

# THE BLUE LETTER



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September 6, 2024

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

The new signage project is progressing nicely – Steve Clark provided this wonderful picture.



**Happy Oktoberfest!** This weekend (Friday and Saturday) is the annual Sister Cities of Vandalia Oktoberfest at the Vandalia Sports Complex. Please see the attached flyer for details.

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Gage Shiflet started on August 26th as a full-time Public Works Technician, filling our final full-time vacancy in Public Works.

Very Respectfully,

Mark Schwieterman  
Interim City Manager

**CC:**

Board and Commission Members  
All City Employees

**Attachments:**

1. Information Update - ACM Cron – September 6, 2024;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – September 6, 2024;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – September 6, 2024;
4. Information Update – HR Manager Hanf – September 6, 2024;
5. Information Update - Director Clark – September 6, 2024;
6. Information Update – Chief Althouse – September 6, 2024;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – September 6, 2024;
8. Information Update – Senior Center – September Newsletter;
9. Octoberfest Flyer





**To:** Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager  
**From:** Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager  
**Date:** September 5, 2024  
**Re:** Information Update for August 24 – September 6, 2024

- Much of this period has been spent preparing and reviewing the 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets. We have also met with the finance department and several other departments to begin a review of each departments proposed budget.
- You and I attended the Tri Cities Wastewater Authority monthly board meeting. General Manager Danny Knife gave an update on all of the activity going on with Tri Cities. Work has begun on the Equalization Tanks project out near Taylorsville Dam.
- We are preparing for our Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing that is scheduled for next Tuesday. A big thanks to Sherri Howard for all of her efforts to help coordinate the event.
- I attended the MVRPC Board of Directors meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>. MVRPC will be accepting applications again this year for Surface Transportation Projects and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality projects.
- We have a new company moving in to lease nearly 200,000 square feet at 6400 Sand Lake Road. ESI Electrical Contractors will be taking over this space. They provide prepackaging and assembly of electrical products for contractors as well as providing some contract work. Initially they intend to bring approximately 120 employees to this site and potentially increase that number to 150-200 in the near future. They do have some minor renovation work to do and hope to be fully operational at the site by the end of the year.
- Final building and zoning inspections are underway at the new Ernst Concrete Headquarters facility at 993 Falls reek Drive. We expect them to be operational at the new facility in the very near future.
- Mike Hammes, Ben Graham, you and I met to discuss upcoming Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission items.
  1. The Planning Commission will have a case on September 24 for a rezoning of approximately 85 acres at 7848 S. Brown School Road from Residential Agriculture to RSF-4 Residential.
  2. The Board of Zoning Appeals will have a case on September 11 for a variance at 5409 Old Springfield Road for the size of an accessory structure.

- We had another utilization of our Block Party Trailer again during this period. It was used for an event at 926 E. National Road for the Likewise Academy block party. The inaugural season of our Block Party Trailer will come to an end in October. This has been a very successful and well received amenity for our residents.
- The latest edition of the CommUnity Newsletter will be hitting mailboxes soon. The CommUnity Newsletter highlights activities going on in the City of Vandalia, Butler Township and with Vandalia Butler Schools.
- Our next Employee Appreciation event is scheduled for Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>. This event will be a Taco Bar for lunch at the Senior Citizens Center.

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**To:** Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager

**From:** Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

**Date:** September 4, 2024

**Re:** Information Update - Period Ending September 6, 2024

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1. Kristen Carnes and I attended a council study session and meeting.
2. Rob Cron, Kristen Carnes, you and I met to discuss the 2025 Budget, including department proposals and submissions.
3. 2025 Budget discussions with representatives from all City departments have begun, and will continue throughout the next few weeks, as we continue the process and prepare for the upcoming council budget workshops.
4. Natalie Montgomery and I met with Lee Ann Hanf to discuss the upcoming transition from Flexbank to Navia.
5. I met with bond counsel and the City's municipal advisor to discuss various financing options for the Public Works facility.
6. The City continues to partner with the Ohio Market Access Program (OMAP) administered by the Ohio Treasurer's Office to reduce interest costs on debt issuances. Last year, the City saved \$2,730 in interest costs on the debt issuance on the fire engine and new ladder truck. This year, the City will save \$1,050 in interest costs on the renewal of the debt issuance on the fire engine and new ladder truck.

8/28/2024



## TREASURER SPRAGUE ANNOUNCES OMAP SAVINGS FOR TWO SOUTHWEST OHIO COMMUNITIES

COLUMBUS – Over the last week, the Ohio Market Access Program (OMAP) administered by Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague has helped two southwest Ohio communities enter the market and save a combined total of \$3,736 in interest costs.

“For a decade, OMAP has been assisting our local governments in reducing interest costs when pursuing important community investments and improvements,” said Treasurer Sprague. “We’re proud to continue partnering with the cities of Fairborn and Vandalia to assist them in achieving meaningful savings on borrowing costs.”

### City of Fairborn (Greene County)

Fairborn’s original notes were issued to fund road improvements, purchase property for a community gathering area, and to support the construction and repair of city sidewalks, curbs, and driveway approaches. The City of Fairborn has now utilized OMAP four times, and the previous three deals have saved the city an estimated \$28,018 in interest expenses. The most recent deal saved the city an estimated \$2,686 in interest costs.

### City of Vandalia (Montgomery County)

The City of Vandalia’s notes were issued to fund the acquisition of a fire ladder truck and fire apparatus. This deal marks the second time the City of Vandalia has leveraged OMAP, and the previous deal saved the city an estimated \$2,730 in interest expenses. This latest deal will save the city an estimated \$1,050 in interest costs.

OMAP is a credit enhancement program that leverages the state’s excess liquidity and high short-term credit rating to help improve market access and lower borrowing rates for local governments. Since its 2014 launch, OMAP has supported more than 320 deals, ranging from \$365,000 to over \$100 million. There have been no defaults, and to date, OMAP has generated more than \$6.3 million in estimated savings for local governments.

Any government subdivision in good fiscal standing, including cities, villages, school districts, counties, townships, and special districts, issuing short-term debt is eligible to participate. For more information, visit <https://omap.ohio.gov/>.

