THE BLUE LETTER



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December 17, 2021

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

We are gearing up for the last meeting of the year! Thank you for your hard work in setting policies that will enhance quality of life in Vandalia! Our Study Session will begin at 6 p.m.

I want to take a quick moment to acknowledge Parks Maintenance Technician **Bryan Fine** who recently stopped his work to assist a Vandalia Recreation Center patron with her wheelchair in the parking lot. This is the value-added service that makes this town great. Thank you for being the brand Mr. Fine! That is the Vandalia way.

City Council Employee Appreciation Day is Monday, December 20. <u>Please come to the Municipal Building at 2:30 p.m.</u>

This week, I worked with several current and prospective Vandalia entrepreneurs. I appreciated the opportunity to brief the Vandalia Development Corporation on some upcoming opportunities that we have to improve our community. Also, I attended a master planning session with our partners at Five Rivers Metro Parks at Taylorsville Metro Park. Each day, our team is working with the community to build momentum toward the goals outlined in our 2020 Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan. For this reason, I am holding meetings with potential developers and stakeholders in the community.

Median Project: Please visit our YouTube page to see drone flyover footage of the completed Dixie Drive median project here.

Capital Budget: I am pleased to inform you that I have asked the Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) to prioritize \$400,000 in state capital budget bill funding for a stage, equipment and appurtenances thereto in Art Park. I will be making



additional submissions to Representative Plummer and Senator Antani in the coming weeks.

Firefighter Recruitment: This week, Chief Follick and I identified a viable full-time firefighter candidate who will move forward to the background portion of our hiring process. This vacancy was created when Captain Anthony Miller was promoted.

Public Works Superintendent Recruitment: The City has received many qualified applicants. Our team will be setting up an initial round of interviews for seven candidates during the first week of January.

Human Resources Manager Vacancy: The Human Resources Manager position is currently vacant. ACM Holloway, Executive Assistant Pruszynski, our helpful team of Finance Department staff and I have been handling these responsibilities as I weigh options regarding the best way to backfill this mission-critical position. I anticipate that I will have a meaningful update regarding my decision for how to move forward early next year.

Senior Center Newsletter: The January 2022 Senior Center Newsletter is enclosed.

Labor Relations – Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations: The Teamsters labor union, which represents employees in the Public Works Division of the Public Service Department has requested a panel of factfinders. The employer and the union's representatives have met several times but have failed to make meaningful progress in pursuit of a successor collective bargaining agreement. The current collective bargaining agreement expires after December 31, 2021. I will plan to provide you with an update during an executive session at one of our meetings in January.

Study Session

Monday, December 20, 2021 Items

1. **Emergency Ordinance 21-35 Supplemental** – I will propose and ask Council to pass an end of year true-up supplemental appropriation including:

General Fund:

City Manager's Office

- \$90,000 increase appropriations to account for unexpected additional personnel costs of past and present employees.
- \$60,000 increase appropriations to account for unexpected additional legal expenses related to negotiations, zoning and litigation.

Non-departmental

 \$1,126,750 – the previous supplemental request included the transfer of monies between the General Fund and Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund regarding the revenue received from the sale of the old fire station in the amount of \$563,375. This request is to both increase and record the transfer of the budget appropriation from the General Fund to the Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund.

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It is not a duplicate request, but rather an internal accounting of the increase of appropriations to allow the transfer of monies, and account for the appropriations transferring in and out of both Funds.

- \$2,000,000 the previous supplemental request included the transfer of monies between the General Fund and Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund for the purpose of building a new public works facility in the amount of \$1,000,000. This request is to both increase and record the transfer of the budget appropriation from the General Fund to the Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund. It is not a duplicate request, but rather an internal accounting of the increase of appropriations to allow the transfer of monies, and account for the appropriations transferring in and out of both Funds.
- \$37,000 increase appropriations to account for the additional transfer amount from the General Fund to Police-Fire-Street CIP Fund due to the increase in income tax revenue received YTD.

Police - Operations

- \$1,200 increase appropriations to account for, record and track the donation received and restricted expense earmarked for bike carriers.
- \$3,000 increase appropriations to account for, record and track the donation received and restricted expense earmarked for new exercise equipment in the Justice Center's physical fitness exercise room.
- \$3,300 increase appropriations to account for the unexpected expenses related to damages to Patrol car 20. The cruiser was struck by another party, and the expenses will be reimbursed by the other party's insurance company.
- \$41,800 increase appropriations to account for personnel (overtime) and vehicle maintenance expenses to provide uniformed police officers and marked patrol vehicles to a contractor who was awarded government funding for the US 40 road widening project. These expenses will be reimbursed by the contractor.

