

THE BLUE LETTER



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June 6, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

There are several events occurring over the next few weeks that I want to update about.

On Saturday, June 7, we will host a Neighborhood Beautification Day from 9:00 am to noon in the Pool Avenue vicinity. This is a collaboration of volunteers, community leaders, city employees, and neighbors who will team up to trim bushes, pull weeds, clear brush, pick up trash, and improve the overall neighborhood's appearance. The City will provide trucks to haul away garbage and junk that may be taking up space in a resident's housing. Members from the Division of Fire will also be on site to conduct free smoke detector checks and provide battery replacements, if needed.

Parks & Recreation Director Steve Clark will be retiring after 37 years of dedicated service to the City. Steve has done a fabulous job leading the Parks & Recreation Department. We will be celebrating Steve's service with a retirement party on Friday, June 13 from 1-3 pm at Helke Park Shelter #1 and invite Council and staff to stop by to congratulate Steve and wish him the very best in his retirement.

Summer Fest at Seger Park kicks off on Wednesday, June 11 and will continue each Wednesday evening 5:00-8:00 pm throughout the summer through August. Summer Fest offers food trucks, special guest performances, and various vendors with unique items for sale as well as a great time to meet neighbors.

Airshow season is right around the corner, and we have several events being hosted in the City leading up to Airshow weekend. The United States Air Force Band of Flight – Flight One will be performing a complimentary concert at the Vandalia Art Park on Thursday, June 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Their music includes a mix of pop, rock, and Americana classics. We invite everyone to join us at the Art Park for a fun-filled evening of music!

The City is hosting the FlightFest event at the Sports Complex, organized by the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce and CenterPoint Energy Airshow officials. FlightFest is scheduled for Friday, June 20 from 6:00-10:00 pm. This event will feature guest appearances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds crews, the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, other airshow performers, and a concert by the Lt. Dan Band. The event includes food, drinks, and live music along with various displays and vendors.



There will also be a Saturday evening event on June 21 from 6:00-10:00 pm. Come out to enjoy the thrills and fun of FlightFest!

CenterPoint Energy's Dayton Airshow is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 20 & 21 at the Dayton International Airport. This event is one of the largest regional events each year featuring aerobatic pilots and military demonstrations along with numerous static displays highlighting and featuring aviation. This year's event has another great line-up of performers, including the headliner – the USAF Thunderbirds. We remind all residents that roadways around the airport, including Northwoods Blvd., North Dixie Drive, and National Road will experience high traffic volume during both days of the Airshow and motorists will likely experience delays and/or detours in their travels.

The City's annual blood drive is scheduled for Friday, June 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Justice Center's Community Room. Donors are encouraged to register to donate blood either online, via the QR Code, or by telephone to reserve a time slot for donating. A flyer is attached with additional details.

Congratulations to the Butler United B12 Purple Machine who won their final match at the Presidents Club, 1-0. They will represent Ohio, and most importantly, the Vandalia community as they travel to St. Louis to compete in regional competition on June 12-17, 2025. This is an amazing accomplishment! The Purple Machine is only the second team from the Butler United Club to accomplish this and the first boys' team to compete regionally. We wish Coach Brian Landrum and the B12 Purple Machine team the very best as they compete next week.



Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

CC: Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Neighborhood Beautification Flier
2. Steve Clark's Retirement Send Off
3. Vandalia Flight Fest
4. Blood Drive



NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION DAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025
9:00 A.M. - NOON**

STREETS INCLUDED

Bosco Avenue • Damian Street
Desales Street • Hertlein Lane
Marcellus Drive • Neri Avenue
Paula Street • Pool Avenue
Pius Circle • Randler Avenue
Ricci Street • Romanus Drive
Soter Place • W Alkaline Springs Road



Your neighborhood is getting a makeover!

Join us on Saturday, June 7, 2025, for Neighborhood Beautification Day! Let our volunteers help you trim bushes, pull weeds, clear brush in your yard...

...and we will **haul it all away!**

This is your chance to clean out the garage and basement of old junky items just taking up space. We will have trucks ready to haul it away free of charge. If you can get your items to the curb, we will take it from there!

IMPORTANT: Haulers will not accept hazardous chemicals or fires. All upholstered furniture and mattresses will need to be wrapped in plastic.

PLUS - Free smoke detector checks and battery replacements will be available upon request.

Assistance is available!
Need help? Call (937) 415-2329.
Special assistance will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



For more information, contact
Ben Graham
937-415-2329
bgraham@vandaliaohio.org

THANK YOU FOR

37 YEARS

OF DEDICATION



Steve Clark, Vandalia Parks & Recreation Director, is retiring!

Let's celebrate Steve! Please stop by to congratulate him and reminisce about all the wonderful times he's had with us!

**FRIDAY
JUNE 13**

1-3PM

**HELKE
PARK
SHELTER #1**





VANDALIA FLIGHT FEST

PRESENTED BY THE DAYTON AIR SHOW



Join us Friday, June 20, 2025 from 6 PM - 10 PM
at the Vandalia Recreation Center to help us
kick off the 2025 CenterPoint Energy Dayton
Air Show Presented by Kroger!

VANDALIA RECREATION CENTER
1111 Stonequarry Rd. | Dayton, OH 45414

THIS EVENT INCLUDES LIVE
MUSIC, FOOD, BEER, KIDS
ACTIVITIES, WALK-THROUGH
PARADE, EXHIBITS, A FLYOVER,
AND A MEET AND GREET WITH
THE USAF THUNDERBIRDS!

GO TO DAYTONAIRSHOW.COM
TO GET YOUR FREE TICKETS NOW



Lt. Dan Band



There will also be a **FREE** Saturday evening event from 6 PM -10 PM. The event will feature live music, food and drinks.

DONATE BLOOD

May 5th to June 28th

Support your local blood supply and help avoid critical blood shortages when you give the most important gift of all, the gift of life!

Be a hero for someone in need, give blood today.



Donate blood to receive this shirt.

*All gifts are available while supplies last and are subject to change. Color and design are also subject to change at any time and are based on availability from the manufacturer.

Donor Time App | 937-461-3220 | donate.versitidayton.org

City of Vandalia Justice Center

*245 James Bohanan Drive, Vandalia, OH
Community Room*

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:00am – 1:00pm



Appointment Preferred!

Scan QR code or go to:

Donate.versitidayton.org

Enter Sponsor code: 760

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