

THE BLUE LETTER



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June 20, 2025

Mayor Herbst & City Councilmembers:

We are approaching one of the busiest weekends in Vandalia when the CenterPoint Energy Dayton Airshow comes to the area to provide aviation enthusiasts with the opportunity to witness spectacular performances and view static aircraft from various eras and with different purposes. I want to thank our staff for the many extra hours and work they put into providing support for the air show. Thanks to Sherri Howard, Rich Hopkins, Angie Swartz, and Rob Cron for communicating and organizing our guest list and details with the city chalet. Thanks to our employee volunteers who help check-in our guests and drive the shuttle vans to and from the chalet. Thanks to the Public Works employees for assisting with signage and traffic barricades and cones for traffic control on local roadways. Thank you to our Police & Fire Division employees for working extra hours this weekend to direct air show traffic and respond to public safety calls involving medical emergencies or other situations. This is a great example of teamwork to help support this world-class event.

On June 2, the Vandalia Lions Club honored members of the Police Division and Fire Division and their guests with a meal and special ceremony at the Vandalia Senior Citizen Center. This year's honorees included Firefighter of the Year Noah vanDoesburg, Paramedic of the Year Matt Buker, Fire Officer of the Year Zach Holbrook, Police Officer of the Year Joseph Manning, and Police Civilian Employee of the Year Deborah Wright. These honorees and guests were honored along with members from Butler Township Police and Fire Departments. Congratulations to our employees for their outstanding work!

The 37th Annual Corporate Challenge was a success! Kentner Sellers CPAs took home the trophy this year. Thanks to all the participating businesses including GE Aerospace, Johnson Electric, Inteva Products, Lincotek Medical, Kentner Sellers CPAs, PSA Airlines, and City of Vandalia. Thank you to the volunteers that helped run the events all week. We are looking forward to next year's Corporate Challenge.



We held this year's Neighborhood Beautification Day event on Saturday, June 7. Thirteen residents were assisted in cleaning up their properties. Thank you to all the staff members and Councilwoman Aivalotis-Weaver who helped make this day a success. Fire Division employees assisted residents with smoke detector inspections along with battery changes and replacements, if needed. Also, a special thanks to Rumpke and volunteers from GE Aviation who volunteered with the Beautification Day event.



On June 13, Habitat for Humanity dedicated a Veterans Build home at 33 North Perry Street. The City was honored to contribute to this project with the land parcel and be part of the dedication ceremony as we welcomed Len, Alicia, Ben, and Gabby to Vandalia and they took possession of their house. Len is a proud U.S. Navy veteran who served aboard U.S.S. Independence during the Vietnam War and suffers health complications from his exposure to Agent Orange. We appreciate the Council members and staff who attended this ceremony.

The City hosted a retirement celebration for Parks & Recreation Director Steve Clark on Friday, June 13 at Helke Park. We thank Steve for his 37 years of dedicated service to Vandalia and being a great leader as he served as Parks & Rec Director. We also recognized Steve's service during the June 16 Council meeting. Steve's final day of employment will be July 7. We wish Steve the very best in his retirement!

Staff from the City Manager's office attended the Ribbon Cutting event at Ernst Concrete on June 20. Ernst opened their corporate headquarters on Falls Creek Drive late last year. They coordinated their ribbon cutting with an appreciation event and tour for everyone that was a part of their project. As a bonus, they were able to watch a preview of the Air Show.

FlightFest will take place this weekend on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the Sports Complex. Friday evening's event will feature special appearances from the Vandalia-Butler Marching Band, U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds team, U.S. Army Golden Knights, and a special performance by the Lt. Dan Band featuring Gary Sinese and his Veterans Foundation. Saturday evening's event will also feature live music, food and drinks. Guests can register for free tickets online. Parking is limited so plan to arrive early or consider alternative nearby parking sites and walking to the Sports Complex.

The City of Vandalia and Butler Township will present the Star-Spangled Celebration on Thursday, July 3 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Vandalia Sports Complex. The event is being sponsored by Beau Townsend Ford, Joseph Airport Toyota, Smedley's Chevrolet and Minster Bank with additional support from Digital Cowboy Computers, and Pickrel, Shaeffer & Ebeling. Entertainment will be provided by the band "The Blue Leaf's". Fireworks by Rozzi's Famous Fireworks will start at 10:00 p.m. In case of rain, the fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 6 at 10:00 p.m. with fireworks only, no entertainment.



We're proud to introduce the Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department Mobile Sensory Tent — a calming space designed for individuals with sensory sensitivities to relax and recharge during our special events! Here is a little sneak peak of what the area will look like! There will be sensory friendly toys and items at this tent for you to enjoy. This project was funded by a grant from the Disability Foundation.



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. Information Update - ACM Cron – June 20, 2025;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – June 20, 2025;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – June 20, 2025;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Hanf – June 20, 2025;
5. Information Update – Recreation Superintendent McCracken – June 20, 2025;
6. Information Update – Police Chief Sucher – June 20, 2025;
7. Information Update - Director Borton – June 20, 2025;
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9. City of Vandalia Blood Drive June 27, 2025
10. Senior Center Newsletter July 2025
11. 2025 Star Spangled Celebration





To: Kurt Althouse, Interim City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Assistant City Manager
Date: June 19, 2025
Re: Information Update for May 31 – June 20, 2025

- 📍 Congratulations to Sherry McConnaughey as being selected for this month's Employee Spotlight

A graphic for the Employee Spotlight. On the left is a portrait of Sherry McConnaughey, a woman with brown hair, smiling, wearing a blue button-down shirt. The background of the graphic is dark with a grid pattern and some light effects. Text on the right side of the graphic provides details about her role and interests. The Vandalia Ohio logo is in the bottom right corner.

Employee Spotlight
June, 2025

It would be understandable if you have the impression that Sherry McConnaughey is everywhere.

As an administrative assistant in Parks and Recreation, Sherry is the friendly face greeting you every morning in the Parks and Recreation administrative offices at the Recreation Center. Sherry is also the friendly face greeting you afternoons at the Parks and Recreation garage.

In her role at two locations, Sherry handles purchasing, invoices, processing new hires, shelter reservations, special events, and website management!

"Vandalia is a very welcoming community," she said. "I enjoy interacting with our patrons, and I like helping people get the most out of our Parks and Recreation system."

In her free time, Sherry enjoys gardening, sewing, and spending time with her husband and two children.

Sherry McConnaughey
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation

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small city. big opportunity.

- 📍 Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Ohio Economic Development Association conference during this period. The four-day conference was packed with great information on all topics regarding economic development. I was able to make some great connections and learn a lot from the event. One topic that was more prevalent this year was the need for workforce and housing availability when companies are deciding where to locate.
- 📍 I worked with the Dayton Development Coalition and JobsOhio to prepare and RFI (request for Information) for a company looking at sites in the area. We submitted the facility at 1669 Capstone for the project.

- I had the opportunity to attend the Dayton Business Journal's' Workforce Forum this week. Lt. Governor Jim Tressel was the keynote speaker. He spoke about the great job our region is doing with economic development and supporting that growth with attracting work force to our communities.



- Staff from the City Manager's office attended the Ribbon Cutting event at Ernst Concrete. Ernst opened their corporate headquarters on Falls Creek Drive late last year. They coordinated their ribbon cutting with an appreciation event and tour for everyone that was a part of their project. As a bonus they were able to watch a preview of the Air Show.
- I attended the I-70/75 Economic Development monthly meeting on June 20th. This month's speakers were Ryan Scribner and Wade Williams from Montrose Group. They discussed site selection and what companies are looking for when considering sites, such as incentives, infrastructure/utilities, ROI and workforce availability.
- City Manager office staff has been preparing for the Air Show and to host our guests at the chalet. Special thanks to Sherri Howard, Angela Swartz and Rich Hopkins for their efforts to make this event a success. Also, a big thank you to staff from all departments that volunteer this weekend as drivers and at the registration desk.
- We continue to meet with WDC Group to review the progress of the engineering and design of the new Public Works Facility at 810 Northwoods Boulevard. Meetings are scheduled every two weeks to answer questions and keep the project on schedule.
- I attended the Dayton Development Coalition's second quarter Local Economic Development Official meeting on June 17th.
- The Planning Commission will have four items for consideration at their next meeting scheduled for July 8th.
 1. PUD Amendment & Final Plan for Redwood Phase 3 on Park Center Drive
 2. PUD Rezoning & Preliminary Plan for Residential Development on Corporate Center Drive
 3. Rezoning at 3675 Wyse Road from Office/Industrial Park to Highway Business and Industrial.
 4. Conditional Use at 3675 Wyse Road for Truck Facility in Industrial District.