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## DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

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**TO:** MARK SCHWITERMAN, INTERIM CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF  
**DATE:** 9/5/2024  
**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

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1. Training this period has been rescue training. Specifically, 'Man in Machine' training. This is where crews train on the potential that a person could be stuck in a machine and might need extrication.
2. The Division of Fire Officers attended an officer development training on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The team learned about the Continuum portion of our Image Trend software. Image Trend is used by the Division of Fire for EMS/Fire reporting, data, maintenance, inspections and more. Continuum is another tool to help our team retrieve and maintain our data.
3. The dry and warmer weather we have been experiencing, resulted in heat advisories along with multiple brush and mulch fires. Crews stayed busy for the last few weeks responding to calls relating to these types of emergencies. Prevention took to social media to bring attention to recognizing and understanding heat related emergencies in addition to ways the community can help prevent brush/mulch fires that are typically escalated by the dry, hot weather.
4. Crews spent the last few weeks doing multiple walks through the schools before they opened to students for the new school year. This allows the crews to become familiar with layouts and changes that may happen from year to year. Additionally, it allows crews to prepare and plan in the event of an emergency.
5. Every year the Fire Prevention Bureau works with Butler High School to train incoming freshman on Hands Only CPR. It is part of a state requirement that High School students be shown CPR and how to use an AED before graduation. This year CRRC Rich Morrett and Fire Marshal Scott Jacobs attended freshman orientation along with a representative from the American Heart Association on August 27<sup>th</sup>. This year was an



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## DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

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especially unique opportunity because the American Hear Association is looking at mimicking the great program that the Division of Fire has been doing with our schools and incoming freshman for some time now. Thank you to the school for letting us be a part of the program.

6. The Division of Fire participated alongside the Vandalia Butler Schools and Vandalia Division of Police with active shooter training and emergency first aid on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to train staff in how to handle emergencies that involve shooters on school grounds.
7. Crews responded overnight on August 29<sup>th</sup> to a rollover accident with an entrapment on Stoney Springs Road. Only one person needed to be taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.
8. August 30<sup>th</sup> was the Vandalia Butler School first home HS football game. The Division of Fire provides a crew available on site at all home games to help with emergency care and transport If needed.
9. I, along with Admin Assistant Jacobs, Fire Marshal Jacobs, and Capt. Copp attended our first budget meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with Finance and The City Manager's office.
10. The Division of Fire would like to thank the Division of Police for coordinating a meeting the VPD Crisis Intervention Specialist Justin Nicol, CRRC Morrett, Fire Marshal Jacobs and myself. I think this meeting has opened a positive line of communication between the Police and Fire department that will benefit our customers.

# Memo



**To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager**

**From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager**

**Date: September 5, 2024**

**Re: Information Update – Period Ending September 6, 2024**

1. **Auditor of the State Fraud Training** was pushed out companywide on 7/30/2024. Employees (Full Time, Part Time, and Seasonal) must complete their training by 9/10/2024.
2. **Flu Shots, anyone?** Now that we have brushed up on our vaccination information form UHC in the section above, let talk about Flu Shots! This week I have been in contact with Hocks pharmacy, and we are working on getting a date set up to provide flu shots for our employees. Please be on the lookout for more communication in late September.
3. **Legal Update!** Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) – The PWFA went into effect on June 27, 2023. On April 15, 2024 the EEOC issued its final regulation to carry out the law. **The final regulation went into effect on June 18, 2024.**

## **What is the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act?**

Generally, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) requires a covered employer to provide a “reasonable accommodation” to a qualified employee’s or applicant’s known limitations related to, affected by, or arising out of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, unless the accommodation will cause the employer an “undue hardship.” The PWFA applies only to accommodations. Other laws that the EEOC enforces make it illegal to fire or otherwise discriminate against employees or applicants on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. The PWFA does not replace federal, state, or local laws that are **more protective** of workers (used here to mean job applicants and employees) affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. More than 30 states and cities have laws that require employers to provide accommodations for pregnant workers.

## **When did the PWFA go into effect, and has the EEOC issued a regulation about the law?**

The PWFA went into effect on June 27, 2023. On April 15, 2024, the EEOC issued its [final regulation](https://www.eeoc.gov/summary-key-provisions-eeocs-final-rule-implement-pregnant-workers-fairness-act-pwfa) to carry out the law. The regulation went into effect on June 18, 2024. You can find a summary of the regulation at <https://www.eeoc.gov/summary-key-provisions-eeocs-final-rule-implement-pregnant-workers-fairness-act-pwfa>.

## **Which Employers does PWFA apply to?**

The PWFA applies to private employers and public sector employers (state and local governments) that have 15 or more employees. It also applies to Congress and Federal agencies, and to employment agencies and labor organizations.

## **What does the PWFA prohibit?**

- Fail to make a reasonable accommodation for the known limitations of an employee or applicant, unless the accommodation would cause an undue hardship;
- Require an employee to accept an accommodation other than a reasonable accommodation arrived at through the interactive process;
- Deny a job or other employment opportunities to a qualified employee or applicant based on the person’s need for a reasonable accommodation;
- Require an employee to take leave if another reasonable accommodation can be provided that would let the employee keep working;
- Punish or retaliate against an employee or applicant for requesting or using a reasonable accommodation for a known limitation under the PWFA, reporting or opposing unlawful discrimination under the PWFA, or participating in a PWFA proceeding (such as an investigation);
- Coerce individuals who are exercising their rights or helping others exercise their rights under the PWFA.

## What other federal laws may apply to workers affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions?

Other laws that apply to employees or applicants affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, include:

- Title VII (enforced by the EEOC), which:
  - Protects workers from discrimination based on [pregnancy](#), childbirth, or related medical conditions; and
  - Requires covered employers to treat workers affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions the same as others similar in their ability or inability to work;
- The ADA (enforced by the EEOC), which:
  - Protects workers from discrimination based on [disability](#); and
  - Requires covered employers to provide reasonable accommodations to a qualified individual with a disability if the reasonable accommodation would not cause an undue hardship for the employer.
  - Some pregnancy-related conditions may be disabilities under the law, but pregnancy itself is not a disability under the ADA.
- The [FMLA \(Family and Medical Leave Act\)](#) (enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor), which provides covered employees with unpaid, job-protected leave for certain family and medical reasons; and
- The [PUMP Act](#) (Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act) (enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor), which broadens workplace protections for employees to express breast milk at work.

## What is a “reasonable accommodation” and what are some examples?

“Reasonable accommodations” are changes in the work environment or the way things are usually done at work. Some examples of possible reasonable accommodations under the PWFA include:

- Additional, longer, or more flexible breaks to drink water, eat, rest, or use the restroom;
- Changing food or drink policies to allow for a water bottle or food;
- Changing equipment, devices, or workstations, such as providing a stool to sit on, or a way to do work while standing;
- Changing a uniform or dress code or providing safety equipment that fits;
- Changing a work schedule, such as having shorter hours, part-time work, or a later start time;
- Telework;
- Temporary reassignment;
- Temporary suspension of one or more essential functions of a job;
- Leave for health care appointments;
- Light duty or help with lifting or other manual labor; or
- Leave to recover from childbirth or other medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth.

