#### THE BLUE LETTER



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June 25, 2021

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Please join us in solidarity by wearing <u>pink</u> on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to support a beloved team member and dedicated public servant next week.

This week we celebrated the grand opening of MetroNet. Mayor Herbst addressed the gathering and extoled the economic development benefits that the fiber network will bring to our business community and the metropolitan area as a whole. I had the pleasure of meeting face-to-face with Mr. Walt Hibner of CenterPoint Energy. Mr. Hibner sits on the Air Show Board with Chief Althouse and I, and he also is on the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District Board. Mr. Hibner and I discussed the 2020 Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan, commercial truck traffic, and he offered insightful advice on several economic development opportunities. Also, I participated in a public project financing and economic development incentives training through the Ohio Economic Development Association, which I believe will be very useful for some opportunities that are on the horizon. Director Clark, Managing Golf Professional Ben Lickliter, and I discussed potential opportunities to collaborate with local entrepreneur, Ben Neely. Director Clark and I also met with VBCSD Athletic Director Jordan Shumaker to discuss athletic programming opportunities. Finally, Butler Township Administrator Erika Vogel, Vandalia Butler City School District Superintendent Rob O'Leary and I enjoyed our monthly informal meeting over lunch.

Please consider the following updates:

1. Reduction in American Rescue Plan Funds: The Ohio General Assembly has passed legislation to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to non-entitlement units of local government (e.g., those with populations of less than 50,000). The federal government previously excluded townships from ARPA funding; however, the Ohio state legislature has decided to take it upon themselves to reduce the funds previously promised to small municipalities and instead distribute it to townships – rather than exclude townships all together or require cities with populations over 50,000 (entitlement communities), counties, or the State of Ohio itself to share in the subsidizing of Ohio townships. Both Representative Phil Plummer and Senator Niraj Antani voted to reduce the funds that were due to the City of Vandalia under the American Rescue Plan Act by \$1,330,000. The City of Vandalia was previously promised \$2.9 mm and will now receive approximately \$1.57 mm over two years. Butler Township will receive nearly \$819,000 as a result of the legislation. While I am supportive of funding townships – especially our partners in Butler Township – I do not believe it is appropriate for the state legislature to force small municipalities to shoulder all of the burden while



leaving other political subdivisions untouched. The City of Dayton – an entitlement community - is poised to receive approximately \$147,000,000 under the same plan. Yes, \$147 mm. A report of the new maximum distributions for non-entitlement communities can be seen here: https://files.constantcontact.com/coe462b4101/63fa4961-9d2f-420c-a52f-cc178676be4c.pdf. A link to the supporting documents relating to House Bill 168 (and voting records) can be found online: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-168. I am working with our municipal peers to determine whether any recourse may be possible.

- 2. Star Spangled Celebration: Final preparations are being made for the 2021 Star Spangled Celebration that will take place on Saturday, July 3 at the Sports Complex. Entertainment *The Blue Leafs* and vendors will begin at 7 pm with fireworks schedule for 10 pm. The rain date for the fireworks display will be Friday, July 9 at 10pm.
- 3. Commercial Truck Traffic: During the past two weeks, Vandalia Police Officers made 33 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in one traffic citation and 32 written warnings while working 56 additional enforcement hours.

I am pleased to report that today, Vanessa Glotfelter, an engineer with the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District, reported that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) has recommended funding a \$1.6 mm grant for preliminary engineering for improvements on the Old Springfield – Peters Pike – Lightner Rd. – Dixie Dr. – Northwoods Boulevard ring road around the north side of the airport. This recommendation is subject to approval and a final vote next month. It is reasonable to anticipate that commercial truck traffic will increase through town with the eight planned warehouse and logistics facilities to the west of the airport. The City is taking concerted and multi-disciplinary efforts to mitigate problems associated with commercial truck traffic. The problem will likely get worse before it gets better. This TRAC project will provide a logical and improved route to the nearest truck stop and I-75. The project could be completed as early as the end of 2024. The City of Vandalia is one of several beneficiaries of the grant, which was spearheaded by Montgomery County Engineer Paul Gruner.

Next week, Law Director McDonald and I will meet with ODOT's lawyers to discuss the City's authority to increase the speed of Airport Access. This is a direct effort to improve the *time of travel* calculations and routing of navigation systems for truck drivers coming to and from the west side of the airport.

In the coming weeks, ACM Holloway and I will meet with interested stakeholders to discuss the National Road safety study. I will be working to gather letters of support to submit with our grant application in early August. If implemented, the safety study will reduce collisions, and slow traffic. As a secondary benefit, it will likely help to encourage trucks to go around – rather than through town.

- 4. Airshow: I have enclosed the opening ceremonies agenda and the site plan schematic for the air show. The Division of Fire has been working to complete the Incident Action Plans (IAP) for three upcoming special events (i.e., Fireworks, Airshow Parade, and Airshow Medical Support Detail). Housing Inspector Kip Millikin has been in contact with the Montgomery County Sherriff's office to schedule the inmate service program to clean up litter along some of our high traffic areas prior to the air show.
- 5. Electronic Payroll and Leave Requests: Director Leiter, Human Resources Manager Dewberry, Payroll Administrator Montgomery, and I are working to centralize electronic payroll, timesheets,



- and leave requests / approvals across the organization. This will be made possible through the *Executime* module of the new Incode financial management software suite. I anticipate that we will run concurrent tests across several departments in late July or early August.
- 6. **Drinking Water Quality Report:** The Northern Area Water Authority (NAWA) 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report is enclosed. The report is free of violations. The report will begin to arrive at in mailboxes this weekend.
- 7. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding: Parks & Recreation Director Clark is working on an application to secure funds to assist with the replacement of the Helke Park play structure. Helke Park is located within one of the limited tracts that qualifies for CDBG funding. The play structure was installed in 2000.
- 8. National Testing Network: Police Chief Althouse, Lieutenant Walker, Lieutenant Sucher, Human Resources Manager Dewberry, and I met virtually with a representative from the National Testing Network (NTN). I seek to migrate entry-level public safety recruitments to NTN in order to draw from a broader and more diverse pool of well-qualified candidates. Recently, a Police Officer recruitment yielded only two viable candidates both were recently hired by other law enforcement agencies.
- 9. Request for Qualifications Parks & Recreation Master Plan: Next month, Parks & Recreation Director Clark will post a request for qualifications in order to identify potential vendors to update the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. This plan will incorporate a healthy level of public engagement as the City seeks to gauge necessary capital improvements and programming in order to help every Vandalia resident live to be 100 years old (everyone needs goals). I plan to request funds to develop the parks plan in 2022.
- 10. Liquor Control: On June 10, 2021, Detective Fraley and Sergeant Lawson performed compliance checks with agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit. A 17-year-old confidential informant was instructed to attempt to purchase alcohol at each establishment, not lie about his age, and use only his actual Ohio driver's license as identification. Speedway East, Shell West, and Max's Sports and Spirits sold to the minor without asking for identification. At Little York Tavern, the clerk did ask for identification and then sold to the minor. The clerks and the establishments were cited in each case.
- **11.** New Signal Northwoods Blvd. / Falls Creek Dr.: Signal poles and mast arms were delivered and installed this week at Northwoods Boulevard and Falls Creek Drive. The new signal should be up and running in the next couple weeks. Final pavement markings will also be installed.
- **12. Mural Grant Project:** ACM Holloway has informed me that the Culture Works Special Projects Grant Panel has recommended that the City receive \$4,250 in order to paint a public mural. The mural will be designed by a local artist and will be visible from National Rd. This award is subject to the approval of the Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District. The City can anticipate receiving an official award notification in early July.
- 13. Summer Crisis Program Ohio Consumers' Council: Help is available for eligible Ohioans working to cope with the summer heat. The Summer Crisis Program allows eligible consumers of regulated utilities to a benefit amount up to \$500, while customers of unregulated utilities may receive a benefit not to exceed \$800. These benefits can help pay an electric utility bill, pay towards a central air conditioning repair, and/or an air conditioning unit or fan. I have enclosed a flyer so that you may share it with residents who may be in need.
- 14. Safety and Security Recommendations for Hotels & Motels: The City recently filed civil litigation



against the Knights Inn ownership designating the property as a public nuisance in violation of City ordinance. As a result of ongoing negotiations with between the City and attorneys representing Knights Inn, a settlement agreement was reached. The Knights Inn has agreed to comply and follow all the items outlined in the Safety and Security Recommendations for Hotels and Motels provided by the City (enclosed as an attachment). As an ongoing effort to keep our residents safe; maintain viable, safe businesses; and provide a sense of safety for visitors at local hotel establishments, the Chief Althouse and Chief Follick adopted these recommendations and distributed them to all three hotels/motels requesting they adopt these protocols to operate and provide a safe environment for all customers.

Vandalia Police Officers have been instructed to review the Safety and Security Recommendations so that they may report non-compliance at the Knights Inn and track issues as they arise. Both Super 8 Motel and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dayton have agreed to comply with the Safety and Security Recommendations. If needed, such information will be used in further litigation against the establishments to demonstrate the City's attempt to work with the businesses to achieve an acceptable standard of performance. The Vandalia Police and Fire Divisions along with Development and Engineering Services are working on several measures to reduce calls for services, to prevent criminal activity, and to ensure public safety.

In July, I will propose modifications to strengthen Vandalia's ordinance that defines repeated criminal activity as a public nuisance.

