pm



The FIVE Band
3:30pm - 6:00pm



The Blue Letter

October 13, 2023

Honorable Mayor & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Monday, October 16, 2023, Council Meeting: The Study Session will begin at 6:00 pm. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Fall Fest is Saturday, October 14 from 12 pm – 6 pm in Vandalia Art Park. There will be live music, games, food trucks, corn pit, arts and crafts, vendors, and a pumpkin patch. Thank you to our sponsors Minster Bank, Vintage Signs, and Day Air Credit Union.

Block Party Trailer! The new block party trailer will be on display at Fall Fest. Congrats to ACM Holloway, the Parks & Recreation Maintenance team, and everyone who helped get this off the ground. The City will begin taking reservations in early 2024. More information is available (and coming) at: <https://vandaliaohio.org/blockparty>

Sports Complex Playground Ribbon Cutting: The Sports Complex Playground "Play In" Ribbon Cutting Event will be held on Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 am.

The next **Employee Appreciation event** is the Donut Bar in the Justice Center Community Room Wednesday, October 25 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. As always, City Council is invited to attend.

Leaf Collection (ends 12/5): Leaves must be raked into the street, any leaves on the grass behind the curb will not be picked up. In areas without curbs, leaves must be placed immediately along the edge of the pavement. Crews will not collect leaves piled more than one foot away from the edge of the roadway. The pickup schedule is available at: <https://vandaliaohio.org/leaf>

Beggar's Night will be held Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Positive Recognition: This week, Ms. Mary Bernett called the City to compliment Public Works Technician Bill Miles after he installed her new water meter. She stated that it was hard to access and that he was very nice. Great work, Bill!

S. Cassel Rd. Bridge Replacement: Persistence pays off! This week, Director Cron was informed by the Ohio Department of Transportation that the City is being awarded a Municipal Bridge Program grant of up to \$1,313,211 in federal funds for the replacement of the city-owned S. Cassel Rd. bridge (Johnson Station) that services Unibilt Industries. The City has applied for and been denied this funding in the past, and self-funding this needed replacement would have been an incredible burden on the City's resources as the bridge services just one business. Congrats to Director Cron and the team at LJB Engineering on this huge win for the City of Vandalia.



Trust us...

You Donut

want to miss this Employee Appreciation Event!

Wednesday, October 25
Employee Donut Bar
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Vandalia Justice Center



-  utrageously delicious way to say thanks for a job well done!
-  nly for Vandalia City Employees!
-  f course the donuts are coming from Jim's!
-  n top of tasty donuts, we'll have coffee and juice.
-  bjectively speaking... this event will be sweet!

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small city. big opportunity.

No RSVP Needed!

Study Session:

Monday, October 16, 2023 Items:

Resolution: Surface Transportation Funds - Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission is accepting applications for consideration for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. This year they will accept applications for resurfacing projects to be funded in the Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029. Applications for simple resurfacing are only available every few years. Engineering would begin in 2026. The City is proposing to apply for the resurfacing of Poe Avenue from Stop Eight Road to Image Drive, Wyse Road from I-75 to Webster Street and Miller Lane from Stop Eight Road to Benchwood Drive. As part of the application, we are required to submit a Resolution supporting the project and guaranteeing our local share of the funding.

Resolution: Settlement Agreement with Prairie Flyer Energy Storage, LLC - This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a settlement agreement with Prairie Flyer Storage, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Jupiter Power, LLC. Prairie Flyer intends to purchase a 19.3-acre parcel located in the City of Vandalia in order to construct and operate a battery energy storage system. It has applied to the Ohio Power Sitting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with respect to the Project. The City raised concerns about the Project and Certificate in a letter to OPSB in March and was considering formally intervening in the OPSB matter. However, after meeting with Prairie Flyer on multiple occasions the parties have reached a Settlement Agreement.

Ordinance: Assessment of Nuisance Abatements – The City obtained nuisance abatement orders from the court for two parcels, 6325 Shady Knoll Drive and 841 Spartan Avenue. The structures on the parcels were then razed by the City pursuant to the court order. As the costs to raze the nuisance structures have not been paid, this ordinance is necessary for the city to assess the cost to the property owners and have the County Auditor place the amounts due upon the tax list and duplicate.

Ordinance: Assessments September - This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, weed cutting and property maintenance.

Monday, November 6, 2023 Items:

Resolution: TCA – AES Easement Request - Tri Cities Wastewater Authority currently owns the property around the City of Vandalia's old wastewater treatment plant which is near the CSX Railroad. AES Ohio (formally known as DP&L) have power poles and overhead electric transmission lines in this area. Some of the poles and lines need to be replaced. Records do not show a recorded easement in the area where work needs to take place. AES Ohio is requesting an easement from Tri Cities to install, to maintain and to repair the poles and lines. Being that Tri Cities is an entity made up of Vandalia, Tipp City and Huber Heights, the easement must be signed by all three cities. I am requesting the approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign attached easement on behalf of the City of Vandalia so that AES Ohio can complete the replacement of poles and transmission lines.

Resolution: PC 23-10 – Record Plan - LBD Enterprises Plat -3505 Mulberry - Jacob Agullana, on behalf of LBD Enterprises, LLC, has submitted an application requesting subdivision approval for the LBD Enterprises Plat. The property is located between Langford Drive and Mulberry Road in the City of Vandalia. The proposed record plan would divide the existing parcel into two new parcels totaling 2.891 acres +/-, with the additional dedication of 0.273 acres of public right-of-way. The subject properties are located in the Residential Single Family (RSF-2) zoning district. On October 10, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

Discussion Items:

Variance BZA 23-11: Total Accessory Structure Area – 1340 South Dixie Drive - The Applicant, William Jackson has requested a variance to allow the construction of a detached garage that would cause the total area of all accessory structures to exceed 40% of the principal building footprint (326 square foot maximum) for the property located at 1340 South Dixie Drive. The applicant has proposed adding a 1,200 square foot detached garage to the side yard of his property. There is an existing 64 square foot shed. On October 11, 2023, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

Variance BZA 23-12: Total Accessory Structure Area – 570 O'Hara Court – The Applicant, Cole Ward has requested a variance to allow the construction of a detached garage that would cause the total area of all accessory structures to exceed 600 square feet for the property located at 570 O'Hara Court. The applicant has proposed adding a 676 square foot detached garage to the rear of his property. There is an existing 192 square foot shed. On October 11, 2023, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

September 2023 Financial Reports - Mrs. Leiter will deliver the September 2023 Financial Report.

60-Day Calendar - The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

Council Meeting:

Communications, Petitions and Awards

Introduction and Oath of Office: Fire Fighter/Paramedic/Inspector Ricky Davis II - City Manager Wendt will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Fire Fighter/Paramedic/Inspector Ricky Davis II who began full time employment October 11, 2023.

Resolutions

Resolution 23-R-65: 2024 Council Summer Schedule- This resolution proposes that during the months of June, July and August, City Council would meet once per month, on the 3rd Monday of each month. Study sessions will be scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm with the regular business meetings starting at 7:00 pm. The official dates for 2024 would be June 17, July 15, and August 19.

Resolution 23-R-66: Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Bids- Bids were opened publicly for the Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining project on Tuesday September 26, 2023. Attached is a copy of the bid tabulation sheet for referenced bids. Five sets of specifications were issued, and three contractors submitted bids for the project. Bids ranged from \$97,982.00 to \$125,454.00. Our estimate for the project was \$100,000. We have been awarded \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funding for this project and we have funds appropriated in the Sanitary Sewer portion of the 2023 Capital Improvement budget for this project. Director Cron recommends awarding the contract for this project to Insight Pipe Contracting as the lowest and best bid at their bid price of \$97,982.

Resolution 23-R-67: Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor – This resolution will accept the Amounts and Rates for Tax Year 2022. The Montgomery County Auditor noted the Amounts and Rates are subject to change due to election results and value changes.

Resolution 23-R-68: Surface Transportation Funds - Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission is accepting applications for consideration for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. This year they will accept applications for resurfacing projects to be funded in the Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029. Applications for simple resurfacing are only available every few years. Engineering would begin in 2026. The City is proposing to apply for the resurfacing of Poe Avenue from Stop Eight Road to Image Drive, Wyse Road from I-75 to Webster Street and Miller Lane from Stop Eight Road to Benchwood Drive. As part of the application, we are required to submit a Resolution supporting the project and guaranteeing our local share of the funding.

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Ordinance – First Reading:

Ordinance 23-26: City-Initiated Rezoning to PF and OIP – This City-initiated rezoning involves nineteen parcels totaling 126.812 acres +/-, located in the following locations: 810 Northwoods Blvd., 815 Foley Dr., Webster Street approximately 500 feet south of Park Center Blvd., the intersection of Old Springfield and Old Canal Roads, and the southeast end of Johnson Station Rd. As proposed, the subject properties would be rezoned from Agriculture (A), Residential Single-Family 3 (RSF-3), Gateway Business (GB), Highway Business (HB), Office/Industrial Park (O/IP), and Industrial (I) to the Public Facilities (PF) and Office Industrial Park (O/IP) Zoning Districts. On September 26, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the proposed rezoning.

Ordinance 23-27: Assessment of Nuisance Abatements – The City obtained nuisance abatement orders from the court for two parcels, 6325 Shady Knoll Drive and 841 Spartan Avenue. The structures on the parcels were then razed by the City pursuant to the court order. As the costs to raze the nuisance structures have not been paid, this ordinance is necessary for the city to assess the cost to the property owners and have the County Auditor place the amounts due upon the tax list and duplicate.

Ordinance 23-28: 2024 Budget - This ordinance authorizes appropriations for FY 2024. The City's operating, capital, and revitalization budget is a policy document and fiscal plan that we use to set out anticipated revenue and expenditures for accomplishing a variety of public services over a given time. Our budget is an expression of our priorities and the resources that we are strategically dedicating toward improving quality of life for our residents, corporate citizens, and anyone who visits Vandalia. The fourth 2024 operating, maintenance, capital, and revitalization budget workshop was held at the Justice Center in the Community Room at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023. Thank you to our senior staff members who provided additional background information involving many of the tough considerations that were before the City Council. There is no doubting this team's commitment to providing top-tier public services, while developing a strong fiscal plan that will help us work towards our [Citywide Policy Goals](#). This budget aligns with the policy direction that has been established by the Vandalia City Council. Since 2021, City Council has celebrated our team's success in capturing approximately \$15,438,656 million in committed and anticipated grants, donations, and external funding to stretch taxpayer funds.