Fire

- \$12,700 increase appropriations to account for unexpected additional expenses related to gas and oil.
- \$3,230 increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional expenses related to communication and device connection service costs (Verizon).

• **\$2,500** – increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional expenses related to refunds.

Engineering

• \$19,500 – increase appropriations to account for unexpected additional personnel expenses of a new employee.

Retirement Reserve Fund:

Court

• \$16,950 – increase appropriations to account for the unexpected retirement of an employee.

Fire

• \$37,550 - increase appropriations to account for the unexpected retirement of an employee.

Engineering

• \$7,400 - increase appropriations to account for the unexpected retirement of an employee.

Stormwater Fund:

• \$4,700 – increase appropriations to account for unexpected additional expenses related to gas and oil.

Capital Improvement Fund:

• \$4,100 – increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional expenses related to building renovation.

Fire Equipment Fund:

• \$400,000 – increase appropriations to account for and record the additional expenditures related to the purchase of the new fire ladder truck. The 2021 Budget included the amount of \$1,100,000. However, the note issuance amount for both revenue and expense were recorded as \$1,500,000; therefore, the appropriation must be increased to equal the amount included in the note.

Facilities Improvement/Maintenance Reserve Fund:

- (\$563,375) the previous supplemental request included the transfer of monies between the General Fund and Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund regarding the revenue received from the sale of the old fire station in the amount of \$563,375. This request is to record the transfer of the budget appropriation from the General Fund to the Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund. It is not a duplicate request, but rather an internal accounting of the appropriations transferring in and out of both Funds.
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Bond Retirement Fund:

\$240,000 – increase in appropriations to account for and record the expenses for
the remaining balance due on the note for the existing fire engine. Due to
combining the existing note for the old fire engine and the new note for the new
fire ladder truck, the appropriations must be increased to include the remaining
balance due on the note for the old fire engine and was recorded as both revenue
and expense.

Hospital Care Trust Fund:

- \$56,500 increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional administration costs associated with the current healthcare plan. The increase in costs are due to the increase in the number of personnel and higher premium amounts.
- 2. **Emergency Ordinance 21-36 Assessments -** This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, weed cutting & sewer and water.

Monday, January 3, 2022 Items

Action Item: 2022 Council Appointments to Boards/Commissions – The Charter requires an
organizational meeting of Council in January following an election. At that meeting, the ViceMayor is elected as well as the appointment of Council members to various committees. Council
appointments will be discussed at your December 20th Study Session.

- 2. Ordinance to Vacate Top Notch Court Right of Way: Contegra Construction has submitted a petition and Vacation Plat to vacate the Right of Way of Top Notch Court in the Northwoods Business Park. The vacation of this right of way would accommodate the proposed development of this 35-acre site. The developer would be responsible to abandon or have relocated any and all utilities within the existing right of way before developing the property.
- 3. Conditional Use: 9105 Peters Pike The Applicant, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, has submitted an application requesting a conditional use permit to allow the use of warehouse on the property located at 9105 Peters Pike in the Office/Industrial Park (O/IP) Zoning District. The proposal is to construct a 728,000 SF warehouse facility with ancillary offices on a 56.4044-acre site with 162 loading docks, 199 trailer spaces, and 594 parking spaces. At its meeting on November 23, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 3-0 with one abstaining to recommend approval of the requested conditional use permit allowing a warehouse use within the Office/Industrial Park zoning district.
- 4. Variance: Perimeter Landscaping 9105 Peters Pike The Applicant, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, on behalf of Pinchal & Company, LLC, potential purchaser, has requested a variance for "substantial compliance over a three-year period, beginning on the date the facility is operational". The Applicant, in their letter of justification, is proposing that "in order to increase the economic feasibility of this project an allowance of three years be made over which time Pinchal will use reasonable efforts to comply with the screening requirements outlined in the subject code sections". This variance is running concurrently with BZA21-14, BZA21-18, and PC21-21. At its meeting on December 1, 2021, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend denial of the requested variance to delay full compliance with City Code Section 1232.05(c) "Perimeter Landscaping of Vehicular Use Areas" for 3 years. I strongly recommend that this variance be denied.
- 5. Variance: Screening 9105 Peters Pike The Applicant, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, on behalf of Pinchal & Company, LLC, potential purchaser, has requested a variance for "substantial compliance over a three-year period, beginning on the date the facility is operational". The Applicant, in their letter of justification, is proposing that "in order to increase the economic feasibility of this project, an allowance of three years be made, over which time Pinchal will use reasonable efforts to comply with the screening requirements outlined in the subject code sections". The Applicant also states, "Due to ongoing supply chain issues and labor shortages, the costs associated with immediate compliance with these provisions is estimated at \$500,000.00 and would require the sourcing and planting of approximately 950 trees and shrubs". This variance is running concurrently with BZA21-13, BZA21-18, and PC21-21. At its meeting on December 1, 2021, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend denial of the requested variance to delay full compliance with City Code Section 1232.06(b) "Screening of

Vehicular Use Areas from Rights-of-Way" for 3 years. I strongly recommend that this variance be denied.