- 15. Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) Annual Report: MVRMA is a consortium of municipalities located in southwest Ohio, which act collectively to address risk management and risk financing. Vandalia is one of the 21 municipalities in the exclusive risk sharing pool. The consortium requires member municipalities to adopt model policies and to engage employees in training to prevent injuries and loss. MVRMA's insurance program includes group purchasing of general liability, auto liability, public officials' errors and omissions, cyber liability, pollution liability, "all risk" property coverage, crime coverage and boiler and machinery coverage. The net position of the consortium is strong with \$9.25 mm in reserves. I have enclosed the MVRMA annual report as an attachment.
- **16. Hearth and Home:** A lightning strike at Hearth & Home during the Friday night storms destroyed the facility's fire alarm system. The Fire Prevention Bureau and DES are working to address the immediate needs of the facility while a plan to replace the system is designed and implemented.
- 17. White Castle Groundbreaking: You are invited to attend the White Castle Vandalia Plant Expansion groundbreaking on July 13, 2021 at 11:00 am at the plant on Capstone Way. Please RSVP to <a href="rsvp@whitecastle.com">rsvp@whitecastle.com</a> and plan to arrive by 10:30 am. The flyer for the event is enclosed.

Please contact me directly with questions or comments.

Your partner in service,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees



#### Attachments:

- 1. Information Update ACM Holloway June 24, 2021;
- 2. Information Update Director Leiter June 24, 2021;
- 3. Information Update Chief Follick - June 24, 2021;
- 4. Information Update HR Manager Dewberry June 24, 2021;
- 5. Information Update Director Clark June 24, 2021;
- 6. Information Update Chief Althouse June 24, 2021;
- 7. Information Update Director Cron June 24, 2021;
- 8. Senior Center Newsletter July 2021;
- 9. Air Show Opening Ceremonies Schedule;
- 10. Air Show Site Plan;
- 11. White Castle Vandalia Plant Expansion Groundbreaking Flyer;
- 12. Safety and Security Recommendations for Hotels & Motels;
- 13. Summer Crisis Program State of Ohio Consumers' Council;
- 14. MVRMA Annual Report; and
- 15. NAWA Drinking Water Quality Report.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager

Date: June 24, 2021

Subject: Information Update



- You and I met to review a public hearing application on Tuesday June 15.
- On Wednesday June 16:
  - I attended the Employee Appreciation Ice Cream Social. This was a great event.
     Special thanks to Shannetta and Rich for their hard work putting it together.
  - The Vandalia Development Corp. met to review a grant request.
- Staff from DES, Fire and myself held our monthly development meeting on Monday June 21.
- On Wednesday June 23:
  - o I met with a developer interested in developing an industrial site in Vandalia
  - Steve Clark and I met to discuss opportunities for CDBG funding
  - I met with Joe Geraghty from the Dayton Port Authority for an introductory meeting.
  - Rich and I held our monthly meeting.

#### **Communications Update:**

- Rich is working on adding content to our website including short biographies for Council Members. These bios will be featured alongside Council's photo and contact information.
- Air Show preparations continue in the City Manager's Office. We have ordered new parade signage and new signs for registration that reflect our new brand.
- All Council Members and Department Directors will be receiving new magnetic nametags that feature our new logo. These will be in by the middle of next week.
   Council members will be notified when these are ready for pick-up.

- Our Drinking Water Quality Report is in the mail and should arrive in mailboxes by the weekend.
- A videographer from CGI will attend the Star-Spangled Celebration for community video footage that will contribute to our video project.

#### City of Vandalia Finance Department

#### Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

**Date:** June 24, 2021

**Re:** Information Update - Period Ending June 25, 2021

- 1. Finance staff continue to provide the necessary information to the Auditor of State's Office regarding the 2020 audits for the City of Vandalia, Tri-Cities and NAWA, and to Lennon & Company, CPAs for the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The reports will be finalized by July 1, 2021, and an audit completion date shortly thereafter.
- 2. I participated in webinars sponsored by the National League of Cities, and the Office of Budget and Management. The main topic of discussion was the American Rescue Plan Act and preparation for receipt of funds and guidance on allowable expenditures. The State of Ohio has determined that townships qualify as non-entitlement units of local government (population size of less than \$50,000) and are now eligible to receive funding through the ARPA program where previously only cities and villages met the federal standards to be eligible. The Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) released projected adjusted allocations to non-entitlement units of local governments (NEUs). The City of Vandalia has been defined as a NEU, due to its population size of under 50,000. The City's projected new allocated amount is \$1,570,951.64, with two equal distributions of \$785,475.82 (July 2021 and July 2022). The new amount is approximately 50% less than the original amount.
- 3. Finance staff continue to attend various trainings on the new Incode Finance software, including the new time management system, Executime. Executime testing, and training, will begin in mid-July and will include a sample set of employees from various departments, with a target "go-live" date in mid-August.
- 4. Natalie Montgomery and I participated in a demo of the new EASE HR software program. The program will be used primarily for open enrollment.
- 5. Kristen Carnes and I attended a council workshop and meeting.
- 6. Kristen Carnes, Emily Huwer and Shannetta Dewberry interviewed six candidates for the Finance Clerk position recently vacated by Kristen Carnes.



#### DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

**TO:** DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

**DATE:** 6/24/2021

SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE - PERIOD ENDING JUNE 25, 2021

- The Division of Fire is pleased to be offering home visits for COVID vaccinations. The Division of Fire along with the Department of Public Health have been making "house calls" for a few weeks and the program has been well received by the community. Additionally, The Division of Fire was featured on the city's Focus Vandalia two weeks ago where residents learned about our customer service mission, this at home vaccination program and that more community outreach and programs of this level that will be offered as a value-added reason to live in Vandalia.
- 2. On June 11<sup>th</sup> Crews responded to a single vehicle crash on Brown School Road. Upon arrival, crews found one car involved in a rollover incident that sent the driver to the hospital with nonlife threatening injuries. Brown School Road was closed briefly so crews could work and manage clean-up efforts from the accident.
- 3. On June 13<sup>th</sup> Crews assisted Butler Township Fire Department on an auto accident that left a vehicle in a precarious position in a ditch along a heavily wooded area. The vehicle needed careful stabilization, so crews could safely remove the driver. The driver was transported to a local hospital with only minor injuries.
- 4. Vandalia and Butler Township fire crews were called to a report of a structure fire at the National Road Arby's on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Crews found an improperly disposed cigarette in a fresh mulch bed that caused a small fire in the mulch and smoke extension into the building. Thankfully there was no damage to the building and the restaurant was able to open for business. The Division of Fire posted this incident on social media to remind the community

#### DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE



- to properly dispose of smoking material. Mulch fires can go unnoticed for some time and can potentially cause extension and significant damage to homes and businesses.
- 5. June 18<sup>th</sup> brought an active night of strong thunderstorms and tornado warnings around the area. The Division of Fire addressed a concern brought up on social media referencing the city's warning system not sounding. The Division of Fire reminded the community that the sirens are an outdoor notification system only and that Hyper Reach is our mass notification system that residents can sign up for to get notifications on a cell (text and voice), landline, TTY, or email address. These notification systems are activated when the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a warning that include placing Vandalia in the direct path of a possible tornado. The city's emergency services were monitoring the situation and never received a warning from the NWS; therefore, the sirens were not activated.
- 6. A lightening strike at Hearth & Home during the Friday night storms has destroyed the facility's fire alarm system. The Fire Prevention Bureau and DES are working to address the immediate needs of the facility while a plan to replace the system is designed and implemented.
- 7. The Division of Fire held a command staff meeting on Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>. Some of the items discussed were hiring updates, budget items, training, and maintenance updates.
- 8. On June 18<sup>th</sup> crews responded to northbound I-75 on a single vehicle accident that involved an overturned truck pulling a camper. Injuries were minor and able to be treated at the scene. The accident did have the interstate closed for a significant amount of time.
- The first round of interviews has been completed for the open Captain's position within the
  Division of Fire. Potential candidates should be notified soon if they will be moving on the
  process.
- 10. The Division of Fire has been working to complete the Incident Action Plans (IAP) for three upcoming special events (Fireworks, Airshow Parade, and Airshow Medical Support Detail).

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**To:** Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Shannetta Dewberry, HR Manager

**Date:** June 25, 2021

**Subject:** Information Update



#### **HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES**

#### **HR Recruiting/Hiring**

- ❖ Public Safety Specialist First round interviews will be conducted next week.
- ❖ Finance Clerk We are conducting first round interviews this week.
- **City Planner** We have identified a candidate to proceed with the hiring process.
- ❖ Fire Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Round Interviews will be conducted the week of 6/14.
- ❖ **Police Officer** We will posting this position in upcoming weeks.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: 6/24/2021

Re: Information Update – Period ending June 24, 2021

The Parks & Recreation Department staff enjoyed the Employee Ice Cream Social held on June 16. We had over 20 employees make their way to the Sports Complex for some socialization with other city employees and to grab a bowl of ice cream. Staff is very appreciative and excited for the Family Pool Party in July at Cassel Hills Pool.

#### **FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

Maintenance staff spent a good deal of time with weed control spraying at facility parking lots, downtown pavers, walkways and landscape beds. This process will continue as time permits.

Landscape maintenance is taking place at the Sports Complex and Recreation Center. This includes annual shrub pruning.

Building Maintenance staff made improvements to the future office of the City Planner in the Department of Engineering Services.

Four park restroom exterior doors have been replaced due to age and condition, two at the Sports Complex and two at Helke Park. All of these restroom doors were originals and had failed to the point of needing replaced.

Replacement of faded and outdated signage at our parks and facilities continues. Many thanks to Public Works for replacing many of the stop signs and no parking signs at the Sports Complex.

#### <u>RECREATION/ATHLETICS DIVISION</u>

Final preparations are being made for the 2021 Star Spangled Celebration that will take place on Saturday, July 3 at the Sports Complex. Entertainment (The Blue Leafs) and vendors will begin at 7pm with fireworks schedule for 10pm. The rain date for the fireworks display will be Friday, July 9 at 10pm.

Cassel Hills Pool continues to be very busy on good weather days. Attendance for the weekend of June 4-6 totaled 1,379 visitors with Saturday being the peak day with 590 visitors. SwimSafe Pool Management staff are doing a very good job operating and managing the daily pool operations. We had a couple of kinks to work out during the first week or so of operation but overall we are very satisfied to this point with their performance.

