THE BLUE LETTER



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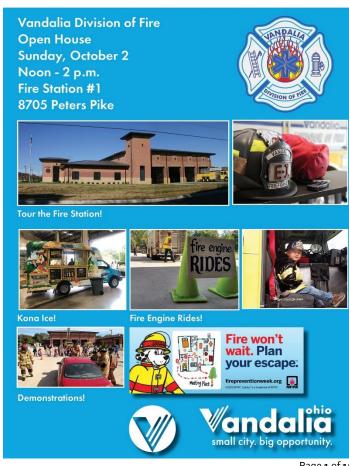
Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Logistics: Monday, October 3, Mr. Justin Spivey of Spivey Photography will be onsite at 5:00 pm to take professional portraits. Please plan to be ready at the time that Mrs. Swartz shared with you. The Study Session will begin at 6 pm with the Regular Session starting at 7 pm.

Welcome Police Officer Travis Mullins! This week, Police Officer Travis Mullins joined our corps of public servants. Mr. Mullins is a Vandalia native who grew up next to Lieutenant Walker (It is clear he was definitely a good influence and role model for Mr. Mullins.). Mr. Mullins comes to us from several years of serving as a Trooper at the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference: This Thursday, I will be presenting as a panelist at Attorney General Dave Yost's Law Enforcement Conference. I will be out of the office working off-site and will be accessible by phone.

2023 Goal Setting Retreat: Thank you for your hard work and active deliberation during the 2023 goal setting retreat. This was a great occasion for team building and agenda setting. It is a privilege to be your city manager. I left this meeting inspired



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and enthusiastic for all the initiatives that we are going to pursue to improve quality of life and continue our tradition of elevating Vandalia as a top-tier suburb through top-tier city services.

Super 8: Last week, I reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals would hold a hearing to consider an appeal to my prior revocation of Super 8's operating permit. Super 8 withdrew their request for an appeal hearing. It has been a team effort and Super 8 remains boarded up thanks to the hard work of Fire Marshal Jason Eckert, Lieutenant Ben Walker, Chief Building Official Pete Baldauf, Police Sergeant Garry Lawson, Law Director Jerry McDonald, Building Inspector Chris Mastrino, Prosecutor David Caldwell, Property Maintenance Inspector Kip Millikin, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Scott Jacobs, Chief Follick, Chief Althouse, Communications Manager Rich Hopkins, Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway, and Public Service Director Rob Cron. I apologize to anyone I have missed. This is going to be a long process and it will take considerable investment for the motel to meet present day codes. While we all respect private property rights and work hard to be good partners with businesses, as a team, we cannot and will not tolerate Super 8's flagrant disregard for codes and ordinances that ensure the health, safety, and well-being of people in Vandalia.

Fall Festival! The Fall Festival is October 8 from noon – 6 pm in Art Park. This event was great last year and is free to the public. Flier enclosed.

Leaf Collection: Leave collection starts on October 10! I have enclosed the map and list of streets. See: https://vandaliaohio.org/leaf

Faith & Blue Events: I have enclosed information pertaining to the special events that the faith community is holding to celebrate our first responders. All are welcome.

Air Show Board Meeting: This week, Chief Althouse and I attended the Air Show Board meeting. We discussed traffic control, congestion, and parking extensively. There are several modifications that the board is making – including to additional parking within the airport grounds and offering free parking to accelerate ingress.

Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Line CIPP Lining Project: Tri-Cities General Manager Danny Knife has advised that the ~\$2.4 million cured in place pipe (CIPP) lining project is scheduled to start on November 1. The scope of this project will include reinforcement of a 30 inch sanitary sewer interceptor line from just north of I-70 into Taylorsville Metro Park. A portion of this sewer previously collapsed. The project has been delayed because of procurement bottlenecks. This project is being funded by an Ohio Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant that Governor DeWine presented to our team in-person last year.

Sculpture Installation – Art Park – A new sculpture will be installed in Art Park on Tuesday, October 11 starting at 11 am.

2023 Budget Workshops: Council established two budget workshops to be held at the Justice Center in the Community Room at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

White Castle Expansion Grand Opening: The ribbon cutting, and open house will occur at 11 am on Thursday, October 27th. Please let Mrs. Swartz know if you would like to attend by October 16th.

Beggar's Night – October 31: Beggar's Night will be held Monday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Study Session:

Presentations

Parks and Recreation Fees Update – Director Clark will provide information to City Council for the October 3, 2022 Council Study Session relating to Parks & Recreation Department Fees. He will provide a historical breakdown, cost recovery analysis and recommendations to update user fees for Cassel Hills Golf Course, Vandalia Senior Center, Cassel Hills Swimming Pool and the Vandalia Recreation Center.