This list just provides some examples; many other reasonable accommodations may exist. Also, a worker may need different accommodations at different times during the pregnancy or after childbirth.

## Does a covered employer have to provide leave as a reasonable accommodation?

Leave can be a reasonable accommodation that an employee requests under the PWFA. An employer does not have to provide leave (or any other reasonable accommodation) if it causes a undue hardship

## What is “undue hardship”?

An employer does not have to provide a reasonable accommodation under the PWFA if it causes the employer an undue hardship. “Undue hardship” means significant difficulty or expense.

## Who is a “qualified employee” or a “qualified applicant”?

An employee or applicant can be “qualified” under the PWFA in two ways. First, an employee or applicant who can perform the “essential functions” of the job with or without a reasonable accommodation is qualified. “Essential functions” are the fundamental duties of the job. Many employees or applicants seeking accommodations will meet this part of the definition because they can perform the job or apply for the position with a reasonable accommodation—for example, the cashier who needs a stool, the production worker who needs bathroom breaks, or the retail worker who needs to carry around a bottle of water. If an employee cannot perform the essential functions of the job with or without a reasonable accommodation, an employee can be qualified even if they cannot do the essential functions of their job as long as:

- The inability is “temporary;”

- The employee could perform the functions “in the near future;” and
- The inability to perform the essential functions can be reasonably accommodated.

This means that an employee who is temporarily unable to perform one or more essential functions of their job, and who therefore needs light duty or a change in their work assignments, may be able to get such a change as a reasonable accommodation.

### **The PWFA requires reasonable accommodation for a qualified employee or applicant with a “known limitation”. What is a “known limitation”?**

Under the PWFA, “known” means the employee or the employee’s representative (or the applicant or the applicant’s representative) has communicated to the employer about the limitation. Under the PWFA, “limitation” means “a physical or mental condition related to, affected by, or arising out of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.” A limitation can be an impediment or problem that is minor or modest and can be episodic (such as migraines or morning sickness). It can be that the employee or applicant needs to take actions for their health or the health of their pregnancy—such as not being around certain chemicals; not working in the heat; or limiting or avoiding certain physical tasks, for example lifting, bending, walking, standing, or running. It can be that the employee needs to attend health care appointments for the pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition itself.

### **What is included in “pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions”?**

Pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions” includes uncomplicated pregnancies, vaginal deliveries or cesarian sections, miscarriage, postpartum depression, edema, placenta previa, and lactation. There are more examples in the regulation at <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2024-07527>.

### **How can workers request reasonable accommodations, and how should employers respond?**

- The employee or applicant should tell the employer that they have a limitation—a physical or mental condition related to, arising out of, or affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition—and that they need an adjustment or change in their working conditions due to the limitation. For example, the worker can say:
  - “I’m having trouble getting to work at my scheduled starting time because of morning sickness.”
  - “I need more bathroom breaks because of my pregnancy.”
  - “I need time off from work to attend a medical appointment because of my pregnancy.”
- Once the employer knows, it should engage in the “interactive process” with the employee or applicant. The “interactive process” means simply that the employer and employee communicate, whether by talking or some other way, about the known limitation and the adjustment or change needed at work.
- The employer should respond promptly to accommodation requests. If it does not cause an undue hardship to the employer’s business, the employer generally has to provide a reasonable accommodation—either what the employee or applicant requests or another effective accommodation.

The Commission expects that many PWFA accommodations can be granted after simple exchanges of information between employees or applicants and employers, such as brief conversations or emails.

### **What should employers remember about the PWFA and reasonable accommodation?**

- Train supervisors about the PWFA. First level supervisors may be particularly likely to receive accommodation requests and should be trained about how to respond, including how to avoid retaliating against those who request or use a reasonable accommodation.
- Workers do not need to use specific words to request an accommodation to begin the interactive process. Once an employee requests an accommodation, use the interactive process.
- Limitations may be minor and may be associated with an uncomplicated pregnancy and may require accommodations that are easy to make.
- A worker may need different accommodations as the pregnancy progresses, they recover from childbirth, or the related medical condition improves or gets worse.

### **Can employers require that the employee or applicant provide information from the employees’ health care provider about the limitation?**

In many instances under the PWFA, a discussion with the applicant or employee may be sufficient and supporting documentation will not be needed. Employers also should keep in mind that it may be difficult for a worker to obtain information from a health care professional early in pregnancy.

Although an employer is not required to seek medical information from an employee's health care provider, the employer may seek information from the employee's health care provider under limited circumstances. An employer may not require that the employee seeking the accommodation be examined by a health care provider selected by the employer.

First, seeking documentation must be reasonable under the circumstances for the employer. It is not reasonable if:

- The limitation and need for an adjustment or change at work due to the limitation is obvious. For example, an obviously pregnant employee who seeks a bigger uniform because of their pregnancy cannot be required to provide additional information.
- The employer already knows about the limitation and the adjustment or change at work due to the limitation. For example, if the employee has already provided enough information that they have morning sickness due to pregnancy and need a later start time, the employer cannot demand a new doctor's note every time the employee uses the accommodation of coming in later.
- The employee is currently pregnant and needs breaks for the bathroom or to eat or drink, needs to carry water with them to drink, or needs to stand if their job requires sitting or to sit if their job requires standing.
- The employee is lactating and needs modifications to pump at work or nurse during work hours.
- The employer would not ask an employee for documentation in that situation normally. If an employer's policy is that employees only need a note from a health care provider for absences if they are missing 3 or more days in a row, the employer can't require someone who needs a reasonable accommodation of 1 day off because of pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition to provide information from the health care provider.

If the employer is allowed to get documentation from a health care provider, the employer is limited to documentation that:

- Confirms the physical or mental condition. This means providing a simple statement of the physical or mental condition (e.g., back injury, swollen ankles, need to avoid certain chemicals, lifting restriction, need for rest, vomiting, need to attend health care appointments). This can be a modest or minor impediment or problem and does not need to be a medical diagnosis;
- Confirms that the physical or mental condition is related to, affected by, or arising out of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. Pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions do not have to be the sole, the original, or a substantial cause of the physical or mental condition. Together, the information set forth in this paragraph and the prior paragraph constitute the employee's "limitation" for purposes of coverage under the PWFA (see definition in Question 12); and
- Describes the adjustment or change at work that is needed due to the limitation (for example, no lifting more than 20 pounds for 3 months, the approximate number and frequency of health care appointments, the estimated time off for recovery, additional safety gear, work functions that should be suspended and for how long, or a later start time).