SwimSafe Pool Management will be hosting Kona Ice at Cassel Hills Pool on Saturday, July 10 from 12:30-2:30. Those in attendance at the pool during this time will received a free snow cone, courtesy of SwimSafe.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corporate Challenge concluded on Friday, June 11. The team from Vandalia-Butler Schools won the week long competition with Inteva Products finishing a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Kudos to the City of Vandalia team for finishing fourth in this year's event, winning two events (Trivia and Golf). Jeff

Kreill and John Myers did an outstanding job organizing and conducting the 2021 event. We look forward to the 33<sup>rd</sup> event (June 5-10, 2022) and anticipate more business participation with the lifting of COVID related restrictions.

The Crossroads 5K race, presented by New Balance will take place this Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 am at the Sports Complex. Advanced Running Project is coordinating the event with a portion of the proceeds going to our Dayton Foundation Recreation Fund.

Registration for our Youth Soccer program continues with July 1 being the date to guarantee a spot in the program. Registration for our Youth Flag Football program is currently taking place through July. Both programs will take place this fall at the Sports Complex.

#### **RECREATION CENTER**

Now that the VRC is back to normal operations we have experienced a nice increase in daily admissions with 1,734 visits in May for a revenue of \$11,919. We are also a return to more normal attendance numbers for Insurance Based Membership (IBM) with 2638 in May. We currently have 747 active IBM's.

The monthly electronic fund transfer (EFT) payments were processed on June 15 for a total collection of \$19,573. This amount is a slight increase from May's collection. We currently have 8 suspended memberships due to COVID and had 5 start back this month. We also had 6 new start memberships and 11 cancellations in June thus far.

Our summer College Student Membership special continues to be a popular option for student's home from school for summer break. We sold 27 of these memberships during the month of May.

The theme for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Summer CampRec was "Healthy Lifestyle Week" with the campers learning about being healthy, food choices and physical activity. Special thanks to Premier Health, Vandalia Cycling and Vibrant Life Studios for leading activities during the week. The field trip for the week was to Learning Tree Farm, near Germantown.

#### **GOLF DIVISION**

The Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club Annual Golf Outing took place on June 14 at Cassel Hills. The event had 80 golfers participating and went very well. This was our first outing with an outside caterer providing the food for the event and everything went very smoothly.

The course received over two inches of rain during the storms on June 18-19. In the past we would have been forced to close the course on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> due to wet ground conditions but with our new geo tracking capabilities on our carts we were able to be open for golf. As a result, the course generated \$2,300 in greens fees and carts and another \$400 in snack bar sales. Many area courses were closed on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

Senior Center Coordinator Toni Williams attended an Ohio Department of Aging webinar entitled "Senior Centers: Provider COVID-19 Update".

The Senior Center experienced an HVAC issue on June 11. Maintenance staff determined there was no electric to the thermostat or the unit. Our HVAC maintenance contractor was called and upon arrival determined the smoke detector on top of the unit had become defective and shut down the entire unit. In the meantime, portable fans were placed around the dining room since Toni had a big crowd for a Dessert and Learn event. The unit was back in operation by the end of the day.

June 15 was a very busy day at the Senior Center with plenty of activities including Super Sewers, Golden Qi, Dessert & Learn, Penny Auction, Hand & Foot Class and Double Deck Pinochle. Over 100 seniors came to the facility on this date. It is great to see the Senior Center getting back to a more normal activity schedule.

#### Information Update



To: Dan Wendt

City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse

Chief of Police

Date: June 24, 2021

Subject: Information Update Ending June 25, 2021

- 1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 33 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 1 traffic citation and 32 written warnings while working 56 additional enforcement hours.
- 2. CPO Andy Wehner invited the Dayton Airport Police Explosive Detection K9 unit to the Senior Center for a presentation. The event was well received with 43 guests in attendance. The program received rave reviews and they want this repeated in the future. The Airport PD K-9 Program has made a presentation to our Explorer Program and may be implemented into Passport to Safety in the future.
- 3. On June 18, we held our annual blood drive at the Justice Center with the Community Blood Center. We set a new record for this event! A total of 33 donors registered to donate, 4 were first time donors. The goal was 28 units, we collected 33, achieving 118% of the goal. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this possible. All the blood donated will go to local hospitals.
- 4. On June 21, I attended the monthly publicity subcommittee meeting for the Montgomery County Offender Re-entry Program. Our subcommittee is preparing to launch a quarterly newsletter to keep the public and organizations aware of opportunities for employment, housing and transportation available for offenders returning to Montgomery County communities after incarceration and reduce recidivism.
- 5. I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Metro Net on Wednesday morning along with Council members and city staff. It was exciting to see this new business open in Vandalia and prepare to offer great Internet service to our City's businesses and residents.
- 6. On June 23, VPD hosted *First Line Supervision* training for area law enforcement. 16 officers from eight agencies, representing five counties, attended the training. The course was intended for new supervisors or officers that fill temporary supervisory roles. Dr. Van Meter of Van Meter & Associates presented the class.
- 7. Detectives charged a 26 year-old female Vandalia resident with two counts of felony Forgery and one count of Grand Theft after she stole and cashed several checks from a local business.



#### **Public Works & DES Information Update**

**To:** Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service

**Date:** June 24, 2021

**Re:** Information Update for June 12-25, 2021

#### **Public Works**

We held our monthly large item drop off at the Public Works Facility on June 12th.

Crews put of the American Flags in honor of Flag Day. We also put up the summer banners along National Road.

Crews continue making needed repairs to several catch basins on the streets that we will be resurfacing later this year.

Crews spent a lot of time during this period mowing and trimming around guardrails and side road ditch areas. We have also continued spraying for vegetation along the curb on our roadways.

We have made several minor repairs to fire hydrants that were identified during the annual flushing program. We also replace an angle valve on a water service on Fitchland Drive.

Crews performed one burial at Poplar Hill Cemetery during this period.

Crews performed monthly preventative maintenance on our sanitary sewer lift stations.

Mark Blosser, DeWayne Hopping and Mike Busse were recertified for testing water backflow devices. This is for testing all of our devices in City owned facilities.

Jake Hayslett previously notified us that he will be resigning his position as Public Works Technician effective June 25<sup>th</sup>. Jake has been a valued employee to our department and we wish him well in his next opportunity. Fortunately, we had a Civil Service eligibility list that was still open from our last hire. Steve Nickels, you and I interviewed the top candidate on the list for filing this vacancy.

#### **Development & Engineering Services**

Coate Construction has moved in and begun this year's concrete repairs. They started this week on the sidewalk work on N. Dixie Drive. They will have all of the work on N. Dixie Drive completed before the Air Show Parade. Chad Baughman has passed out notices to the property owners and residents that will have access to their driveways affected by this year's project.

Signal poles and mast arms were delivered and installed this week at Northwoods Boulevard and Falls Creek Drive. The new signal should be up and running in the next couple weeks. Final pavement markings will also be installed.

Contracts were mailed out to the contractors that were awarded the Street Resurfacing bid and the Helke Road projects. I have reached out to Brumbaugh Construction as well about the Helke Road project. We will be scheduling a preconstruction meeting soon to go over several key items on the project, such as maintenance of traffic and access to residents, along with coordinating with RTA about their Bus Route that uses Helke Road.

I will be reaching out to Rumpke regarding the contract extension. We will have documents prepared for approval at the July City Council meeting.

Our Right of Way mowing contractor has been busy keeping up with the fast-growing season. They have resolved their early staffing issues and Kip Millikin has done a great job communicating with them of our expectations to keep the City looking good.

Kip Millikin has been in contact with the Montgomery County Sherriff's office to schedule the inmate service program to clean up litter along some of our high traffic areas prior to the Air Show.

We have had our contractor complete a property clean-up at 845 E. National Road. The property has now been split into two separate owners. One of the owners appears to be making an effort to mow and maintain while the other still does not.

Kip also participated in the multi-agency inspections of the Super 8 Motel, Hawthorn Suites and The Knights Inn.

The building department continues to be extremely busy reviewing plans and making inspections on several large projects throughout the City. While taxing on staff, this is great news that our companies our investing their dollars here in the City.

We have met with the company that provides our Development Software for building permits, zoning documents and other items that require receipting of money. Our current version will no longer be supported at the end of this year. The software will be converting to a cloud-based version. Chris Mastrino has been working with them to determine exactly how this will affect us, what our options are and what the cost will be for the upgrade. We have been very happy with this vendor and they have provided great support for us. We intend to include this item in the 2022 Budget.

Staff from both departments enjoyed our first employee recognition event at the Ice Cream Social. Thank you for providing this opportunity for networking with our employees from other departments that we do not see on a daily basis.

#### City of Vandalia Parks & Recreation

#### Vandalia Senior Center

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## We're Back to Normal!

Lunch & Learns are returning at noon. If a lunch is on Thursday, it will start at 11:00 a.m. to accommodate the bridge players. The Lunch & Learns will end each time between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. or 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Remember that sponsors are spending \$4 to \$8 of their budgets on each lunch so please come if you signed up.

It has helped to have sign-up sheets for the movies and the birthday celebration so those sign-up sheets will continue.

Card playing will begin the week of June 14. You do not need to sign up unless you are playing bridge then contact the bridge game host. If there aren't many card players the first time you come, come back a few more times as more people become comfortable about returning. If you don't know how to play, come in and learn. If you don't know how to play bridge, ask the host where you can go to learn the game. Remember that card playing needs to end early enough that everyone is exiting the building at 4:00 p.m. when the doors are locked.