- Rich Hopkins has submitted all of the stories for the next MyVandalia Magazine. We should be receiving the first draft of this edition soon.
- Rich will also be filming the July Focus Vandalia segments next week. Topics for July will be a Robinette Park update, Parks & Recreation Month including Splashtacular, National Night Out, OPWC projects for 2026, River Cleanup project and Parks & Recreation Sensory Unit.
- This Friday at the Vandalia Flightfest we will be presenting actor Gary Sinese with the “Key to the City.”
- We held this year’s Neighborhood Beautification Day event on Saturday, June 7th. Thirteen residents were assisted in cleaning up their properties. Thank you to all the staff members and Councilwoman Aivalotis-Weaver that helped make this day a success. Also, a special thanks to Rumpke and volunteers from GE Aviation.



- Congratulations to Steve Clark on his retirement. Steve’s 37 years at the city is a remarkable career and he has definitely left his mark on this community. We all wish him nothing but the best in retirement!

Memo



To: Kurt Althouse, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: June 17, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending June 20, 2025

1. Finance continues to provide data to the compilation team and auditors from Plattenburg and Associates for the 2024 Annual Report and audit.
2. I attended a council study session and meeting. I presented the May YTD 2025 financial report.
3. Natalie and I participated in a ClearGov personnel training session.
4. I attended a meeting with you, Rob, and Mark Schwieterman regarding utility rates.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: KURT ALTHOUSE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 6/19/2025
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING JUNE 20, 2025

1. During the last week of May, the Division of Fire sent 9 employees to a 4-day Rope Rescue Course. Once the participants completed the course they received their Operations Level Certification.
2. The Division of Fire, Firefighter of the Year, Noah vanDoesburg, Paramedic of the Year, Matt Buker, and Officer of the Year, Zach Holbrook were recognized at the June 2nd annual Lions Club recognition dinner for being “Top Tier” employees. Congrats to all Vandalia honorees.
3. On June 7th crews participated in the Neighborhood Beautification Project. A-shift crews assisted residents with smoke detector checks, battery changes and replacements as needed.
4. Crews were available to stop in on the Taylor Decker Football Camp at the high school on June 7th.
5. The Division of Fire welcomed two new part-time members to our crews. The new employees attended orientation on June 2nd and will continue with training before joining their regular shifted crew in a few weeks. We are happy to welcome Caleb Smith and Tessa Hoskins to the fire dept. family.
6. The Division of Fire, along with mutual aid partners, responded to Halifax Drive on June 10th to a reported apartment fire. Crews arrived to find smoke from the roof and a fire in the attic of one apartment unit. Crews were able to quickly extinguish and confine to a bathroom. No one was injured and the occupants were referred to the Red Cross.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

7. During this reporting period, crews participated in live fire training. Training was held in our burn containers housed at Union FD. This training is one of two live burn trainings scheduled for this year.
8. On June 13th, crews participated in the All-Inclusive Rec Day at the Rec Center. Crews broke out the hoses and water for a fun summer day in the sun to cool off.
9. On Monday, June 16th, I presented the CRA findings and action plan along with Division of Fire updates to council during Study Session.
10. Crews will be starting the week of June 16th with annual hose testing. All hose used by the Division of Fire goes through annual testing to make sure it is all in good working condition.
11. On June 17th, crews, along with mutual aid partners, responded to the report of an apartment fire on Pool Ave. Crews arrived to find smoke coming from a ground level apartment. Crews were able to quickly locate and extinguish a fire on a stovetop. There was no one home at the time so there were no injuries and damage was minimal.
12. I have attended multiple planning meetings over the last few weeks and months for the upcoming weekend Flight Fest and Airshow events. With a number of changes from years past, the different organizations involved have been meeting to make sure IAP's are reviewed and discussed so everyone is ready for this weekend's events.

Memo



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager

From: Leann Hanf, Human Resources Manager

Date: June 18, 2025

Re: Information Update – Period Ending June 20, 2025

1. **City of Vandalia – Benefits Site.** Remember to keep up on those preventative screenings! Healthy employees are happy employees! 😊 Do not forget to review your Summary of Benefits for your medical plan to stay well informed on what is covered, and for what you may be responsible. All of our Summary of Benefits for every line of coverage we offer can be found on our [Xplore](#) site!
2. **5 HSA Facts and Myths.** Established in 2003, health savings accounts (HSAs) offer individuals a tax-friendly way to set aside money for medical expenses. They are an innovative, flexible way to save money and pay for health care expenses now and in the future. If you have a high-deductible health plan (HDHP), an HSA can be a valuable companion, offering important tax advantages and long-term savings potential.

An HSA is a tax-advantaged savings account that individuals can use to pay for qualified medical expenses. These accounts are available to those enrolled in an HDHP, and many HDHPs offer the option to open and contribute to an HSA. Funds in an HSA can be used for various eligible health care expenses, such as copays, prescriptions, dental care and vision-related costs. The accounts are often used to help offset the higher deductibles and out-of-pocket costs that come with HDHPs.

If you are enrolled in an HSA or will consider enrolling in one next year, understanding common facts and myths can help you make educated decisions about plan enrollment and health care spending.

[Overview of 2026 HSA Limits](#)

The IRS recently announced new limits for HSAs in 2026:

- Individual coverage—\$4,400 (up from \$4,300 in 2025)
- Family coverage—\$8,750 (up from \$8,550 in 2025)
- Catch-up contribution (age 55+)—\$1,000 (unchanged)

These adjustments reflect the IRS's annual inflation updates, allowing you to contribute more toward your health care savings.

[5 Facts About HSAs](#)

The following are five key facts that help explain how HSAs work and what makes them a unique part of a benefits package:

- 1) **HSAs offer tax advantages.** HSA contributions are made pre-tax (or are tax-deductible if made outside of payroll), which can lower your taxable income. The money in your account can grow tax-free, and when used for qualified medical expenses, withdrawals are also tax-free.
- 2) Funds roll over from year to year. Unlike flexible spending accounts (FSAs), HSA funds don't expire at the end of the year. In 2025, FSAs will have a \$660 carryover amount, while unused HSA funds will remain in your account and continue to accumulate, which can make HSAs a longer-term savings tool.
- 3) You own the account. An HSA is individually owned, which means it stays with you even if you change jobs, switch health plans, or retire. It's not tied to your employer or your insurance provider.
- 4) You may be able to invest your balance. Some HSA providers allow you to invest funds once your balance reaches a certain threshold. This can help your savings grow over time, similar to a retirement account, but with the added benefit of tax-free health care spending.
- 5) You can use HSA funds for eligible family expenses. You can use your HSA to pay for qualified medical expenses for your spouse and dependents, even if your HDHP does not cover them. It's a great way to manage out-of-pocket health care costs for your entire family.

5 Common Myths About HSAs

HSAs are packed with advantages but are also widely misunderstood. Misinformation can lead people to avoid enrolling in a plan that could save them money and give them more control over their health care spending. The following can clear up some of the most common myths:

- 1) **Myth:** "If I don't use the money, I lose it."
Reality: Unlike an FSA, you won't lose the value of your HSA if you haven't spent it by the deadline. Any unused funds simply roll over from year to year, and they keep growing. You can build a significant health care fund over time.
- 2) **Myth:** "I can use my HSA only for myself."
Reality: Even if your spouse or dependents aren't covered under your HDHP, you can use your HSA to pay for their qualified medical expenses, as long as they're claimed on your tax return.
- 3) **Myth:** "I can't contribute to an HSA if my spouse has other health coverage."
Reality: This depends on the type of coverage your spouse has. If your spouse is covered under a separate plan and that plan is not an HDHP, it could affect your eligibility to contribute to an HSA, especially if it also covers you. However, if your spouse has separate non-HDHP coverage that doesn't cover you, it typically won't disqualify you from contributing to an HSA. The key factor is whether you are enrolled in a qualifying HDHP and don't have disqualifying coverage yourself.
- 4) **Myth:** "Once I retire or enroll in Medicare, I can't use my HSA anymore."
Reality: You can't contribute to your HSA after you enroll in Medicare, but you can still use the funds you've already saved. In fact, you can use your HSA to pay for Medicare premiums, copays and other qualified out-of-pocket expenses, making it a valuable retirement resource.