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), employers must keep medical information confidential. That applies to documentation gathered under the PWFA as well.



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager

From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: 9/5/2024

Re: Information Update – Period ending September 5, 2024

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- Recreation Coordinator Jeff Kreill has submitted his letter of resignation. His last day in the office will be September 20. During his 12 years with our department Jeff made significant contributions to our team. His expertise, dedication, and leadership have been greatly valued, and he will be missed by all of us. We are grateful for Jeff's hard work and commitment and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Please join me in wishing Jeff success in his next chapter.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

- Senior Coordinator Toni Williams continues to receive inquiries from businesses interested in sponsoring the Lunch & Learn program at the Senior Center. Tony has 104 Lunch & Learns scheduled for the year, which is the most in the history of the program, and all are sponsored. Tony plans to discuss options for 2025 with the inquiring businesses.
- Repairs have been completed to the ice machine at the Senior Center. All repairs were under warranty and completed just prior to the end of the warranty period,

#### **RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS**

- The Annual Touch-a-Truck event is happening on Saturday, September 14 from 10:30am-1:00pm at the Vandalia Sports Complex. We have around 40 trucks and/or pieces of equipment that will be at the event.
- Doggy Pool Pawty event happened on Monday, September 2 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Cassel Hills Pool. We had 77 dogs come out to this event. Dogs had a great time enjoying the last day of the pool season and swimming and playing games.
- Our NFL Youth Flag Football program has 145 kids registered to play. Teams have been formed with practices underway. Games will begin Sunday, September 8 at the Sports Complex.
- Two juveniles were apprehended by Recreation Coordinator Jeff Kreill as they were in the process of stealing money and candy from the soccer concession at the Sports Complex last Friday afternoon. Many thanks to the police department for their quick response and handling of the situation.
- Youth NFL Flag Football will kick off games this Sunday, September 8 at the Sports Complex. The program is for youth in grades K-8.

- Cassel Hills Pool is now closed for the season. Operations ran very smoothly this summer with kudos to Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken and SwimSafe Pool Management. Final membership numbers totaled 1100 (474 non-residents and 626 residents). Total attendance for the summer was 14,252, an increase of 958 visits over the 2023 season.

### **FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

- Rudy has been collaborating with Sister Cities representatives on the Oktoberfest set up. The event is scheduled to take place this weekend at the Sports Complex.
- Maintenance staff is working on the installation of landscapes at the following sign locations- Art Park, Cemetery, Brown School Woods, Cassel Hills Pool, Robinette, and Warner Parks.
- Maintenance staff are working on site preparations for the shed, patio, and trailer area project at the Justice Center. The concrete pour was completed for the foundation for the Police shed with the assistance of Public Works staff.
- Process underway in the end of season work at Cassel Hills Pool. Maintenance staff will be performing annual closing maintenance and shut down projects to close the pool for the season.
- Staff are watering young trees on a daily basis as well as the new landscape plantings and some grass seeded areas.
- Working on issues with the block party trailer, low access into trailer- adding signage and some sponge tape and reducing the overall weight of the trailer as it weighed at 10 pounds over its rated capacity.
- Exterior maintenance work is near completion at the Senior Center. Work has included power washing of the building, tuck point, expansion joint replacement, painting of exterior metal, sealing of the wall brick, and cement walkways.
- Sorting out operational settings with the air handler unit for the VRC gym / locker room spaces. MSD, ESG and ASG working together on correcting the issues.
- The facilities signage project is nearing completion. All park signs have been installed and new letters installed on the city entry signs. We are preparing these locations for the installation of plant materials and mulch. A punch list is being created to share with the contractor.

### **RECREATION CENTER**

- Sunflower Painting w/ Miss Elissa program happened on Monday, August 26 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Vandalia Recreation Center. There were twelve adults signed up for this program. Participants painted a sunflower-themed painting on a canvas.
- The first round of interviews for the vacant Recreation Coordinator-Programs were completed last week with five candidates. Two candidates will be moving forward to the second round of interviews that will take place on September 9.
- Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken is working with Rich Morrett to establish a ceremony to celebrate the placement of a Hand Only CPR machine at the VRC. We are very appreciative of Rich's efforts in securing the unit as he worked with Kettering Health and the American Heart Association to make it happen. The ceremony will take place on Monday, October 7 at 9am in the VRC lobby.

New Municipal Building Sign at night.



Parks & Recreation and Public Works staff working to complete the concrete pour for the Police Department Shed at the Justice Center. Teamwork makes the Dream Work.



Municipal Building Parking Lot Asphalt Project



# Information Update



To: Mark Schwieterman  
Interim City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse  
Chief of Police

Date: September 5, 2024

Subject: Information Update Ending September 6, 2024

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1. During the past two-and-a-half weeks, VPD officers made 15 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 13 written warnings and two verbal warnings while working 20 additional enforcement hours. In addition, the enforcement detail conducted 12 stops on passenger vehicles resulting in nine written warnings and three verbal warnings.
2. On August 26, Zachary Landis and Tyler Cayot joined the Police Division as our newest police officers. Zachary is a Vandalia-Butler High School graduate, served as an intelligence analyst in the U.S. Army, and most recently worked at Beau Townsend Nissan dealership. Tyler is a Centerville High School graduate, has a bachelor's degree in Unmanned Aerial Systems, and most recently worked for the City of Centerville at Benham's Grove. Both officers graduated from Sinclair Community College's Basic Peace Officer Training Academy, and we are excited to have them join VPD. They were sworn in with family and friends present this past Monday evening during the Council meeting.
3. On August 27, Lieutenant Walker attended the monthly virtual meeting for the Ohio First Responder Wellness Coordinators Meeting. Topics of discussion included updates on first responder wellness initiatives, Ohio mental health and addiction services, and law enforcement recruitment. Representatives from CrossFit Crave shared information about their Expanding Horizons youth program that works with the juvenile court system.
4. Lieutenant Walker met with Centerville Police Lieutenant Green on August 27 to view their drones and associated equipment and to discuss how they use and deploy them. Centerville police officers, who are certified drone pilots, take a drone with them on patrol. This allows them to quickly deploy drones if there is an emergency, to aid in apprehending a suspect, or to locate a missing person. They also use drones for routine patrols where they experience a pattern of crime. Their drones can cover and clear a lot of ground without tying up as much manpower.
5. Last Wednesday and Thursday, Lieutenant Walker, Officer Brazel, and Officer Sommer teamed up with the Vandalia Fire Department and Butler Township police and fire departments to help with districtwide training for the Vandalia-Butler City School District. The training was held at Smith Intermediate School and Butler High School. The teachers were broken up into three groups each day and rotated through stations that included *Stop the Bleed* training, *Run-Hide-Fight* training, and classroom evacuations. The school district is required to hold periodic training