		CARDS and GAMES:
Monday:	12:30	Canasta and other games in card/library room
Tuesday:	9:45	Bridge in card room
-		June Host: Nancy Omlor 937-890-5431
		July Host: Barb Weikert 937-836-4935
	1:00	Double Deck Pinochle in card room
	1:40	Hand & Foot on side of dining room (start at 2:00 in June)
Wednesday:	12:30	Bridge on side of dining room
		June Host: Kathie Menke 937-974-2174
		July Host: TBA
	1:00	Up and Down the River in dining room (need 50 pennies)
	1:00	Euchre in card/library room
Thursday:	12:00	Bridge on side of dining room
		Host: Jim Danks 937-667-3780
	1:00	Pinochle in dining room
	1:00	Double Deck Pinochle
Friday:	9:30	Mah Jong in card room

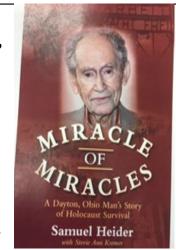
Poker in card room

1:00

#### **INFORMATION**

#### Stonespring Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, July 6, at Noon

Poetry Davis with Stonespring will order your lunch. Stevie Kremer, a WSU professor and writer, will share her book, "Miracle of Miracles". She said as long as she has breath, it will be her mission to share Samuel Heider's story. Stevie met Samuel in the summer of 2017 about the same time that he spoke at our Senior Center. Samuel was an ordinary Polish Jew who survived the extraordinary times of World War II. Sam was a resident of Butler Township who died last November at the age of 95 but his miraculous story will live on through Stevie Kremer. Limit: 100



#### Zois Group Lunch & Learn on Thursday, July 8, at 11:00 A. M.

Vasili and Nick Zois will provide your lunch. Vasili

Zois will talk about "Top Investing and Estate Planning Tips To Succeed After The Pandemic". Some of the topics will include, how to plan ahead of time to avoid probate and taxes; the SECURE Act and how it affects retirees; ways to protect your retirement savings from market losses and economic crashes; how to protect yourself against future long-term costs. Limit: 50

Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, July 9, at Noon

Shelby (Alig) Bettinger from Cypress Pointe will bring your lunch. Allen Johnson is back but he is not talking about one of his unusual trips. Allen is presenting "The Aurora Borealis". When a solar storm erupts, charged particles from the sun travel to the earth. The particles are captured by the Earth's magnetic field, spiraling down to the North and South Poles. There, they excite oxygen and nitrogen atoms which emit red, green, and blue light, the spectacular aurora borealis. Limit: 35





Springmeade Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, July 13, at Noon Robin Shafer will order your lunch. Tim Hrstar will present Bootleggers & Rum Runners • Speakeasies & Scofflaws, the 1920s Results of the Temperance & Prohibition Movements. The 18th Amendment arrived in January, 1920 and it quickly changed America. We'll peek into the Roaring Twenties where; bootleggers, rum runners, and speakeasies

made their way through the decade on rivers of booze when it was against the law to manufacture, sell, or transport liquors. The law said nothing was illegal about drinking it. Limit: 75

The Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, July 20, at Noon Christopher Norman from The Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your lunch. Darlene Rack from the Dayton Dog Training Club will return with her search and rescue dog. She will talk about how dogs work and use their noses. Darlene will tell you the different things that dogs are capable of doing for search and rescues. She is usually able to show you the dog "working". Limit: 75



The Ohio Masonic Home Lunch & Learn on Thursday, July 22, at 11:00 A.M.

Cindy Comperchio from The Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield will bring your lunch. She is going to talk about "The Bucket List Experience". Everyone has a "bucket list" but not everyone has it in digital format! The Bucket List Experience will show you how, at a site called BeRemembered.com, to create your own personalized Bucket List – complete with photos and even videos. This fun and engaging one-hour program will show you how to start this process at BeRemembered.com and build your Bucket List with goals for people to meet, places to go, and things to do, as well as showing you how to create a list of those goals that



have been met – and what it was like! Please bring a laptop or iPad for the session. If you are not a technology user, you can still participate by using a Workbook you will receive at the session. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.beremembered.com">www.beremembered.com</a>. Limit: 35



Brookdale Lunch & Learn on Friday, July 23, at Noon

Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring lunch from their kitchen. Your entertainment will be Brian Brenner after you are done eating. The name of the show will be listed on the sign up sheet. Limit: 100

Vitas Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, June 27, at Noon Cindy Trenhaile from Vitas Hospice will order your lunch. If you are a Vandalia resident you will want to learn about the Vandalia Very Important Persons Program (VIP). If you are not a resident, you can learn about the program and ask your fire department about it. Scott Jacobs from the Vandalia Fire Department will be here to explain the details of

this free program and how you can sign up to be a VIP. Limit: 50





Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Thursday, July 29, at 11:00 A.M. Jordan Peterson and Donna Bargo will bring your lunch. Jordan will give you a booklet called Edward Jones Perspective. He will explain and discuss the topics listed in the booklet and

more. You can also bring questions to ask Jordan. Limit: 30

Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Friday, July 30 at Noon
Donna McAdams from Hearth & Home of Vandalia will provide your
lunch. The King's English was a 4 piece vocal band formed at the University of
Dayton in 1965. They went to New York City, auditioned for RCA, and were
offered a contract when the war and life got in the way. The band members have
continued to play together for more than 50 years! They agreed to play for us
for free but they will have a tip jar out in case you enjoy the music. Limit: 100



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#### **Events**

The Fifth Annual Summer History Speaker Series

These presentations are all on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in May through August. Each presentation will be about 60 minutes. Anyone may come. Please sign up for each presentation you want to attend. Linda Ankney with Medigold will be sponsoring the treats for each of these presentations over the four months. Limit: 80

July 12: Mike Williams is returning. He will present "Russel Wright: An American Modern". It was Middletown's Russel Wright, not Martha Stewart, who was America's first lifestyle guru. In the late 1920's, he was an industrial designer developing a distinctive style that was both modern and American. His wife Mary helped promote his "American Modern" line of furniture and then tableware which spawned many imitators. In 1950, they published their *Guide to Easier Living*, outlining a casual new approach to decorating and entertaining. After Mary's death, Russel focused his talents on Dragon Rock, his unique home and studio retreat.

July 19: Ricki Huff was once a Sinclair instructor at our center. She is presenting "America's WWI First Ladies—Former, Current, and Future". America declared war in 1917 and fought until November, 1918. Learn how women who had been First ladies prior to 1917contributed to sustaining the troops. Did you know Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, First Lady during the war, borrowed 20 sheep to graze on the White House lawn so the wool could be auctioned to raise money for the war effort? She also decoded top secret messages between the President's head man in Europe and her husband. The wife of future President Hoover assumed

leadership to get housing for women war workers in DC, often funding it herself.

July 26: Angie Hoschouer from Woodland Cemetery will present "The Grand Eccentrics". This program follows the book, *The Grand Eccentrics* by Mark Berstein. It highlights the lives of John H. Patterson, Charles F. Kettering, Govenor James M. Cox, and Orville and Wilbur Wight, all of whom rest peacefully at Woodland Cemetery. We will explore the passions and the drive of some of Dayton's most eccentric men. This program takes one and a half hours to be able to present all five important men.

















#### Art and More

FREE Birthday Card Making Class on Wed., July 7, at 1:00 p.m.

The photo shows just three of the many ideas you can choose from to make a birthday card. There will be many materials to choose from to create a special card. Limit: 15





FREE Color a Magnet on Tuesday, July 13, at 2:00 p.m.

Choose between a circle design that measures 3.75" and a butterfly that is 4.25" at its widest. There are 8 butterflies and 7 circle designs. On the tables, there will be lots of permanent markers to choose from or bring your own. Limit: 15



FREE Magnet Class on Tuesday, July 27, at 2:00 p.m.

Nancy Lacey from Northwood Assisted Living will bring the materials to make one fun wine cork succulent magnet for summer. One per family.

Limit: 15

FREE Sock Gnome Class on Fri., July 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Brandie Lovato from Stillwater Senior Nursing Facility thought it was time to have Christmas in July. She will bring the materials and take you through the steps to make this approximately 7" Christmas or winter gnome. One per family. Limit: 15

You do not need to sign up to come to any of the three art groups below.

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

This group meets in the dining room. Most of the time the group watches a DVD and discusses the artwork but on \*\*July 27 the group will have a special guest come in. This group is led by member Charlene Graz.

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

This group was part of the Sinclair painting class. They decided to start meeting again. Bring your own project to work on along with your own supplies.

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

Most of the Colored Pencils Group make original artwork with colored pencils. If you would like help or suggestions with a project, there are several artists in the group that can help.





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#### Information

Please remember to sign up for each movie you want to see. At a recent movie, six extra people walked in that were not signed up and not enough treats had been purchased to serve the extra members.

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

Wild Oats is a comedy film that stars Shirley MacLaine, Jessica Lange, Demi Moore and Billy Connolly in his final film role before retirement. In this movie, everything changes for Eva (Shirley MacLaine) when she receives a life insurance check accidentally made out for five million dollars instead of the expected fifty thousand dollars. The widowed, retired teacher decides to bring her best friend (Jessica Lange) along on an adventure to the Canary Islands, where they become media favorites and escapees from justice. PG-13 1 hr. 31 min. Comedy / Adventure





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

In the movie of a true story, *Ride Like a Girl*, Michelle Payne is the youngest of ten children of racehorse trainer Paddy Payne (Sam Neill). Almost all of Paddy's children grow up to become jockeys. This is the story of the youngest daughter, Payne, who became the first woman to ride the winner of the Melbourne Cup in 2015, despite facing odds of 100 to 1. This girl made history. Payne won the Melbourne Cup on November 3, 2015, riding Prince of Penzance, a six-year-old gelding with which she had a long-term association. PG 1 hr. 58 min. Sport / Drama

Trivia Blast on Thursday, July 29, at 1:45 p.m. Cindy Comperchio from The Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield will hold a trivia game blast. You will play in teams. The questions will be multiple-choice and all about geography. Sign up to have a fun time and maybe win a prize. Limit: 48



Follow-Up Zoom Class on Wednesday, July 28, at 11:00 a.m.