Monday, October 3, 2022 Items

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

Action Item: Ohio Department of Liquor Control Permit Application - The Vandalia Division of Police received notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a liquor permit application to Bolkem Event Décor & Rentals, LLC. DBA Grandeur Events Center LLC located at 3119 Stop Eight Road. Chief Althouse has no objections to this application and recommends to City Council that there be no hearing by the Ohio Department of Liquor Control objecting to this request.

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several sessions within our organization to assist our employees with open enrollment. We believe this benefits administration system will provide an optimal open enrollment season for our employees and their families.

Monday, October 17, 2022 Items

Resolution: Public Works Purchase – Asphalt Hot Box and Recycler – The Public Works Division would like to purchase an Asphalt Hot Box & Recycler to become more efficient and reduce cost in our roadway patching. Currently any time the City needs to fill potholes or make patches in our roadways during the winter months, we use a cold patch material that is very costly and serves as a temporary repair until asphalt plants open in the spring. This results in duplicate mobilization of labor and equipment at the same site. This piece of equipment will empower the Public Works division to make permanent repairs the first time, all year long. The *hot box* will keep materials hot in the winter and allow our team to recycle and reuse asphalt grindings for repairs rather than purchase temporary cold patch. Annually, the team repairs hundreds of potholes and responds to approximately 15 emergency watermain breaks. With this modified approach, the team will save time, money, and this piece of equipment will pay for itself.

I am recommending that this purchase be made with unexpended capital funds that were appropriated in the 2022 budget within the Street, Storm Sewer, Water and Sanitary Sewer Funds. Therefore, I request authorization to purchase the Asphalt Hot Box and Recycler from The McLean Company at the contract price of \$45,348 with the available funds in the 2022 appropriations. It is my intention that the City order this equipment immediately so that it can be used this winter.

Resolution: Northwoods & SB I-75 Signal Agreement with ODOT - The City and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) have previously agreed to partner in the installation of a Traffic Signal at the intersection of Northwoods Boulevard and I-75 at the southbound ramps. The City conducted a signal warrant study last year after I received feedback from a business leader in the Northwoods Business Park. The City partnered with ODOT in a similar project at the northbound ramps back in 2014-15. The City has already contracted with Choice One Engineering for the design of the signal. ODOT has the project programed in their system with the sale of the project scheduled next year. The City will be responsible for approximately 26% of the estimated costs including the engineering. The Ohio Jobs and Commerce Department is contributing \$80,000 towards this project.

To keep the project moving forward, I am requesting that Council approve legislation authorizing me to negotiate and to enter into the formal agreement with ODOT to oversee and manage the project. The signal will ultimately be owned by ODOT, and they will be responsible for the maintenance of the signal. The addition of this signal is in line with City Policy Goals to keep our travelers Safe and Secure and to Enhance our Infrastructure.

Resolution: Council's 2023 Summer Meeting Schedule – This resolution proposes that during the months of June, July and August, City Council would meet once per month, on the 3rd Monday of each
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month. Council's workshop would begin at 6:00 pm with the council meeting at 7:00 pm. The official dates for 2023 would be June 19, July 17 and August 21. In 2022, the City elected to hold two meetings in every month when there were zoning and planning matters in the legislative pipeline. I would propose that Council pass the legislation as presented and provide guidance on how scheduling of zoning and planning matters should be handled in 2023.

Variance: 3345 Stop Eight Road - The Applicant, Stop Eight Vandalia, has requested a variance to allow outdoor storage at 118% of the principal building's footprint on property at 3345 Stop Eight Road. The proposed outdoor storage would occur on an exposed 112, 807 square foot building foundation. The Code permits outdoor storage areas at no larger than 25% of the principal building's footprint. At it's meeting on September 28, 2022, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 5-0 to recommend approval with the following condition:

1. Storage will occur just on the foundation

Discussion Items:

Repeal of Resolution 22-R-04: This is an evolving situation that may change by Monday. On January 18, 2022, City Council approved Resolution 22-R-04 authorizing VPD to purchase three 2022 Ford Police Utility Interceptor AWD patrol vehicles from Beau Townsend Ford at a unit price of \$43,450.00 for a total amount of \$130,350.00. On January 19, VPD placed the order for these three patrol vehicles with Ford through Beau Townsend Ford who offered the sole bid for patrol vehicles. On September 22, VPD learned that Ford Motor Company (not Beau Townsend Ford) had cancelled the production of our 2022 patrol vehicles and the timeframe for ordering the 2023 model year Ford Police Utility Interceptor AWD patrol vehicles closed on September 9 - meaning the City is not able to order 2023 models. This presents a problem for the operations of the Vandalia Police Division because the City may not be able to obtain new cruisers until late 2024. The Division of Police is pursuing several options for fulfilling the need for new police cruisers including working with Beau Townsend Ford to determine if the original order can be fulfilled, modifying the order to secure 2023 overstock orders from another dealer, and investigating other 2023 models. There are a total of 11 cruisers. One cruiser is out of commission after being struck while on a traffic stop. Three were scheduled to be replaced in 2022. We request Council rescind Resolution 22-R-04 and will present alternative options for purchasing new patrol vehicles as a capital purchase during Council Study Session.