I have no doubt that this is the City's most comprehensive forecast to date. Thank you to the City Council for the many inquiries, and efforts of due diligence – this has improved the way we do business and should bolster the public's trust and confidence in the Council's management of their resources. This year, Finance Director Leiter, Assistant Finance Director Carnes, ACM Holloway, and I have worked with our team to assemble a more comprehensive capital improvement plan, to study and to predict probable revenue streams, and to include potential future debt service payments for transformative projects. We have used these analyses to demonstrate feasibility and financial sustainability, and to account for possible future staffing proposals that will make Vandalia an increasingly safe and secure community. Thank you to Director Leiter who has spent nights and weekends preparing and modifying the many iterations of this budget. I am proud of the LJB facilities maintenance master plan that Director Clark, Superintendent Wells, and Inspector Mastrino produced as we wrap up the ~\$9 million roof and HVAC infrastructure project. This

third-party document will help our team to communicate needs more effectively and to plan out how we care for the public's investment in our buildings, grounds, parking lots, and other facilities. Also, during this process, we brought in the City's financial advisor and bond counsel to work with the City Council and our administrative team to help us gain a richer understanding of the subtleties relating to public sector fund accounting, bond ratings, the practices of rating agencies, general obligation debt versus revenue debt, as well as to provide an evaluation and analysis of the many opportunities and options that are before the City Council.

This year, the budget process began on July 1, 2023, when the Finance Department prepared electronic workbooks for the departments. Our team worked on departmental budgets and returned them to the Finance Department for initial review in early August. Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway, Director Leiter, Assistant Director Carnes, and I met with each department to study budget requests and service delivery needs, which we juxtaposed with budgetary constraints and competing priorities. On September 11, 2023, I met with the City Council to discuss the 2024 budget at the fall retreat. Our team also met for budget workshops on September 14, 18, 27; the October 2 study session; and a fourth budget workshop on October 12, 2023. These exercises in due diligence are worthy and necessary because they help us grow as a cohesive team, build understanding, and demonstrate transparency to our community.

This is truly an exciting budget and five-year forecast. I commend the staff and the City Council for their critical thought and desire to improve the way we do business by addressing deferred items, working towards industry standards, and implementing modern technologies to make us more efficient. This budget is nearly identical to the budget that we produce after budget workshop #3, which was presented at the October 2, 2023, study session. The budget includes the following highlights:

- \$1,573,329 to purchase and to upfit two police cruisers in 2024 and three cruisers in each of the years during 2025 – 2028;
- \$375,000 to replace a medic unit (ambulance) in 2025 and \$400,000 to replace a medic unit in 2027 – understanding that delivery from the time of purchase will take 18 – 24 months;
- \$3,886,014 to build the Vandalia bikeway connector from Taylorsville Metro Park to Bunkers – including \$3,011,359 in grant and external funding in years 2024 and 2025;
- \$60,000 in traffic signal preemption devices that will make our police officers, firefighters, and residents safer during an emergency response;
- \$55,000 for training equipment and props for our Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspectors;
- \$1,000,000 in street resurfacing and \$380,000 in curb, sidewalk, and concrete work with a three percent escalator in each of the next five years;
- \$1,000,000 for resurfacing Wester St. including a grant of \$717,132 that the City has never received before;
- \$1,764,000 including an offset of a \$900,000 grant to replace the watermain and to resurface Tionda Drive, Mossview, and Ranchview;
- \$150,000 in asphalt maintenance for the walking paths at the Sports Complex;
- \$500,000 for new water meters;
- \$650,020 to construct an inclusive playground for children of all abilities in Robinette Park in 2024 – with \$113,856 coming from the City's capital improvement funds;
- A placeholder of \$570,000 to build a splash pad, to maintain asphalt, and to make other improvements to Robinette Park in 2025 – with \$275,000 coming from the City's capital improvement funds;
- The addition of one full-time Parks Maintenance Technician in 2024;
- A placeholder for forecasted possible addition of three full-time Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspectors in 2025;
- A placeholder forecasted possible addition of three full-time Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspectors in 2028;
- Placeholders for forecasted annual debt service payments of \$310,000 from utility funds for the Dog Leg Rd. Utility Extension Project – Phase II;
- Placeholders for forecasted annual debt service payments of ~\$1.4 mm from various funds for a new public works facility on Northwoods Boulevard where the city secured a 16-acre donation of land valued at \$900,000;
- Placeholders for forecasted annual debt service payments of \$170,000 for the Cassel Hills Golf Course Irrigation Project;

- \$80,000 to conduct a downtown master plan that will be guided by community members and reflect our ongoing market study;
- An active transportation plan to make Vandalia more walkable and bikeable; and
- A five-year strategy for developing and building the National Rd. streetscape and road diet.

The 2024 budget is scheduled to be on the October 16, 2023, Council Meeting agenda for a first reading. This will be the seventh time that the City Council has met to consider the 2024 budget. Pending passage in a first reading, the budget is scheduled for a second reading and adoption on November 6, 2023.

Ordinance – Second Reading:

Ordinance 23-24 Fire Insurance: City Manager Wendt requested that Law Director McDonald draft this ordinance to empower the City of Vandalia to obtain a portion of fire insurance proceeds when there is a major loss. This type of ordinance is commonly used in other communities to help ensure that insurance proceeds are used to abate blight resulting from a structure fire, to protect public safety, and to help prevent the need to appropriate tax dollars to abate such blight. If adopted, the City of Vandalia would be able to hold a portion of fire insurance proceeds in a fund to ensure that proceeds are used to tear down the building (or repair it) – whether by the owner or by the City. It is worth noting that this ordinance will not be enforceable at the Super 8 Motel, which recently had a structure fire. The ordinance will apply to all properties that are damaged by a fire after the ordinance takes effect.

Ordinance – Emergency Reading:

Ordinance 23-25 – Assessments – This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, weed cutting and property maintenance.

September Bill Listing – Mrs. Leiter will deliver the September Bill Listing.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be an in-person meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff and the public to attend in-person. The meetings will be accessible for viewing on through Zoom. Please note, no comments, electronic or oral, will be allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. **The Study Session will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.**

Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet: Thank you to Vandalia Butler Chamber of Commerce for recognizing me as the community's business professional of the year. I am humbled by this recognition, and I am thankful for the opportunity to lead a great team of public servants at the City of Vandalia, Ohio. It is great to be the city manager in the community where I live, and enjoy strong support from the public and our business community. Let's do great things together to build on a long tradition of making Vandalia a great place to live, work, play, and make businesses successful.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions. Have a great weekend.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees



Poe Avenue, Wyse Road, & Miller Lane Resurfacing

City of Vandalia



Preliminary Construction Estimate - STP Simple Resurfacing

1.5" Mill/Fill **Poe Avenue** Between 260 FT North of Image Dr & Stop Eight Rd (4,495 FT)

1.5" Mill/Fill **Wyse Road** Between I-75 Bridge & Webster St (1,880 FT)

1.5" Mill/Fill **Miller Lane** Between Benchwood Rd & Stop Eight Rd (2,579 FT)

October 3, 2023

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
254	1.5" Asphalt Planing	45062	SY	\$3.25	\$146,451.50
407	Non-Tracking Tack Coat	169	GAL	\$5.00	\$845.00
441	1.5" - #448 Asphalt Surface Course, Type 1, PG 70-22	1878	CY	\$215.00	\$403,770.00
555	Asphalt Rejuvenating Agent	45062	SY	\$2.00	\$90,124.00
614	Maintenance of Traffic	1	LS	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
624	Mobilization	1	LS	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
632	Detector Loop	15	EA	\$3,000.00	\$45,000.00
632	Loop Detector Tie In	15	EA	\$150.00	\$2,250.00
644	Center Line	2.98	MI	\$5,000.00	\$14,924.24
644	Dashed Lane Line, 4"	3535	LF	\$3.00	\$10,605.00
644	Channelizing Line, 8"	3060	LF	\$3.00	\$9,180.00
644	Edge Line, 4"	0.12	MI	\$3,800.00	\$438.30
644	Stop Bar, 24"	220	LF	\$9.00	\$1,980.00
644	Lane Arrow	44	EA	\$175.00	\$7,700.00
644	Transverse/Diagonal Line	502	LF	\$5.00	\$2,510.00

Subtotal **\$845,778.04**

Inflation 23.1% **\$195,374.73**

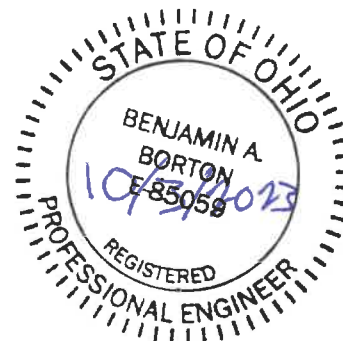
CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL \$1,041,152.76

Construction Engineering 8% **\$83,292.22**

Design Engineering 10% **\$104,115.28**

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,228,560.26

Benjamin A. Borton, P.E.