- which includes local public safety agencies. The focus was to provide teachers with critical knowledge and what to expect from public safety in the event of an active shooter incident.
6. On August 30, I met with Executive Director Kevin Franklin and Airshow Administrator Katie Mitchell at Wright Bros. Aero to preliminarily discuss strategies for increasing and improving security at the 2025 CenterPoint Energy Air Show.
  7. Detectives charged a 62-year-old Dayton female with Aggravated Possession of Drugs and Criminal Trespass. The female trespassed at Rite Aid, overdosed, and was found to have drugs in her possession.
  8. Detectives charged a 23-year-old female and a 40-year-old male, both from Harrison Twp., with Grand Theft (F4). The pair stole an automated lawnmower from a citizen's front yard. The mower was recovered.
  9. Detectives charged a 43-year-old Huber Heights man, and a 48-year-old Harrison Twp. man with Grand Theft (F5). The pair stole several forklift batteries from the rear lot of a business after closing. The batteries each weighed around 2,000 lbs.
  10. VPD officers were present at various school district campuses in the city, including St. Christopher School, on the first day of school, September 2, to provide a visible presence while students, parents, and faculty arrived to begin the new school year.



## Public Service Information Update

To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager  
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service  
Date: September 5, 2024  
Subject: **Information Update for August 24 – September 6, 2024**

### **Development & Engineering Services (DES)**

AES installed a drop pole for the power service to the Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project's new lift station.

Barrett Paving & Materials will be raising the remaining manhole lids on streets resurfaced this year.

Staff have walked the streets planned for resurfacing next year to determine the concrete repair limits; these estimated concrete repair costs affect the finalized street resurfacing plan for next year based on budgetary limits. A revised 10-year street resurfacing plan is in review.

The developer and contractor for Foxfire Section 9 has begun rough dirt work for the site of 29 more residential houses. Council approved the record plan with conditions on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Final inspections have begun at 993 Falls Creek Dr for the new Ernst Concrete Headquarters.

Staff have received construction plans to fix the house at 4581 Poplar Creek Rd.

Electrical/Building Inspector Robert Martin has been working with the Parks & Recreation department to get all of the new lit City signage operational. Martin has also been working with IT and Courts on other internal projects.

Electrical/Building Inspector Paul Barnett received his interim Building Inspectors certification, allowing him to perform commercial building inspections.

## **Public Works (PW)**

Crews placed asphalt for Parks & Recreation at the Cassel Hills Golf Course around the clubhouse, the path east of Kroger to Robinette Park, at various bad spots on National Rd including at the I-75 bridge, and at S Dixie Dr/Elva Ct.

Crews performed monthly sanitary sewer lift station maintenance and took Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Program (MIPP) samples at City sites.

Crews continued installing water meters across the City as part of the meter replacement multi-year project and street sweeping.

Crews excavated and repaired a sanitary sewer lateral at 402 Skyview Dr.

Crews continued to making and installing new branded street signs.

Crews installed Oktoberfest banners.

Crews performed 50 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

Crews began laying out and digging foundations at Poplar Hill cemetery for the Autumn concrete placement.

Crews formed and poured a concrete slab for the Police Division's shed at the Justice Center.

The mechanics serviced tandem-axle dump truck #25 and the generator for the lift stations.

The mechanics fixed the A/C compressor and an emergency coolant leak on Fire Division's Engine #2. The mechanics also fixed the A/C on Engine #1.

Gage Shiflet started on August 26<sup>th</sup> as a full-time Public Works Technician, filling our final full-time vacancy bringing us to full staff once again.

Assistant Public Works Superintendent JR Fulton attended the monthly NAWA Technical Committee meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Vandalia Senior Center

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## Are You Ready for Some Football?

The Vandalia-Butler High School has again invited you to enjoy a tailgate meal and a football game on Friday, September 6. You will eat at the old tennis courts at 6 p.m. then go to the game by 7 p.m. Our team is playing against Troy. If you are a Vandalia or Butler Township resident and



have a pass from the Board of Education, bring it with you. If you do not have a pass or are not a resident and you come to the tailgate, you will get into the game for free. You need to sign up on the bulletin board to attend the tailgate. **Deadline: August 30**

**Directions:** From the Senior Center, turn left onto Dixie. Just pass the Vandalia Library, turn left and continue back to the football stadium parking lot. Go to the old tennis courts near the Victory Bell for the tailgate. If the weather is questionable, go to door #9.

**Come to the "Faux" Tailgate on Friday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m.**

The "Faux" Tailgate sponsored by the Senior Club Committee will be inside so you don't have to think about the weather. Please arrive by 5:00 p.m. for the meal. Then the committee will have several games.

To come to this event, go to box #3 in the hallway between the office and the kitchen door. Follow the directions to pay \$10. Then sign your name on the list to show you paid.



## **MENU**

**Hot Dogs and Buns**

**Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Relish**

**Potato Salad**

**Variety of Chips**

**Assortment of Cookies**



## **Silver Activities Committee**

The Senior Club Committee is forming a Silver Activities Committee. Pat James and Dottie Ganter are co-chairing this group. They need members to join to help with planning, decorating, serving, and cleaning-up after events sponsored by the Senior Club Committee. Call Pat at 937-545-5519 to get more details or to volunteer to help the group.

