

THE BLUE LETTER



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October 11, 2024

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

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Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Mark Schwieterman
Interim City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

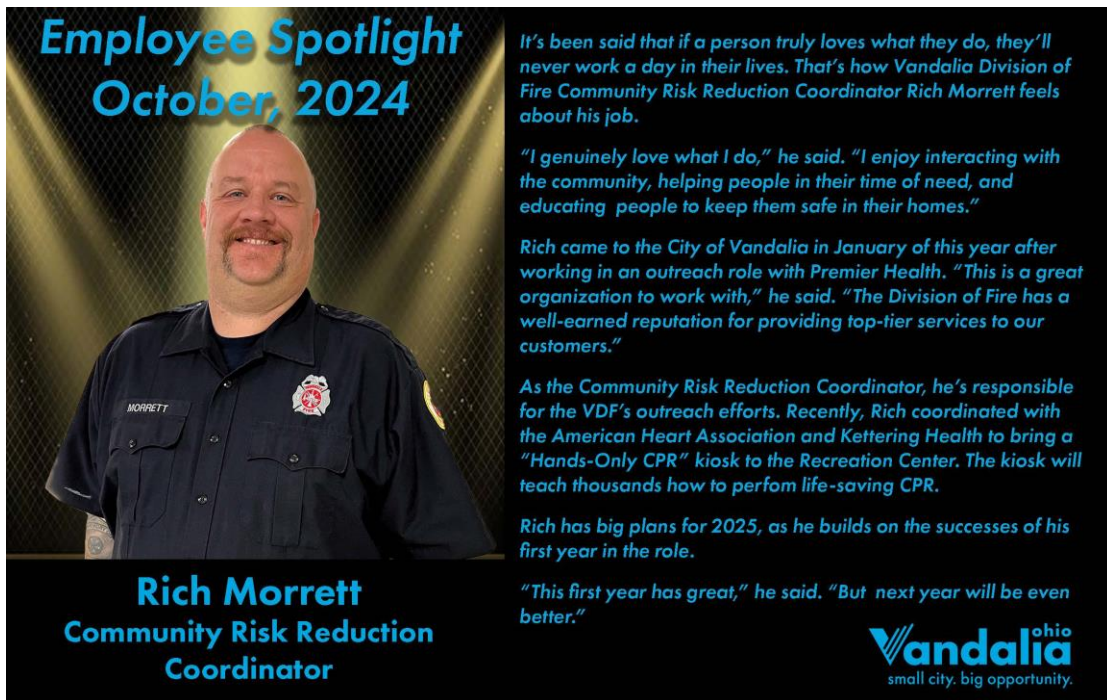
Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Cron – October 11, 2024;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – October 11, 2024;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – October 11, 2024;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – October 11, 2024;
5. Information Update - Director Clark – October 11, 2024;
6. Information Update - Chief Althouse – October 11, 2024;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – October 11, 2024;
8. Information Update - Dynegy Acquisition
9. Information Update - Senior Center November Newsletter



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: October 10, 2024
Re: Information Update for September 21 – October 11, 2024

- 📍 Congratulations to Rich Morrett on being chosen for this month's Employee Spotlight.



Employee Spotlight
October, 2024

It's been said that if a person truly loves what they do, they'll never work a day in their lives. That's how Vandalia Division of Fire Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Rich Morrett feels about his job.

"I genuinely love what I do," he said. "I enjoy interacting with the community, helping people in their time of need, and educating people to keep them safe in their homes."

Rich came to the City of Vandalia in January of this year after working in an outreach role with Premier Health. "This is a great organization to work with," he said. "The Division of Fire has a well-earned reputation for providing top-tier services to our customers."

As the Community Risk Reduction Coordinator, he's responsible for the VDF's outreach efforts. Recently, Rich coordinated with the American Heart Association and Kettering Health to bring a "Hands-Only CPR" kiosk to the Recreation Center. The kiosk will teach thousands how to perform life-saving CPR.

Rich has big plans for 2025, as he builds on the successes of his first year in the role.

"This first year has great," he said. "But next year will be even better."

Rich Morrett
Community Risk Reduction Coordinator


small city. big opportunity.

- 📍 Much of this period has been spent reviewing the budget and preparing for our budget workshop with City Council. I felt the first budget workshop was a success and we covered a lot of items that we have planned for next year and beyond.
- 📍 You and I met with Airport Director Gill Turner and Mike Cross to discuss their proposal for an upgrade to the US 40 overpass at the Airport Access Road. They provided us with a few concepts to review and share with City Council for comments.
- 📍 You and I attended the TCA Board meeting. Representatives from Peterson Construction also attended the meeting to give a presentation on the current status of the Equalization Tank project and an overview of their company as they are interested in the plant improvement project.

- I attended the MVRPC Board meeting on October 3rd.
- Staff has met several times with Addison Properties to discuss and review their proposed rezoning and residential development on S. Brown School Road.
- Ben Borton and I attended the preconstruction meeting with ODOT, CSX Railroad and the contractor regarding work on the Bikeway Connector project that will impact CSX.
- Our agreement to correct the property maintenance items and bring the home into a habitable condition has expired with the property owner at 4581 Poplar Creek Road. Per the agreement, we will begin the process to raze the structure. Many attempts have been made over the past few years to correct this issue and with the assistance of our law director we were able to move forward with this process and hold the owner financially responsible for the work to be done.
- Mike Hammes, as a member of the Miami Valley Planning & Zoning Workshop Committee, met with Sinclair Community College to finalize arrangements for this year's workshop. Mike will also be presenting at the workshop this year.
- We have two variance applications submitted to the Board of Zoning Appeals for their meeting on November 11. The first variance is for the maximum sign area at 4160 Little York Road. The second is for the maximum sign area at 2 E. National Road.
- Rich Hopkins has begun compiling information for our Annual Report/Calendar.
- Rich has also prepared and received the first draft for review of our next edition of the My Vandalia magazine which will be delivered in late November.
- Our next Employee Appreciation Event will be a Donut Bar at the Justice Center from 7:00 – 9:00 am on Wednesday October 23.