- 6. Variance: Loading Docks in Front Yard 9105 Peters Pike The Applicant, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, on behalf of Pinchal & Company, LLC, potential purchaser, has requested a variance to allow for loading docks within the front yard. Per City Code, Off-street loading spaces may occupy any part of a required rear or side yard but shall not project into any front yard. This variance is running concurrently with BZA21-13 and BZA21-14. At its meeting on December 1, 2021, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval of the requested variance to City Code Section 1234.05(c)(2) "Location" to allow for loading docks within the front yard.
- 7. Variance: Increased Maximum Impervious Area 1140 W National The Applicant, Park-N-Go Inc., has requested a variance to allow for an increase in the maximum allowable impervious area beyond 80%. Per City Code Section 1226.05(a) Table 1226-3 "Other Site Development Requirements for Nonresidential Districts", properties within the Highway Business (HB) zoning district may have a maximum impervious surface coverage of 80%. The Applicant has requested to pave an area of land on the eastern portion of their property which is currently a stormwater detention pond, and this would increase the impervious area above 80%. The Applicant also has indicated in their application that they would like to convert their detention pond to an underground water retention facility and City Staff suggested the Applicant wait until after the variance process was complete to seeking engineering designs to avoid potentially unnecessary costs. At its meeting on December 8, 2021, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the requested variance to City Code Section 1226.05(a) Table 1226-3 "Other Site Development Requirements for Nonresidential Districts", to allow for an increase in the maximum allowable impervious area beyond 80%.
- 8. Variance: Roof Top Sign 318 E. National Road The Applicant, Signarama, on behalf of the Subway Franchisee has requested a variance to allow for a roof top sign replacement. Per City Code Section, roof top signs are listed as prohibited within the City. The current "Subway" roof top sign is a legal non-conforming sign, so reconstruction would require either compliance with the Code or a variance. At its meeting on December 8, 2021, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the requested variance to City Code Section 1236.06(a)(16) "Prohibited Signs" to allow for a roof top sign replacement.
- 9. Conditional Use 6520 Poe Ave The Applicant, Hondros College of Nursing, has applied requesting a conditional use permit to allow the use of Educational Institution (Higher Education) on the property located at 6520 Poe Ave in the Office/ Industrial Park (O/IP) Zoning District. The Educational Institutions (Higher Education) use is a Conditionally Permitted Use in the O/IP

Zoning District pursuant to Table 1218-1: Principally Permitted Uses in Base Zoning Districts. Planning Commission voted to recommend the conditional use permit 4-0.

Discussion

- 1. Justice Center Fence Project under \$25,000 Parks and Recreation Director Clark is recommending the City enter into an agreement with Quality Lawn, Landscape & Fence Inc. of Troy, Ohio for the installation of a commercial grade perimeter fence project at the Justice Center. The project will include 274 linear feet of 6' high ornamental fence along the west property line that will be a black steel material with a three-rail design. Total cost of the project will be \$24,640.
- 2. Justice Center Flooring Project under \$25,000 Parks and Recreation Director Clark is recommending the City enter into an agreement with R&R Painting & Flooring Company of Dayton for a flooring project at the Justice Center. The agreement will include various floor replacement and repairs in the Community Room, First Floor Lobby, Lower-Level Training Room, Lower-Level Lunchroom along with the elevator and stairwell to the lower level. Total cost of the project will be \$24,950.
- 3. Senior Center Fire Sprinkler System Project under \$25,000 Parks and Recreation Director Clark is recommending the City enter into an agreement with Dayton Fire Protection Company to rebuild the Fire Sprinkler System Risers at the Senior Center. This project was originally bid as a Fire Sprinkler System Replacement Project in October of this year, but the bid prices came in well over the \$30,000 allotted in the 2021 capital improvement budget. Director Clark is recommending completing the riser rebuild portion of the fire sprinkler system to bring this part of the system up to code. The remaining portion of the Fire Sprinkler System Replacement will be budgeted in a future capital budget. The Riser Rebuild cost will not exceed \$20,000.
- 4. **November Financial Report** Director Leiter will provide the November financials to Council. The reports are included in your packets.
- 5. **6o-Day Calendar** The calendar is included in your packets for your review

Monday, December 20, 2021 Council Meeting

Communications, Petitions and Awards

1. **Proclamation for Joe Dranschak** - Mayor Herbst will present a proclamation to Historical Society of Vandalia Butler President Mr. Joseph Dranschak for his dedication in preserving local history in the Vandalia-Butler Community.