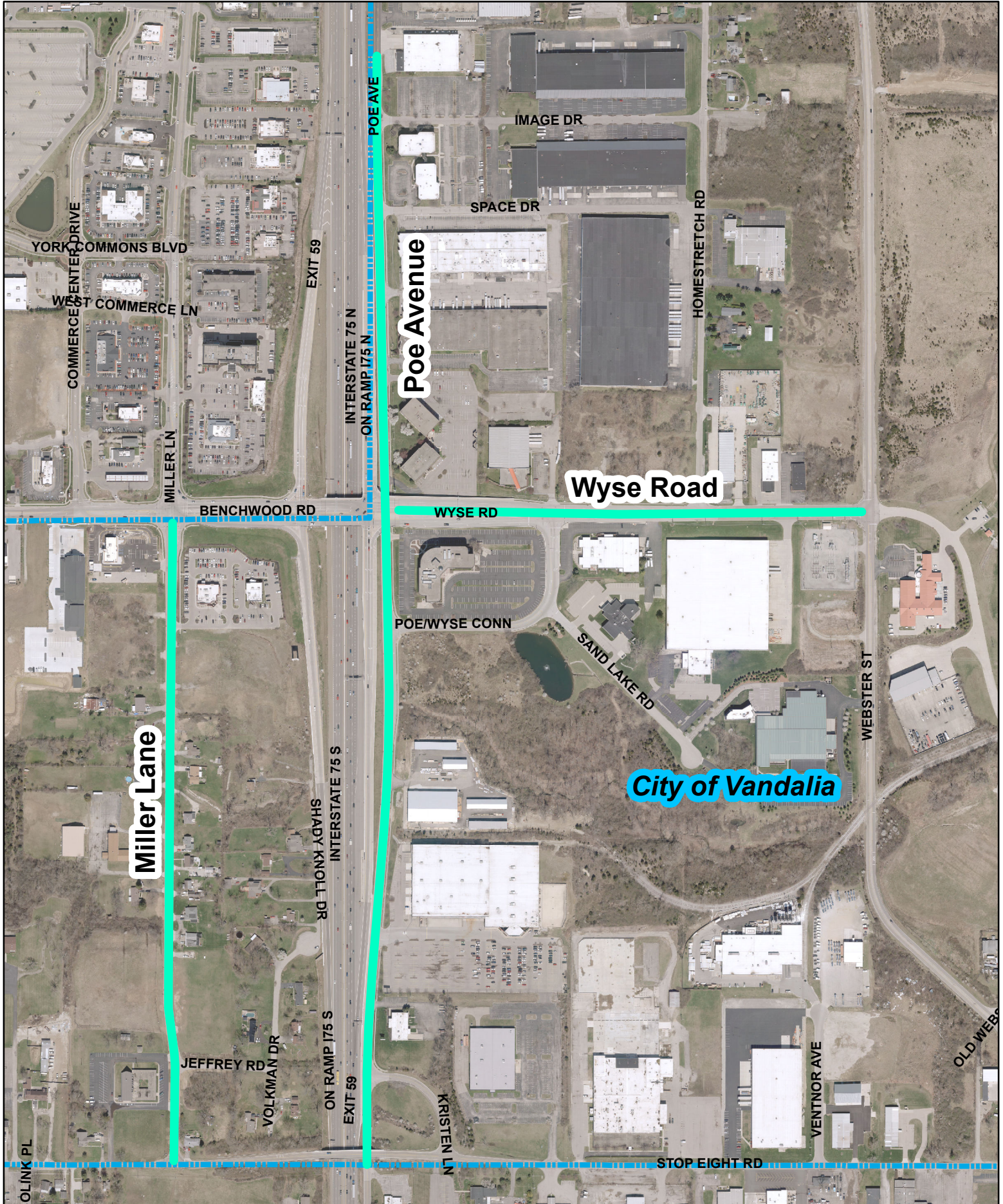




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Miller Lane, Poe Avenue & Wyse Road





OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Mike DeWine, Governor Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D., Director

1980 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223
614-466-7170
transportation.ohio.gov

October 12, 2023

Mr. Rob Cron
City of Vandalia
333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Dear Mr. Cron:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to inform you that the S. Cassel Road Bridge Replacement project (SFN 5765145) has been selected for funding in the Municipal Bridge Program. The project selections are contingent upon the availability of future federal funds.

With the Bridge Formula Program funding through the most recent Federal Transportation Bill, off-system bridges must be funded at 100% for construction and construction engineering. Therefore, the program will provide 100% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of **\$1,313,211** in Federal funds through the Municipal Bridge Program, in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027. Please note, if contingencies were included in the requested amount, they were removed prior to awarding funds per the program guidance.

All options should be considered during the Project Development Process, not just a partial width build.

Please provide written acceptance of the awarded Municipal Bridge funds by **Thursday, November 30, 2023** via email to Nichole.Lawhorn@dot.ohio.gov. If acceptance is not received by this date, the funds will be rescinded and awarded to another project in order to ensure a fully funded program.

Please contact Blake Simpson, in the ODOT District 7 office at (937) 497-6807, to schedule a project scope meeting and to start the process of programming your project. It is very important to establish solid commitment dates for your project. Failure to meet the agreed upon dates could result in funding being withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 752-6581 or at the email address provided above.

Respectfully,

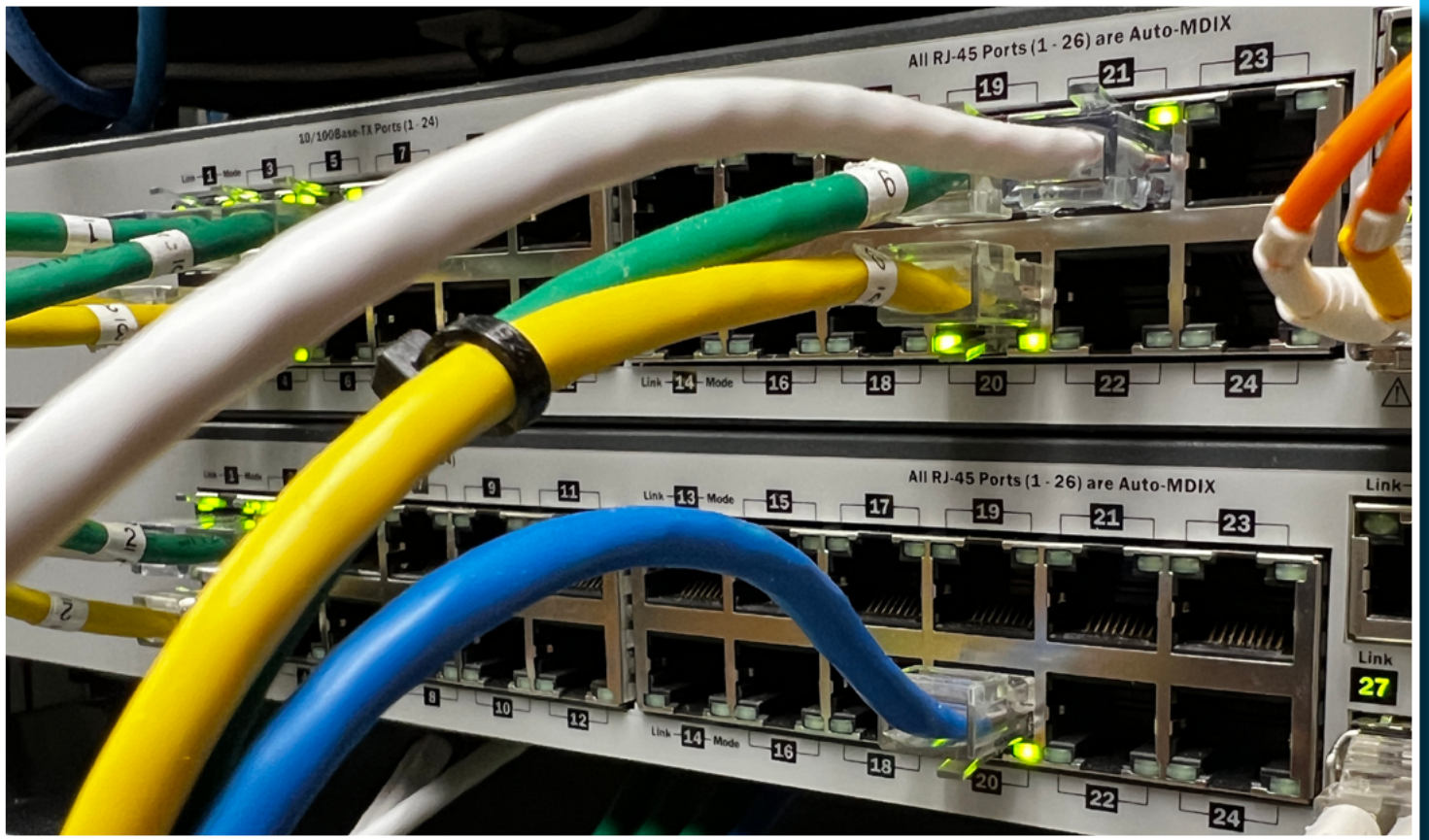
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nichole Lawhorn".

Nichole Lawhorn
Program Manager
Office of Local Programs

c: Blake Simpson, ODOT District 7

IT Support Specialist

City of Vandalia, Ohio



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THE COMMUNITY

The [City of Vandalia](#) is optimally situated between the Dayton International Airport and the I-70 / I-75 interchange. Vandalia's corporate limits span 12.39 square miles with a population of approximately 15,000 (See: [Census QuickFacts](#)). Residents enjoy vibrant amenities, top-tier public services, affordable housing, and quality schools. The town has a robust and stable economy that is growing with businesses representing the industries of defense, aerospace, cyber, automotive, advanced manufacturing, and food processing. Located just 15 minutes from downtown Dayton and one hour from Cincinnati and Columbus, residents have ample access to quality universities and colleges. Each year, the City hosts a series of gatherings and events in its parks, and it plays a large role in helping make the Dayton Air Show a success.

Residents place a high priority on revitalizing the community and creating a downtown area as a community space for gathering and entertainment.

VANDALIA IS HOME TO



Ohio's best
donut shop.



America's most active arts
community.



Region's best
Sports Complex.



Ohio's friendliest
police department.



Ohio's best municipal
indoor waterpark.



Ohio's greenest
municipal golf course.



Ohio's best
Brew Pub.



Eleven amazing
City parks.



Ohio's favorite
"Soggy Doggy Dip."



Ohio's best indoor and
outdoor pickleball courts.

The Vandalia City Council has adopted the following 2023 Policy Goals to inform and to guide the execution of the City's mission in the coming year:

Live



Small City Big Opportunity: Be known regionally as a top-tier suburb through top-tier City services. Enhance social and economic investment by promoting the City's high-quality services, well-performing schools, available workforce, escalating quality-of-life, and growing sense of place. Incentivize developments that improve life in Vandalia.



Safe and Secure: Ensure that Vandalia remains a safe and secure community by investing in both traditional public safety operations and creative outreach efforts to meet the evolving needs of our residents and visitors.



Enhance Infrastructure: Protect public assets and infrastructure by making calculated and deliberate investments in roadways, utilities, park spaces.

Work



Fiscal Sustainability: Leverage the operating position of the City to seize strategic opportunities for improving quality of life, while maintaining sustainable fiscal practices.



Trust and Confidence: Promote an open approach to government through coordinated, transparent, and evidence-based engagement practices. Empower residents, business owners and community stakeholders to partner in City programs.



Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.

Play



Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.

CITY GOVERNMENT

The primary purpose of any City of Vandalia employee is to improve quality of life for residents. We seek to build a team of servant leaders who love and care about this beautiful community.

The [Charter of the City of Vandalia](#) was adopted by the voters on April 7, 1959. Vandalia is a politically mature municipal organization that is committed to effective public service through professional management. The City prides itself on being a respectful and collaborative employer that demands excellence from its team.