Memo



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: October 9, 2024

Re: Information Update - Period Ending October 11, 2024

1. Kristen and I attended a council study session and meeting.
2. Kristen and I attended Budget Workshop #1.
3. Kristen and I appreciated the opportunity to attend the 37th Annual Ohio Government Finance Officers Association Conference & Membership Meeting in Cincinnati last month.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: MARK SCHWITERMAN, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 10/10/2024
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2024

1. The Division of Fire had multiple structure fire responses during this reporting period.
 - September 21st, crews responded to a Kitchen Fire at Dragon China on National Road with Butler and Huber Heights crews. The fire was quickly extinguished with no injuries reported. The restaurant was closed for a few days for clean-up.
 - September 28th crews responded to a kitchen fire at Christy's on S. Dixie Drive with Butler and Huber Heights crews. The fire was out upon crew arrival with no injuries reported. Due to an extinguisher discharge, the restaurant remained closed for a few days for clean-up and inspection.
 - October 7th crews responded to Adare Pharmaceuticals on Center Drive on the report of an explosion with a fire. Crews arrived on scene of an active structure fire within the building, the facility was evacuated with no injuries reported. Crews spent much of the day operating at the incident along with mutual aid received from Butler, Huber Heights, Englewood, and Dayton Fire Departments.
2. During this reporting period crews trained on:
 - Special operations where they practiced using a cutting torch, use of an impact hammer and heavy lifting.
 - EMS OB training with Butler Township Fire Department.
 - Fire Prevention training covered alarm operations.
 - Lastly, recruit training was held over multiple days and included but not limited to fire ground skills, driving, etc.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

3. Hurricane Helene brought to our area unusual high winds and rain on September 27th. The crews responded from late afternoon and into the evening on several trees reported to be down on roadways and houses, poles down and multiple wires down. Additionally, this resulted in reports of multiple power outages. AES was in Storm Mode and every response during this time was reported.
4. Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Rich Morrett attended a Quality Improvement class hosted by Washington Township Fire Department. This class tied in perfectly with the current Community Risk Assessment that is being conducted.
5. The Division of Fire is pleased to announce the launching of a Hands-Only CPR Kiosk at our Rec Center. This community training device has been made possible by a partnership with the American Heart Association and Kettering Health. We are very excited to offer this resource to residents to be trained in quick, effective skills that could provide a greater chance of survival in a cardiac emergency.
6. The Division of Fire and Capt. Chad Garver was recently spotlighted in a case study article from Image Trend. Image Trend is our EMS reporting and data tracking software. After implementing the software and working on the data the Division of Fire and Capt. Garver have been able to make the necessary changes to increase patient care. In the article from Image Trend, the focus was on our 25% increased airway management success.
7. The Division of Fire held its annual Open House on October 6th. This is an event we look forward to every year. This event is always a success and kicks off Fire Prevention Month. We had great weather and a steady flow of residents who came out to see our station, equipment and meet our firefighters. There were door prizes, Kona Ice, hands on displays of equipment and firetruck rides that are always the highlight. Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed the afternoon with us and we are already looking forward to next year!



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

8. Crews responded to the scene of a multiple car accident with entrapments on October 8th. Mutual aid from Butler Township, Huber Heights, and Harrison Township were all on scene to aid with extrications and transport. Transports consisted of serious injuries and non-life-threatening injuries. The highway was closed northbound to allow fire and police crews to safely work.
9. At the October 7th Council Meeting Chief Follick presented a Civilian Hero Awarded to 2nd grader Nate Sevy. Nate made a 911 call back in July that no doubt saved the life of his great-grandmother. Nate is a 2022 graduate of the Passport to Safety Program that Vandalia-Butler Kindergartener's attend and was able to recognize and calmly get his grandmother the help she needed.
10. The Division of Fire is happy to announce that full-time employees Bradley King and Jacob Cline were sworn into their new positions at the October 7th Council Meeting. Both members come to us from our part-time staff. Congrats to both and we look forward to having you both in your new full-time role!

Memo



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: October 10, 2024

Re: Information Update – Period Ending October 11, 2024

1. **Flu Shots, anyone?** Hock's Pharmacy will be here administering flu shots on **Tuesday, October 15th from 7:00am – 9:00am in the DES Conference Room at the Municipal Building.**

Medical Plan Members: Bring the completed (attached) Flu Vaccine Form & your insurance card when you come in for your shot. Flu Shots are free to all Medical Plan Members and their families, when processed through insurance! Children should be age 16 years or older.

Non-Plan Members: If you are not on our medical plan and have coverage elsewhere, please bring that insurance card and complete the attached form, so that your insurance can be billed directly. If your plan does not cover flu shots, and you would like to have the shot, there is a \$35 (Regular flu shot) charge and \$75 (High Dose) flu shot for individuals older than 65. Please bring cash.

2. **Save the Date!** Open Enrollment is scheduled for November 4th – 15th. More information to come in the upcoming weeks!