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2. **Introduce Micki Weber** - City Manager Wendt and Finance Director Leiter will introduce Administrative Assistant Michelle Weber. Mrs. Weber began employment with the City of Vandalia December 6, 2021.

Action Item

1. Action Item: Board and Commission Reappointments - Local Board of Tax Review / Mr. Peter Breidenbach & Mr. Frank Keish - Mr. Peter Breidenbach & Mr. Frank Keish are requesting reappointment to the Local Board of Tax Review. Their terms expire December 31, 2021. There are no vacancies on this board.

Resolutions

Resolution 21-R-76 Audit and Compilation of Annual Report Agreement – The Auditor of State determined that they will not conduct the audits for the City of Vandalia for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 (4 annual audits). As provided by Section 117.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, Independent Public Accountant (IPA) assistance during this auditing period is required. Therefore, a Request for Proposal (RFP) relating to these services was emailed by the Auditor of State's Office to several firms. Five firms submitted proposals, and after completion of a thorough evaluation by the Page 3 of 7 Auditor of State's Office, an audit contract was awarded to Plattenburg and Associates, Inc. A memorandum of agreement between the Auditor of State, Plattenburg and Associates and the City of Vandalia was drafted and is required to be executed and submitted back to the Auditor of State's Office. In addition to audit services, Plattenburg and Associates, Inc. will also provide compilation services to prepare and file the annual report (fka CAFR). The Resolution approves the memorandum of agreement and authorizes a contract with Plattenburg and Associates, Inc. for such auditing and compilation services.

<u>Ordinance – First Reading</u>

1. Ordinance 21-37 PUD Amendment- Cassel Hills -668 Cassel Hills Ct - The Applicant, Stoneridge Condo Association, has submitted an application requesting approval of a PUD Major Amendment to the Cassel Hills Planned Unit Development. The Condo Association is seeking to sell an unused portion of Lot 28 (Cassel Hills Section 4) to 3 single-family residences (lots 10, 11, and 12 of Cassel Hills Section 3) on Mistic Lane which directly border lot 28. In their letter of justification, Stoneridge Condominiums addresses the desire to alter the 50' setback and indicated that they would like to extinguish the entire 50' setback. The plat map submitted as part of the application shows that the walking easement is also be extinguished. The application also includes letters from each of the 3 property owners in favor of the PUD Major Amendment and expresses their desire to purchase the property. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend approval of the requested PUD Major Amendment with one condition, that a 45' setback is applied instead of the full extinguishment of the setback requirement.

10. Ordinance 21-38 An Ordinance Amending Vandalia Code Section 452.03(a)(14) Dealing With Parking - The Vandalia Division of Police in conjunction with City of Vandalia Prosecutor David Caldwell are recommending a City Code Amendment to 452.03(a)(14) to increase driver safety related to the enforcement of commercial vehicle traffic and parking violations along interstate ramps. The code currently reads, "No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this title, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device, in any of the following places: at any place where signs prohibit stopping." The Prosecutor is recommending the code be amended as such, "...any place where signs prohibit stopping and/or parking."

Ordinance - Second Reading

- 1. Ordinance 21-33: Zoning Code Amendment Industrial / Innovation Vandalia City Council authorized Staff to initiate an application for a zoning map and text amendment. The proposed zoning code amendment is for the purpose of creating a new Industrial Innovation (I/I) zoning district which includes its purpose, proposed location, uses, development standards, and applicability to other existing regulations. The proposed zoning code and map amendment is running concurrently with PC21-17, which is the proposed rezoning of approximately 470 acres of land to the proposed Industrial Innovation (I/I) District to better align with the Future Land Use Map. At its meeting on November 9, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 4-0-1 to recommend approval with one condition.
- 2. Ordinance 21-34: Rezoning West of Airport Access Road The City-initiated proposal is to rezone all 470 acres to the newly proposed Industrial Innovation (I/I) zoning district from Highway Business (HB), Office/Industrial Park (O/IP), and Agriculture (A). The City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) provides a FLUM designation of "Industrial/Innovation" for all properties west of Airport Access Road. The current zoning designations of HB, A, and O/IP for these properties do not align with the 2020 FLUM designation of "Industrial/Innovation". This request is an effort to match the zoning and existing conditions with Vandalia's long-term goals to drive economic growth, resiliency, and livability for all residents and future residents of Vandalia. At its meeting on November 9, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 4-0-1 to recommend approval.