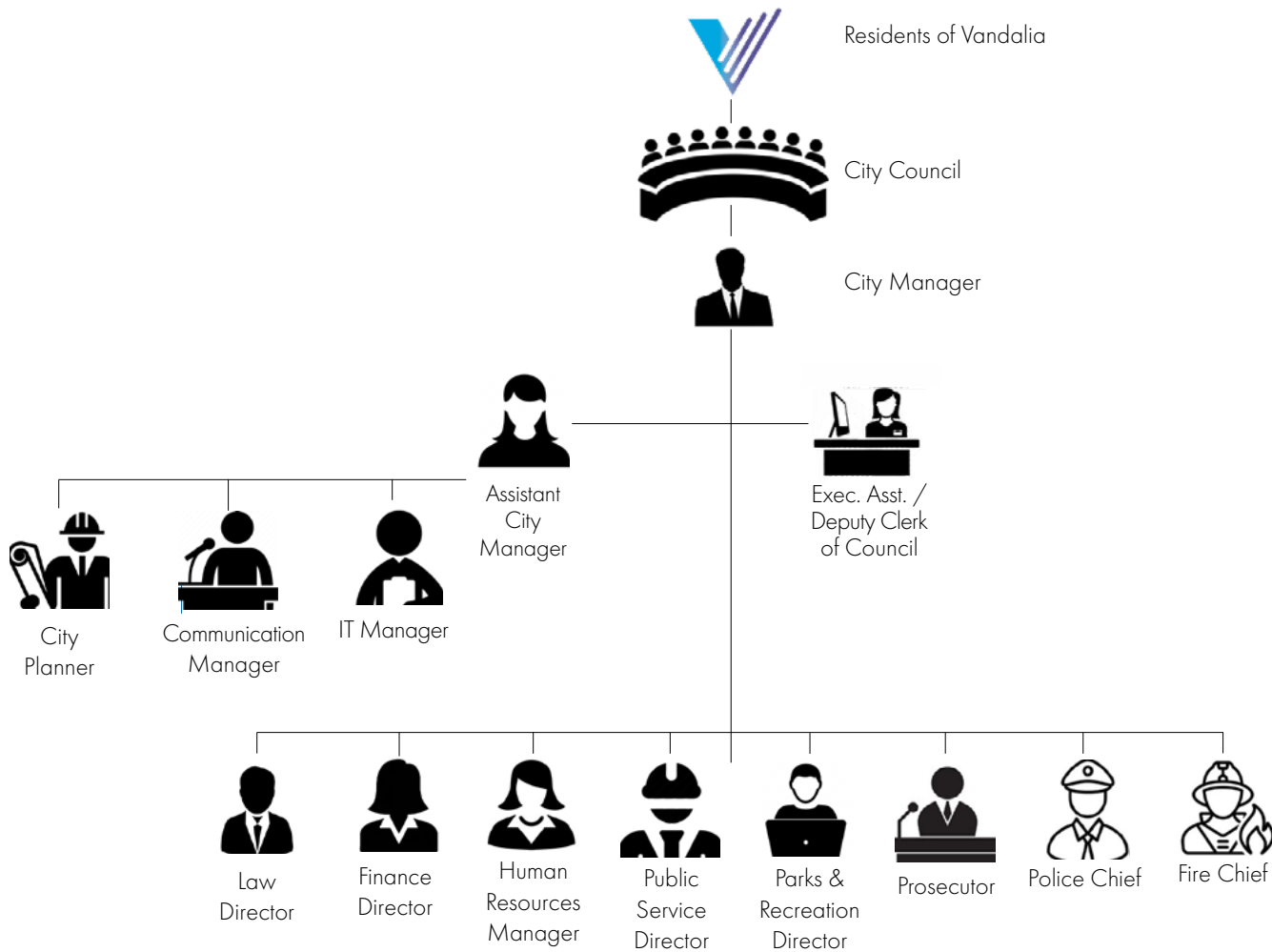
Vandalia is a complex municipal organization. The City organization retains a strong bond rating of Aa2, annual all funds budget of approximately \$61 million, and 275 full-time-equivalent employees. The City prides itself on maintaining a strong operating position and ensures that its team of public servants has the tools that it needs to serve the public. The IT Support Specialist plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety, security and operationability of the City's expansive IT network.

Under the direction of the City Manager, the leadership team executes the policy directives of the Vandalia City Council including the day-to-day operations of police, fire, emergency medical services, and dispatch; water distribution, wastewater collection, and storm water utilities; public works and street construction; economic development, building and zoning, planning, and engineering services; and community enrichment through the Vandalia Recreation Center, Senior Center, Cassel Hills Golf Course, and numerous parks.

In 2020, City Council adopted the [Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan](#).

Learn more about City of Vandalia initiatives on the City's [YouTube Channel](#) and [Facebook Page](#).

COMMAND STRUCTURE



IT DIVISION INFORMATION

The Information Technology Division is a part of the Vandalia City Manager's office.

Within the IT Division, there are three distinct job titles:

IT Manager

Responsible for project design & implementation; budgeting / forecasting; centralized IT purchasing; quotes / bids; contracts and warranties; disaster recovery; compliance (PCI, LEADS, HIPAA); drone PD & FD / photography; critical application support; phishing and security awareness; end-user training; reporting & statistics; records retention; policies & procedures; policy enforcement.

IT Systems Administrator

Responsible for servers and SANs; network applications; SQL & databases; Exchange email; switches & routers; firewalls; credit card machines; ACH and banking cloud applications; data migrations; multi-factor authentication; SeeClickFix; mobile apps; mobile forms; document management; data backups; security updates / patches; event logging & auditing; systems documentation; VPN & remote.

IT Support Specialist

Responsible for PCs / laptops / tablets; applications; printers & copiers; app and OS updates; TVs and cable TV; projectors and smartboards; AV equipment; tablets and smartphones; credit card machines; virus protection; vehicle wiring; vehicle GPS; police & fire MDTs; dash and body cameras; video redaction & editing; point of sale; website management; office applications; PTP wireless; timeclocks; 3D printing; desktop documentation.

THE POSITION - THE IDEAL CANDIDATE - THE QUALIFICATIONS

Department Metrics

The IT Division manages 200 applications and web services; 400 email accounts; 280 computers; 80 tablets and smartphones; 100 application and data servers; average 800 Tickets/yr (only about 25% of issues are ticketed); 40 network switches.

Recruitment Note: Research from the Harvard Business Review indicates that some female and minority candidates may not apply for positions unless they have 100% of the stated qualifications. After meeting base qualifications, the City is recruiting for attitude, work ethic, potential, and a desire to improve our community. The expectation of a City of Vandalia employee is that you will learn and adapt to the needs of the community and our team. If this describes you, please apply.

Special consideration may be given to residents of the City of Vandalia and graduates of Butler High School.

General Description

The City seeks a servant leader who is a curious and active learner. The ideal candidate is a problem solver who has strong internal and external customer service skills. The IT Support Specialist is responsible for the overall health of the computer network, software, and hardware; handles the daily support requests for hardware and software within the City for each department (e.g., police, fire, finance, engineering, parks and recreation); plays a major role in the design, implementation, and support of network equipment, servers and end user hardware and software; functions as a help desk technician and support of other projects (e.g., infrastructure, telephone systems, application and database development, and other third party software and hardware, etc.).



Qualifications

Possession of an Associate's degree in computer science or related field; three (3) months of experience and / or training in a related field; or any equivalent combination of education, experience, and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Licensure or Certification Requirements

Must possess a valid State of Ohio drivers license and must remain insurable under the city's vehicle insurance plan.

Essential Functions of the Position:

Maintains data terminals, computers, printers and other devices for City departments; installs and supports desktop personal computers; serves as the primary helpdesk technician; maintains Windows updates; supports network server applications; supports police and fire mobile units; maintains wireless network.

Keeps up to date on current security vulnerabilities, threats, and viruses; manages firewall rules, policies, and alerts; manages spam and anti-virus; monitors internet traffic and bandwidth use.

Assists with the design, implementation, and support of other projects such as infrastructure, telephone systems, third-party hardware and software, network equipment, servers, and end-user hardware and software.

Minimum Acceptable Characteristics:

Knowledge of office practices and procedures; city department, goals and objectives; city department, policies and procedures; workplace safety, practices and procedures; personal rules and regulations; computer, software, records, management; government, structure, and process; state, Federal, and local laws and / or regulations; local geographical area; English, grammar and spelling; for science; computer programming; systems analysis; data processing techniques and procedures, and data security; database management. Skill in typing; data entry; word processing; computer operation; use of modern office equipment; motor vehicle operation; instructions in written, oral, picture form; interpret a variety of instructions in written, oral, picture, or schedule form; deal with problems involving several variables, within familiar contexts; define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusion; understand, interpret, and apply laws, rules, or regulations.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

The City of Vandalia offers a generous and competitive compensation package in an effort to attract top-tier talent. The successful candidate can expect the following wage and benefits package:

The IT Support Specialist is a highly valued position with a pay range of **\$27.73 to \$36.26** per hour or \$57,678 up to \$75,420 annually.

Employer contribution to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System;

Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance;

Paid Vacation, Sick Leave, Holidays, and Floating Holidays;

The City of Vandalia will accept the transfer in of up to 1,250 hours of unused, uncompensated sick leave from the candidate's qualifying former employer(s);

Funeral Leave, Jury Duty Leave, Military Leave, Maternal and Paternal Leave with Pay, Adoptive Parent Leave;

Life Insurance: employer sponsored benefit of \$60,000;

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance: \$12,000 benefit;

Free Individual Vandalia Recreation Center Membership;

Family Cassel Hills Pool Membership;

Individual Restricted Pass to Cassel Hills Golf Course;

Tuition Reimbursement: \$3,000 per year for up to 80% for accredited degree programs.



City Council A / V Studio



Vandalia Municipal Building



Vandalia has an extensive computer network that is vital for the daily operation of all City departments.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will only be accepted through the City's online application system via the website at: VandaliaOhio.org/Jobs. Applications must include copies of any relevant certifications, a résumé, and a cover letter.

Application materials must be submitted ONLINE to VandaliaOhio.org/Jobs, no later than **Friday, October 27, 2023 by 5:00p.m.**

Questions about the position may be directed to HR Manager, Melissa Pruszyński, missy@vandaliaohio.org, (937) 415-2258. The process for consideration for the position of IT Support Specialist is:

1. Timely submission of application, Resume and Cover Letter. Deadline is **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023.**
2. First Oral Interview
3. Second Interview

Once a candidate has been identified, the pre-hiring process will begin. This phase of the process includes the following steps:

1. Thorough Background Investigation
2. Medical Evaluation (Physical and Drug Screening)



COMMITMENT TO NON-DISCRIMINATION

The City of Vandalia is firmly committed to equal employment opportunity based on skills, education, work experience, merit, and service to the public. The City does not discriminate based on disability, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, veteran status or gender identity and expression. This includes all City programs, activities, and hiring practices.