3. **Open Enrollment 2025 – What's Changing? Only 4 Things!**

- **IRS Deductible Minimums for High Deductible Health Plans:** In 2025, the IRS is raising the Annual Deductibles for High Deductible Health Plans:
 - i. Single Coverage - \$3,300 (\$100 more than 2024)
 - ii. Family Coverage - \$6,600 (\$200 more than 2024)
- **IRS HSA Maximum Contribution Limits :** In 2025, the IRS is raising the maximum on how much you can contribute to your HSA.
 - i. Single Coverage - \$4,300 (\$150 more than 2024! 😊)
 - ii. Family Coverage - \$8,550 (\$250 more than 2024! 😊)
- **Group Life (Basic) & Voluntary Life Insurance Provider:** In 2025, the City will be changing Life Insurance Providers! We currently hold policies with MetLife for our Group Life (Basic) and Voluntary Life Insurance. Effective 1/1/2025, we will be switching to a company called The Standard. We are very pleased with their level of service, and ability to make this a smooth transition! The Standard has a "Line of Duty" benefit that we believe is a great addition to what they already offer. As of now, Employees do not need to do any extra work to make this adjustment happen! We are working with The Standard behind the scenes to make sure you have all the information you need come Open Enrollment. Rates for voluntary life & other details coming later!
- **HSA Custodian:** Effective 1/1/2025, all employees enrolled in our High Deductible Health Plan will have a new HSA opened for them with WealthCare Saver (an online bank). The City of Vandalia partners with a company called Navia Benefit Solutions who has recently had a change in their terms and conditions. Previously, employees were able to set up an HSA at the bank of their choice, but now Navia is requiring that

employees use the online bank, WealthCare Saver. You're probably thinking – what about the HSA I already have? Well, there are two options:

- i. You can continue to use the funds in your existing HSA account until the balance is a zero, and you can close it out after that **or**
- ii. You can contact your bank about how to roll the funds in your existing account, over to the new account with WealthCare Saver.

Employees will still receive contributions, and those contributions amounts on the employer end are not changing! Just going to a different spot, starting 01/01/2025. Employees will receive new HSA cards after the start of the year. Again, we are working hard behind the scenes to make this transition as smooth as possible, so there isn't unnecessary work on your end!



To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: 10/10/2024
Re: Information Update – Period ending October 10, 2024

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

- Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken has been working with the Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club to secure financial contributions for our Youth Scholarship Fund and Youth Basketball Program. The Optimist Club has agreed to provide a \$1,500 donation to the scholarship fund and a \$1500 sponsorship of the basketball program. We are extremely grateful for our long-standing relationship with the club as they have sponsored the youth basketball program for over 20 years.
- Vandalia Market: This event happened on Wednesday, September 18 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Vandalia Sports Complex. There were several hundred people who came out to this event and enjoyed food, music, and shopping.
- Homeschool Takeover: This event happened on Friday, September 20 from 11:30am-3:00pm at the Vandalia Recreation Center. 26 families came out and enjoyed a day of swimming, climbing wall, gym games and Luther's Jungle.
- Vandalia Fall Festival – This event is happening on Saturday, October 12 from 12:00pm-6:00pm at the Vandalia Sports Complex. There will be many fall activities for people to enjoy, from pumpkin patch, inflatables, corn pit, food truck, vendors and more.
- Rock the Rec Halloween Party: This event is happening on Saturday, October 26 from 12:00pm- 4:00pm at the Vandalia Sports Complex. There will be trick-or-treat, inflatables, food trucks, vendors and more for people to enjoy.
- Recreation Facility Manager Aaron Messenger and Recreation Superintendent Alicia McCracken are working on a Volunteer program for special events and programs. Many thanks to Human Resources Manager Leann Hanf for providing Aaron with guidance during the implementation process.

RECREATION CENTER

- The VRC hosted a ceremony introducing the Hands Only CPR Kiosk, which is now located in the lobby. Many thanks to Chief Follick and the Division of Fire for securing a partnership with the American Red Cross and Kettering Health to bring the unit to the VRC.
- The September electronic fund transfer (EFT) for memberships at the VRC totaled \$20,731.38, which is an increase of \$1,838.11 over September 2023.

- VRC attendance for September totaled 12,229, an increase 716 from 2023 and 1262 over 2022.
- **Harvest Blue Pumpkin w/ Miss Elissa:** This program happened on Monday, September 23 from 5:30pm- 7:30pm at the Vandalia Recreation Center. We had 17 adults who signed up for this program and they painted a fall-themed pumpkin on a canvas.
- **Kids Night Out:** This program happened on Friday, October 4 from 5:30pm-9:00pm at the Vandalia Recreation Center. We had 25 kids come out to the program and enjoyed an evening of swimming, climbing wall and other games.

SENIOR CENTER

- As of September 30, there has been a total of 181 new members joining the Senior Center in 2024. Last year the total number of new members for the entire year was 212. As of October 7, we have a total of 749 members at the Senior Center.
- Between September 17 and October 8, a total of 1537 people visited the Senior Center, including evenings and weekends. The facility was rented on 19 dates during this period. A total of 1433 members visited the facility during the 15 days it was open during this period, averaging 96 members per day.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

- Public Works used the Vac Truck to help park staff remove the root systems from two of our Dixie Drive streetscape trees. This day of tree work helped us in determining what equipment, labor and time is needed in removing street trees that have grown too large for the space.
- Sports Complex and Helke Park ball diamond infield maintenance is underway. Field 5 received some improved drainage, grade modifications, incorporated sand into the infield and top-dressed in crushed granite infield material. Fields 1 and 2 at Helke are receiving some infield grade improvements to aid in moving rainwater off the infields.
- Asphalt maintenance took place on the VRC parking areas. Unfortunately, some of the work completed within two days of the hurricanes rains was compromised and will need additional attention.
- Removed graffiti from the play structures at soccer and Helke. Two of our PVC soccer goals were broken and temporarily repaired to get us through the last two game days of the season.
- Crack filling and sealing the concrete light pole bases at the Sports Complex and Recreation Center. Preventative maintenance to extend the life of the concrete pole base.
- Building maintenance staff met onsite and received operational information regarding the new generator installed at the Municipal Building.

GOLF COURSE

- Butler High School Golf played 407 rounds this season, which is up 163 rounds from the 2023 season. The increase in rounds is due to additional availability since we no longer hosted Tippecanoe golf at Cassel.
- Cassel Hills hosted the Annual City of Vandalia Employee Scramble last week. The event had its best turnout ever.