Janet Beinkampen, Tambi Spirk, and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale are returning for a second class about using Zoom. Learn how to connect with family and friends using your computer, tablet, or smart phone, and ZOOM! It's easy and fun! We will learn how to join a meeting and have an overview of what you can do to enhance your Zoom experience. Please bring your device to class, know your email address, and sign up to join the group on July 28.

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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
			Bridge 12:00 Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00	Colored Pencils 9:30 Mah Jong 9:30 Movie 1:00 Poker 1:00
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FOR 4TH OF JULY	Bridge 9:45  Golden Qi 10:00  Lunch & Learn 12:00  Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00	Hula Hooping 9:30 Bridge 12:30 Card Making 1:00 Up & Down the River 1:00 Euchre 1:00	Bridge 12:00 Dbl Deck Pinochle 1:00 Pinochle 1:00	<b>Grief Support 9:30</b> Mah Jong 9:30
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#### **Exercise and Information**

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Summertime Guests by Wendy Francis Revival Season: a novel by Monica West Against the Law by David Gordon

Falling by T. J. Newman

The Paris Apartment by Kelly Bowen

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

The Courier

Boogie

Vanguish

Pixie

Voyagers

#### FREE Exercise on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Jordan Ross from Spring Hills Singing Woods leads an exercise class that began in June. The class could have both seated and standing exercise. The exercise bands and weights might be used. The class will last about 45 minutes. No need to sign up. Come check out this new class.







#### 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, using a cane, or walker. Come try out this class.

#### 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 knows to bring in extra hula hoops for you to try out.





#### 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>

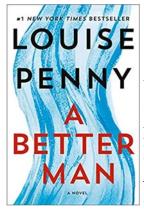
#### Help Needed by the Vandalia Senior Club

The Vandalia Senior Club still needs a new treasurer. Pat Grimes, the current treasurer, would be glad to advise you on any questions you might have about this position. The Senior Club needs a person who is reliable and trustworthy to take this position. If you are interested contact Toni in the office or Donna Shirley, the Senior Club President. Phones numbers are on the back of the newsletter.



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#### Information



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

The Book Club will be discussing A Better Man: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel by Louise Penny. It's Gamache's first day back as head of the homicide department. Flood waters are rising. In this turmoil, a father approaches Gamache, pleading for help in finding his daughter. As crisis piles upon crisis, Gamache realizes the search for should be abandoned. Hounded by the question, how would you feel..., he resumes the search. As the rivers rise, and the social media onslaught against Gamache becomes crueler, a body is discovered and mistakes are made. Gamache must face a

burning question. What would you do if your child's killer walked free?

You do not need to sign up. If you are new to this group, you can check with the office to make sure the group is meeting since a few times plans have changed.

#### Grief Support Group on the 2nd Friday at 9:30 a.m.

This group meets in the dining room. There is time for sharing. Sometimes there is a very short program to watch. The group is led by Leah Bowers from Compassus. Please sign up each time you want to come.





#### Quiet Your Mind on the 3rd Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Quieting the mind has many health benefits, physically, mentally, and spiritually. Take this time to center yourself with the chaos going on around us and learn the practice of quieting your mind. Leah Bowers from Compassus will lead this group. She will use all types of relaxation techniques to help you center and calm yourself. Please sign up to try out these techniques. Meet in the dining room.

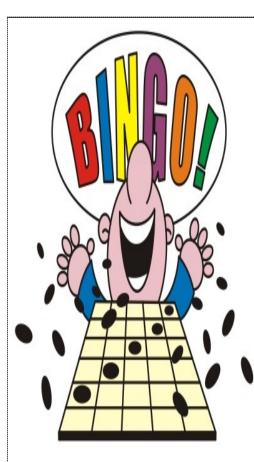
#### Knitters, Crocheters, and Others Giving Donations to the VA

The VA has an alcohol and drug rehab program for veterans who range in age from 20 to 80. After veterans complete the program, they are placed in nearly empty apartments. There is a need for plates that can go in the microwave, glasses, and cups as well as other household goods. Please bring any donations to the office.

We have been told that the veterans love homemade items. So the Senior Center is continuing to collect lap size and full size afghans. If you are making an afghan to donate, you are welcome to use yarn from the Senior Center. See Toni or Darby to look at the stored yarn.



The VA will not pick up furniture. There is another recovery program supported by Good Shepherd Ministries which is an interdenominational agency that also has a recovery program. The ministry will pick up furniture. Call the ministry office at 937-938-5781.



#### Bingo and Other Games

- 1. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring lunch and call bingo on Thursday, July 1, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
- 2. Robin Shafer and Sarah Steinke from Springmeade will call bingo on Tuesday, July 6, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 3. Mark Maudlin from Humana will call bingo on Friday, July 9, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 4. Shelby (Alig) Bettinger with Cypress Point and/or Dave Treadway and Chris Kanzari with Heartland Insurance will call bingo on Thursday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
- 5. Carol Elifritz from Piqua Manor and Jackie Millet from Day City Hospice will have a penny auction on Tuesday, July 20, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
- 6. Steven Beck from Medical Mutual will call bingo on Friday, July 23, at 1:45 to 2:00 p.m. Limit: 48
- 7. Cindy Comperchio will have a Trivia Blast on Thursday, July 29, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate July Birthdays on Wednesday, July 28, at 1:00 p.m.

Crossroads Rehab will be providing the cakes for this birthday celebration. Please call, email, or come in to sign up. First we will take the birthday group photo. Next all 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 after you sing to them!



#### **Donations Needed**

Leave in the Office: solid colored plastic table covers for the art tables, birthday and seasonal napkins (not white we have many), individually labeled flavored teas (not green or black tea, we have plenty), card making supplies, art supplies, batting (no fabric at this time), glass, metal, and wood and other containers for flower arrangements, ribbon, greenery, new

greeting cards, items for the free table in the art/exercise room.

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack: used batteries, pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps (be sure to leave a 1/4" border around the stamps), food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and food for the Cares4Kids box.

On the fireplace in the card room/library: books, movies, jigsaw puzzles

Free table in the art room: leave things in the office for this table



#### July Travel News:

Greetings. Sad to report 2021 tours have been cancelled due to lack of reservations. We will have 2022 Tour Schedule posted by September. In the meantime, stay well.

Liz Syska Anchors Away Cruises & Tour Outside Agent 3780 Ponytail Palm Ct. North Ft. Myers, FL 33917

937-260-0776 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

lizsyska0@gmail.com



#### **FREE Sale**

We are now able to play card games again so the Free Sale that was open for the last eight months in the card room / library needed to be removed so the tables could be used for card playing. Some of the items were put on the free table and the shelving unit in the front of the art room. Other items were taken to Goodwill. There will continue to be free jigsaw puzzles and books in the card room / library. You can continue to bring in donations. Give them to Toni in the office. Items that can be used by groups and classes at the center will be removed and the rest will be put on the free table and shelving unit in the art room. Greeting cards will continue to be on the counter in the art room.



#### Where to Put Donations

Some donations are left laying in many places at the center and outside the doors. If you have items that go in the boxes in the hallway, please put them in the boxes. The list on page 10. If you have books, movies, or puzzles to donate or to return, put them on the fireplace in the card room / library. Please leave all other donations in the office even if Toni is not in the office at the time.

#### VANDALIA SENIOR CENTER

21 Tionda Dr. South Vandalia, OH 45377

Open: Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Toni Williams

twilliams@vandaliaohio.org

Phone: 937-898-1232 Fax: 937-665-0796

http://vandaliaohio.org/recreation/

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Secretary	Dottie Ganter 898-7286
Travel Director	Liz Syska 260-0776

#### **DATED MATERIAL: DO NOT DELAY**

**MEMBERSHIP** Age 55 or older

Younger spouses are welcome!

The 2021 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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## CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger Welcome Ceremony Schedule and Program July 10, 2021

Speakers:	Col Patrick Miller	WPAFR: Matt losenh	Commissioner City of

Dayton; Dan Wendt, City Manager, City of Vandalia; David J. Lesar, President & CEO, CenterPoint Energy; Barry Craft, Vice President of Merchandising, Kroger; and Scott Buchanan, Chair, USATS Board

Assembly: Speakers and guests will park in the VIP lot on the show

grounds and assemble in the #00 USATS Board of Trustees

Chalet no later than 11:15 am.

Ceremony Schedule: 11:40 am	Speakers and	d quests are	transported	to main stage. *	

11:57 am Welcome—Scott Buchanan. Scott introduces the guests

and order of the speakers.