5) **Myth:** "HSAs are only helpful if I have a lot of medical expenses."

Reality: Even if you're healthy and rarely go to the doctor, your HSA is still a smart savings tool. You can let the money grow year over year—tax-free—and use it later in life when medical needs often increase. Some people even treat their HSA like a secondary retirement account dedicated to health care. You can still access those funds if you end up with more money than you need for medical expenses. However, if you're under age 65 and use HSA dollars for nonmedical purposes, you'll owe income taxes and a 20% penalty for nonqualified withdrawals. After age 65, the penalty no longer applies, although you'll still owe regular income taxes on nonmedical withdrawals. At that point, your HSA functions similarly to a traditional retirement account.

Conclusion

An HSA can be one of the most powerful tools in your benefits package. It helps you save money on health care today while planning wisely for the future. With the 2026 contribution limits increasing, now is a great time to think about how much you want to set aside for the coming year.



To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Alicia McCracken, Recreation Superintendent
Date: 6/18/2025
Re: Information Update – Period ending June 19, 2025

Congratulations to Steve Clark on his retirement! We wish him the best and are grateful for his leadership and dedication to the Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department!

RECREATION CENTER

1. The VRC continues to be busy as the rainy weather is bringing people to the indoor pool so far this summer.
2. VRC Birthday Parties for May 2025: 31- Non-resident; 5- resident
3. VRC Attendance for May 2025- 15,273
4. YTD active Insurance Based Memberships- 1,236
5. The VRC outdoor playground connected to the Ricky's Tiny Tikes area is underway. Expected completion is next week.



RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

1. The 37th Annual Corporate Challenge was a success! Kentner Sellers CPAs took home the trophy this year! Thanks to all the participating businesses including GE Aerospace, Johnson Electric, Inteva Products, Lincotek Medical, Kentner Sellers CPAs, PSA Airlines, and City of Vandalia. Thank you to the volunteers that help run the events all week. We are looking forward to next year.



2. We're proud to introduce the Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department Mobile Sensory Tent — a calming space designed for individuals with sensory sensitivities to relax and recharge during our special events! Here is a little sneak peak of what the area will look like! There will be sensory friendly toys and items at this tent for you to enjoy. This project was funded by a grant from The Disability Foundation.



3. Cassel Hills Pool attendance has been low due to the rainy weather. May 2024 visits- 802; May 2025 visits- 143. The first half of June has been better, but still about 300 visits off from last season at this time. To date we have sold 451 Resident/Taxpayer passes and 362 Non-resident passes.
4. All-Star Tournaments are coming up. Recreation Coordinator Maecie Burkhardt has secured spots for the 8U Boys team in the Graham All Star Classic (June 27th-29th) and the Miamisburg Rec All Stars (July 11th-13th). The Girls 8U team and the 10U Girls' team will play in the Huber Heights Diamond Clash (July 19th-20th) and the West Milton Ponytail Tournament (July 24th-27th). The Boys 10u and Boys 12u team will both play in Boro Bash (June 27th-29th) and Miamisburg Rec All Stars (July 11th-13th).
5. The 2025 season for the T-ball teams has concluded. The rest of the age groups will be wrapping up the season this week.
6. Fall Soccer and NFL Flag Football registration is underway. Currently, we have around 200 kids signed up for these programs.
7. Monday Men's and Friday Coed Adult Softball continues to get rained out, so with all the reschedules we are looking to be done at the end of July.
8. We will be hosting the TBR Elite World Series Tournament July 9th-13th. This tournament is run by Jesse Rentfrow, and he has used our facilities in the past. They will be using field 1, 2, and 3 and possibly some smaller fields as well.
9. It's Not Magic, It's Science w/ Science Saturdays: On Saturday, June 7 from 10:00-11:00am, Science Saturdays presented "It's Not Magic, It's Science" at Art Park! There were about 200-250 people in attendance for this free show!
10. Beach Day w/ Miss Elissa: On Monday, June 9, Miss Elissa led a Beach Day painting class for adult participants. Each participant created a sunny summer masterpiece to take home! There were 13 participants registered for this program.

11. Tasty Tides w/ Eat Pretty Darling: On Saturday, June 14, Eat Pretty Darling led a preschool cooking class where participants created ocean-inspired snacks like “sand” pudding and “sea smoothies”. There were 4 participants registered for this program at the Senior Center.
12. Parent & Me Adventure Camp: On Monday, June 16, we held our first Parent & Me Adventure Camp at Helke Park! There were 8 participants registered for this program. The theme of this 9:00am-12:00pm camp was Bubble Bonanza. Participants participated in a variety of camp games, crafts, songs, and stories during their morning with us!
13. Campfire Story Night w/ Dayton Metro Library: On Tuesday, June 17, we held our first Campfire Story Night of the summer in partnership with the Vandalia Library. Mrs. Stringer read several stories to the group before we roasted marshmallows and colored campfire pictures! There were about 65 participants that attended this free program at the Sports Complex.
14. Star Spangled Celebration: On Thursday, July 3, we will host the Star-Spangled Celebration at the Sports Complex! Join us for this patriotic event bursting with red, white, and blue vibes! Get ready to ignite your spirit with dazzling fireworks, mouthwatering food delights, and toe-tapping tunes that'll have you dancing like it's 1776. It's a star-spangled celebration you won't want to miss! Rain date: Sunday July 6th- 10pm- Fireworks only.

CASSEL HILLS GOLF COURSE

1. Commercial Irrigation, Inc has started bringing in more supplies for the irrigation system. They should start work sometime early July.
2. The rain continues to hamper the golf course. Last Sunday, June 15, we had around 20 golfers cancel tee times due to cart path only.
3. The clubhouse continues to have events on weekends and recently a sweet sixteen birthday party on June 14.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. Toni Williams added another Lunch and Learn to the Senior Center calendar, bring us to a total of 109 for the year. That is five more Lunch and Learn's than we did in 2024.
2. As of the end of May, we have 107 new Vandalia Senior Center members.
3. One-way Vantran rides for May 2025 -180; year to date Van Tran rides- 632

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. Parks staff removed rubber floor and unit of outdoor play area at VRC.
2. Park staff continue to weed/ spray/ mulch the Sports Complex in preparation for Flight Fest and July 3rd.
3. Two memorial trees were planted during this period, one at the Sports Complex and one at Brown School Woods.
4. Parks staff removed and relocated a catch basin at Art Park.
5. Parks staff have been working on medians throughout town - weeding and spraying.

6. Buildings staff have been repairing and remodeling offices for the Police Chief, Police Captain, IT Manager, and City Manager during their transitioning moves.
7. Buildings staff performed preventative coil cleaning of Cotton Wood on all HVAC Units
8. Buildings staff repaired multiple city flag poles, clips and ropes.
9. Buildings staff performed preventative maintenance checks of all City generators.
10. Buildings staff repaired the main water line at Justice Center and Municipal Building.
11. Buildings staff coordinated and scheduled Specialty Company for asbestos removal in the municipal building.

Information Update



To: Kurt E. Althouse
City Manager

From: Ben Walker
Operations Captain

Date: June 19, 2025

Subject: Information Update Ending June 20, 2025

1. During the past three weeks, VPD officers made seven traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in two traffic citations and five written warnings while working four additional enforcement hours.
2. On June 2, Chief Sucher, SSM Deborah Wright, and CM Kurt Althouse attended the annual Lions Club Awards dinner. Vandalia and Butler Township public safety employees were honored for their service to the community. Officer of the Year Joe Manning and Civilian of the Year SSM Wright were recognized from VPD.
3. On June 2, VPD staff met with airshow directors to coordinate the Lt. Dan Band's appearance at Flight Fest.
4. On June 3, Sgt. Wehner represented VPD's Honor Guard as a mixed unit detail presented colors at the Dayton Dragon's Police Night. Sgt. Wehner also seized this opportunity to promote for the department with a cruiser on display and recruiting opportunity.
5. On June 4, Honor Guard Members Ofc. Sommer, Ofc. Clymer, and Sgt. Wehner went to the funeral for Morrow Co. Deputy Weston Sherrer after he was killed in the line of duty. Deputy Sherrer was only 31 years old when he lost his life after responding to a domestic situation and being met by gunfire.
6. On June 16, Crime Prevention Officer Sommer and Sgt. Nagel took the PILOT program to the Montgomery County Range. We allowed PILOT members to shoot various guns we use. The PILOT program gained two more members.