Information Update



To: Mark Schwieterman
Interim City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse
Chief of Police

Date: October 10, 2024

Subject: Information Update Ending October 11, 2024

1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 20 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 16 written warnings, and four verbal warnings, which included four warnings for violating No Parking zones, while working eight additional enforcement hours. While working commercial motor enforcement, officers additionally made three stops and issued three written warnings on passenger vehicles.
2. On September 27, Officer Sommer attended the Law and Public Safety Day in Building 14 at Sinclair Community College. High school students from around the Miami Valley attended the event and Officer Sommer distributed informational pamphlets.
3. I attended the Law Enforcement Training Symposium hosted by the Ohio Attorney General's Office from September 29 through October 1 in Sandusky, Ohio. This year's conference featured a presentation by the University of Chicago researchers on the impact of Situational Decision Making (Sit-D) and the positive outcomes from officers who attended the training. I attended a variety of other workshops highlighting critical incident response, critical decision-making skill training, 42USC 1983 civil litigation involving police agencies, and handling officer-involved critical incidents.
4. On October 1, VPD received notice we were awarded \$3,334.48 for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant. This annual award goes toward the purchase of body armor for new employees and those on the replacement schedule.
5. Several VPD employees participated in the two-person golf scramble held at Cassel Hills Golf Course on October 3. We congratulate Brian Krimm and Dustin Myers for representing VPD and coming in second place in the golf scramble and thank the City for hosting this employee appreciation event.
6. Last Monday, I attended the 2025 budget presentation workshop with Council in the Municipal Building. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the workshop and look forward to a productive 2025.
7. Detectives charged a 48-year-old Tipp City man with Felonious Assault after he intentionally struck his ex-wife with his vehicle.

8. Kelsey Hicks joined the Division of Police on October 7 as a probationary police officer. Officer Hicks graduated from Suda E. Butler High School in Louisville, KY and attended Bellarmine University where she earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2017. She began her law enforcement career with the Metro Nashville (TN) Police Department where she was an officer from 2019 to 2022. Kelsey spent the last two and a half years with the Jeffersonville Police Department in Indiana. We welcome Kelsey to the Police Division and look forward to having her be a part of the PD team.
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10. The Vandalia-Butler Homecoming Parade took place Thursday evening October 10. The parade was staged in the field inside the old ATA grounds at the intersection of West National Road and Helke Road. With the help of Public Works, we shut down the parade route to all traffic beginning at 5:40 p.m. and were able to open the roadway at 6:45 p.m. The parade route is eastbound on West National Road at Helke Road, then south at Dixie Drive and ends at the high school and The Hangar (First Light Baptist Church). Special thanks to Public Works for their assistance.
11. Vandalia police officers attended a training course *Legally Confident, Tactically Confident* on Friday at Miami Valley Career Technology Center as part of the continuing professional training (CPT) hours required by the State. This eight-hour course covers legal updates, mental health awareness, response to critical incidents, and other police related topics. There will be two remaining days of training in November and December for other VPD officers to attend as part of the CPT requirement.
12. Lieutenants Walker and Sucher attended a law enforcement leadership meeting on October 9 with representatives from other agencies in the area. This group provides valuable networking to support each other with challenges as well as successes.



Public Service Information Update

To: Mark Schwieterman, Interim City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: October 10, 2024
Subject: **Information Update for September 21 – October 11, 2024**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Outdoor Enterprise has begun performing final restoration along the completed areas of the Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project. Outdoor plans to remobilize in mid-November to complete the remaining work (lift station, etc.).

Barrett Paving & Materials will remobilize to the Webster Street Resurfacing project tomorrow (10/11). Barrett completed the full-depth pavement repairs at the beginning of August; Barrett will be performing the full roadway width milling of the surface and placing the asphalt overlay with new pavement markings.

The electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Sports Complex are open for public use; the first use was on October 1st. The charging stations at Cassel Hills golf course will be open to the public soon. Staff are still pushing AES for the remaining service connections/electric meters to make them operational and open for public use: Municipal Building, Justic Center parking lot, Senior Citizens Center, and Recreation Center parking lot.

Durst Bros Inc will be replacing a sanitary manhole (MH) in the intersection of Kenbrook Dr and Tionda Dr starting mid next week. This intersection will be closed for the duration of the work. The public is encouraged to detour the area using Bayonne Dr and Ranchview Dr.

Foxfire Section 9 construction is underway. The contractor is currently installing sanitary sewer (County utility) but will begin on storm sewer (City utility) next week.

The final certificate of occupancy (CO) was issued to Vandalia Redwood Phase 1 residential development. Phase 2 will start up soon.

Goodwill has received approved permits for their upfit work at 732 W National Rd (previously the Flyght Fit Kids Club).

Staff are reviewing construction plans for the new Habitat for Humanity home build at 33 N Perry St.

Assistant City Manager Rob Cron, yourself, and I attended the bimonthly NAWA Board meeting on September 26th.

Public Works Superintendent Jake Hayslett and I attended the monthly NAWA Technical Committee meeting on October 2nd and TCA Technical Committee meeting on October 9th.

Public Works (PW)

Crews continued installing water meters across the City as part of the meter replacement multi-year project and replacing angle valves in meter pits as needed.

Please note that the angle valves are on the City-side of the meter, so any leakage from old angle valves does not get metered and charged to the residents.

Crews performed monthly sanitary sewer lift station inspections and continued sanitary sewer main inspections using the SL-RAT tool (currently in the Skyview plat).

Crews continued turning (closing/opening) watermain valves in Zone 3 (S Brown School Rd, Brown School Woods, Kenneth and Larry plats) to fulfill the Ohio EPA annual requirement of exercising (turning) at least 20% valves.

This is an important task to make sure the watermain valves will work when needed in emergencies (i.e. watermain breaks) to limit the number of residents/businesses affected.