11:59 am Col. Patrick Miller's remarks

12:01 pm Commissioner Matt Joseph's remarks

12:03 pm City of Vandalia's Dan Wendt's remarks

12:05 pm CenterPoint Energy's David J. Lesar's remarks

12:07 pm Kroger's Barry Craft's remarks

12:09 pm Scott Buchanan concludes with remarks and

acknowledgements, and announces a moment of silence

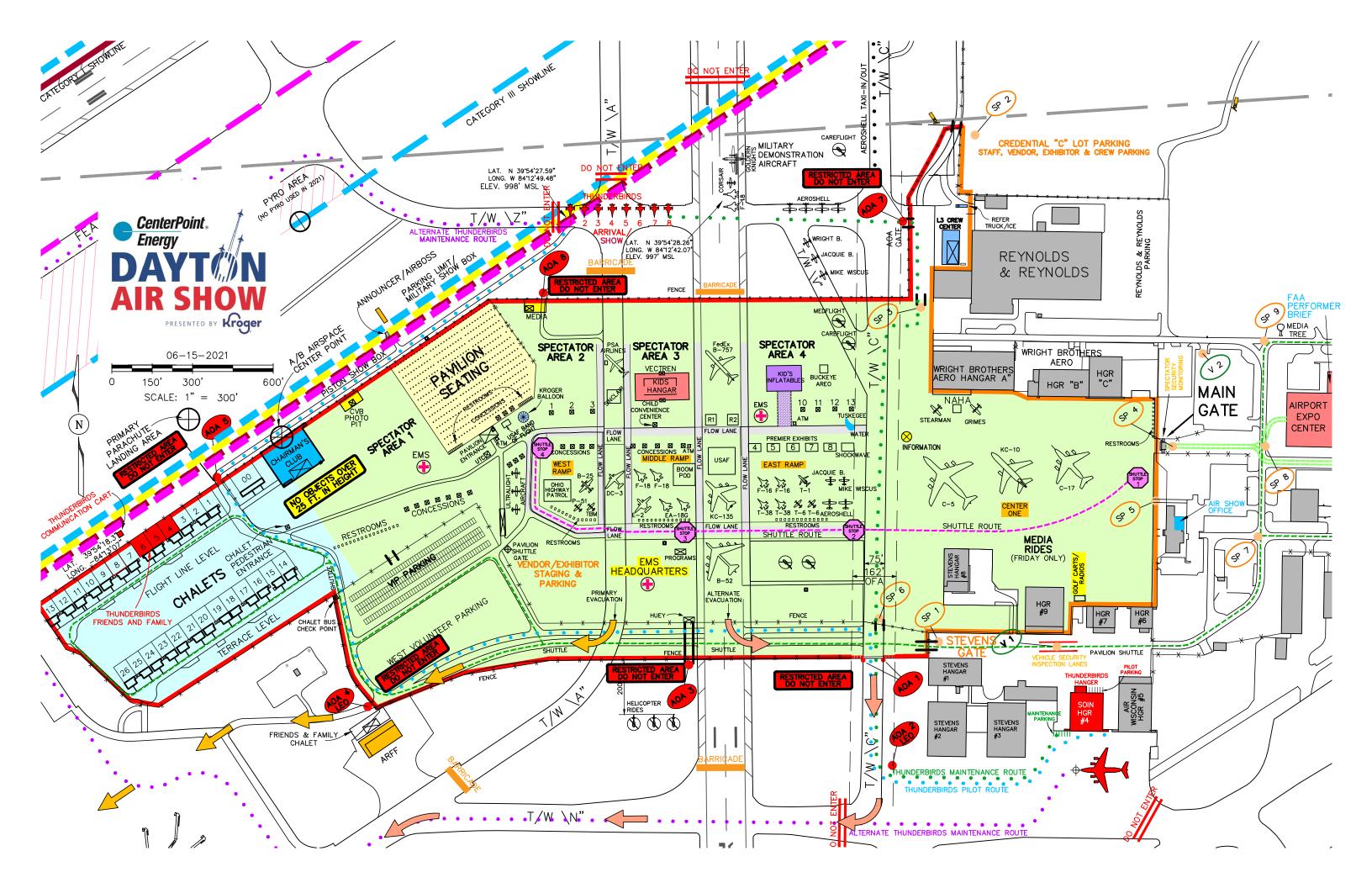
for fallen troops and Don Kinlin.

12:11 pm Begin Flag Drop narration.

12:13 pm National Anthem sung by Rob Reider

12:15 pm Platform party returns to Board of Trustees Chalet.

<sup>\*</sup>Shiela Wallace, USATS Media Chairperson, oversees transport of quests to platform.





## YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR VANDALIA PLANT EXPANSION

Groundbreaking Ceremony

11:00 AM • TUESDAY

**JULY 13, 2021** 

Kindly RSVP to **RSVP@whitecastle.com**By Friday, July 9th

#### **LOCATION**

1614 Capstone Way, Vandalia, OH 45377

Ceremony to begin promptly at 11am. Please arrive by 10:30am. By invitation only. Masks optional.

Outdoor Event: flat, sturdy shoes recommended for uneven site surfaces

White Castle® is America's first fast-food hamburger chain, founded in 1921 as a family-owned business satisfying cravings for 100 years. White Castle was the first fast-food chain to sell it's sandwiches in grocery stores, beginning in 1987

The Vandalia Plant is one of White Castle's Retail food plants. As we prepare to expand this facility, this special groundbreaking ceremony will honor Retail division founder and 3rd Generation family leader, Bill Ingram, for his essential role in getting us where we are today.





## SAFETY AND SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOTELS & MOTELS

In an effort to maintain a safe, secure environment for all guests and employees who live, work, or visit the City of Vandalia (the "City") and to promote business development that enhances the quality of life of all, the City of Vandalia and the operators of hotels, motels and extended stay lodge facilities (the "Lodging Businesses") located within the City have worked together to develop the following safety and security protocols and procedures:

- Lodging Businesses in the City agree to provide a list of individuals who have been trespassed off the business property to the Police Department. The Police Department will provide the Lodging Businesses with a "Master Trespass List" of individuals who have been trespassed off any Lodging Business located within the City. The Master Trespass List will be updated by the Police Department from time to time, but no less than once a month. The Lodging Businesses agree that room(s) will not be rented to anyone whose name appears on the Master Trespass List.
- Maintain a current trespass list at the registration desk and require staff to review the
  trespass list before registering a guest. Agree to trespass guests who cause a nuisance
  with continuous loud music or noise, drug use, narcotic overdose, persistent disorderly
  conduct, or any similar criminal or violent activity.
- Install functional access control doors and entryways where practicable. Exterior building doors should remain locked or latched at all times and only accessible by guests and employees with a key card or other electronic means. To the extent possible, utilize a tracking software that collects data on the dates and times key cards are utilized to access entry points and the location utilized. Engage in routine (ideally hourly or time permits) inspection of exterior doors to ensure they are not propped opened.
- Provide staff with a designated hotel uniform or attire or other form of insignia such as a name plate, so they are readily identified as employees.

- Install and monitor a Closed-Circuit Security Video (CCSV) system that is controlled by
  management and viewable by front desk personnel with recording capabilities. The
  CCSV system should monitor strategic locations such as exterior entry/exit doors,
  parking lot areas, and common areas accessible to guests. All management and front
  desk employees should be proficiently trained in the operation and functionality of the
  CCSV system.
- Routinely inspect and test all door locking mechanisms to ensure they are functional.
- Install and maintain adequate lighting in all parking areas to illuminate guests' vehicles.
   Have registered guests provide a government-issued photo identification card or other verifiable form of identification and document personal information on hotel registration records.
- Record registered guest's vehicle description and the number of total guests staying in a room.
- Post visible signage in parking areas and exterior entry/exit doorways that prohibits loitering and require staff to routinely inspect these areas to enforce the "No Loitering" rules.
- Plant, where practical, and maintain landscaping bushes or shrubs around the exterior of the building(s) to improve the appearance of the building.
- Maintain operational telephones in each guest room to ensure the telephone is functional and can connect to the City's 911 Emergency Dispatcher.
- Establish a point of contact with the local police and fire departments to review safety and security protocols and seek or provide information on any safety or security issues or concerns.
- Participate in the City's hotel management meeting group to discuss safety issues or concerns that impact facility operations within the City.
- Routinely inspect and examine facility smoke detectors in each room and document the frequency of inspections. Immediately replace smoke detectors if not working or functional and cease renting any room until the smoke detectors are properly working.

- Enforce a "No Smoking" policy for all rooms that have been designed as "No Smoking" and add signage stating the policy. Agree to trespass repeat violators of the policy.
- Identify a management liaison with the fire department to review the process of installing a Narcan box on premises for any drug overdose and ensure a Knox Box system is installed and current.
- Cooperate with local and state law enforcement and fire officials to establish criteria by which governmental officials may review the guest registry.
- During periods of time criminal conduct is most likely to occur and as needed to protect real and personal property, contract to provide security to patrol the property and monitor the common areas, entry/exit points, and parking lot for any illegal or nonpermitted activity. Report any suspicious activity to hotel management and/or police department for enforcement action.

Vandalia Division of Police (937) 898- 5868 - non-emergency

Vandalia Division of Fire (937) 898-2261- administration

Vandalia Development & Engineering Services (937) 415-2324 – hotline

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# SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM

#### Summer electric assistance available for low-income households

Help is available for eligible Ohioans working to cope with the summer heat. The Summer Crisis Program allows eligible consumers of regulated utilities to a benefit amount up to \$500, while customers of unregulated utilities may receive a benefit not to exceed \$800. These benefits can help pay an electric utility bill, pay towards a central air conditioning repair, and/or an air conditioning unit or fan.

To be eligible for assistance, households must have a gross annual income that is at or below 175 percent of the federal income guidelines. In addition to the income guidelines, households must meet at least one of the following additional eligibility requirements:

- ► A household member is 60 years of age or older;
- ► A household member has a medical necessity documented by a qualified medical professional;
- ► A household member has a documented COVID-19 diagnosis within the last 12 months;
- ► The household has a disconnection notice, has been disconnected, or is establishing new electric service; or
- ► The household is enrolling in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP Plus) for the first time or has a PIPP default.

New for 2021: The utility assistance benefit is separate from the additional benefit for central air conditioner repair and receiving an air conditioner unit or fan.

#### **Additional information**

To apply for the Summer Crisis Program, consumers need to contact their local community action agency. The community action agency determines the benefits that can be provided. The program is available from July 1 until September 30, 2021.

For additional information on the Summer Crisis Program, and to locate the nearest community action agency, contact the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) at 1-800-282-0880 (TDD 1-800-686-1557) or online at <a href="https://development.ohio.gov/is/is-heapsummer.htm">https://development.ohio.gov/is/is-heapsummer.htm</a>.

For information on other utility assistance available, visit: www.occ.ohio.gov/utilityassistance.