7. Detectives charged a 32-year-old Xenia woman for Domestic Violence. The female assaulted the husband and fled the scene. Xenia Police Department apprehended the female suspect, and she was transported to the Montgomery County Jail.
8. On June 5, VPD was forced to postpone our annual Open House due to the weather forecast. The makeup date will be September 18, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
9. On June 9, Captain Walker attended a virtual Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee virtual meeting. The CIT Steering Committee discusses current issues and trends related to local crisis intervention as well as resources available.
10. On June 9, Captain Walker, PSS Melinda Snodgrass, and Officer Rich Sommer participated in first round interviews with two PSS candidates. We are working to fill one PSS vacancy.

11. On June 12, VPD sergeants conducted a supervisory review for the active sergeant promotional process.
12. On June 13, Chief Sucher and Captain Walker met with city officials regarding airshow logistics.
13. On June 13, Chief Sucher attended the ribbon cutting for our newest residents who were presented with a home on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.
14. On June 13, Chief Sucher and Captain Walker attended Parks and Recreation Director Steve Clark's retirement gathering. We commend Steve for his dedicated service to our community and wish him well in retirement.
15. On June 16, applicants for our vacant sergeant positions participated in their written exam.
16. On June 17, Captain Walker, Sergeant Krimm, and Sergeant Nagel assisted public works with the placement of airshow informational signs across the city.
17. On June 18, Chief Sucher sat in on second round PSS interviews.
18. On June 18, Chief Sucher, Captain Walker, and Sergeant Krimm attended a meeting with Thunderbird pilot Major Brandon Maxon regarding airshow scheduling and logistics.
19. On June 18, Chief Sucher hosted a meeting with Dan Brandt and Lynda Dodd with the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.
20. On June 19, Chief Sucher, Captain Walker, and Sergeant Krimm assisted crews with traffic control for the placement and programming of electronic sign boards across the city.
21. On June 19, Chief Sucher, Captain Walker, and Sergeant Krimm met with VFD regarding various public safety topics.



Public Service Information Update

To: Kurt E. Althouse, City Manager
From: Ben Borton, Director of Public Service
Date: June 19, 2025
Subject: **Information Update for May 30 – June 20, 2025**

Development & Engineering Services (DES)

Dog Leg Water and Sanitary Extension Phase 2 project: The sanitary lift station has started the commissioning process to bring it into service.

Vandalia Bikeway Connector project: Brumbaugh Construction has paved, topsoiled, seeded, and strawed the off-road path from Cassel Creek Dr to a little before Taylorsville Dam. **US-40 will be closed from S Brown School Rd to Taylorsville dam on July 8th-10th**; Brumbaugh will be setting the new bridge over the CSX rail lines during this period. Security Fence has continued installing the new traffic signal mast arms and pedestrian pedestals at the National Rd/Brown School Rd.

2025 Curb/Sidewalk project: This project is completed. Coate Construction did an excellent job.

Kenneth Avenue Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: Sturm Construction completed the installation all of the remaining new water main and new water services. Sturm will be completing the final tie-in for the water main at Larry Ave on Monday (6/23); due to an issue with an existing water main valve, a section of Larry Ave and all of Jan Ave will have their water temporarily turned off Monday morning (6/23); all affected residences and businesses were notified on 6/18.

Tionda, Mossview, Ranchview (TMR) Watermain Replacement & Resurfacing project: The first section of new water main on Tionda Dr from S Dixie Dr passed testing and is now in service. M&T Excavating has continued installing new water main down Tionda Dr to Atom Pl. M&T will be boring the new water main under National Rd at Ranchview Dr on Monday (6/23); this will close Ranchview Dr from the Shell gas station to N Tionda Dr and the right westbound lane of National Rd. The private drive to McDonald's, Super 8, and Shell will remain open for these businesses during this work.

2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining project: Insight Pipe Contracting has completed the lining of the sanitary sewer main on Brocone Dr and a section of the line from National Rd to Gabriel St. Their chemical grouting subcontractor will perform the lateral grouting into the main later.

2025 Street Resurfacing: Barrett Paving Materials plans to start the milling and subsequent paving work in July or later.

Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs):

Anticipated Start	Project	Contractor
Autumn	Damian, Soter, Romanus, Desales (N) Watermain & Resurfacing	<i>Out for bid</i> <i>Bid opening July 8th</i>

The following sites have been inspected by DES staff:

- Certificate of Occupancy (CO) issued: Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton at 33 N Perry St
- CO issued: first home of Foxfire Section 9 at 668 Deerhurst Dr
- Another new home building permit issued: 868 Deerhurst Dr
- Various new home builds under construction & inspection in Foxfire Section 9 (now 13 of the 29 lots)
- Footer inspections: Redwood Phase 2 at the east end of Park Center Dr
- Footer inspections: Rodz Builders at 234 W National Rd
- Permits issued: Curry & Grill at 722 W National Rd (old Stubbies)

Eggeman Engineering & Consulting has been performing traffic counts for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) throughout town. These could be seen as black hoses stretched across the roadways attached to counting devices.

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Cron, DES staff, and Fire Marshal Jacobs met for our monthly development meeting to discuss ongoing and proposed projects, ensuring all parties remain aligned and informed.

During this period, I met with multiple residents to review and discuss the current drainage on their properties.

Chief Building Official (CBO) Mastrino and I attended the Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build Dedication Ceremony on June 13th with other City staff, Council members, and community members. We would like to thank Len for his service to the nation (U.S. Navy) and welcome Len, Alicia, Gabby, and Ben to the Vandalia community!

DES staff attended Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director Steve Clark's retirement celebration on June 13th. Steve has done a tremendous job for the City, P&R department, and the community as a whole, during his 37 years of service. We wish Steve the best with his well-deserved retirement!

Former Public Service Director Ted Rusen, who served the City from 1978 to 2002, passed away recently. Several DES staff members who had worked with Ted attended his funeral viewing to pay their respects.

Northern Area Water Authority (NAWA) –water supply treatment:

Public Works (PW) Superintendent Hayslett and I attended the NAWA Outfall Channel project Permit-to-Install (PTI) drawing review meeting for the plant's new outfall to the Great Miami River and the technical committee meeting.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority (TCA) – wastewater treatment:

PW Superintendent Hayslett and I attended the monthly TCA technical committee meeting.

Public Works (PW)

New Public Works Facility (810 Northwoods Blvd):

CBO Mastrino, ACM Cron, PW Superintendent Hayslett, IT Manager Davey, and I met with WDC Group and Choice One Engineering to discuss the new facility as the site utilities, grading/drainage, and other details get developed. We have meetings scheduled every 2-3 weeks to assist with the development of the final design.

Streets:

Crews continued right-of-way (ROW) trimming of brush and vegetation with the Trackless machine along S Brown School Rd, US-40 from S Brown School Rd to Taylorsville dam, N Cassel Rd, Old Springfield Rd, and Northwoods Blvd.

Crews rebuilt, raised, and asphalted around five (5) deteriorating manholes on Lancer Ave (1) and Rader Dr (4) to existing asphalt grade in preparation for the annual street resurfacing project.

Crews replaced asphalt at a couple deteriorating sections on National Rd near Corporate Center Dr.

Crews installed Air Show banners, signage, and No Parking signs in preparation for the Air Show and Flight Fest.

Storm Sewer:

Crews investigated a sinkhole forming on National Rd near Grosbeck St and found an offset clamp between 2 sections of the 48" storm pipe. Crews inspected the inside of the pipe with a sewer camera and determined everything was flowing properly. Due to the depth and sandy substrate of this excavation, the repair plan is to patch that section of storm pipe from the inside to prevent sinkholes from forming in the future.