Crews fixed sink holes adjacent to a storm sewer catch basin (CB) at 1027 West Alkaline Springs Rd and at Foley Dr/National Rd.

Crews cleaned up hurricane Helene storm debris city-wide and removed debris residents hauled out to the curb. If residents still have storm debris, we recommend they bring it to our last large item debris drop off for the year, which is this Saturday (10/12) from 8a-2p at the Public Works garage.

Crews installed VB Aviator banners and assisted with the Homecoming Parade.

Crews worked with the Parks & Recreation dept to remove a couple of the overgrown streetscape trees on National Rd and hydro-excavate tree stumps.

Crews began the annual leaf collection season on October 7th.

During this period, crews received safety training on the leaf vacuum and forklift operations.

Crews performed 96 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

In preparation for leaf collection season, the mechanics serviced the leaf vacuum and trackless equipment with the leaf attachment.

The mechanics replaced 4 tires on Fire Division's Medic #1, fixed the A/C and cab lift motor on Engine #2 , and repaired the PSI hydraulic valve on Ladder #3.

Public Works' newest technician, Gage Shiflet, will be going through CDL class to obtain his CDL to use the division's large trucks (plows, hydroexcavator, etc.).



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City of Vandalia
333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive
Vandalia, OH 45377

Important information regarding Energy Harbor Municipal Aggregation

October 10, 2024

Dear City of Vandalia Electroc Aggregation Customers,

As you may have heard, Energy Harbor was acquired by an affiliate of Vistra Corp., creating the largest competitive power generator in the country. Through its family of retail brands, Vistra serves approximately 5 million residential, municipal aggregation, commercial, and industrial retail customers. We are looking forward to serving your community.

As a result of this transaction, we are providing notice that Energy Harbor will be assigning your contract to its affiliate brand, **Dynergy Energy Services (East), LLC**. Dynergy is a trusted customer choice for over two decades with a proven commitment to the communities we serve.

What does this mean for my community?

Dynergy will honor all the terms of your agreement with Energy Harbor. If you work with a consultant or broker to manage your aggregation program, we will reach out to them to let them know about this change.

What do I need to do?

If you have a website with information on your aggregation program, you may want to let customers know that they will be transitioned to Dynergy, at the same price and contract terms as they have now. If you have a community grant as part of your contract with Energy Harbor, we will be contacting you or someone in your organization separately to ensure that we have what we need to continue providing the grant once the aggregation is served by Dynergy.

Will residents be notified?

We will notify all current aggregation participants in advance of the change. A sample notice is enclosed. Additionally, because we will be moving customers from Energy Harbor to Dynergy via an enrollment process effectuated by the local electricity utility, customers are likely to receive an automated notice from their utility letting them know that their service with Energy Harbor is ending and they will be enrolled with Dynergy.

What if I have questions?

Please feel free to reach out to me via phone or email shown below.

We look forward to continuing to serve your community's electricity supply needs.

Sincerely,

Sam Morgan
Director of Municipal Aggregations
Samuel.morgan@vistracorp.com
781-724-9711

Encl.

Vandalia Senior Center

November, 2024 Volume 12 Issue 11



It's time to start signing up for trips for 2025. For the three Diamond Tours trips, write a \$100 deposit check to Diamond Tours. Also fill out the slip of paper at the bottom of page 12 or get the form at the Senior Center. Drop it in box #4 in the hallway by the office or mail it to the Senior Center. Write travel on the envelope. Turn to page 12 for information about Prime Tours.

April 28 to May 3 Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, & Historic Norfolk: \$889

Walk the Virginia Beach Boardwalk. Take a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Visit the Mariner's Museum and Park. Board the Nauticus & Battleship Wisconsin on the waterfront then see the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. Take a narrated cruise around Norfolk Naval Base Harbor. Enjoy the Virginia Beach Aquarium & Marine Science Center.

June 9 to 13 Niagara Falls & Toronto: \$865

****You need your passport for this one.** Go on a guided tour of the Niagara Falls area including the Welland Shipping Canal and Queen Victoria Park with the largest Floral Clocks. Take a guided tour of Toronto, Ontario, including the castle estate, Casa Loma. Take a cruise near the Horseshoe Falls then tour the historic town, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

October 5 to 11 Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, & Plymouth: \$989

Enjoy Cape Cod. Take a tour of Hyannis, Sandwich, and the JFK Museum. Go by ferry to Martha's Vineyard. Take a guided tour of the Outer Cape then on to Provincetown and end up in Chatham to enjoy the Atlantic Ocean. Finally visit Plymouth and "Plymouth Rock".

Come Celebrate the Holiday with Your Friends on Friday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up to enjoy a catered dinner by Lyons Catering at 6:00 p.m. then be entertained with holiday music performed by the bell choir from the Vandalia United Methodist Church. In the hallway by the office, go to box #3. Follow the directions to pay \$16 and sign your name to the list showing that you paid. Sponsored by The Silver Activity Committee. Deadline: November 25

MENU

Roast Turkey	Dressing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans
Fruit Salad	Rolls & Butter
Pumpkin Pie or Apple Pie	



Lunch & Learn

Stonespring Sponsors the Veterans' Lunch on Monday, November 4, at Noon

Sarah Mather from Stonespring will order your food. If you are a veteran, spouse or widow of a veteran, please sign up for this lunch. If you are the parent, grandparent, or sibling of a veteran, please sign up for this lunch. If you have a family who is active duty or a veteran that is available, please sign up that person to come also. Jay Cavendish will be portraying George Hewes who was a participant in the Boston Tea Party. He will tell the story of this defiant act against England which eventually led to the citizens declaring their independence and creating the American militia to fight for their cause. Limit: 75