## Lunch & Learn

### Stillwater Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tues., September 3, at Noon



Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will bring your lunch. The audience that enjoyed the performance of Bobby D. and the Quartet in May demanded that the group return. The band members play guitar, bass guitar, drums, saxophone, and sometimes a harmonica. Sign up to hear this group sing some of your favorite songs. We will take donations and tips at the end to cover their expenses. Limit: 80



### Hearth & Home of Vandalia Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 10, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home of Vandalia will have your lunch delivered. Chuck Brecht will present the story of Tim Conway (1933-2019). Chuck has always enjoyed Tim Conway's impromptu comedy and he wants to share the joy it brings to him. This presentation will recap his

career but most importantly we will look back at many video clips like "Siamese Elephants" and the "Dentist". Limit: 100



### Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, September 12, at **11:00 A.M.**

Robin Kent from Brookhaven will have the chef from Brookberry bring and serve the meal. The King's English band is returning for an encore performance. Since the band does not charge the center a fee, there will be a donation bowl out at the back of the dining room after the program. Limit: 75

### Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, Sept. 13, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your food from their kitchen. Join Vandalia-Butler City Schools Superintendent, Rob O'Leary, and CFO/Treasurer, Eric Beavers, as they present the State of the Schools for an annual district update. Both District representatives will be available to answer questions after the presentation. Limit: 70



## Lunch & Learn

### One Lincoln Park Lunch & Learn on **Monday**, Sept. 16 at Noon

Dana Chesser and Jonathan Carl from One Lincoln Park will bring your food from their kitchen. Jonathan Carl, Retirement Counselor for One Lincoln Park, will talk about the importance of downsizing and how to approach it. He will share resources that can be used. Jonathan will talk about the places that you can talk your stuff. He will also discuss the process of selling things and what the options are for doing that. Limit: 50



### Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 17, at Noon



Jacquie Dalton from Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. Jennifer Lorenzetti is the Administrator & Curator of the McGuffey House and Museum at Miami University. Jennifer will present "Educating the Early West: Learning to Read in America". Starting from the time European settlers made a home in what would be the United States, learning to read went from a specialized skill intended for religious instruction to a key to understanding and communicating in different ways. This talk will explore what we can learn from the various tools for reading instruction and what that might tell us today. Limit: 75

### Affinity Hospice Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, Sept. 19 at **11:00 A.M.**

Travis Bryant and Tyler Vassar from Affinity Hospice will provide your lunch. Sam Octerwisch is a music therapist who works for Affinity Hospice. He is going to bring his collection of musical instruments to show you how he works with hospice patients. There will be some audience participation. Sam will also demonstrate heartbeat therapy. Limit: 75



### Grace Brethren & Mill Ridge Village Lunch & Learn on **Monday**, September 23, at Noon

Mark Spirk from both Grace Brethren and Mill Ridge Village will bring your lunch from their kitchen at Grace Brethren. Hope Taft, the former First Lady of Ohio, is returning to give a two-part talk. One part will be about her dad, Matt Rothert Sr. who was a small business owner in Arkansas and also a coin collector. Hope will tell the story of how her dad got a change made to all of the paper money that everyone carries. The second part of the talk will be about her daughter, Anna Taft, and her foundation the Tandana Foundation. Anna conceived the idea of a foundation in 1998 after she taught English to people in Ecuador. The Tandana Foundation now serves people in Ecuador and Mali. Limit: 75



## Information

### Ohio's Hospice Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 24, at Noon

Denise Moore and Jamie Brown from Ohio's Hospice will bring your lunch. Stacey Benson-Taylor, the Montgomery County Recorder, is returning as the audience requested when she was here in March. She will talk about Right of Survivorship, Affidavit of Beneficiary, freezing your credit, how to check on your deed, and the FAN System used to protect your deed. Limit: 75



### Stonespring Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, Sept. 26, at **11:00 A.M.**

Sarah Mather from Stonespring will order your food. Lee Ann Rose is returning by Zoom from Williamsburg, Virginia. She will be portraying one of her favorite characters, Grace Banker. Grace was the Chief Operator of the US Signal Corps women in World War I. She responded to an advertisement for girls who could speak both French and English to work for a new group of telephone operators under Gen. John J Pershing. While working in Coblenz, Banker received the

Distinguished Service Award. However, on her return home Banker and her thirty-three fellow "Hello Girls" were not considered soldiers. Limit: 75

### Trinity Health Lunch & Learn on Friday, September 27, at Noon

Joseph Forcina from Trinity Health will bring your lunch. Erica Hayes from Medicare Resource Center will talk about her services. Katherine Watson from the Centerville Washington Township Library will present "Jim Key: The World's Smartest Horse". Jim's mother had been nursed back to health by a former slave, Doc Key. In 1889, she had a colt with crooked legs that could barely walk but Doc decided to keep him and teach him. Hear the remarkable story of a horse who could debate politics, count, spell, and act the part of a prankster. Doc Key promoted the message to be kind to animals. Limit: 35



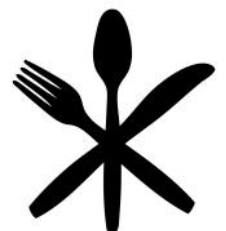
### Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday of the Month

Sign up to eat out at Young's Jersey Dairy on Tuesday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 6880 Springfield Xenia Rd., in Yellow Springs.

Directions: From the center turn right onto Dixie then right onto National. Take 75 S then 70 E. Take exit 52A for US 68 S. Go 5.2 miles.



Directions: From the center turn right onto Dixie then right onto National/Rt. 40. Follow Rt. 40 past Taylorsville Park and across the bridge. Continue until US 68 S. Go right onto 68 S. Cross over W. Jackson Rd. and look for Young's Jersey Dairy.



## Art

### Stick Wreath on Wednesday, September 4, at 1:00 p.m.

Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will bring the supplies to make this stick wreath. The jumbo sticks are on a 6" foam wreath so the final wreath will probably be about 12" in diameter. Limit: 12



### FREE Card Making Class on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 1:00 p.m.



Toni Williams will have tables and tables of supplies and equipment for you to use to make two cards from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be stickers, rubber stamps, paper, and more with a fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving theme. The card on the left is an idea. Come let your imagination create. Limit: 12

### Ceramics Class on Friday, September 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a ceramics vendor and a member, is bringing this sweet double set of gnomes for you to add to your fall collection. It measures approximately 7 1/2" H x 10" W. It has holes to show through the light. You will be using Mindy's paints, brushes, and supplies. Cost: \$15 Limit: 15



### Essential Oils Class on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 1:45 p.m.

Christine Jordan from Red Lotus Essences is returning to help you create another essential oils blend. This blend is to help you with arthritis pain. Cost: \$5 Limit: 15

### FREE: Painting Class on Friday, September 27, at 1:45 p.m.

Antoinette Adams from Siena Woods will bring canvas boards, paint, brushes, and stencils. You will be making this sunflower picture. Limit: 20



## Movies

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

Movie on the First Friday, September 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Antionette Adams from Siena Woods

*Ordinary Angels* is the remarkable true story of a struggling hairdresser who finds a renewed sense of purpose when she meets a widowed father working hard to care for his two daughters. With his youngest critically ill and waiting for a liver transplant, the fierce woman single-handedly rallies an entire community to help.