Crews fixed a sinkhole at 857 Westhafer Rd by hydro-excavating around the storm pipe and pouring a new concrete band around the pipe.

Crews poured concrete to repair catch basins and patched the asphalt in front of them on Bright Ave and Northwoods Blvd.

Crews swept the streets in leaf collection zones 6-10 to remove debris from the curb gutters and prevent materials from being washed into the storm sewer during storm events.

Water:

Crews continued installing new water meters inside residences/businesses and outside in meter pits.

Crews performed the monthly water shut offs of delinquent water accounts for the Water division of the Finance department (68 this month).

Crews fixed a water main break on Tionda Dr, made a residential service line repair at Kenbrook and Tionda Dr, and fixed a main break in the cul-de-sac on Kenneth Ave.

Sanitary Sewer:

Crews cleared a sewer main stoppage on Whitehorn Dr.

Other Services:

Crews staffed the monthly large item debris drop-off event at the PW garage. This free service is available to residents on the second Saturday of each month from March through October, between 8am and 2pm.

Crews performed two burials at Poplar Hill cemetery during this period.

Crews performed 128 utility locates this period for Ohio 811.

Vehicle Maintenance:

The mechanics repaired hydraulic fittings on one-ton truck 17 and fixed the hydraulic cylinder on mini-excavator E-35.

The mechanics serviced, fixed brakes, and installed new tires on pickup truck 11. The mechanics also serviced, replaced tie rod ends, and installed new tires on pickup truck 12.

The mechanics serviced and replaced tires on Fire Division's Ladder 3, repaired Engine 2's pump panel air fitting, and serviced and installed new tires on one of the Captain's vehicles.

The mechanics have also been requesting and reviewing quotes for the 2026-2030 capital improvement budget items.

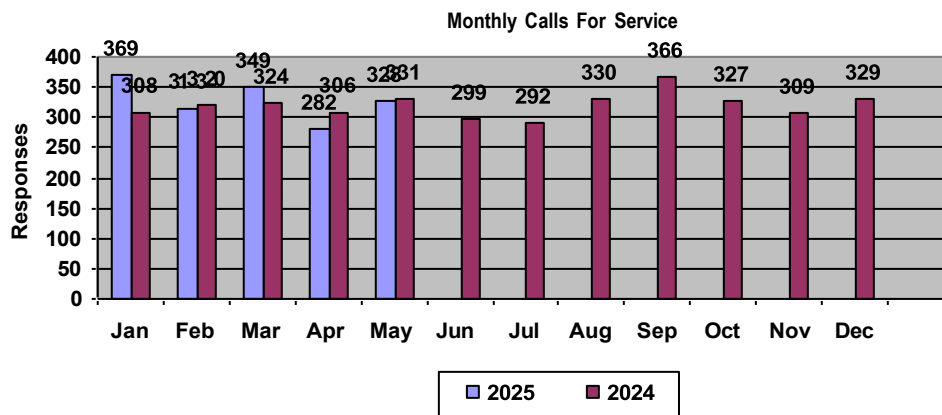


MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: MAY 2025 STATISTICS
DATE: 6/18/2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE

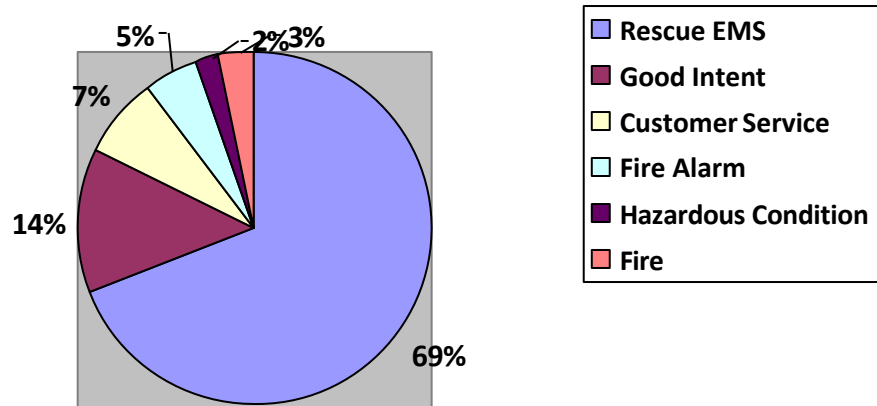
The Division of Fire responded on 328 calls for service in May (202 EMS calls and 126 fire calls). An average of approximately ten 10 calls for service per day.



Overlapping Call Volume: A statistic that we can track now is how many of our calls for service overlapped (or occurred simultaneously) during this evaluation period. In May approximately **19%** of the call volume overlapped.

Crews responded to 328 calls for service in May, the chart below outlines call types:

The Major Incident Types in May were of the total call volume/month:



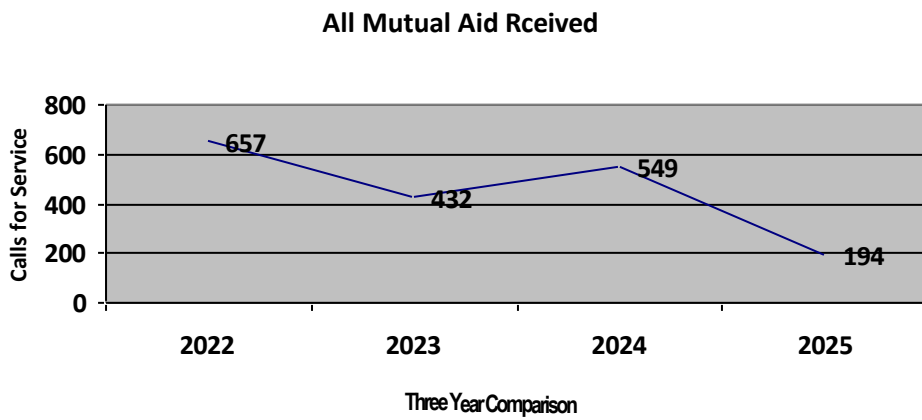
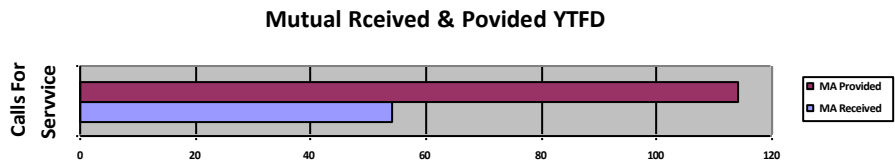
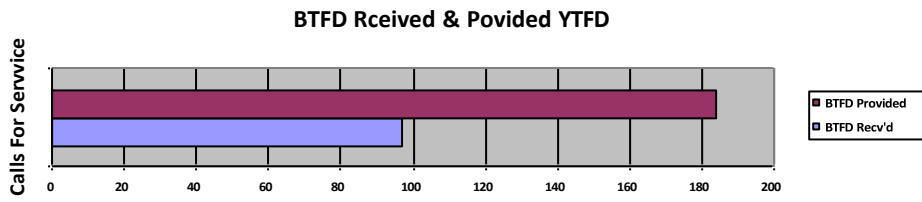
1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (61%) - All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
2. Good Intent Calls (16%) - Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
3. Customer Service Calls (11%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
4. Fire Alarm Calls (7%) - This type of call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
5. Hazardous Condition (2%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
6. Fires (3%)- Fire loss reported **\$56,212** in May.

MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA

In May, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on thirty **(30)** occasions and we received mutual aid on ten occasions **(10)** occasions.

In May, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on fifteen **(15)** occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on thirty-three **(33)** occasions.