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Parks Maintenance Technician

City of Vandalia, Ohio



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THE COMMUNITY

The [City of Vandalia](#) is optimally situated between the Dayton International Airport and the I-70 / I-75 interchange. Vandalia's corporate limits span 12.39 square miles with a population of approximately 15,000 (See: [Census QuickFacts](#)). Residents enjoy vibrant amenities, top-tier public services, affordable housing, and quality schools. The town has a robust and stable economy that is growing with businesses representing the industries of defense, aerospace, cyber, automotive, advanced manufacturing, and food processing. Located just 15 minutes from downtown Dayton and one hour from Cincinnati and Columbus, residents have ample access to quality universities and colleges. Each year the City hosts a series of gatherings and events in its parks, and plays a large role in helping make the Dayton Air Show a success.

Residents place a high priority on revitalizing the community and creating a downtown area as a community space for gathering and entertainment. Our community values our parks, public facilities, and seeks to improve active transportation options.



The Vandalia City Council has adopted the following [2023 Policy Goals](#) to inform and to guide the execution of the City's mission in the coming year. Including:

Live



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Work



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Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.

Play



Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.

CITY GOVERNMENT

The [Charter of the City of Vandalia](#) was adopted by the voters on April 7, 1959. Vandalia is a politically mature municipal organization that is committed to effective public service through professional management. The City prides itself on being a respectful and collaborative employer that demands excellence from its team.

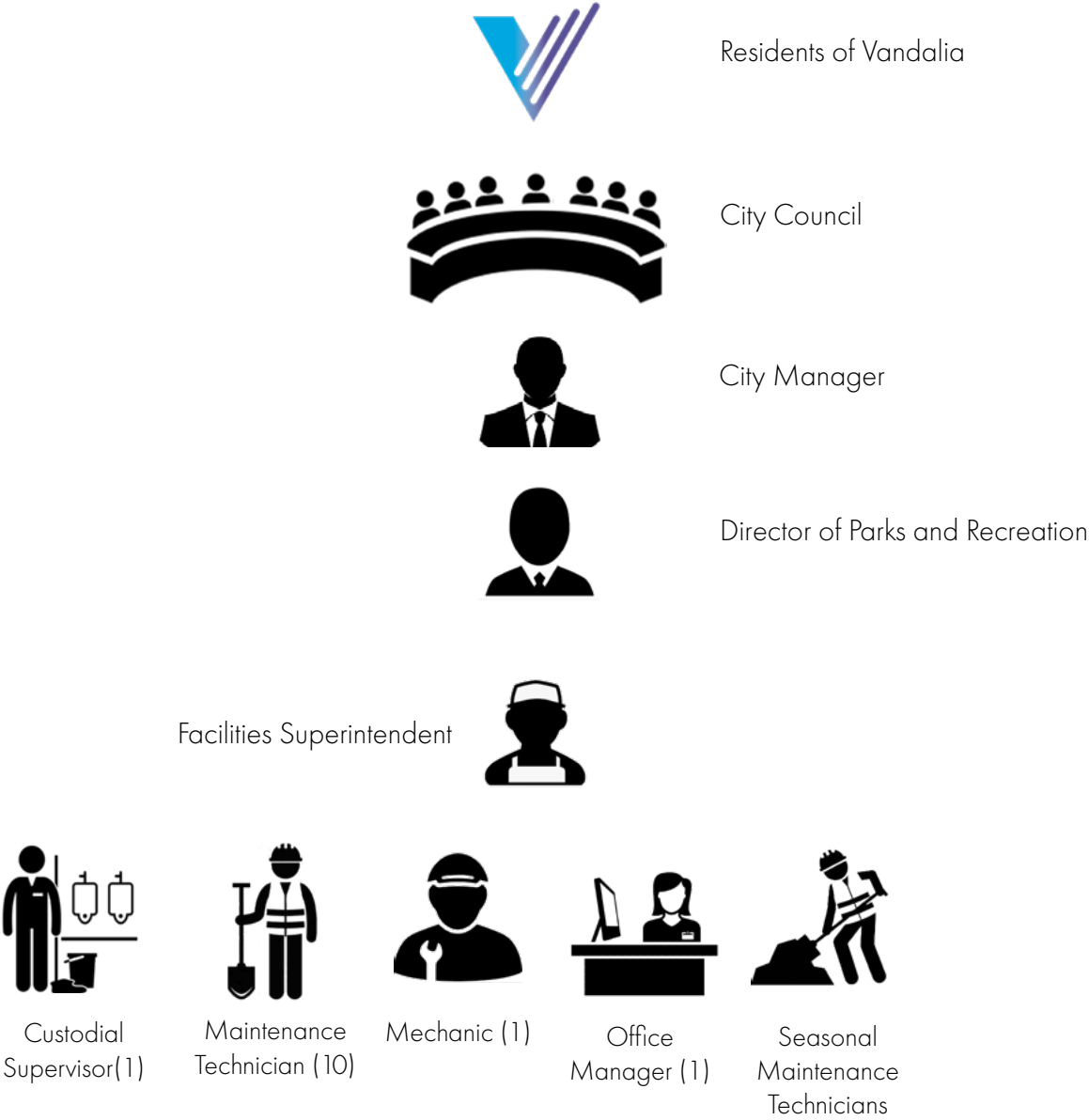
Vandalia is a complex municipal organization. The City organization retains a strong bond rating of Aa2, annual all funds budget of approximately \$57 million, and an average full-time workforce of 234 full-time equivalent employees. The City prides itself on maintaining a strong operating position and ensures that its team of public servants has the tools that it needs to serve the public.

Under the direction of the City Manager, the leadership team executes the policy directives of the Vandalia City Council including the day-to-day operations of police, fire, emergency medical services, and dispatch; water distribution, wastewater collection, and storm water utilities; public works and street construction; economic development, building and zoning, planning, and engineering services; and community enrichment through the Vandalia Recreation Center, Senior Center, Cassel Hills Golf Course, and numerous parks.

In 2020, City Council adopted the [Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan](#). There are many exciting anticipated developments in the coming years.

Learn more about City of Vandalia initiatives on the City's [YouTube Channel](#) and [Facebook Page](#).

COMMAND STRUCTURE



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Department of Parks and Recreation is staffed by dedicated and highly trained public servants who provide residents with efficient, honest, and courteous service through the Parks and Recreation department. The department is led by our tenured Director of Parks and Recreation, Steve Clark.

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for general maintenance of 11 parks and nine facility locations. The City prides itself on ensuring a high level of customer service at every touchpoint with the public. The Vandalia park system is a top-tier recreation program that is very well respected in the region.

The City seeks to recruit a positive leader who takes pride in enhancing livability for the residents of Vandalia.

The Parks and Recreation Maintenance Technician is responsible for a variety of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled tasks in the maintenance and operation of city-owned buildings, parks, grounds and other facilities.

THE POSITION - THE IDEAL CANDIDATE - THE QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Vandalia is seeking a Maintenance Technician to join its Parks and Recreation team. Vandalia Maintenance Technicians perform a variety of duties.

- Mows and maintains park and open space areas such as baseball and soccer fields; mows weeds; cleans and maintains tennis courts.
- Drags ball fields; lines fields for games.
- Assists in the maintenance of the municipal swimming pool.
- Inspects, washes, and performs routine maintenance of park drinking fountains and restrooms.
- Sweeps, washes, paints, and repairs or replaces park tables, benches and bleachers.
- Performs minor semi-skilled interior building maintenance such as painting, plumbing, carpentry, and other unskilled and semi-skilled trades work.
- Inspects and repairs/replaces playground equipment.
- Operates snow removal equipment.
- Operates tractors, skid loaders, mowers, backhoes, jack hammers, welders, trucks, steam cleaners, buffers, washers, and other equipment as needed.
- Collects and disposes of solid waste from buildings and grounds; picks up litter from premises.
- Assists in setting up and taking down equipment for various park and recreation programs; prepares facilities for park and recreation program use.
- Installs and maintains goal posts and nets for sports facilities, including soccer, volleyball, baseball, softball, tennis and basketball.
- Assists in the construction of new parks facilities, including clearing, grading, drainage, and foundation work.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Must possess a valid State of Ohio drivers license, and must remain insurable under the City's vehicle insurance plan; must possess a valid Class A CDL; may require a Pesticide Applicator's License; Certified pool operator certification, and / or other licenses / certifications based on the needs of the city. Ohio Nursery and Landscaping Association Certified Landscape Installer certification, Certified Arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture, or Certified Playground Safety Inspector, through the National Recreation and Park Association preferred.

Install and maintain trees, shrubs, groundcovers and flowers and understand and fulfill their respective maintenance requirements. Knowledge of office practices and procedures; *City / department goals and objectives; *City / department policies and procedures; *workplace safety practices and procedures; *personnel, rules and regulations; supervisory principles and practices; computer software; community resources and services; government structure and process; state, federal and local laws and / or regulations; local geographical area; English, grammar and spelling; grounds maintenance and repair; electrical installation, maintenance and repair; electrical principles; custodial methods and techniques; building construction, maintenance and repair; general construction, maintenance and repair; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning installation, maintenance and repair; snow and ice removal.

*Learned on job



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- **Base Salary: \$21.63 per hour - \$27.82 per hour**
- Ohio Public Employees Retirement System: Employer contribution of 14% of gross wage, Employee contribution of 10% of gross wage
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Paid Leave:
 - Vacation: 12 – 26 days per year depending on service credit
 - Prior Service Recognition: The City of Vandalia will recognize prior full-time service at a qualifying political subdivision (i.e., city, township, county, school district, State of Ohio) for the purposes of calculating leave accrual in accordance with the current policy
 - Holiday: nine paid holidays per year
 - Floating Holiday: 1.25 days per full quarter-year after six months (5 days per year)
 - Sick Leave: 1.25 days per full calendar month (15 days per year)
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Request a "vacation house check."

Report property maintenance issues in an instant.

Report a pothole in seconds! Snap a photo and the app lets us know exactly where to send the crew!

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It's a year of Employee Appreciation!

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Please note the dates below and plan to attend these events.



Wednesday, June 14
Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



Thursday, July 20
Pizza in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Helke Park



Wednesday, August 16
Picnic in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



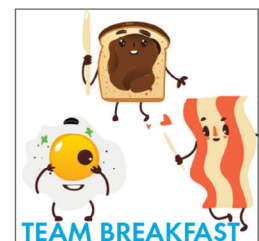
Wednesday, September 20
Employee Taco Bar
12:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center



Wednesday, October 25
Employee Donut Bar
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Vandalia Justice Center



Wednesday, November 8
Team Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Cassel Hills Clubhouse



Monday, December 18
City Council Employee Appreciation Day
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank You



2023 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved December 5, 2022

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Your new water meter is installed!