Ordinance – Emergency

- 1. **Emergency Ordinance 21-35 Supplemental** This is identical to the information listed in the study session portion of this correspondence.
- 2. **Emergency Ordinance 21-36 Assessments -** This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, weed cutting & sewer and water.

The **December 20** Study Session and City Council Meeting will be a hybrid (in-person & remote) meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff, and the public to attend in-person; however, no comments, electronic or oral, will be allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. **The study session will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm**.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees

City of Vandalia Parks & Recreation

Vandalia Senior Center

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Every year when the New Year arrives, television shows take a look back at the year we are leaving. I would like to do the same by thanking all the wonderful sponsors who filled our center's calendars with events in 2021. We appreciate their support.

Linda Ankney with Medigold
Poetry Davis and Katie Jordan with Stonespring
Shelby Bettinger with Cypress Pointe
Dave Treadway and Chris Kanzari with Heartland Insurance

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Becky Devor and Beth Peters with Randall Residence

Sheena Barrett with Crossroads Rehab

Tambi Spirk, Nikki Waldron, and Janet Beinkampen with Brookdale

Christopher Norman with The Laurels of Huber Heights

Robin Shafer and Sarah Steinke with Springmeade

Jordan Peterson and Donna Bargo with Edward Jones

Kristy Osting with StoryPoint of Troy

Mark Maudlin with Humana

Ashley White with Aetna

Donna McAdams and Cheryl Wassil with Hearth and Home of Vandalia

Leah Bowers with Compassus

Tresa Arnold, Terri Anderson, and Robin Kent with Brookhaven

Brenda Walters with Lovett & House

Mark Spirk with Mill Ridge Village

Poetry Davis with Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield

Katie Ianni with Oak Street Health

Brandie Lovato with The Laurels of Kettering

Cindy Trenhaile with Vitas Health

Layla Ware with Friendship Village

Nancy Lacey with Northwood Assisted Living

Diana Caudill with Earzlink

Mitzi Yelton with Carriage Inn

Jessica Brown with Promedica

Kortney Smith with Stillwater Skilled Nursing

Kim Adkisson with Day City Hospice

Carrie Morris and Jordan Ross with Spring Hills Singing Woods
Tammy Price with Saber Health

INFORMATION

Springmeade Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 11, at Noon

Robin Shafer from Springmeade will order pizza for you. Angie Hoschouer from Woodland Cemetery will present "A Tabloid History of Dayton". In 1932, Howard Burba, a writer for the Dayton Daily News, wrote articles on the history of Dayton. He stated that Dayton's history could be laid out on a single newspaper sheet instead of volumes of books. To that end, he wrote "A Tabloid History of Dayton" in which he outlined all the "first things" in Dayton. This program reviews those "first things" and shows their connections to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum. Limit: 75



Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, January 14, at Noon



Shelby Bettinger will bring your box lunch. Allen Johnson will present "Dance Across Spain". This presentation is about two trips that Allen took to Spain. One was in 1968 and the other was in 2019. View the priceless art in the Prada Museum, watch the flamenco dancers stomp their feet, experience a bull fight, enjoy the 2,000 year-old Roman aqueduct, and the Moorish palaces of Granada. Limit: 40

The Laurels of Huber Heights Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 18, at Noon

Christopher Norman of The Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Tim Pritchard is the Sustainability Education Coordinator with the Montgomery County's Five Rivers MetroParks. He will be discussing "Green Cleaning". Many cleaning products have potential hazards for your health and the natural environment when you dispose of them. Biodegradable, non-toxic alternatives can help create a healthier living space and protect crucial ecosystems. Homemade cleaners can be made from common ingredients such as vinegar, baking soda, and more. Tim will explain easy ways to switch out your cleaners. Limit: 75



Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday Each Month!!

Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, January 11. The group will eat at Olive Garden at 6722 Miller Lane in Butler Township. Meet at the restaurant at 5:00 p.m.

Hearth & Home of Vandalia Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 25, at Noon

Donna McAdams and Cheryl Wassil from Hearth & Home of Vandalia will bring your lunches from their kitchen. Vandalia-Butler City Schools Superintendent Mr. Rob O'Leary and CFO Mr. Eric Beavers will be presenting the State of the Schools. Their presentation will provide a snapshot of Vandalia-Butler City School District's accomplishments during the 2020-2021 school year and will also provide the goals and direction of the district for the 2021-2022 school year.