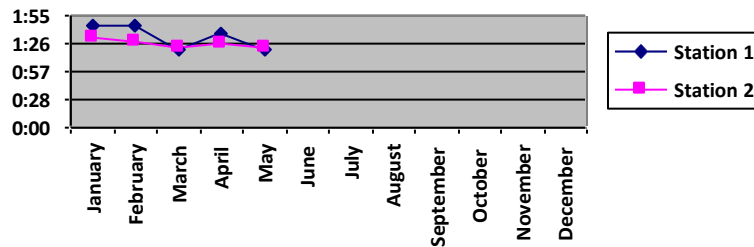
Department	Mutual Aid Received (1754)	Mutual Aid Provided (1616)	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided
Butler Fire (57-101)			15	33
Brookville (57-003)				
Bethel Miami (55-221)				
Clayton Fire (57-121)	1			
Dayton Fire (57-011)				
Dayton Airport (57-002)		4		
Englewood (57-001)	3	2		
Harrison Fire (57-107)	1	3		
Huber Fire (57-125)	3	10		
Riverside Fire (57-115)				
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)		1		
West Milton Fire (55)				
Philipsburg Fire (55-)				
Trotwood Fire (57-113)		2		
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)	2	8		
Totals	10	30		



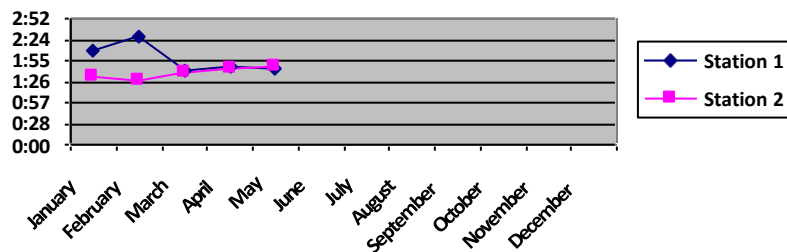
RESPONSE TIMES

The average turnout time in May for EMS was 1:21 and for fire was 1:45 the average total response time for May was 6:27.

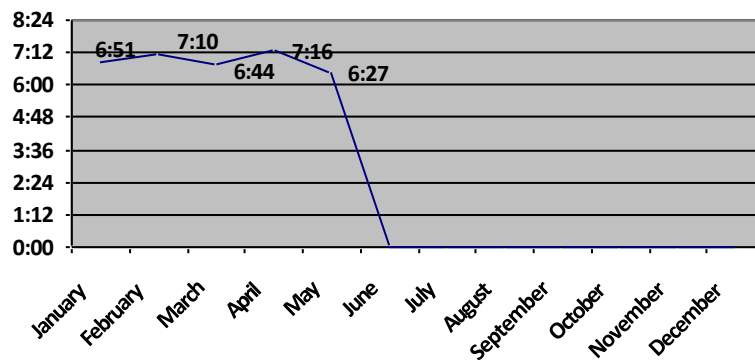
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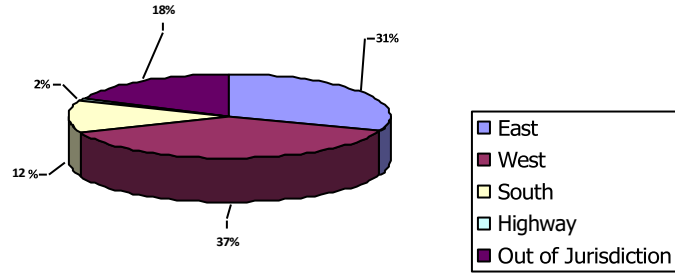
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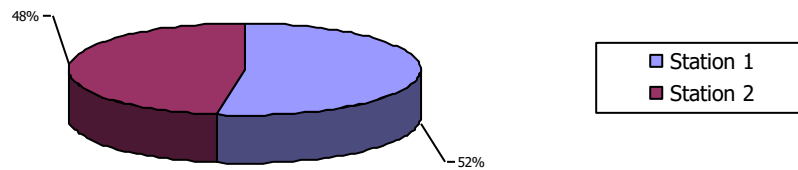
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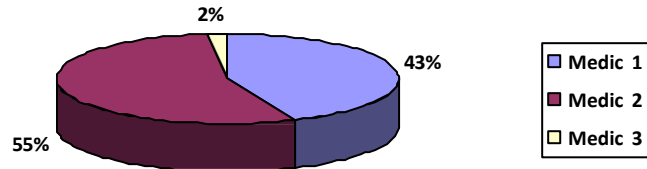
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION



TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH

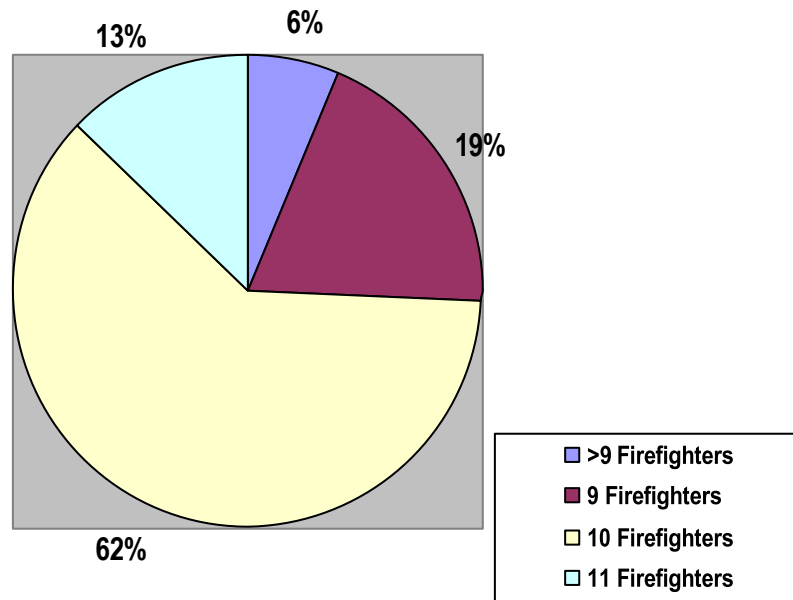


Monthly Staffing Levels

The information provided below depicts the number of personnel on-duty, for a full 24-hour shift, per shift for the month. Our goal is to have eleven personnel per day (6 at Fire Station 1 and 5 at Fire Station 2), our minimum is nine (9), below that we are call-in/ordering in overtime.

In May:

1. Staff **below our minimum** recommended staffing level of 9 (**2 shifts 6%**)
2. Staff at our minimum recommended staffing level of 9 (**6 shifts 19%**)
3. Staffed with at least ten (10) personnel (**19 shifts 62%**)
4. Staffed "fully" with (11) personnel (**4 shifts 13%**)



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.

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City of Vandalia Justice Center

245 James Bohanan Drive, Vandalia, OH
Community Room

Friday, June 27, 2025
9:00am – 1:00pm



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A Spectacular Show to Celebrate the Month of July

Linda Ankney with Medigold is sponsoring an exciting performance by the entertainer Brian Brenner on Monday, July 7, at 12:30 p.m. Brian will be performing his variety show. He will be singing oldies tunes, country songs, and music from the Las Vegas legends that you will enjoy. Cookies will be provided by Medigold. This is not a Lunch & Learn. Limit: 100



The Get Down and Get Back Up Classes

Do you want to play with your grandkids, garden, take care of your pets, and not worry about how to get down and back up again? Then these classes are for you so you can live fully! Cyndi Hunter from Functional Lifestyle Solutions will be teaching two different classes about getting down and getting back up. The classes will be in the dining room on Thursday, July 10, and Thursday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m. This class will run about 45 minutes. Please sign up.



Prime Tours Photo Tour on Wednesday, July 2, at 2:00 p.m.

Come in, cool off, pick up a donut then meet some of the staff from Prime Tours. They will take you on a photo tour of the September 15 to 18 fun trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country. This trip includes Gettysburg, the Strasburg Railroad, Hershey's Chocolate World, Turkey Hill, the Flight 93 Memorial, The Sight and Sound Theater playing "Noah", and more. You will stay at the Bird-In-Hand Family Inn in Lancaster County and enjoy home

cooked meals. Enjoy looking at how wonderful this trip will be. The staff can answer any questions that day. There are still a few seats available on the bus. Please sign up for this event so they have an idea how many donuts to buy.