The City of Vandalia has replaced your water meter! This new meter is programmed to use cellular technology to report your water usage to the City of Vandalia Utility Department.

This new meter also gives you the ability to track your water usage in real time through the free EyeOnWater phone app.

The EyeOnWater app has alerts that can help you identify a costly leak before it runs up your bill.

If you have any questions about your new meter or your water bill, call the number below.



Scan the QR Code for more information!

For more information:

937-415-2231

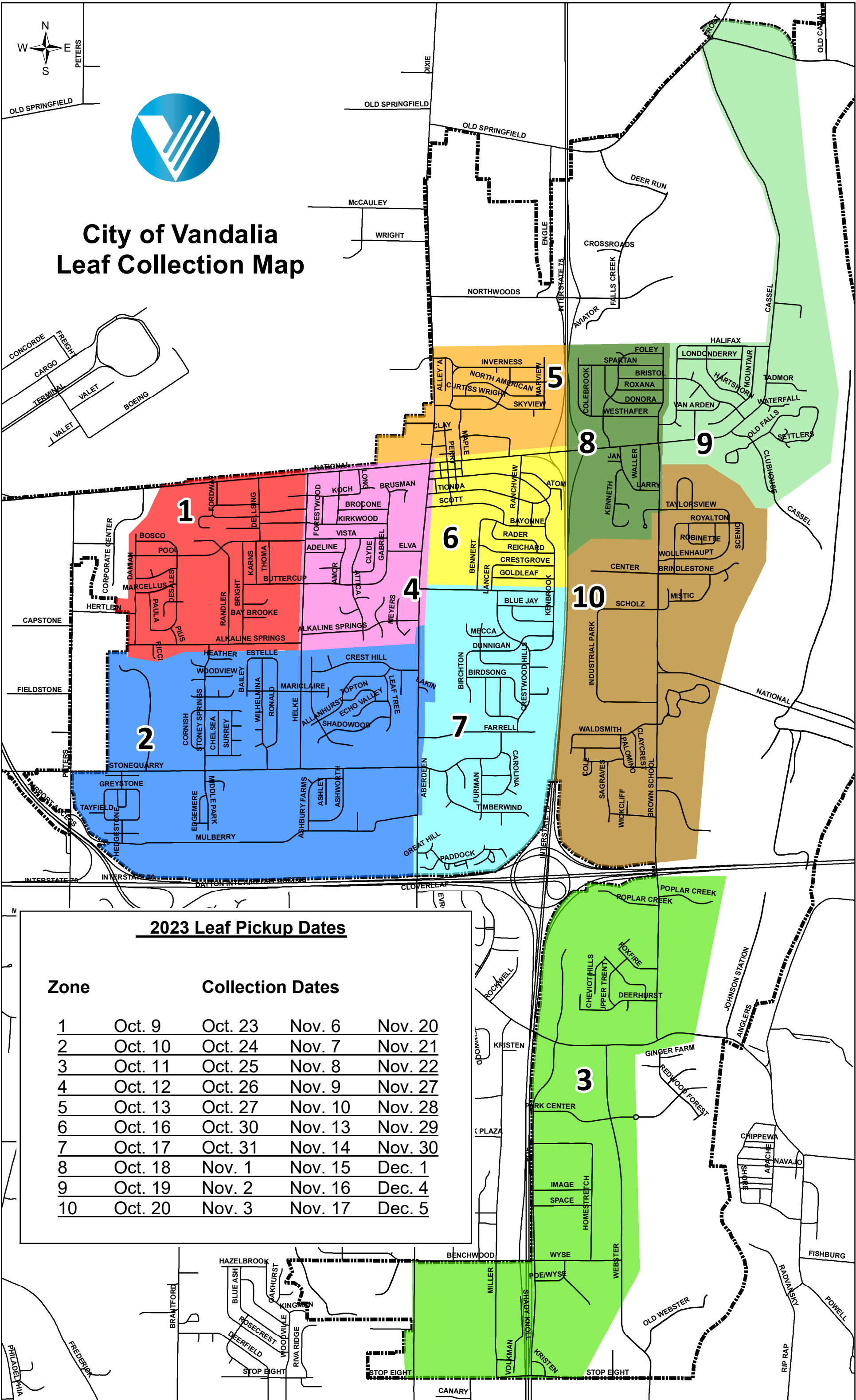
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EyeOnWater

Available at:





2023 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

ADDRESS	1ST PU	2ND PU	3RD PU	4TH PU	ZONE
ABERDEEN	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
ADELINE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
ALKALINE E	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
ALKALINE W	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
ALLANHURST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
AMOR	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
ARROW CT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASH RIDGE CT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASHBURY FARMS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASHLEY PL	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ASHWORTH	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ATOM	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
ATTICA	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BAILEY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
BARTLES	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
BAYBROOK	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
BAYONNE	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
BENCHWOOD S. SIDE	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
BENNERT	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
BENT TWIG	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BIRCHTON	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BIRDSONG	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BIRNAM WOOD	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BLUCHER Ct.	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
BLUE JAY	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
BOLTON ABBEY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
BONNIE BRAE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
BOSCO	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
BRAMLEY CT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
BRIGHT	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
BRINDLESTONE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
BRISTOL E. OF BRN SCH	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
BRISTOL W. OF BRN SCH	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
BROCON	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BROWN SCHOOL N.	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
BROWN SCHOOL S. OF 40	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
BROWN SCHOOL S. OF 70	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
BRUSMAN	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BUTTERCUP E. OF HELKE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
BUTTERCUP W. OF HELKE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1

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CAMBRON	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CAROLINA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CASSEL CREEK	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
CASSEL N.	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
CAWDOR	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CHELSEA	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CHEVIOT HILLS	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
CITADEL	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CLARENDON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CLAY	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
CLAYCREST	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
CLEARBROOK	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
CLIFFBROOK	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
CLUBHOUSE WAY	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
CLYDE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
COLE CT	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
COLEBROOK	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
CONTINENTAL	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
COPPERGATE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CORNISH	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
COVENT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CREST HILL	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CRESTGROVE	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
CRESTWOOD HILLS	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
CROYDON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
CURTISS WRIGHT BLVD	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
CYRIL	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
DAMIAN	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
DEER CREEK DR	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
DEERHURST	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
DEERVALE	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
DELLSING	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
DESALES	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
DIXIE 40 TO W. ALKALINE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
DIXIE N. OF 40	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
DIXIE S. OF ALKALINE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
DONORA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
DUNNIGAN	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
DUNSINANE	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
EASTVIEW	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
ECHO VALLEY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2

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ENOLA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
ESTELLE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
FARRELL	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
FITCHLAND	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
FOLEY	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
FORDWAY	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
FOREST CREST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
FOREST VIEW	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
FORESTWOOD	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
FOXCROFT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
FOXFIRE TRAIL	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
FRANCES LN	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
FRISCO LN	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
FROST	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
FURMAN	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
GABRIEL	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
GATESHEAD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
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HARTSHORN	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
HEATHER	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
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HERTLEIN	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
HIALEAH	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
HOMESTRETCH	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
HOWARD LN	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
HUNTERS CHASE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
HURST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2

2023 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

IMPERIAL	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
INVERNESS	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
JAMES BOHANAN	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
JAN	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
JEFFREY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
KARNS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
KENBROOK N. OF ALK.	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
KENBROOK S. OF ALK.	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
KENNETH	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
KIRKWOOD E. OF HELKE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
KIRKWOOD W. OF HELKE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
KOCH E. OF HELKE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
KOCH W. OF HELKE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
LAKIN	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LAMAR	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
LANCER	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
LANGFORD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LANSDALE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LARRY	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
LATOURETTE	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
LAWN	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
LEAF TREE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
LITTLE YORK	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
LOCKHART	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
LOCKHEED	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
LONDONDERRY	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
LONG	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
MAPLE	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
MARCELLUS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
MARICLAIRE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MARIDON CT	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
MARVIEW	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
MEADOWVIEW	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
MECCA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
MEYERS	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
MIDDLE PARK	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MIDDLEFIELD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MILLER LANE	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
MISTIC	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
MONTE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
MOSSVIEW	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6

2023 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

MOUNTAIR	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
MULBERRY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
MULBERRY WOODS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
NATIONAL E. OF BRN SCH	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
NERI	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
NORTH AMERICAN	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
NORTHEDGE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
NORWICH	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
OHARA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
OLD DERBY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
OLD DERBY CT	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
OLD FALLS	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
OLD SPRINGFIELD	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
OLDE FARM	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
PALOMINO	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
PARK FOREST	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
PAULA	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
PERRY N.	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
PERRY S.	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
PINEDALE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
PINTO	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
PIUS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
POOL	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
POPLAR CREEK	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
POPLAR GROVE	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
PRAIRE WAGGON	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
RADER	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
RANCHVIEW	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
RANDLER	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
RAYBERTA	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
REICHARD	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
REXFORD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
RICCI	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
ROBINETTE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
ROCKRIDGE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ROMANUS	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
RONALD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
ROXANNA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
ROYAL WOOD	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
ROYALTON	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
SAGRAVES	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10

2023 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

SCENIC	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
SCOTT	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
SETTLERS TRAIL	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
SHADOWOOD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
SHADY KNOLL	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
SILVAN CLIFF	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
SKYVIEW	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	5
SOTER	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
SPARTAN	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
STEWVILLE	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
STONEQUARRY E	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
STONEQUARRY W	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
STONEYSPRINGS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
STOP EIGHT N. SIDE ONLY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
SUNDERLAND	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
SUNNY GLEN	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
SURREY	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
SUSSEX	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
TAYFIELD	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
TAYLORSVIEW	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
THOMA	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	1
THRUSH	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
TIMBERWIND	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	7
TIONDA	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/29	6
TOPTON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
UPPER TRENT WAY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
VAN ARDEN	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
VAN LAKE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
VILLAGE TRAIL	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
VIRGINIA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
VISTA	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/27	4
VOLKMAN	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	3
WALDSMITH	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
WALLER	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
WESTHAFFER	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	8
WESTON	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
WHITEHORN	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
WICKCLIFF	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10
WILHELMINA	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
WILKSFORD	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/4	9
WOLLENHAUPT	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	10

2023 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

WOODLAND MEADOWS	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2
WOODVIEW	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	2

Vandalia Senior Center

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Renew Your Membership by January 31, 2024!