### 2021 Income Guidelines

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Size of	Total Gross Annual Household Income		
household*	175%		
1	\$22,540		
2	\$30,170		
3	\$38,010		
4	\$45,850		
5	\$53,690		
6	\$61,530		
7	\$69,370		
8	\$77,210		

\* For families/households with more than 8 persons, please contact your local community action agency.



## **MIAMI VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

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#### MIAMI VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

#### **ABOUT MVRMA**

MVRMA is a consortium of municipalities located in southwest Ohio, which formed an Association under Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) to act collectively in addressing its members' risk management and risk financing needs. It began operation in December 1988 with six charter members and now has twenty-one members.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association is to deliver high quality risk management services to its member municipalities in a manner which provides long-term financial stability, minimization of risks and protection of mutual interests.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

The vision of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association is to be the premier property and casualty insurance pool for member municipalities in Ohio.

#### **MEMBERS (Year Joined)**

City of Wyoming (1992)

City of Beavercreek (1988) City of Bellbrook (2004) City of Blue Ash (1992) City of Centerville (2004) City of Englewood (2004) City of Fairfield (2019) Village of Indian Hill (1993) City of Kettering (1988) City of Madeira (1994) City of Mason (1997) City of Miamisburg (1988) City of Montgomery (1990)

City of Piqua (2002) City of Sidney (1993) City of Springdale (1991) City of Tipp City (1996) City of Vandalia (1988) City of Troy (1989)

City of West Carrollton (1988) City of Wilmington (1988)

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are pleased to offer this 2020 Annual Report to our members and other parties interested in an overview of the Association's activities.

MVRMA experienced another strong year financially. The Association's financial position and performance are summarized in the Condensed Financial Information section below.

Member Refunds: Per pool policy, when all loss year's claims and lawsuits have been resolved, all remaining funds in that year, including interest, are returned to the members. In 2020, the Board approved the closure of the 2014 and 2015 loss years, returning nearly \$2.9 million to the members. As of December 31, 2020, MVRMA has returned approximately \$22.5 million to its members since the inception of the pool.

<u>Insurance Programs:</u> MVRMA's insurance program includes general liability, auto liability, public officials' errors and omissions, cyber liability, pollution liability, "all risk" property coverage, crime coverage and boiler and machinery coverage.

The structure of the pool's liability program in 2020 remained unchanged. The limit of coverage remained \$12 million per occurrence. Reinsurance premiums increased about 27% in 2020. Much of the increase was attributable to adding a new member; the premium would have increased about 11% otherwise.

The pool's property insurance program was placed with the Alliant Property Insurance Program (APIP) again in 2020. Property insurance rates paid by the pool increased by about 22% as of the July 1, 2020 renewal. Unfortunately, the property market continues to harden and another large increase is anticipated for the July 1, 2021 property renewal.

The impact on MVRMA of the increases in excess insurance and reinsurance is mitigated because the pool's self-insured retentions (\$500,000 for liability and \$250,000 for property) provide a buffer from the commercial insurance market.

<u>Investment Performance:</u> The primary objective of the pool's investment policy is preservation of principal. Investments are primarily high-quality corporate bonds, government agency bonds and money market instruments with a seven-year investment horizon. The current yield on the investment portfolio was 1.43% as of December 31, 2020. Significant changes occurred in the investment marker in 2020, as yields were continuing to decrease as the year ended.

<u>Loss Control</u>: The loss control services available to members is a key differentiator between MVRMA and commercial insurance. Later in this report, we provide an update on the pool's loss control activities. Unfortunately, many loss control activities, especially the training program, were severely curtailed in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

<u>Board of Trustees:</u> As always, I want to thank the MVRMA Board for their vision, leadership, and support of the staff.

Anyone who would like more information about the information in this report may contact the Executive Director at 937-438-8878.

Thomas L. Judy, Executive Director

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#### **CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

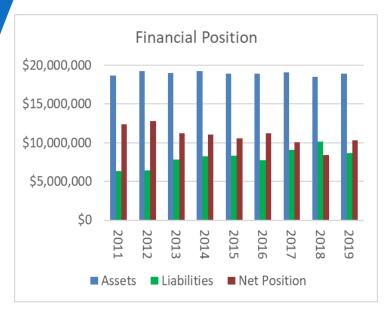
#### The Statement of Net Position

The difference between total assets and total liabilities is reported as "net position."

The following table presents condensed information on MVRMA's net position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019. The decrease in net position of \$1.1 million is attributable to members' dividends of \$2.9 million in 2020.

### (unaudited)

	2020	2019
Assets:		
Cash, cash equivalents, and investments	\$18,331,170	\$18,240,934
Other assets	577,409	493,061
Total assets	18,908,579	18,733,995
Deferred Outflows of Resources	139,248	212,916
Liabilities:		
Claims reserve	3,196,920	3,428,442
Members' dividends payable	5,700,213	4,284,943
Net pension & OPEB liabilities	750,713	874,125
Other liabilities	11,227	13,008
Total liabilities	9,659,073	8,600,518
Deferred Inflows of Resources	136,528	15,722
Total Net Position	\$9,252,226	\$10,330,671



MVRMA's primary assets are and investments. cash MVRMA's Cash and Investment Policy permits investment in United States treasury bills, notes, and bonds; bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal agency or instrumentality, including government sponsored enterprises deposits in eligible financial institutions; bonds, notes, or other obliga-

ions of the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions; investment grade corporate bonds rated not lower than A2 by Moody's or A by S&P; and STAR-Ohio or other such investment pools operated or managed by the Treasurer of the State of Ohio. The maximum maturity for MVRMA investments is seven years. The policy provides for diversification and other safeguards necessary to meet the primary objective of preservation of principal.

The single largest liability is the claims reserve. This liability for net unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses is determined annually with the assistance of an outside actuary. This amount reflects the estimated ultimate loss amounts for currently active claims as well as an estimate for incurred but not reported claims as of December 31, 2020. The claims reserve decreased from \$3.4 million to \$3.2 million during 2020 due to favorable development in prior years' claims.

The liability for members' refunds reflects the funds being held in MVRMA's General Reserve Fund (GRF). The General Reserve Fund accounts for surplus funds returned, but not yet paid, to members from closed loss years. Members may withdraw their GRF funds within thirty days after the close of a loss year, or in January of each year, or for the payment of a MVRMA invoice at any time during the year. If they wish, members may leave their funds on deposit in the GRF indefinitely. Interest income is allocated to GRF funds. The members' refunds liability increased in 2020 as two loss years were closed.

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#### The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

This statement reflects operating and non-operating revenue and expenses and how the Association's net position changed during the year.

Operating revenue consists primarily of members' contributions. The major categories of operating expenses are claims and claims adjustment expenses, reinsurance premiums, general and administrative expenses, and dividends to members. Non-operating revenue and expense is primarily related to investment activity.

### Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 (unaudited)

Operating Revenue	<b>2020</b> \$5,014,788	<b>2019</b> \$4,523,927
Operating Expenses:		
Incurred claims and claims adjustment		
expenses	1,431,084	1,011,172
Reinsurance premiums	1,473,388	1,125,633
Members' dividends	2,859,421	98,303
Gen. & admin. Expenses	854,427	987,998
Total Operating Expenses	6,618,320	3,223,106
Operating Income (Loss)	-1,603,532	1,300,821
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense): Interest income and realized and		
unrealized gains (losses) on investments	525,087	643,222
Changes in Net Position	-\$1,078,445	\$1,944,043

Members' contributions accounted for about 96% of operating revenue in 2020. Changes in net position can vary widely from year to year due to fluctuations in incurred claims expense and members' dividends. Although the incurred claims expense is subject to variability, it has remained relatively stable in recent years. Fluctuations in claims expense is moderated somewhat by the insuring of losses above the pool's self-insured retentions of \$500,000 per occurrence for liability claims and \$250,000 for property claims.

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Members' dividends expense is incurred when the Board of Trustees closes a loss year and refunds the residual assets in the loss year to the members or when surplus Shock Loss Funds are returned. Dividends from loss year closures can be significant and do not necessarily occur each year. Two loss years were closed in 2020 resulting in member refunds of about \$2.9 million.

Below are various ratios useful in comparing the results of MVRMA's financial performance and capital sufficiency:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	2020
Loss Ratio <sup>1</sup>	57%	64%	41%	33%	43%
Expense Ratio <sup>2</sup>	25%	27%	28%	32%	26%
Combined Ratio <sup>3</sup>	81%	81%	69%	64%	69%

- 1. Loss Ratio: Ratio of incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses to net members' contributions. A typical insurance industry range is between 75% and 90%.
- 2. Expense Ratio: Ratio of brokerage and administrative expenses to net members' contributions. The Expense Ratio indicates a pool's operating efficiency. The increases in 2016 2019 are primarily attributable to changes in the method of reporting pension expense.
- 3. Combined ratio: The sum of the Loss Ratio and Expense Ratio. A Combined Ratio of less than 100% indicates an underwriting profit.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net Position to SIR Ratio	22.4	20.6	16.8	20.7	18.5

Net Position to SIR Ratio: An indication of pool solvency that measures the relationship between the pool's net position (i.e., net worth) and its self-insured retention (SIR). MVRMA's SIR for liability claims is \$500,000 per occurrence. A higher ratio indicates the pool presents less risk and can withstand adverse losses. A general rule of thumb for the insurance industry is a ratio of at least 10 is desirable. Pools tend to be more conservative and maintain a higher ratio.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net Position to Loss Re-	3.6	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.9
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Net Position to Loss Reserves Ratio: This compares the pool's net position (i.e., net worth) to loss reserves (i.e., the liability for unpaid claims), measuring the pool's ability to absorb losses. Generally speaking, the higher the ratio, the more financially able the pool is to absorb costs in excess of the booked reserves. Typical ranges for the insurance industry and insurance pooling are between 0.5 and 2.0.