Stillwater Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 5, at Noon



Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will bring your food. George Lovett, an elder attorney from Lovett & House, will discuss advanced directives. His topics will include wills, power of attorney, guardianships, trusts, Medicare planning, and retirement home planning. Anyone who attends this lunch, can receive a free healthcare power of attorney and a living will. You can also schedule a free consultation at a later time. Limit: 75

Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, November 8, at Noon

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring food from their kitchen. Jessica will try to help you understand those living with Alzheimer's or Dementia. She will teach you ways to have a positive approach to those living with these conditions. Certificates will be given at the end of the education. Limit: 70



SpringMeade Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 12, at Noon

Robin Shafer from SpringMeade will order pizza for you. Noah Back is a musician who has been performing since the age of 12. He likes to sing what you want to hear. His repertoire includes songs from the 20s to the present. Noah enjoys singing ballads, folk music, country, pop, rock 'n roll, gospel, and more. Come enjoy the wonderful singing of Noah Back. Limit: 75



Lunch & Learn

Seniors Helping Seniors Lunch & Learn on Thursday, November 14, at 11:00 A.M.

Andrew Spatt from Seniors Helping Seniors will bring your lunch. Andrew will present "End of Life Discussions: How to Talk About What Matters Most." His focus will be on practical advice for having meaningful and compassionate conversations concerning a loved one's last days. Limit: 75

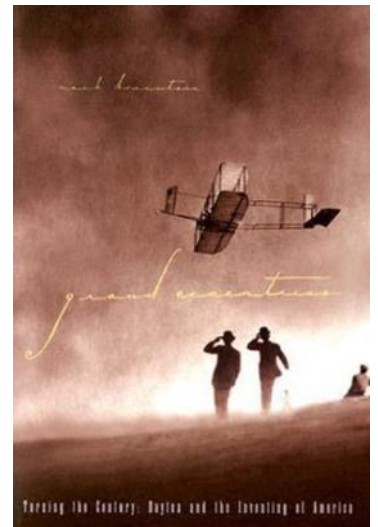


Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Mon., Nov. 18, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home of Vandalia will bring lunch from their kitchen. The King's English is returning to make the dining room shake, rattle, and roll. Get ready to clap your hands and sing along with the fun songs from the 1950s and 1960s. Limit: 100

Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, November 19, at Noon

Jackie Dalton from the Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Paula Shoemaker, a volunteer for Woodland Cemetery, will give a presentation that follows the book, *The Grand Eccentrics: Turning the Century: Dayton and the Inventing of America* by Mark Bernstein. It celebrates the drive and passions of Dayton's most unique and eccentric citizens. It highlights the lives of John H. Patterson, Charles F. Kettering, Gov. James M. Cox, and Orville and Wilbur Wright, all of whom are resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery. Limit: 75



Oasis Senior Advisors and Golden Hearts Lunch & Learn on Friday, November 22, at Noon

Tina Timmons from Oasis Senior Advisors and Michelle Teska from Golden Hearts will provide your lunch. Preparing for our future care isn't always easy. Michelle with Golden Hearts Senior Care and Tina Timmons with Oasis Senior Advisors will be providing valuable information on planning for what lies ahead. Strategies to remain at home as long as possible and understanding the options in the community if we cannot safely stay. They are experts in their fields and want to share their resources and knowledge with you. Limit: 25



Information

Renew Your Membership by January 31, 2025!

Your membership can be renewed September through 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 1935: You are turning 90 in 2025. Your membership is free!

Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.

90+ and Lifetime Members: Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter.



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

Sign up to eat out at Olive Garden on Tuesday, November 12, at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 6722 Miller Lane in Butler Township.

Directions: From the Senior Center, turn left onto Dixie. Go through the Little York intersection. At the light by McDonalds, turn left onto York Commons Blvd. Continue to the light on Miller Lane. Straight ahead is Olive Garden.



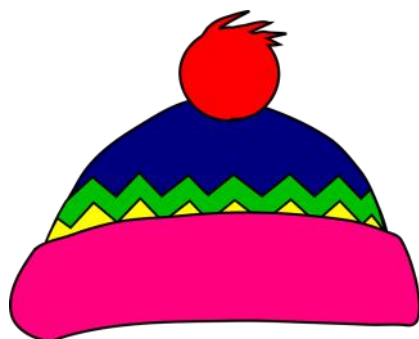
Christmas Bingo on Monday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m.

This will be bigger than the Fall Bingo. There is an entire cabinet full of donations. Toni Williams will be calling this bingo. Treats will be provided by Misty Reffitt with The Ridge at Beaver Creek.



Winter Donations Needed Again This Year

The Springfield soup kitchen has over 300 homeless people of all ages that they feed. They asked us to collect donations again. Bring in new or gently used, clean winter coats, winter jackets, winter scarves, hats, gloves, socks, outer clothing for infants, blankets, sleeping bags, and socks. Please do not bring in regular clothing. There are boxes in the back of the dining room for your donations. The collection will end on January 31.



Art

FREE Holiday Mason Jar Candle Class on Monday, November 4, at 1:45 p.m.

Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will bring the supplies to make this beautiful, holiday Mason Jar candle.
Limit: 12



FREE Class on Wed., Nov. 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Candy Jones will show you how to make a purse gift bag. The bag will be 5"x 6" which is perfect for holiday treats or small gift. Kits will be provided with a variety of holiday paper patterns and accessories. You will be using glue, scissors, and a piercing tool to attach the straps on the purse Limit: 12

Essential Oils Class on Tuesday, November 12, at 1:45 p.m.

Christine Jordan from Red Lotus Essential Oils will help you make a honey lavender foot bath. This makes a great gift also. Christine will discuss other Aromatherapy gift ideas. Cost: \$6 Limit: 15



FREE Card Making Class on Wednesday, November 13, at 1:00 p.m.



Toni Williams will have a large amount of blank cards, papers, stickers, and more available to use with the equipment at the center. During the two-hour time period you can use your ideas to create two Christmas cards. Limit: 12

Decoupage Christmas Balls on Thurs., November 14, at 1:00 p.m.