Even if you don't live in the Vandalia-Butler School system, you might learn some interesting information about the education that current students are receiving. Superintendent Rob O'Leary will also answer questions at the end of his presentation. Limit: 100

Vitas Health Lunch & Learn on Thursday, January 27. at 11:00 A. M.



Cindy Trenhaile from Vitas Health will order your lunch. Dennis Turner, a U. D. law professor, is returning. He will present "The Tricks Lawyers Play in the Courtroom." Have you often thought that you could try a case better than the lawyers you have seen in the courtroom, in the movies, or on television? What makes good trial lawyers so special? If so, now is your chance to find out the tricks/skills that lawyers and

barristers regularly use in the courtroom. We will examine scenes from movies, tv shows, and other video material to try and determine what it is that makes good trial lawyers so good. Dennis can also tell you about the opportunity to serve as jurors in mock trial exercises held in the courtroom of the University of Dayton School of Law. Limit: 50

Baker, Hazel, & Snider Lunch & Learn on Friday, January 28, at Noon

Steven Moore from Baker, Hazel, & Snider will bring your lunch. He will present "The Benefits of Preplanning." Steven will share the things that people need to know about making final arrangements and about what things you can do now ahead of time. Limit: 75

Renew Your Membership by January 31!



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 with your renewal. You can also come in to renew, using cash, check, or credit card.

Born in 1932: Congratulations! You are turning 90 in 2022. Your membership is free! Contact the office to continue to get your newsletter. 90+ and Lifetime Members.: You need to contact the office to continue to receive your newsletter.

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Quiz

Wi	nter Questions: Match the letter of answer at the	e bottom to the question. Answers of p.10.			
1.	What color are snowflakes?				
2.	What was the lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth that was in Antarctica in 1983?				
	What is the shortest day of the year, when the Earth is closest to the sun in December?				
	What do you call it when an animal sleeps for months in the winter without food?				
5.	What is the name of the famous winter festival that takes place in New Orleans?				
6.	What year did the Winter Olympics begin?				
7.	In what country did the Winter Olympics begin?				
8.	Bethel, Maine, had the largest snowman ever created. How tall was it?				
9.	How long did the Ice Age last?				
10.	How many snow particles fall from the sky every	y year?			
11.	1. What is the total number of sides on all snowflakes?				
12.	12. What is an irrational fear of snow called?				
13.	13. How long must a storm last to be considered a blizzard?				
14.	4. How much snow can a snowstorm dump in a single day?				
15.	5. What large city receives more snow than any other large city in the world?				
16.	16. In 1887, the world's largest snowflake fell in Fort Keogh, Montana. How big was it?				
17.	17. In the history of the Winter Olympics, which country has won the most medals?				
18.	18. The average snowflake travels at what speed?				
19.	9. How many inches was the record snowfall in 24 hours in 1921 in Silver Lake, Colorado?				
20.	20. How warm can it be and there can still be snow on the ground?				
21.	21. A fifteen year old boy invented the snowmobile in what year?				
22.	22. What states are called the "Snow Belt"?				
23.	23. The first human-powered snowblower was invented in what year?				
24. How many patents have been granted for different snow shovel designs?					
Ans	swer Choices:				
A.	100	B. 3 or more hours			
C.	39 million tons	D. Translucent, not white			
E.	113 feet	F. 1922			
G.	1950	H. France			
I.	1924	J. Norway			
K.	-128 degrees	L. Winter Solstice			
M.	Chionophobia	N. Aomori, Japan			
O.	15" wide, 8" thick	P. 6			
_	Mardi Gras	R. 3 miles per hour			
	2.4 million years	T. Minnesota to Maine			
	Hibernation	V. 6' 4" or 76"			
W.	One septillion (a 1 with 24 zeros)	X. 40 degrees			

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Art and More

FREE Snowman Sign Class on Wednesday, January 5, at 1:00 p.m.

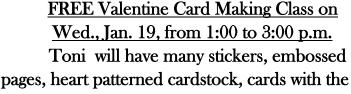
Alyssa Woods from Cypress Pointe will be bringing the materials that you need to make a snowman sign. She will give you the directions to compete this project. One per family. Limit: 15



FREE Curvy Snowman Class on Tuesday, January 11, at 1:45 p.m.

Candy Jones, one of our members, is returning. She is going to teach you how to make this cute curvy snowman. One per family.