Council Employee Appreciation – We will hold a brief discussion regarding the logistics of the December Employee Appreciation Event, which is on Monday, December 19.

6o-Day Calendar - The calendar is included in your packets for your review

Council Meeting:

Communications, Petitions and Awards: City Manager Wendt will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Police Officer Travis Mullins.

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Resolution 22-R-63: - **ROW Dedication – Park Center Drive -** The Applicant, Redwood Living, has requested the dedication of Lot 3 of the Redwood Section One Plat, being 1.1012 acres of land as public right-of-way. This dedication will dedicate the eastward extension of Park Center Drive. At its meeting on September 13, 2022, the Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.

Resolution 22-R-64: Foley/Enola Drive Reconstruction - Sealed Bids were publicly opened for the Foley & Enola Drive Reconstruction Project on Monday September 12, 2022. Eight sets of specifications were purchased by contractors, and seven contractors submitted bids for the project. Bids ranged from \$1,163,148.00 to \$1,325,775.60 for the base bid. The City had \$967,500 appropriated in the 2022 Capital Improvement budget for this project out of various funds (e.g., Safe & Stable, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer). The alternate bid was for the option to use PVC watermain in lieu of ductile iron pipe. I recommend with minimal cost difference we use the ductile iron. This budget amount was estimated back in July of 2021 before much of the material shortages, fuel prices and other material pricing has risen considerably. When final plans were completed this summer our engineer's estimate was \$1,150,000. We will need to approve a supplemental appropriation to move forward with the bid award. We have been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$400,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission for this project. We completed the engineering and design work for the project in house as a cost savings and to assist in our chance of funding. With bidding the project late in the year and the lead time on materials we do not anticipate a start date until spring of 2023 and have set a completion date of August 4, 2023. In consideration of the foregoing, I recommend that the bid be awarded to Double Jay Construction. as the lowest and best bidder at their bid price of \$1,163,148.00 with their base bid.

Resolution 22-R-65: ODOT Bridge Inspection Agreement - I would like to recommend to entering into an agreement with ODOT to perform the Bridge Inspection on the nine bridges owned by the City. ODOT performs the inspections at no cost to the City.

We have passed similar legislation in the past for three-year agreements. With current funds available they have agreed to renew us for calendar year 2023. They hope to get back on the three-year agreement cycle beginning in 2024.

Up until 2008, Montgomery County performed the inspections and invoiced us for the cost. Beginning in 2009 we had to hire a consultant directly to perform the inspections.

ODOT began this program in 2014, where they will perform the inspection at no cost to the jurisdiction and provide us the reports when completed.

As reference, our bridges include:

Two on Farrell Road
One on Helke Road
Two bridges on Airport Access road
One on Brown School Road
One on Wyse road
One on Poplar Creek Road
One on Johnson Station

Resolution 22-R-66: Accepting the Amounts and Rates Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor – This resolution will accept the Amounts and Rates for Tax Year 2022. The Montgomery County Auditor noted the Amounts and Rates are subject to change due to election results and value changes. The revenue estimates continue to be at 95% collection. Attached is a memo and the Local Government Fund distribution estimates for Calendar Year 2023, provided by the Montgomery County Auditor.

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Ordinance - First Reading

Ordinance 22-35: This is an ordinance that was passed to a second reading and has been modified at the request of City Council. The ordinance will appear for the first time this present form on October 3, with a second and final reading and proposed adoption at the October 17 Council meeting. This ordinance approves the amendment of the Vandalia Codified Ordinance sections 1042.11, 1044.06(d) and 1045.28 regarding water, sewer, waste water treatment and storm water drainage rates. Adjusting these rates will ensure adequate funds are available to meet regulatory mandates, and needs relating to operating, maintenance, and capital projects.

<u>Ordinance – Emergency</u>

Ordinance 22-38: Supplemental - Finance is requesting the approval of the following supplemental appropriation Ordinance for the following reasons:

General Fund:

- \$661.23 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to the purchase of EMS equipment/supplies. The City received a grant issued by the State of Ohio to offset the costs.
- \$8,500 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to increased fuel costs in the parks (\$5,000), recreation (\$1,000), senior center (\$1,000) and building maintenance (\$1,500) departments.
- \$12,000 increase appropriations to account to additional expenses due to an increase in programming costs and participation numbers being higher than anticipated (volleyball camp, tennis camp, foam events, art event). Increased revenues from the additional participants will offset the increase in costs.