Debbie Millhouse will take you through the steps to decoupage a pretty and unique decoupage Christmas ornament.
Cost: \$3 Limit: 12



Ceramics Class on Friday, November 22, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey will help you paint a very cute reindeer gnome. You are using her paints, brushes, and materials.
Cost: \$8 Limit: 15

Movies

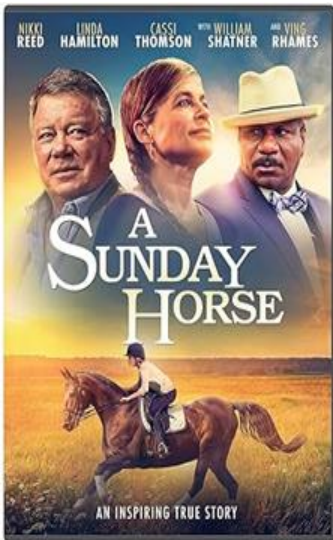
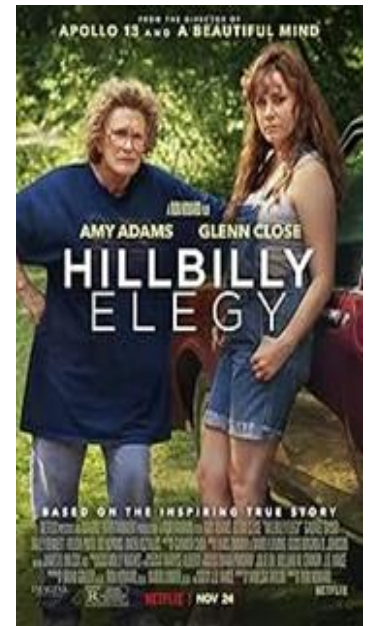
Remember to sign up for each movie so we have the correct amount of snacks and treats.

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

Snacks by Antoinette Adams from Siena Woods

The movie, *Hillbilly Elogy*, is a true story directed by Ron Howard. It has many similarities to the story of my in-laws and probably people that you know. A young couple took a chance by moving to Middletown, Ohio, from Kentucky to find jobs and make a better life but the ties to the relatives still in Kentucky are strong. This story is a little rougher around the edges that I normally show but it has a good message. I had been planning to show this for a long time and I didn't know who J. D. Vance was until this year. I waited until many of you have already voted to show this so it wouldn't be political. This is the story of J. D. Vance from childhood to law school.

R drama / comedy 1 hr. 56 min



Movie on the Third Fri., November 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Mandy Walter of Momentus Health

The movie, *A Sunday Horse*, is inspired by the true story of the talented, driven horse rider Debi Walden. She defies the odds, first, by becoming a top competitor in a field reserved for the wealthy, and then by surviving a near-fatal riding accident. Supported only by the loyalty of her sponsor, she forces herself through painful rehab. Fueled by courage, Debi triumphs on a horse once slated for slaughter.

PG Drama / Family / Sport 1 hr. 48 min.

A Message of Thanks to the Members

I am thankful that you are friendly and helpful to the 382 new members that joined in the last 2 years. It makes people want to return. I am thankful to see many new friendships created. We all need more friends. I am thankful that you are a quiet and attentive audience during presentations. I am thankful to hear so many of you thank our sponsors and presenters. It is easier to get them to come back when they know they are appreciated. I am thankful that so many of you donate items for the kitchen and more to help keep the center running. Thank-you for making the center more of a community than just a center.



MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
				1 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Poker 1:00 Movie 1:00
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

The Royals Upstairs by Karina Halle

The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern by Lynda Cohen Loigman *Ezra*

The First Date Prophecy by Kate Tamberelli

A Reason To See You Again by Jami Attenberg

Never Say Never by Danielle Steel

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes

Horizon: An American Saga

Reacher Season 2

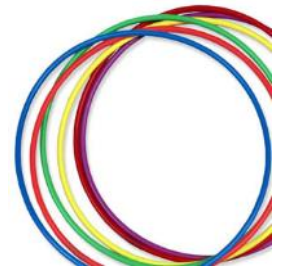


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

This is a chair exercise class that is often led by Bill Kistner or other members in the group. Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading the class on some of the Wednesdays right after the hula hoop class. The group might use the weights and exercise bands that are here at the center. Be prepared for a few jokes thrown out in between the exercises.

Mondays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. **NEWLY ADDED**

Wednesdays 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. after hula hoops

Fridays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Tech Talk on the First & Third Thurs., Nov. 7, at 11:00 a.m. to Noon

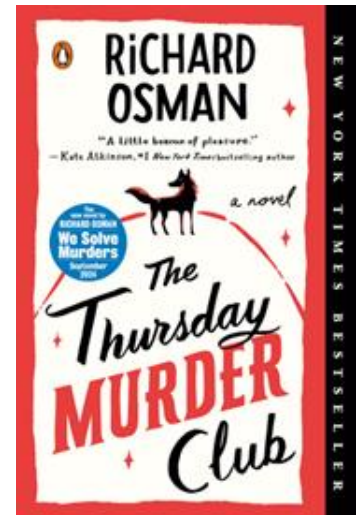
Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices only on the first Thursday this month. Sign up to come to Tech Thursday and Tom will do his best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you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



Information

Vandalia Senior Center Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 5, at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the book, *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves the Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case. As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?



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The Nurses Want to Check Out Your Numbers

Nurses will be here 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. Nurses from Montgomery County Public Health will be here on November 5. Nurses from Premier Health will be here on November 19.



Office Closed and Building Closed

Toni Williams will be gone from November 25 to 27 so the office will be closed. The building will be closed on November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The building will reopen at noon on December 2.