Your membership can be renewed through the end of January. You can write a check to the City of Vandalia and mail it to the Vandalia Senior Center at 21 Tionda Drive South, Vandalia, 45377. For Vandalia residents, it is \$15 or \$25 for couples. Outside Vandalia, the cost is \$20 or \$35 for couples. If your address or phone number has changed, please send in the new information. You can also come in to renew, using cash, check, or a credit card.



Born in 1934: You are turning 90 in 2024. Your membership is free! Contact the office.
90+ and Lifetime Members: Contact the office to continue to receive your newsletter.

Vandalia Senior Center Travel Program



Bob Reed has been busy planning trips for 2024. He is now working with two companies to provide your trips. Below is a tentative list of trips he is working on just to get you excited about 2024. There will be more details in future newsletters. The first company is Prime Tours from Dublin, Ohio. Bob is currently planning two day trips. The first day trip is to the Cincinnati Union Terminal, the American Sign Museum, then to the Findlay Market for lunch then a riverboat cruise with dinner. The second day trip is to Castle Noel which is a Christmas museum, to the Der Dutchman for lunch then Grandpa's Cheese Barn, last the Dublin Bridge Park to shop and have dinner.

Prime Tours

Tulip Time Festival: Holland, Michigan
Pennsylvania Dutch Country
West Virginia in the fall
New York Holiday

Diamond Tours

Branson Show Trip
Lancaster, Pennsylvania with shows
Chicago
Niagara Falls and Toronto
Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa
Myrtle Beach with shows

We appreciate all the work that Bob does to create a travel program. Keep in mind that he is a member who is just volunteering to do this work. He is not being compensated for his time and efforts. At each stage of your trip, Bob is planning the next stop and working to make sure your trip goes as seamless as possible while you enjoy yourselves.

Lunch & Learn

Veteran's Lunch on **Monday**, November 6, at Noon

This lunch is sponsored by the Disabled Veterans and Sarah Mathers with Stonespring. If you are a veteran, spouse or widow of a veteran, please sign up to come to this lunch. If you are the parent, grandparent, sister, or brother of a veteran, you are also invited to attend. If your family member who is a veteran or on active duty is available, please sign that person up to come also. Master Sergeant, Dave Weeks, USAF, retired, will discuss Aid & Attendance. Becky Beckman, Associate Director for Patient Care Services or Nurse Executive, will touch on the different programs and benefits offered at the Dayton VA including burial benefits.



Shelby Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 7, at Noon



Alycia Falknor from Shelby Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation will provide your lunch. Jim Charters, a volunteer with Dayton History, will present Hawthorne Hill. Upon completion in 1914, Hawthorn Hill became the residence of Orville, Katharine, and their father, Bishop Milton Wright. You will take a virtual tour of their residence. Jim Charters has taken many groups through this home in person and knows many interesting details about it. Limit: 80

Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, November 9, at **11:00 A.M.**

Robin Kent from Brookhaven will have their chef prepare your lunch. Kevin Risner with the Washington Township Centerville Library will come to us by Zoom. He will present "Flags of Our Fathers". Six United States Marines were able to raise the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in the final stages of the war in the Pacific. Learn about the lives of these six men. Limit: 75



Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, November 10, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your food. Scott Jacobs from the Vandalia Fire Department will present "What Should You Do Until the Ambulance Arrives?" Your sense of time can be distorted when stressed during an emergency where two minutes can feel like twenty minutes. Scott will present information on how to cope while waiting for help to come. He will also talk about some important things to do to help yourself before the EMS team arrives. Limit: 45

Lunch & Learn

Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Monday, November 13, at Noon

Gina Havenar from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. Lee Ann Rose is returning. She works in costume at the historic site of Williamsburg, Virginia. She will be coming to us by Zoom to portray Martha Gellman during her time as a World War II war journalist. Martha covered every conflict during her sixty year career as a writer and a journalist. She was married to Ernest Hemingway during World War II. Limit: 100



Springmeade Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 14, at Noon

Robin Shafer from Springmeade will order your pizza. The King's English had to reschedule their Christmas concert to this month so you may get a few holiday tunes in this show. The group will keep your feet tapping and a smile on your face. The King's English does not charge the Senior Center but they do appreciate your tips to cover their travel and other expenses. Limit: 75

Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 28, at Noon

Jacquie Dalton from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. In October, Toni Williams shared with you her father's memories during his time in the service during World War II. Now she will present "Through My Father's Eyes: Part 2: The Occupation". Her father decided to re-enlist and was in occupied Germany from 1948 to 1952. Toni will share his memories of that time period. Limit: 75



Seniors Helping Seniors Lunch & Learn on Thursday, November 30, at 11:00 A.M.



Andrew Spatt from Seniors Helping Seniors will provide your lunch. He will present "Grandparenting: Make Long Lasting Bonds". Whether you are a grandparent or not, you will learn some fundamental keys to make a lasting bonds with those you love. As we age, we have many experiences which need to be shared. Others can benefit from your wisdom and prudence in this day and time. Your stories have great importance. Limit: 75

Interested in Serving on the Senior Club Committee?

If you are interested in being an officer on the committee, tell Toni in the office. At the November 17 catered dinner, the members present will vote on the slate of officers.



Information



Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday!

Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Meet at the Amber Rose at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 1400 Valley St. near Children's Medical Center. Directions #1: Take 75 S. Exit 56 for Stanley Ave. then turn left. Turn left on Valley St. Look on the right. Directions #2: Turn left onto



Dixie from the center. When you cross over the river, the name will change to Keowee. Turn left on Stanley. Turn left on Valley. Look on the right.

****If you have a restaurant you would like to request, talk to Toni in the office.**

Holiday Flower Arrangements

The Flower Group will be making arrangements for the holiday season that will be for sale in the dining room. If you want to order a special arrangement, you need your order in before November 1.



An Extra Bingo on Monday, November 13, at 1:45 p. m.

Toni Williams will be calling a Holiday Bingo. There are six large shelves of Christmas items to give away as bingo prizes along with some of the usual treasures. Sign up to join the fun!

FREE Christmas Card Making Class on Wed., Nov. 1, at 1:00 p. m.

Toni Williams has an over abundance of Christmas paper, decorations, stickers, rubber stamps, and more to make Christmas cards. Sign up to look through all of these choices to design and make two holiday cards from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. The card on the right is just to give you an idea. Limit: 12



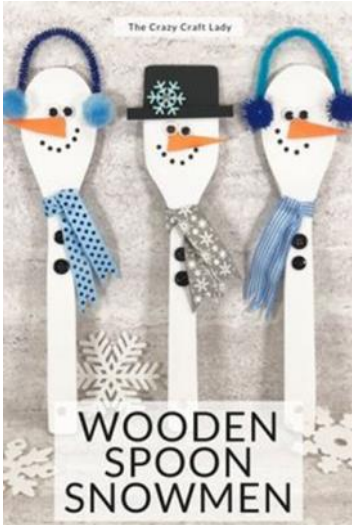
FREE Class to Do 4 Small Seasonal Projects on Monday, November 6, at 1:45 p.m.

Kathy Dunn and Linda Karns return for four fun holiday projects. You will be putting Reese Pieces inside the turkey. The Santa jar will have red Hershey Kisses. The snowman is made from a Hershey bar. The snowman cover holds a note pad. Limit: 12

Art & More

Make a Christmas Collage on Wed., November 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Candy Jones, a member, will bring all the materials for you to make a Christmas collage. Candy will provide all the paper, embellishments, and glue needed. She will have a variety of sets to choose from and none will be identical. You will be distressing some of the decorations. There will be glue guns to attach the wood embellishments. The frame is not included. Cost: \$2.00
Limit: 12



FREE Make a Wooden Spoon Snowman on Tuesday, November 14, at 1:45 p.m.

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will take you through the steps of creating a very cute wooden spoon snowman. You will have choices on how to "dress" your snowman. Limit: 15

FREE Make a Salt Shaker Snowman on Wed., November 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Courtney Peck from Randall Residence will bring the supplies to make this adorable salt shaker snowman. You will have some choices in creating this fun decoration. Limit: 12



Ceramic Turkey Class on

Friday, November 17, at 1:45 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a member, has been working with ceramics for a long time and she is a vendor. She will teach you different ways to paint this ceramic using her brushes and her paint. Cost: \$4 Limit: 12



Three Art Groups

1. **Art Appreciation:** Charlene Gratz, a member, leads the art appreciation group. She is very knowledgeable about art and has been a docent at the Dayton Art Institute. This group meets in the front of the dining room on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:40 p.m. The group will often watch part of a DVD about art and then discuss it.
2. **Art Group:** This group meets in the back of the art room on Thursdays from noon to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own art project and enjoy socializing while you work.
3. **Colored Pencils:** This group meets on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the back of the art room. The members in this group create original artwork using colored pencils.

Movies

Remember to sign up for each movie so we have the correct amount of snacks and treats.

Movie on the First Friday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m.

In the movie, *Love Again*, Mira is coping with the loss of her fiancé. She sends a series of romantic texts to his old phone number, not realizing it was reassigned to journalist Rob Burns (Sam Heughan). Rob becomes captivated by the honesty of her words in the beautifully constructed texts. When he's assigned to write a profile of superstar Celine Dion, he enlists her help to figure out how to meet Mira in person -- and win her heart. PG-13 Romance/Comedy 1 hr. 44 min.



Movie on the Third Fri., Nov. 17, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Allexus Rachelson of Momentus Health

The movie, *The Help*, is set in 1960s Mississippi. Southern society girl Skeeter (Emma Stone) returns from college with dreams of being a writer. She turns her small town on its ear by choosing to interview the Black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent white families. Only Aibileen (Viola Davis) will talk at first. But as the pair continue their collaboration, more women decide to come forward, and as it turns out, they have quite a lot to say.

PG-13 Drama/Historical 2 hrs. 26 min.

Preparations to Get Ready to Honor Veterans for Veteran's Day

Toni will be putting up the photos of veterans in the dining room for four weeks from October 16 until Veteran's Day, November 11. She has kept the photos from previous years to use again. If you haven't given Toni a photo of veterans and active duty members from your family, please bring in your photos or email them to her. She will make a copy and add any names, ranks, and dates that you know.



Building Closings, Office Closing, and Exercise Changes

The building will be closed on Thursday, November 23, Friday, November 24, and for a half day on Monday, November 27. The office will be closed the week of November 20 and Toni will be out of the building.

Golden Qi will not be held on Tuesday, November 21. Hula Hoops will be canceled on Wednesday, November 22. The Wednesday seated exercise class by Robin Kent from Brookhaven will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m. It will be canceled on Wednesday, November 1, and Wednesday, November 15.