Limit: 12



three hole openings like you see in the photo, and many more materials to make Valentine cards. You can make one or two cards in the two-hour period. Limit: 15



FREE Planter Class on

Tuesday, January 25, at 1:45 p.m.

Nancy Lacey from Northwood Assisted Living has planned a class making a planter. One per family. Limit: 10



Three Art Groups

1. Art Appreciation on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:40 p.m.

This group meets at the front of the dining room. Anyone can join in. Many times the group will watch part of a DVD about an artist or a time period and then discuss it. Charlene Gratz, one of our members, leads the group. Charlene has been a docent at the Dayton Art Institute.

2. Art Group on Thursdays from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your own project to work on along with your own supplies. It can be any type medium that you want. Several in the group do paintings. Sometimes they watch a YouTube instructional program and those that are interested try out the technique.

3. Colored Pencils Group on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to Noon

This group makes original artwork using colored pencils. Bring your own project. If you would like help or suggestions with your artwork, there are several in the group that can do that.

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

Movie on the First Friday at 1:00 p. m. With Ashley White from Aetna

The movie, *The Lost Husband*, is based on the book by the same title. A woman (Leslie Bibb) loses her husband to a sudden death which causes her to lose her house. When life doesn't work out at her mother's house, she moves with her two children to her estranged aunt's farm in Texas. She tries to learn all the ways to help on the farm with guidance of the farm hand (Josh Duhamel). At the same time, she begins to unravel some of the mysteries of her childhood which helps her to understand the relationship between her mother and her aunt. PG-13 1 hr. 50 min.

Drama/Romance/Comedy





Movie on the Third Friday at 1:00 p.m.
With Sheena Barrett from Crossroads Rehab

The movie, *Queen Bees,* has an all star cast with Ellen Burstyn, Ann-Margaret, James Caan, Christopher Lloyd, and Jane Curtin. The movie was inspired by the true story of producer Harrison Powell's own grandmother's second chance at life. While her house undergoes repairs, fiercely independent senior Helen temporarily moves into a nearby retirement community, where she encounters lusty widows, cutthroat bridge tournaments and a hotbed of bullying "mean girls." Be sure to watch the photos at the end.

PG-13 1 hr. 40 min. Comedy

Winter Closings Policy Reminder

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



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3 Canasta 12:30	4 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Book Club 1:40 Bingo 1:45	5 Hula Hooping 9:30 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Snowman Sign 1:00	6 Tech Talk 11:00 Art Group 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 1:00 Bingo 1:00	7 Colored Pencils 9:30 Mah Jong 9:30 Movie 1:00 Poker 1:00
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Exercise and Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

A Picture of Hope by Liz Tolsma
Saving Mrs. Roosevelt by Candice Sue Patterson
Mrs. Witherspoon Goes to War by Mary Davis
Shelter by Catherine Jinks

Admit This to No One by Leslie Peitrzyk

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

The Many Saints of Newark
Dear Evan Hansen
The French Dispatch
The Card Counter
The Last Duel

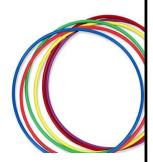


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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

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 this group, call before the Wednesday you want to come so the group can bring in extra hula hoops.



FREE Exercise on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.



Licensed physical therapists from Stonespring Transitional Care Center offer two classes each month. The therapists will adapt the exercises to the needs of the participants with different intensities, methods, and education in the circuit. <u>Please sign up for each time.</u>

Election of Officers for the Vandalia Senior Club

The new officers for the Senior Club for 2022 were elected at the December 10 catered dinner. Donna Shirley will continue as the President with Iris Seibert as Vice President. Dottie Ganter will stay as the secretary. Pat Grimes is stepping down as the treasurer and is being replaced by Kay Lowe.

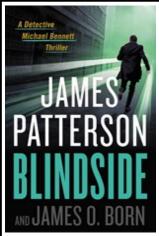


Hats, Gloves, Mittens, and Scarves

We are continuing to collect winter hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves until January 31. These can be purchased new or they can be knitted or crocheted. First Light Baptist Church will be giving these to those in need. Give your donations to Toni in the office.

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

The Vandalia Senior Center Book Club will meet on January 4 to discuss *Blindside* by James Patterson. In the book, New York City's Mayor is desperate to find his missing daughter. Detective Michael Bennett steps in to help the Mayor and to strike a deal to save his son in prison. The two have always had a tense relationship, but now the mayor sees Bennett as just one father helping another. The detective leaps into the case and sources lead him to a homicide in the Bronx. The victim has ties to a hacking operation—and also to the mayor's missing daughter, Natalie, a twenty-one-year-old computer prodigy. The murder is part of a serial killing spree, one with national security implications. Michael

Bennett has always been an honorable man, but sometimes—when the lives of innocents are at stake—honor has to take a back seat. Survival comes first.