PG Drama 2 hr. 10 min.



Movie on the Third Friday, September 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Jennifer Terriaco of Momentus Health



In the movie, *Miracle Club*, there's just one dream for the women of Ballygar, Ireland: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of close friends get their ticket of a lifetime. The movie was inspired by writer Jimmy Smallhorne's memories of growing up in Ireland. The movie stars Laura Linney, Maggie Smith, and Kathy Bates.

PG-13 Comedy / Drama 1 hr. 30 min.

### Dining Room Closed

The City of Vandalia will be using the dining room on September 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The group playing cards that day will play in the art room. Drinks will also be in the art room.



### Items for FREE and Items to BORROW

The art room has 3 "free" tables. You can take any of the items on those tables for free to keep. There are also free greeting cards on the countertop in the art room. If you are donating any items, please give all donations to Toni in the office. There are items that can be used by the kitchen, floral group, Super Sewers, and for bingo prizes. The rest will be put out on the tables for members to take. In the card room/library, there are shelves full of books and jigsaw puzzles to borrow. Please take them home to enjoy and bring them back when you are through. Be sure to return the books with the red covers written by Allen Johnson who was a frequent speaker at the Senior Center until he passed away. Those books are a permanent collection and are kept on the smaller bookcase.

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| <b>9</b><br>Hand & Foot 12:30                                                                                                   | <b>10</b><br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br>Super Sewers 9:00<br>Bridge 9:45<br>Golden Qi 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:40<br><b>Bingo 1:45</b><br><b>Let's Eat Out 5:00</b>                      | <b>11</b><br>Hula Hooping 9:30<br>Exercise 11:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 11:00</b><br>Bridge 12:00<br>Up & Down the River 12:30<br><b>Euchre 1:00</b><br><b>Card Making 1:00</b> | <b>12</b><br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 11:00</b><br>Duplicate Bridge 11:45<br>Art Group 12:00<br>Rummikub 12:00<br>Pinochle 1:00                           | <b>13</b><br>Mah Jong 9:00<br>Colored Pencils 9:30<br>Exercise 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Poker 1:00<br><b>Bingo 1:45</b>                                                           |
| <b>16</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 12:30<br><b>Bingo 1:45</b>                                           | <b>17</b><br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br>Super Sewers 9:00<br>Bridge 9:45<br>Golden Qi 10:00<br>BP & Sugar Check 11-12<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:40<br><b>Bingo 1:45</b>                         | <b>18</b><br>Hula Hooping 9:30<br>Exercise 11:00<br>Bridge 12:00<br>Up & Down the River 12:30<br><b>Euchre 1:00</b><br><br><b>Dining Room Closed<br/>10:30—2:00</b>              | <b>19</b><br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br><b>Tech Talk 11:00</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 11:00</b><br>Duplicate Bridge 11:45<br>Art Group 12:00<br>Rummikub 12:00<br>Pinochle 1:00 | <b>20</b><br>Mah Jong 9:00<br>Colored Pencils 9:30<br>Exercise 10:00<br>Poker 1:00<br><b>Movie 1:00</b><br><b>Ceramics 1:30</b>                                                                     |
| <b>23</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 12:30                                                                | <b>24</b><br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br>Super Sewers 9:00<br>Bridge 9:45<br>Golden Qi 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Hand & Foot 1:40<br><b>Essences 1:45</b>                                                | <b>25</b><br>Hula Hooping 9:30<br>Exercise 11:00<br>Bridge 12:00<br>Up & Down the River 12:30<br><b>Birthdays 1:00</b><br><b>Euchre 1:00</b><br><b>Bingo 1:30</b>                | <b>26</b><br><b>Travel 9:00-12:00</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 11:00</b><br>Duplicate Bridge 11:45<br>Art Group 12:00<br>Rummikub 12:00<br>Pinochle 1:00                           | <b>27</b><br>Mah Jong 9:00<br>Colored Pencils 9:30<br>Exercise 10:00<br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00</b><br>Poker 1:00<br><b>Painting class 1:45</b><br><br><b>"Faux" Tailgate 5:00</b>               |
| <b>30 ***</b><br>Hand & Foot 12:30                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Exercise & Information

### NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

*A Novel Love Story* by Ashley Poston

*Worst Case Scenario: A Novel* by T. J. Newman

*Same As It Ever Was: A Novel* by Claire Lombardo

*Jackie: A Novel* by Dawn Clifton Tripp

*The Backtrack* by Erin La Rosa

### NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

*Godzilla X Kong: The New Empire*

*The Iron Claw*

*The Long Game*

*Challengers*

*Dream Scenario*

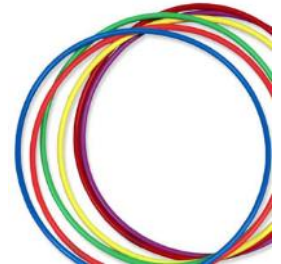


### FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading a seated exercise class on some of the Wednesdays 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. On the other Wednesdays, the class will be led by Bill Kistner.

### 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.



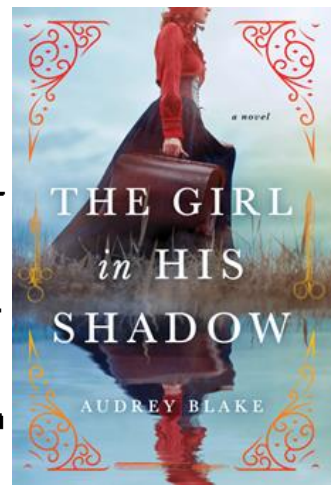
### Tech Talk on the First & Third Thurs., Sept. 5 and 19, at 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices. Sign up to come to Tech Thursday and Tom will do his best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you may learn something new!

## Information

### Vandalia Senior Center Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 3, to discuss the book, *The Girl in his Shadow*, by Audrey Blake. Raised by the surgeon Dr. Croft after losing her parents, Nora Beady was trained to perfect her suturing and anatomical illustrations. Women face dire consequences if caught practicing medicine, but in Croft's clinic Nora is his most trusted--and secret--assistant. That is until the new surgical resident, Dr. Daniel Gibson, arrives. In order to protect Dr. Croft, Nora must learn to play an uncomfortable role of a proper young lady but Nora cannot ignore the suffering of patients. When she makes a discovery, Nora faces an impossible choice. Remain invisible and let the men around her take credit for her work, or let the world see her for what she is--even if it means being destroyed by her own legacy.