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
		1 Hula Hooping 9:30 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 12:30 Card Making 1:00	2 Travel 9:00-12:00 Tech Talk 11:00 Art Group 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Rummikub 1:00	3 Travel 9:00-11:00 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Poker 1:00 Movie 1:00
6 Veteran's Lunch 12:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 4 Fun Projects 1:45	7 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 Travel 11:00-12:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Book Club 1:40 Bingo 1:45	8 Hula Hooping 9:30 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 12:30 Christmas Collage 1:00	9 Travel 9:00-11:00 Lunch & Learn 11:00 Art Group 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 1:00 Rummikub 1:00	10 Travel 9:00-11:00 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Poker 1:00 Bingo 1:45
13 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Holiday Bingo 1:45	14 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 BP & Sugar Ck 11-12 Travel 11:00-12:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Art Appreciation 1:40 Spoon Snowman 1:45 Let's Eat Out 5:00	15 Hula Hooping 9:30 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 12:30 Salt Shaker Snowman 1:00	16 Travel 9:00-12:00 Bingo 10:30 Tech Talk 11:00 Art Group 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 1:00 Rummikub 1:00	17 Travel 9:00-11:00 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Poker 1:00 Movie 1:00 Ceramics 1:45 Catered Dinner 6:00
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

The Death of Us by Lori Rader
A Christmas Vanishing by Anne Perry
Bulletproof Barista by Cleo Coyle
A Winter in New York by Josie Silver
The Book Club Hotel by Sarah Morgan

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Are You There God, It's Me Margaret
Love Again
A Thousand and One
To Catch a Killer
The Flash

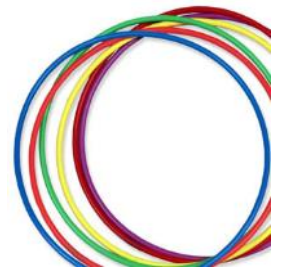


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Vevia Enix will teach Golden Qi which is a seated form of Tai Chi. This exercise improves balance, reduces joint pain, increases calmness, improves reasoning abilities, helps your memory, and improves the quality of your life. This class can be taken by anyone.

FREE Hula Hoop Class on Wednesdays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Come and see how hula hooping can improve your health, your spine, your balance, and cardiovascular system. It can lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and cholesterol levels. These hoops are what the pros use in the gyms and rehab centers. If you want to try out hula hooping, call before coming so the group can bring in extra hula hoops.



FREE Exercise Class on the First and Third Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading a seated exercise class on the first and third Wednesdays each month at 11:00 a.m. right after the hula hoop class. Robin holds a 5th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and takes kickboxing. She has taught aerobics, and dance.

FREE Exercise Class on Fridays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

This chair exercise class is being led by Bill Kistner, a member. They might use the weights and exercise bands that are here at the center. Bill will use some of the exercises he has learned from previous instructors to help guide the Friday class.



Tech Talk on the First and Third Thursdays, at 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Tom Underwood and Hannah Priebe from the Vandalia Public Library will answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices on November 2 and 16. Come to Tech Thursday and they will do their best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you may learn something new! Please sign up.



Information

The Vandalia Senior Center Book Club Meets on the First Tuesday

The VSC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the book, *Lady Chatterly's Lover* by D. H. Lawrence. When Constance's husband returns from World War I paralyzed, the two try to make the best of it. Clifford throws himself into writing and managing his land. Connie tries to support her husband but something vital is missing. She meets the gamekeeper, who attracts Connie. They begin an affair, and through it, Connie finds out what it means to be truly alive.

Lady
Chatterley's
Lover

D. H. Lawrence



A Simple But Smelly Request

Many of our events and card games can last for one to many hours. There are times it is difficult to sit near someone if that person is wearing a scent that is not enjoyable. We also have members that have allergic reactions to scents and have to leave the center. The request is to refrain from using perfumes, colognes, and other items with scents when coming to the center.

Get Your Numbers Checked

Nurses from Premier Health will do BP and sugar checks on Tuesday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. to noon by the drinking fountains in the dining room. Nurses with Montgomery County Public Health will return in 2024.



Winter Closings Policy Reminder



If the Vandalia Schools are closed for weather, the Senior Center will be closed. If the schools are on a delay, the center is open. If the schools are on a delay in the evening, be sure to recheck the news in the morning. When schools are not in session, the City will determine whether or not the Senior Center will open and will put closing information on the Weather Hotline. The Hotline is only updated when cancellations have been made. **937-552-2200**. We encourage you not to drive to the Senior Center when the weather conditions are not favorable.

Holiday Catered Dinner on Friday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m.

The deadline to sign up for the catered dinner is November 10. Follow the directions in the hallway by the office at box #3. First pay the \$15 with cash or write a check to the Vandalia Senior Club. Then write your name on the list. That night the doors will open at 5:30 p.m. p.m.



Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Darilynn Whittemore. 937-776-4686

Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267

Thursday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Jim Danks. 937-667-3780



Bingo and Other Games



1. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Beth Bell from Troy Rehabilitation will call bingo on Tuesday, November 7, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, November 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Toni Williams will call bingo for a Holiday bingo on Monday, November 13, at 1:45 p.m.
5. Jessica Ward with Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, November 16, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
6. Becky Devor from Randall Residence will call bingo on Wednesday, November 29, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate November Birthdays on Wed., November 29, at 1:00 p.m.

Friendship Village will provide the birthday cakes. Please sign up if you have a November birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing to the birthday people. Everyone at the center may have a piece of cake but the birthday people get their cake first!



Donations Needed

*****Please give ALL donations to Toni.** Some items that can be used by the center.

Leave in the Office: *Coke, Diet Coke, and diet drinks, drink cups (fall and Christmas colors), non-refrigerated individual creamers, individually labeled flavored teas, art supplies, greenery, new greeting cards, and items for the free tables.

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack and by the white board: used batteries (not in containers or bags), pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps (be sure to leave a 1/4" border around the stamps), food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and for Cares4Kids box.

On the fireplace in the card room/library: books, movies, and jigsaw puzzles



November is the month of giving thanks so take a moment and try it out. Make a list of what you are grateful for. I will start your list for you.

1. You woke up this morning.
2. You can see this newsletter.
3. You can read this newsletter.



Take a closer look at the word THANKSGIVING. How many words can you make using each letter just once? The internet says there are 348 words you can find. Your first word that counts is the word Thanksgiving. There are 19 two letter words and 68 three letter words. Another 113 four letter words and 77 five letter words. There are 46 six letter words and 52 seven letter words. There are 16 words with eight letters and only 4 words have nine letters. Start looking!



Shirley Stipek is holding a cake to welcome new members. A Meet and Greet celebration was held on September 29, 2006, in honor of the 600th member joining the Vandalia Senior Center.

In 2023, we reached 600 members in the middle of June. We have had a large number of new members joining this year. There have been 161 new members that joined us between January and the end of September.



- **November 30-December 6: The Holidays in New York City! This trip has been canceled. Refunds are being issued.**

See the front page of the newsletter for the list of probable trips in 2024.

Flyers are in the holder by the card room door. Information is on the travel bulletin board and on the senior center web page at <https://vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel>.

You write a separate check to Diamond Tours for each trip. Then either mail them to the Vandalia Senior Center or drop them in box #4 in the hallway by the kitchen. You also need to fill out the form at the bottom of this page and include it with your payment.

Bob Reed will have office hours at the Senior Center in the dining room by the fountains. Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursdays: 9 a.m. to noon Fridays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Or call 937-313-9692, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leave a voicemail.

TRAVEL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. You must be a member of the Vandalia Senior Center.
2. No invoices or reminders will be sent out.
3. There are only 5 single rooms for each trip.
4. Final payment must be to the Senior Center by the due date.
5. If payments are not received by the due date, your name will be removed from the list.
6. If you need to cancel, ask if there is a waiting list before asking someone to replace you.
7. If the tour operator cancels a tour, a full refund will be issued as soon as it is received from the operator. Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended.



Name: _____ Name of Roommate: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Trip Destination: _____

Emergency contact—Name: _____ Phone number: _____

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Parks & Recreation



THANKSGIVING SPOTLIGHT

Alicia McCracken! Thanks for providing our Vandalia community with the cleanest, safest, and friendliest recreation center in the region. Your staff sincerely cares for all the folks that step through the doors on a daily basis. There is programming that promotes physical, social and mental wellness for people of all ages. Says McCracken, "Although the rec center is big in size, there is zero intimidation when you walk through the doors. Our staff, which includes countless residents, takes pride in serving Vandalia. On behalf of all our staff, here's to a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!" If you would like to know more about the Rec

Center's programming, contact Alicia at amccracken@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2347.



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Thanks Wright-Patt Credit Union for partnering with our Parks & Recreation Department's division of youth sports, programming, and the Vandalia Senior Center. Your support helps us provide the best programming possible for the folks in Vandalia and neighboring communities.

If you have any questions about our Parks & Recreation offerings, feel free to contact:

Athletics: John Myers

jmyers@vandaliaohio.org

937-415-2333

Fitness: Josh Berry

jberry@vandaliaohio.org

937-415-2337

Special Events: Aaron Messenger

amessenger@vandaliaohio.org

937-415-2334

Parks & Recreation Information

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!

Day: Saturday, November 4

Time: 11:00am - 1:30pm

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: Free to attend

Location: Helke Park



HELKE PARK CELEBRATES NEW PLAYGROUND!

On Saturday, September 30, well over 100 community members attended a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the opening of a new playground at Helke Park. The playground was primarily funded from American Rescue Plan Act funds (\$225,000) and a Community Development Block Grant (\$100,000). Pack up your grandkids, come out, and enjoy all the amenities that Helke Park offers, including the new playground!!!



VANDALIA SENIOR CENTER

21 Tionda Drive South
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Open; Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Toni Williams

twilliams@vandaliaohio.org

Phone: 937-898-1232

Fax: 937-665-0796

[https://vandaliaohio.org/341/
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Vandalia Senior Club

2023 Committee:

President	Cathy Nortman 985-201-6747
Vice President	Iris Siebert 937-454-1583
Treasurer	Kay Lowe 937-409-8300
Secretary	Dottie Ganter 937-898-7286

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--MEMBERSHIP--

Age 55 or older

Younger Spouses are welcome!

The 2023 fees for members are:

Vandalia Resident \$15 single - \$25 dual

Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

A resident is defined as someone who pays

City of Vandalia property taxes

Membership for anyone over 90 is free but

you must notify the office to continue to get the newsletter.

Your annual membership fees help offset some of
the costs of programming and support for the Senior Center.

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