Technology Talk on Thursday, January 6, at 11:00 a.m.

Jeff Opt from the Vandalia Public Library will be here to answer questions about your devices. Need to know how to do something on your phone or tablet? Come to Tech Thursday with your questions and Jeff 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, just by listening in! Please sign up.





Free Items for You

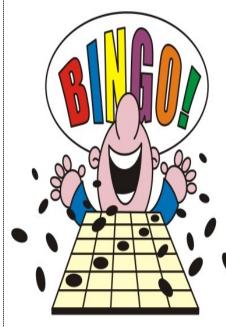
Thanks to various members and donors, there are currently items at the center that members can take home for no cost... they are FREE! The art room has 3 tables labeled 'Free Table'. You are welcome to take items from the tables home with you. There are often new greeting cards on the counter in the art room. You are also invited to visit the card room and take books and puzzles home with no obligation to return them. In addition, while you are at the center, feel free to enjoy a beverage that is prepared daily for your pleasure.

All other items at the center belong to the senior center. Please be conscious not to remove items that belong to the center. Also, please remember to put items back where they belong once you are done using them. Many thanks for helping preserve the center and its belongings. Also thanks to our diverse donors and members that provide items for all of us to benefit.

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Melva Jenkins. 937-832-8992 Wednesday bridge at 12:30 p.m. is hosted by Judy Laughter. 937-677-3267 Thursday duplicate bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Jim Danks. 937-667-3780





Bingo and Other Games

- 1. Mitzi Yelton from Carriage Inn will call bingo on Tuesday, January 4, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 2. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, January 6, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
- 3. Mark Maudlin from Humana will call bingo on Friday, January 14, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 4. Shelby Bettinger with Cypress Point will call bingo on Thursday, January 20, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
- 5. Becky Devor from Randall Residence will call bingo on Wednesday, January 26, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate January Birthdays on Wednesday, January 26, at 1:00 p.m.

Friendship Village will provide the cakes for this birthday party. Please call, email, or come in to sign up. First we will take a group photo. Next the members will sing to the birthday people. Then everyone at the center can have a piece of cake but the birthday people get their cake first!

BIRTHDAYS

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January Travel News

Hope everyone will enjoy the holidays. Stay warm and healthy.

The following tours have been cancelled due to the terminal illness of Susie Bishop who has been admitted into Hospice Care Program. Refunds will be issued soon.

5/12/21 - Classic Country

6/28/21 - Tied in Knots

8/11//21 - Jimmy Buffett Show

9/29/21 - John Denver

7/11 - 7/16/22 - Branson, Mo - \$635 pp dbl occ- ins \$62 pp - \$814 sgl - ins \$72

-10 seats remaining

7/25 - 7/29/22 - Lancaster, Pa - \$559 pp dbl occ - ins \$48 pp - \$708 sgl - ins \$72

- 15 seats remaining

8/09 - 8/11/22 - The Ark Encounter - \$355 pp dbl - ins \$38 pp - \$445 stl - ins \$38

- 16 seats remaining

8/13 - 8/21/22 - Viking Danube River Cruise from \$2699. + Air and cancellation insurance.

Those that have vouchers from Viking, you need to call me to book into the group. If you do not intend to rebook, please call Viking Cruise Line to request a refund.....888-505-7984. Please email lizsyska0@gmail.com once your booking has been cancelled. Thank you.

Happy travels

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Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Travel Terms and Conditions

- 1. You must be a member of the Vandalia Senior Center to travel.
- 2. Deposits are non-refundable, unless the space is resold.
- 3. Final payment must be to Liz by the due date.
- 4. Keep in mind that there are only 5 single rooms for each trip.
- 5. If payments are not received by the due date, your name will be removed from the list.
- 6. Mark your calendar when the final payment is due, no invoices or reminders are sent out.
- 7. If you need to cancel, ask if there is a waiting list. If not, you need to find a replacement.
- 8. In the event you cancel going on a motor coach tour, a cancellation fee of \$50 applies.
- 9. If the Tour Operator cancels a tour, a full refund will be issued once it is received from the operator. Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended for tours with multiple days.





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MEMBERSHIP

Age 55 or older Younger spouses are welcome!

The 2022 fees for new members are:

Vandalia Resident: \$15 single-\$25 dual

Non Resident:

\$20 single-\$35 dual

A resident is defined as someone who pays

City of Vandalia property taxes.

Membership for anyone over 90 is free but

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

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

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