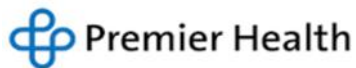
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### The Nurses Want to Check Out Your Numbers

Nurses will be coming in on the first and third Tuesdays every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to check your blood pressure and blood sugar numbers. They will be sitting by the fountains in the dining room.

The nurses will be here every month through November. Nurses from Montgomery County Public Health will be here on September 3.

Nurses from Premier Health will be here on September 17.



### Answers to the Pie Match Up on page 11

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| 1. W  | 2. D | 3. M | 4. P  | 5. T             |
| 6. V  | 7. B | 8. Y | 9. E  | 10.X             |
| 11.AA | 12.N | 13.Z | 14.S  | 15. R            |
| 16.EE | 17.F | 18.H | 19.BB | 20.DD            |
| 21.J  | 22.Q | 23.I | 24.A  | 25.U             |
| 26.K  | 27.L | 28.O | 29.G  | 30. C      31.CC |



## Information

### Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Melva Jenkins. 937-832-8992  
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. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, September 3, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Abigail Huges from Englewood Health & Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, September 10, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, September 13, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Adam Fullenkamp from Senior Mark will call bingo on Monday, September 16, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
6. Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will call bingo on Tuesday, September 17, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
7. Courtney Peck & Shelli Jackson from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Wed., Sept. 25, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

### Celebrate September Birthdays on Wed., Sept. 25, at 1:00 p.m.

Randall Residence of West Milton will provide the birthday cakes from their kitchen. Please sign up if you have a birthday. We will take a group photo then everyone will sing "Happy Birthday". Everyone gets a piece of cake but the birthday people get theirs first!



### Donations Needed

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

**Leave in the Office:** seasonal napkins, 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:**

pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps, food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and for Cares4Kids box.

**Card Room/Library:** Leave books and puzzles on the fireplace for the librarian to put away.

Match the description to the name of the pie. Answers on page 9.

- |                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Washington's pie ____                  | A. Pear            |
| 2. Monkey pie ____                        | B. Peach           |
| 3. Fine cloth pie ____                    | C. Raspberry       |
| 4. America's deep dark delicious pie ____ | D. Banana Cream    |
| 5. Game pie ____                          | E. Gooseberry      |
| 6. Eiffel Tower or Paris pie ____         | F. Rhubarb         |
| 7. Lovely lady pie ____                   | G. Blackberry      |
| 8. Halloween pie ____                     | H. Key Lime        |
| 9. Duck family pie ____                   | I. Custard         |
| 10. Hold the jelly pie ____               | J. Turkey Pot Pie  |
| 11. Boy & girl going out pie ____         | K. Sugar Cream     |
| 12. A "cacklin" pie ____                  | L. Blueberry       |
| 13. Electric pie ____                     | M. Chiffon         |
| 14. Animal bedding pie ____               | N. Chicken Pot Pie |
| 15. Wrinkle pie ____                      | O. Oreo            |
| 16. Hard head pie ____                    | P. Chocolate       |
| 17. Fighting pie ____                     | Q. Pecan           |
| 18. Green door pie ____                   | R. Raisin          |
| 19. Eve's pie ____                        | S. Strawberry      |
| 20. Christmas pie ____                    | T. Chess pie       |
| 21. Gobbler's pie ____                    | U. Sweet Potato    |
| 22. Southern nut pie ____                 | V. French Silk     |
| 23. "Last Stand" pie ____                 | W. Cherry          |
| 24. The two people pie ____               | X. Peanut Butter   |
| 25. Yam pie ____                          | Y. Pumpkin         |
| 26. Very sweet pie ____                   | Z. Currant         |
| 27. Green + yellow pie ____               | AA. Date           |
| 28. Cookie pie ____                       | BB. Apple          |
| 29. Ebony pie ____                        | CC. Plum           |
| 30. Hand tool pie ____                    | DD. Cranberry      |
| 31. Jack Horner's pie ____                | EE. Coconut        |



## Travel

**Prime Tours:** Be sure to write your check to Prime Tours.

October 16-19 West Virginia: 4 days, 3 nights \$1049 pp \$100 deposit

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January 11-20 Labadee/US Virgin Islands/Antigua: \$2,773 to \$3,277 depending on cabin Deposit \$550 per person Need passport

Aug. 27-Sept. 6 Alaska Cruise, Land & Rail: \$4,711 to \$5,841 depending on cabin for dbl \$350 pp deposit Need passport.

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 can mail your check to the Vandalia Senior Center or drop it in box #4 in the hallway by the kitchen or give it to Bob Reed in person. You also need to fill out the form at the bottom of this page and include it with your payment. You need to fill out the additional information form for Prime Tours that is attached to the trip sheet.

Bob Reed's Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. to Noon

Or call Bob at 937-313-9692 and leave a voicemail.



**Please only call Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parks & Recreation Information



### **Campfire Yoga– Thursday, September 12 from 7:00pm-8:00pm**

We invite you to unwind and reconnect with nature in a unique fusion of tranquility and warmth. Let the gentle glow of the fire guide you into a state of deep relaxation, where each breath becomes a harmonious melody with the wilderness around you. Join us for an evening of Zen by the fireside, where inner peace meets the primal rhythm of the flames.

**Ages: 18 years old and older**

**Fee: \$10 per person**

**Location: Vandalia Art Park**

**Rain Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Studio**

**Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Tuesday, September 10.**

**Walk-ins will not be accepted.**

**Note: Please bring your own towel/mat and water.**

### **Vandalia Touch-a-Truck– Saturday, September 14 from 10:30am-1:00pm**

Get ready for a hands-on adventure at our Touch-a-Truck! Immerse yourself in a world of roaring engines, flashing lights, and endless exploration. It's a tactile delight where people of all ages can touch, climb, and marvel at an impressive lineup of vehicles from mighty fire trucks to colossal construction machinery. Join us for a day of tactile thrills and honk-worthy fun!

**Fee: Free**

**Location: Vandalia Sports Complex**



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### Vandalia Senior Club

#### 2024 Committee:

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| President      | Cathy Nortman<br>985-201-6747 |
| Vice President | Iris Siebert<br>937-454-1583  |
| Treasure       | Kay Lowe<br>937-409-8300      |
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Age 55 or older

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Vandalia Residents \$15 single - \$25 dual

Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

A resident is defined as someone who pays  
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