Lunch & Learn

Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, July 1, at Noon

Jodell Davis from Momentum Health of Vandalia will order your lunch. Jennifer Patterson Lorenzetti is a former Sinclair professor. She is now the curator of the McGuffey House and Museum at Miami University. Jennifer will present "History of Key West: Founders and Industries". In the 1800s, Key West was the most affluent city in the country. Learn how the tiny island made big money through salvage, turtling, sponge harvest, and cigar rolling. Jennifer loves Key West so much that she wrote a book about it. Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tues., July 8, at Noon

Rose Siddle from Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. This month Joey D. from the King's English band is going solo. Joey is on the far right in the photo. He will be singing without the rest of the group this time. We will collect tips at the end for his time and travel expenses. Limit: 100



Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Thursday, July 10, at Noon

Sarah Mather from Stonespring will order your box lunch. Mike Williams is returning to share the story of the woman who became one of the "Murrow Boys". Mary Marvin Breckinridge was a wealthy debutante who took an unconventional direction in life. She became a pioneering woman in film and photojournalism. In 1939, her friend, Edward R. Murrow, asked her to join his team of ground-breaking CBS radio broadcasters in Europe. During the tumultuous first year of World War II, Breckinridge became the only journalist to broadcast live reports from four of Europe's embattled capital cities, but her broadcasting career was cut short when she fell in love with a diplomat from a famous Dayton family. Come and learn about this fascinating women. Limit: 75

Lunch & Learn

Troy Rehabilitation Lunch & Learn on Friday, July 11, at Noon

Taylor Ries will bring your lunch. Katherine Watson from the Washington Township Centerville Library will come to us by Zoom. She will tell the story of James Homan. Never heard of him? James was born in 1786. He was known as the "Blind Traveler." He was a British adventurer, author and social observer, best known for his writings on his extensive travels. Completely blind and experiencing pain and limited mobility, he undertook a series of solo journeys. In 1832, Holman became the first blind person to circumnavigate the globe. By 1846, he had visited every inhabited continent. Hear his incredible story. Limit: 50



Englewood Health & Rehab Lunch & Learn on Monday, July 14, at Noon



Robing Eck from Englewood Health & Rehab will bring your lunch. Marty Gitlin will come to us by Zoom for the second time from New Jersey to present "The Sporting Events That Changed America." This fun and enlightening program covers the most impactful moments in American sports history. Marty will tell engaging stories and play exciting videos that cover more than a century. He will highlight the Black Sox Scandal, Gertrude Ederle swimming the English Channel, Jesse Owens at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the 1958 NFL Championship that exploded pro football in popularity, the King-Riggs Battle of the Sexes, Hank Aaron's home run record, the 1980 Miracle on the Ice, and more. Limit : 75

Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, July 15, at Noon

The Laurels of Huber Heights will provide your lunch. Lou James plays the keyboard and sings a large variety of songs. He shares trivia about many of the songs he plays. Lou takes song requests and likes to challenge audiences to come up with a song that he does not know. Mr. James will end with a patriotic tribute to our military. There will be a tip jar to collect donations at the end to cover his time and travel expenses. Limit: 75



Information

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



Sign up to eat out at the Rip Rap Roadhouse, at 6024 Rip Rap Rd. in Huber Heights, on Tuesday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m. Leave enough room for a walk to the Rip Rap Shake Shack just behind the Roadhouse for dessert.



Directions: From the Senior Center, turn left onto Dixie. Turn left at the light at Little York Rd. Go over 75 and through the narrow tunnel. Curve to the right where it turns into Rip Rap Road. Turn left on Fishburg and it is on your left.

The Weeks of July 21 and July 28

Toni Williams will be gone on vacation the weeks of July 21 and July 28. The office will be closed during those weeks but the building will be open as usual. Toni will return on Monday, August 4. This is why there are no events scheduled the last two weeks of July.



Some of you elected to receive your newsletter by picking it up each month. You will be able to pick up the August newsletter on July 11 and the week of July 14.

Please HOLD your donations for the kitchen, free tables, and new greeting cards during those weeks. You can start bringing them in again in August.



Memory Café on Monday, July 14, at 1:45 p.m.

Brittany Mikolajewski from the Vandalia Public Library has another fun activity to promote socialization and to help you reminisce about your memories. There is a different activity each time. Sign up to enjoy this fun event. A snack will be provided.

Check Your Numbers on the 3rd Tuesday

Nurses from Premier Health will be in the dining room on Tuesday, July 15, from 11:00 a.m. to noon to check your blood pressure and sugar numbers.



Need Kitchen Supplies?

Go to the three drawers in the kitchen just behind the coffee pot.
Top drawer: salt and pepper, plastic knives, forks, and spoons
Middle drawer: napkins, cups
Bottom drawer: paper plates



Art

FREE Flowers Class on Wednesday, July 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring flowers, vases, and ribbon. Your flower arrangements will have a red, white, and blue patriotic theme. The photo is an example and not necessarily the flowers that Jessica will be able to order. Limit: 15



Decoupage Pot Class on Wednesday, July 9, at 1:00 p.m.

Debbie Millhouse returns with another decoupage project. She prepared the pots by painting them with chalk paint. Then she painted a gold edge at the top. You will be choosing from many napkins to decoupage on the pot. Cost: \$7 Limit: 15



FREE Painting on Thursday, July 10, at 1:45 p.m.

Join Alyson Ball to create this painting that feels like summer. She will guide you through painting on a 8" x 10" canvas. This class is sponsored by Jodell Davis with Momentus Health of Vandalia. Limit: 20



FREE Card Making on Tuesday, July 15, at 1:45 p.m.

Linda Karns has created a fall card. The card has fall leaves that you will color by "brush blending". There will be a choice of messages.

Kathy Dunn will show you how to use an array of colors and a variety of textured papers to create this design. You will complete this 21 piece puzzle to make this very colorful card anyone would enjoy receiving. Limit: 12



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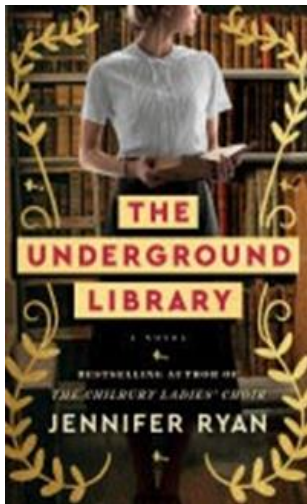
Movies

Movie on the Third Friday, July 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Snacks by Jodell Davis from Momentus Health

Where were you on July 20, 1969? Did you see the moon landing? Scarlett Johansson stars as a marketing maven with a secret. Channing Tatum is a by-the-books launch director who teams up for a mission set against the high-stakes backdrop of NASA's historic Apollo 11 moon landing.

PG-13 Romantic Comedy 2 hrs. 12 min.



Vandalia Senior Center Book Club Meets on the First Tuesday Each Month at 1:40 p.m.

The book club will meet on Tuesday, July 1, to discuss the book, *The Underground Library*. Juliet is the new librarian at the library. Katie is thrilled to work there but she has a secret. Sofie, a refugee, works for a man who treats her abominably so she escapes to the library. When bombs destroy the library, Juliet moves books to the Underground station where the residents shelter nightly. Tragedy threatens to unmoor the women and sever the ties of their community. Will they be able to overcome their own troubles to save the library?

History Continued

1979: The Parks and Rec Department asked the club to take over their program of Santa Calling. That program continued until 2016 when there weren't any members who wanted to participate. The Kiwanis Club donated a flag pole and the American Legion donated a flag. Those lasted 38 years until 2017.

Turn to page 9 for more history.



Ceramic Class on Friday, July 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a member and a vendor, will provide you with her paint and brushes. You will have the same choices as in June. Choose from: Fairy houses from the left:

fushia house 11.75" x 8.5";

sunflower house 9.25" x 9";

mushroom house 8.25" x 9.5";

There will also be mushrooms and fairies available. Limit: 15

Cost: fairies \$5 each; mushrooms \$10 each; fairy houses \$15 each



MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Capture the Moment by Suzanne Woods Fisher

Something in the Water by Phyllis R. Dixon

Rules for Second Chances by Maggie North

The Roommate Pact by Allison Ashley

Beach Reads and Deadly Deeds by Allison Brennan

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Flight Risk

Green and Gold

One of Them Days

Star Trek: Section 31

Last Breath

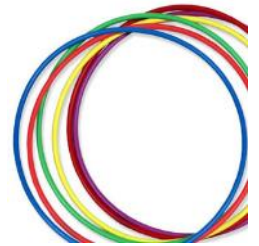


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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 lower cholesterol levels. These hoops are what the pros use in the gyms and rehab centers.



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

This is a chair exercise class that is often led by either Bill Kistner, Kathy Reedy, or Roddy Keish. 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.