#### **INSURANCE PROGRAM**

<u>Liability:</u> MVRMA's liability insurance program offers coverages based on the special needs of its member cities. The MVRMA Board of Trustees has the flexibility to custom design this coverage through the Board-approved MVRMA Liability Coverage Document. The liability program includes: General Liability, Auto Liability, Employment Practices Liability and Public Officials Errors and Omissions coverage. Limits of coverage in 2020 were \$12 million per occurrence. The pool funded the first \$500,000 of each occurrence. Government Entities Mutual (GEM), a reinsurance captive, reinsured the next \$4.5 million excess of the pool's \$500,000 retention. Genesis provided \$7 million excess of \$5 million for the total of \$12 million per occurrence.

<u>Property:</u> MVRMA provides property coverage through the Alliant Property Insurance Program (APIP). APIP is the single largest property placement in the world. Lexington Insurance Company is the lead insurer on the program. The policy is "All Risk" providing members the broadest form of coverage. The policy includes Commercial Property, Earthquake, Flood, Boiler and Machinery, Auto Physical Damage and Cyber Liability. The pool funds the first \$250,000 of most property claims with APIP picking up coverage above that point up to repair or replacement cost.

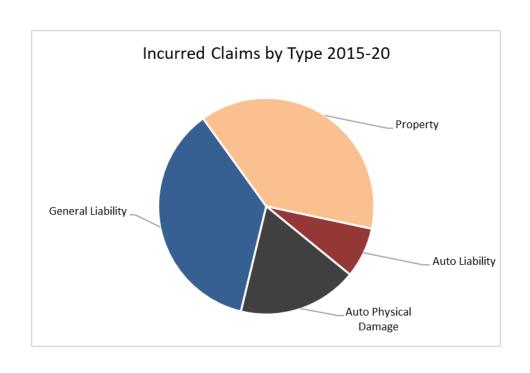
<u>Crime:</u> MVRMA provides Government Crime Coverage through National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA. The plan includes limits of \$2 million per occurrence for employee theft, forgery or alteration, computer fraud, funds transfer fraud and government employee faithful performance of duty. A limit of \$100,000 per occurrence applies to theft of money and securities.

<u>Position Bonds</u>: Surety bonds required by charter, ordinance or statutory requirement are provided by MVRMA. Bonds are provided for the required amount except "all employee" bonds are limited to \$2,500 per employee.

MVRMA members' claims losses continue to trend well below actuarially-expected losses which generally exceed \$2 million per year.

## Incurred Claims by Loss Year by Type As of February 15, 2021

		Auto Physi-			
	Auto Lia-	cal Dam-	General		
Loss Year	bility	age	Liability	Property	Total
2015	\$82,316	\$78,510	\$322,581	\$572,758	\$1,056,165
2016	\$145,899	\$212,449	\$723,508	\$235,754	\$1,317,611
2017	\$65,054	\$172,829	\$568,457	\$434,851	\$1,241,190
2018	\$76,983	\$256,075	\$521,070	\$332,581	\$1,186,710
2019	\$75,861	\$268,422	\$230,474	\$596,157	\$1,170,913
2020	\$77,416	\$253,961	\$151,153	\$483,784	\$966,315
Annual Average					
\$	\$87,255	\$207,041	\$419,541	\$442,648	\$1,156,484



#### LOSS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

#### **Training**

In 2020, MVRMA sponsored 26 training programs with 404 attendees. COVID restrictions and quarantines limited the training offerings in 2020. Staff continues to analyze loss data in order to provide relevant training that contributes to lowering both the frequency and severity of losses.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Number of Training Programs	32	34	57	48	26
Number of Participants	767	640	1,237	757	404

The core focus of MVRMA training in 2020 was focused on Driver training and onsite safety training due to the COVID restrictions.

### Highlights include:

- In 2020, MVRMA sponsored a weeklong recertification program for the MVRMA driving instructors.
- MVRMA continued the partnership with the Center for Local Government to offer a Leadership Academy. This program is designed for any supervisors or employees who may have the potential to become supervisors. The program was highly rated by the participants.
- In 2020, MVRMA sponsored fourteen driver training sessions with over 150 participants. Two-day sessions were held for new drivers that had not previously attended the course. A one-day refresher was offered for drivers who had attended the training in the past three years. MVRMA has been offering IAPD driver training to its members since 1999.

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#### **Best Practices**

- MVRMA staff conducted annual visits to each member city's Police department to evaluate their practices compared to MVRMA's best practice program. These meetings provide an opportunity for MVRMA staff to discuss claims as well as trends in the area of police risk management with member police representatives.
- MVRMA staff also conducted annual visits to member cities to evaluate all
  of their city departments based on MVRMA's Risk Management Best Practices program. These evaluations allow loss control staff to meet with key
  employees in each city to discuss claims and share best practices recommendations.

#### **2020 Board of Trustees Officers:**

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## **Drinking Water Quality Report**

2020



This report is a requirement of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. The purpose of this report is to provide the public with information concerning the quality of drinking water during the previous calendar year.

The Northern Area Water Authority (NAWA) obtains its public drinking water supply from buried sand and gravel aquifers associated with the Great Miami River. NAWA currently utilizes six production wells to draw water from the aquifer. Well water is pumped to the treatment plant where it is run through sand filters for Iron and Manganese removal. Nanofiltration membranes are used for the reduction or removal of hardness, viruses, and other contaminants. Chlorine is added for disinfection, Fluoride is added for dental health, and Orthophosphate is added to minimize corrosion or scaling in the distribution system. NAWA has a current, unconditioned license to operate its Public Water System issued by the Ohio EPA on January 1, 2020. For information regarding this report or additional information regarding water quality, contact Lisa Hendricks, Plant Supervisor, 937-506-3200.

"In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health."

### Water Quality Results

#### Regulated Contaminants

	Highest Level	Highest Level	Ideal Goals	Range of	Date of	Violation	Sources of
Substance	Detected	Allowed (MCL)	(MCLG)	Detects	Sample		Substances
Nitrate ppm*	8.6ppm	10.0 ppm	10.0	0.6 - 8.60	2020	NO	Run off from fertilizer
Barium ppm	0.081 ppm	4.0 ppm	2.0	0.081	2018	NO	Discharge from drilling waste
Total Chlorine ppm (aa)	1.04 ppm	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	0.98 - 1.09	2020	NO	Water disinfectant
Flouride ppm	1.32 ppm	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.81 - 1.32	2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Haloacetic Acids ppb**	5.7 ppb	60 ppb	N/A	4.1 - 5.7	2020	NO	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes ppb**	60.7 ppb	80 ppb	N/A	52.7 - 60.7	2020	NO	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

<sup>\*</sup>Nitrte in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants less than six months of age. High Nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

#### **Regulated Contaminants**

	Action level (AL)	Individual Results over the AL	90% of test levels were less than	Date Sampled	Violation	Sources of Substances
Copper* ppm	1.3 ppm	Zero	0.511 ppm	2019	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
*Zero out of 30 samples v	vere found to	have copper levels	in excess of the acti	on level of 1.3 p	pm	
Lead** ppb	15 ppb	Zero	0.91	2019	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

<sup>\*</sup>Zero out of 30 samples were found to have lead levels in excess of the action level of 15 ppm

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. NAWA is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead."

#### Key to Abbreviations and Terminology Used in this Report

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant that triggers the public water system to install other treatment technologies to reduce the concentration of the contaminant.

MCL - Maximum Contaminate Level. The highest level of contamination that is allowed in drinking water.

MCLG - Maximum Contaminate Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk.

TTHM - Total Trihalomethanes.

HAA5 - Haloacetic Acids. N/A - not applicable

n.r. - not regulated. USEPA has not established a MCL or MCLG.

ppb - parts per billion. In some sources, ppb is referred to as "ug/l", or micrograms per liter.

ppm - parts per million. In some sources, ppm is referred to as "mg/l", or milligrams per liter.

#### EPA required health information

"Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)."

"Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)."

### Sources of contamination to drinking water

The sources of drinking water ( both tap water and bottled water ) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

#### Susceptibility analysis

The aquifer that supplies drinking water to NAWA's wells is susceptible to contamination. This determination was made because of the following reasons:

- Water quality results indicate impacts of nitrates.
- 2. The sand and gravel aquifer has a depth to water of 5-15 feet below the ground surface.
- 3. The sand and gravel aquifer material is continuous to the surface and the soil is sandy.
- 4. No confining layer exists which could act as a barrier between the ground surface and the aquifer.
- 5. Potential significant contamination sources exist within the protection area. To obtain a copy of Source Water Assessment, contact Lisa Hendricks, 937-506-3200

#### Ground water protection

The City of Tipp City developed and implemented a ground water monitoring protection program in 1996. Six monitoring wells are currently used to study ground water quality upgradient of the well field area. This serves as an "early warning" device should dangerous contaminates threaten our well field. In 1994, Tipp City developed a Well Head Protection Program. This program served to inventory potential sources of ground water contamination within a 5-year "time of travel" zone around our existing wells. Special zoning regulations have been adopted to further reduce the risk of ground water contamination within a 1-year "time of travel" zone around the wells. Public information will play a key role in providing additional risk reduction to protect this very important resource. For further information regarding our Well Head Protection Program, or Source Water Assessment please contact Lisa Hendricks at 937-506-3200.

#### Public participation

Public participation and comments are encouraged at the regular council meetings of the City of Tipp City and City of Vandalia Councils.

City of Tipp City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. These meetings are held at the Tipp City Government Center, located at 260 S. Garber Drive. For more information, contact Kevin Price, 937-506-3200. City of Vandalia Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. These meetings are held at the Vandalia Municipal Building, located at 333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive. For more information, contact Steve Nickles, 937-415-2349

<sup>\*\*</sup>Disinfection byproducts are grouped into two categories, Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). USEPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfection byproducts in drinking water, including both TTHMs znd HAA5s.