Answers to page 12

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. bush | 2. bonnet | 3. dollar | 4. bat | 5. barrel |
| 6. bushy-tailed | 7. cucumber | 8. crop | 9. doornail | 10. dumps |
| 11. famine | 12. between | 13. forget | 14. fire | 15. goat |
| 16. ghost | 17. gold | 18. heels | 19. haw | 20. hay |
| 21. joy | 22. luxury | 23. land | 24. lump it | 25. live |
| 26. leap | 27. molehill | 28. madness | 29. merrier | 30. never |
| 31. piper | 32. pod | 33. pound foolish | 34. punch | 35. perfect |
| 36. quantity | 37. riches | 38. rain | 39. road | 40. sorry |
| 41. ship out | 42. supper | 43. surely | 44. stones | 45. spice |
| 46. tango | 47. teapot | 48. thieves | 49. thin | 50. want not |
| 51. welcome | 52. whistle | 53. a way | 54. wise | |

Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Linda Wright.

937-898-6025

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, November 5, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, November 8, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Toni Williams will call Christmas Bingo on Monday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m.
5. Abigail Hughes from Englewood Health & Rehab will call bingo on Monday, November 18, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
6. Shonica Bowermeister from Stillwater Skilled Nursing will call bingo on Tuesday, November 19, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
7. Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Wednesday, November 20, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48



Celebrate November Birthdays on Wed., Nov. 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Koester Pavilion will provide the birthday cakes. 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

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

Leave in the Office: Drinks both regular and diet, 12 to 18 oz. drink cups, seasonal napkins, non-refrigerated individual creamers, 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.



Alliterations

Alliterations are phrases where many of the words start with the same letter. I think you know most of these so I am not giving a word list. Check your answers on page 9.

1. beat around the _____
3. bet your bottom _____
5. bottom of the _____
7. cool as a _____
9. dead as a _____
11. feast or _____
13. forgive and _____
15. get your _____
17. all that glitters is not _____
19. hem and _____
21. jump for _____
23. law of the _____
25. live and let _____
27. make a mountain out of a _____
29. the more the _____
31. pay the _____
33. penny wise and _____
35. practice makes _____
37. rags to _____
39. where the rubber meets the _____
41. shape up or _____
43. slowly but _____
45. sugar and _____
47. tempest in a _____
49. through thick and _____
51. wear out your _____
53. where there's a will there's _____

2. a bee in your _____
4. blind as a _____
6. bright-eyed and _____
8. cream of the _____
10. down in the _____
12. few and far _____
14. from the frying pan into the _____
16. give up the _____
18. fall head over _____
20. hit the _____
22. the lap of _____
24. like it or _____
26. look before you _____
28. method to the _____
30. now or _____
32. peas in a _____
34. pleased as _____
36. quality over _____
38. right as _____
40. better safe than _____
42. sing for your _____
44. sticks and _____
46. it takes two to _____
48. thick as _____
50. waste not, _____
52. wet your _____
54. word to the _____



Thankfulness causes gratitude to overflow and everyday blessings to be known.

Travel

Prime Tours: Prime Tours is still working on their 2015 trips. Read below for the information that we have for now. As soon as the flyers come out, they will be put in the holders at the center and posted on the website at <https://vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel>. When you sign up for a trip, be sure to write your \$100 deposit check to Prime Tours and fill out the two pages of information attached to the trip page.

May 6: Mystery day trip

July 8 to 10: Frankenmuth, Michigan with other stops

September 15 to 18: Pennsylvania Dutch Country & more

December 8 to 11: Smokie Mountain Christmas including visiting the Biltmore Estate

2025: Grand American Tours: Call Amy at 1-800-423-0247

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 only 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.

Name: _____ Name of Roommate: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Trip Destination: _____

Emergency contact—Name: _____ Phone number: _____

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39th Annual Turkey Shoot

Saturday, November 9, 10:00am

Two member teams (one adult and one child from the same family) shoot free throws to earn points for a chance to win a gift certificate for their Thanksgiving feast! The event will begin promptly at 10:00am!

Activity Number: 390012-00

Age Groups: 4 & Under, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & Older

Fee: \$5 Resident/VRC Member Team; \$7 Non-Resident Team

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

Deadline: Pre-registration encouraged, walk-ins will be accepted.

Questions? Contact Alicia McCracken at amccracken@vandaliaohio.org



Vandalia Recreation Center

Soup Season w/ Eat Pretty Darling– Tuesday, November 12– 6pm–7:30pm

Dive into the cozy flavors of fall with this class focused on preparing hearty and comforting soups. Participants will learn how to make seasonal favorites perfect for warming up chilly autumn evenings.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, November 9.

Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Winter Gnome Workshop w/ Crafted & Charmed– Thursday, November 14– 6pm-8pm

Welcome the winter season by crafting your own macrame gnome wall hanger and a corresponding gnome plant charm. This is a beginners macrame class, no experience needed. All supplies included - various color yarns and winter themed charms. Wall hanger is approx. 12 x 18 inches. Plant charm is approximately 12 inches tall.

Ages: 18 years old and older

Fee: \$38 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center– Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, November 11. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Vandalia Pumpkin Smash – Saturday, November 9, from 11am–1:30pm

Prepare for a smashing good time at our Pumpkin Smash! Bid a gleeful farewell to your Halloween pumpkins in the most spectacular way possible. Grab your gourds and join us for a day of pumpkin-smashing mayhem. From gravity-defying drops to pumpkin bowling, it's a carnival of orange explosions and satisfying splatter. Unleash your inner pumpkin demolition expert and turn ordinary pumpkins into extraordinary memories. Let the smashing commence – it's the ultimate pumpkin farewell party! All pumpkin debris will be composted after the event. All ages welcome!

Fee: FREE to attend

Location– Vandalia Sports Complex

To register and for information about activities and classes offered above visit vandaliareccenter.com or stop into the Vandalia Rec Center Front Desk!



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Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

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