FREE Drumming on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

This class uses drumsticks on trash cans. The trash cans were purchased by the members who are participating. The group will follow a class on YouTube to exercise by drumming and adding other movements. The class will be in the dining room.



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

Tom Underwood from the Vandalia Public Library will be in the card room/library to answer your questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices. He will be here on July 3 and July 17.



History Continued

In 2017, Toni asked the VFW #9582 on Old Springfield Road to replace the broken eagle on the top of the flag pole. They couldn't find one that would work so they replaced the flag and flag pole.

1980: Membership jumped to 326. Helen's hours increased to 40 hours a week after a petition was signed by 129 of the members. In exchange, the club agreed to pay any utility costs over \$3500 a year. That first year they paid \$818.19.

1982: In previous years, the club had to submit a budget to the City. In 1982, the City began creating the budget.

1983: Dues went up to \$7.00. Bridge and pinochle games were started. Ceiling fans were installed.

1984: The club purchased a projector, big screen tv, and a VCR. The last two items were gone by 2015. Using earnings from the bazaar, a scholarship program was started with a \$1000 scholarship given to two graduating Vandalia-Butler students. This program lasted through 2015. Toni was part of the committee that picked the last two students who got scholarships. After 2015, the club decided to give money to the student groups at the high school. About 2017, they decided to start giving most of the earnings from the bazaar to different projects and groups around the City of Vandalia.

1988: The person who cleaned the building could not do it any more so they hired a person to do the cleaning. After 2011, a Vandalia City employee started cleaning the center each night Monday through Friday. The City is responsible for the trash, the floors, the bathrooms, and cleaning the glass on the doors. The members are to clean everything else. For the last several years, our member, Eva Hooper, has been cleaning the tables and more once each week. Now Judy Laughter is cleaning the tables and more once a week.

Membership hit 555. ***This is the end of the recorded history by Frieda Schmidt.***

VANDALIA SENIOR CLUB COMMITTEE

Many people find the Senior Club confusing. There is still a Senior Club Committee. The committee is listed on the back of the newsletter. Dora Miller was the very first Senior Club president from 1960 to 1961. The last governing Senior Club president was Mary Miller from 2010 to 2011. In those fifty years, the Senior Club committee made ALL the decisions about the Senior Club which developed into the Senior Center. In October, 2011, the Senior Club committee entered into a contract with the City. The City then became the decision makers for running the Senior Center.

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Information

Bridge Hosts

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

Wednesday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267

Thursday bridge at 10:30 p.m. is hosted by John Whitley. 937-241-8456



Bingo



1. Taylor Ries from Troy Rehab will call bingo on Tuesday, July 1, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, July 3, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Emily Hammond from Springfield Masonic Community will call bingo on Monday, July 7, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Antionette Adams from Siena Woods will call bingo on Tuesday, July 8, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Mark Maudlin from Maudlin Senior Care Solutions will call bingo on Friday, July 11, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Courtney Peck from Randall Residence of Tipp City will call bingo on Wednesday, July 16, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate July Birthdays on Wednesday, July 16, at 1:00 p.m.

Becky Devor from 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. Everyone gets a piece of cake but the birthday people get theirs first!



Donations

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

Leave in the Office: *diet and regular drinks, * 14 to 18 oz. cold beverage cups, seasonal and birthday 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: newspapers, eyeglasses, pop tabs, used greeting cards, stamps including cancelled stamps (leave a border), cell phones, food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and food for Food 4 Kids

Leave on the Fireplace in the card room/library: books and puzzles



The City also took over collecting the dues which the Club had been receiving. The current membership dues amount started in December, 2011. In the contract, the City agreed to maintain the same fee amount until 2015. They went way beyond their contractual agreement by keeping the same fees into 2025! The membership dues have not been raised in 14 years!



In 2011, the Senior Club committee changed their by-laws to state that their purpose is to promote friendship, enjoyment, and varied leisure activities to enhance the quality of life of its members. Since 2011, the Senior Club committee has been in charge of potlucks, catered dinners, decisions concerning the bazaar and any profit from the bazaar, and the money from dues before 2012. When Covid hit in 2020, the Senior Club decided to end the evening potluck dinners permanently. Not many people had been participating in the dinners for several years. The bazaar also ended with Covid for a list of reasons. The current Senior Club committee members are sponsoring several fun events each year and a catered dinner. Just outside the office door, there is a glass enclosed bulletin board. The left side of the bulletin board has information posted by the Senior Club.

THE HISTORY OF THE COORDINATORS

Helen Tomski was the first coordinator. She was hired in 1979, a year after the Vandalia Senior Center was built. Helen was 57 when she started. She worked as the coordinator for 26 years through 2005. She later moved into senior living. Helen passed away in 2016 at the age of 94.

Christa Lloyd was the coordinator for the next four years from 2006 to 2009. She left the senior center to become a stay-at-home mom.

Elaine Kaylor ran the senior center in 2010 and 2011. She got her masters degree during the time she was at the center then she became the manager of the Vandalia Rec Center. She now works for the City of Clayton.

Ted Wiegman was the coordinator for just one year in 2012. He had retired from the military. He left to work at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Kelly Lundqvist ran the center for two years from 2013 through 2014. She left here to take a job with Crossroads Rehab which is now called Momentum Health. Kelly moved to other jobs before starting her own cleaning company, Three Blonde Mice.

Toni Williams arrived here on January 23, 2015. She had retired from the Vandalia-Butler Schools in 2012 after 35 years of elementary teaching. Toni took the next one and a half years to do some home remodeling jobs. Next she did data entry for Assurant for 16 months. Toni was looking for a change, this position happened to become available at the same time. It has been over ten years and counting .

Travel

For the Diamond Tours trips, write a \$100 deposit check to Diamond Tours. Also fill out the slip of paper at the bottom of the page or get the form at the Senior Center or on the website. Drop them in box #4 in the hallway by the office or mail it to the Senior Center.

October 5 to 11: Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, & Plymouth \$989 pp \$1218 *Full

For the Prime Tours trips, write a \$100 deposit check to Prime Tours. Also fill out the paper that comes with the flyer. You can pick it up at the center or go online. You can also register and pay by credit card online at GoPrimeTours.com.

September 15 to 18: Pennsylvania Dutch Country & more \$1198 pp \$1339 single

December 8 to 11: Smokie Mountain Christmas including visiting the Biltmore Estate
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October 4-11, 2026 Travel with Norwegian to Boston, Portland, Bar Harbor, St. John, Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. *Passport required \$3119 to \$4820 depending on cabin.

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 for that company.

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 Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Get ready to celebrate freedom, fitness, and fun at Stars, Stripes, and Stretch Goat Yoga! This patriotic-themed yoga session combines gentle stretches, joyful goat interactions, and plenty of red, white, and blue vibes. Whether you're a seasoned yogi or just looking for a unique way to kick off your holiday festivities, this event promises laughter, relaxation, and unforgettable memories. Don't miss your chance to flow with the goats and feel the freedom of movement!

Ages: 18 years and older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Saturday, June 28.

Walk-ins will not be accepted. Register www.grazinggrounddayton.com



American Sky w/ Miss Elissa– Wed July 2– 6:00pm-8:00pm

Paint and celebrate the upcoming July 4th holiday! Join us for a red, white & blue "American Sky" paint night at Helke Park. Enjoy being outdoors as your art instructor, Elissa, guides you step-by-step through painting a beautiful silhouette of trees on an American flag skyline. No experience is necessary! All painting supplies and *step by step* instruction on a 16" x 20" canvas included. You'll leave with your own American artwork that will shine every July - or look great displayed all year long!

Ages: 18 years and older

Fee: \$35 per person

Location: Helke Park (Shelter #1) *If weather is unfavorable, the program will move to the Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, June 30.

Walk-ins will not be accepted

Register at the VRC front desk or online at vandaliaohio.org

Parks and Recreation Month – July

Stay tuned to VPRD's webpage www.vandaliareccenter.com and Facebook page www.facebook.com/VandaliaRec for more information on what Vandalia is doing for Parks and Recreation Month this July.



VANDALIA SENIOR CENTER

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2025 Vandalia Senior Club

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A resident is defined as someone who pays
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you must notify the office to continue to get the newsletter.

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