FEMA Special Revenue Fund:

- \$3,240 increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the transfer out of the remaining reimbursement amount of federal funds received for unexpected costs as a result of the 2019 tornado. The remaining funds will be transferred out to the respective funds that were used to expense the original costs General (\$810), Street (\$810), Stormwater (\$324), Water (\$648), Sewer (\$648) Funds).
- \$236,845.36 increase appropriations to account for expenses for the replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). The Division of Fire was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) of \$225,567 to be used to offset most of the total cost.

Stormwater Fund:

• \$42,950 – increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to the unexpected costs and contingency funds for the Foley and Enola Dr. project based on bid versus budgeted amounts.

Police-Fire-Street Fund:

• \$130,750 – increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to the unexpected costs and contingency funds for the Foley and Enola Dr. project based on bid versus budgeted amounts.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund:

• \$100,000 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the purchase of new playground equipment at Helke Park. The City was awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from Montgomery County for a portion of the project. This funding will be a reimbursement and not received until the project is completed. Therefore, we will need to advance the \$100,000 from the General Fund to the CDBG Fund, and once the monies have been received from the County, the funds will be reimbursed back into the General Fund.

Fire Equipment Fund:

• \$263,000 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the transfer out of funds associated with the first debt payment on the new ladder fire truck. The revenue was received and posted to the Fire Equipment Fund and is required to be transferred to and available for use in the Police-Fire-Street Fund. Future debt payments will be expensed from the Police-Fire-Street Fund.

Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund:

• **\$50,000** – increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to future land use for a possible public safety training facility.

Bond Retirement Fund:

• \$125,255 – increase appropriations to account for bond issuance costs associated with the financing of the Dog Leg Rd Phase 1 project.

Golf Fund

• \$80,000 – increase appropriations to account for expenses related to the design of a replacement irrigation system.

Water Fund:

- \$77,850 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to the unexpected costs and contingency funds for the Foley and Enola Dr. project based on bid versus budgeted amounts.
- \$250,000 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to the Dog Leg Rd Phase 1 project. The 2022 budget included an estimated amount of \$2,000,000; however, the total project cost and financed amount was \$4,500,000 (Water 50%, Sewer 50%).

Sewer Fund:

- \$60,425 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to the
 unexpected costs and contingency funds for the Foley and Enola Dr. project based
 on bid versus budgeted amounts.
- \$250,000 increase appropriations to account for additional expenses related to the Dog Leg Rd Phase 1 project. The 2022 budget included an estimated amount of \$2,000,000; however, the total project cost and financed amount was \$4,500,000 (Water 50%, Sewer 50%).

Reports from Boards and Commissions

Variance: Drive – Thru Audible Device – 3324 Benchwood Road - The Applicant, Joe Youst, has requested a variance to allow a drive-through audible device within 150 feet of a residential property at 3324 Benchwood Road. The proposed financial institution would feature a drive through on the east side of the building, approximately 110 feet from the adjacent residential property. At its meeting on September 14, 2022, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 5-0 to recommend approval with the following condition: 1. The applicant erects a fence along the west property line, no further than the front building line of the adjacent house.

BZA Minutes: September 14, 2022

Planning Commission Minutes: June 28, 2022

Planning Commission Minutes: September 13, 2022

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be an in-person meeting in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to Council, staff and the public to attend in-person. The meetings will be accessible for viewing on through Zoom (LINK). Please note, no comments, electronic or oral, will be allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. **The Study Session will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm**.

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Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees

Attachments:

- 1. Citywide Policy Goals;
- 2. Leaf Collection Map;
- 3. Leaf Pick Up by Street Name;
- 4. Faith & Blue Weekend Flier;
- 5. White Castle Grand Opening Flier;
- 6. Employee Appreciation Events Flier;
- 7. Employee Golf Scramble Flier;
- 8. My Vandalia App;
- 9. VRC Subscription Special;
- 10. Dayton Daily News Article New Playgrounds;
- 11. Fall Festival Flier; and
- 12. Rock the Rec Flier.



2022 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved November 15, 2021

Live



Small City Big Opportunity: Be known regionally as a top-tier suburb through top- tier City services. Enhance social and economic investment by promoting the City's high-quality services, well-performing schools, available workforce, escalating quality- of-life, and growing sense of place. Incentivize developments that improve life in Vandalia.



Safe and Secure: Ensure that Vandalia remains a safe and secure community by investing in both traditional public safety operations and creative outreach efforts to meet the evolving needs of our residents and visitors.



Enhance Infrastructure: Protect public assets and infrastructure by making calculated and deliberate investments in roadways, utilities, park spaces.

Work



Fiscal Sustainability: Leverage the operating position of the City to seize strategic opportunities for improving quality of life, while maintaining sustainable fiscal practices.



Trust and Confidence: Promote an open approach to government through coordinated, transparent, and evidence-based engagement practices. Empower residents, business owners and community stakeholders to partner in City programs.

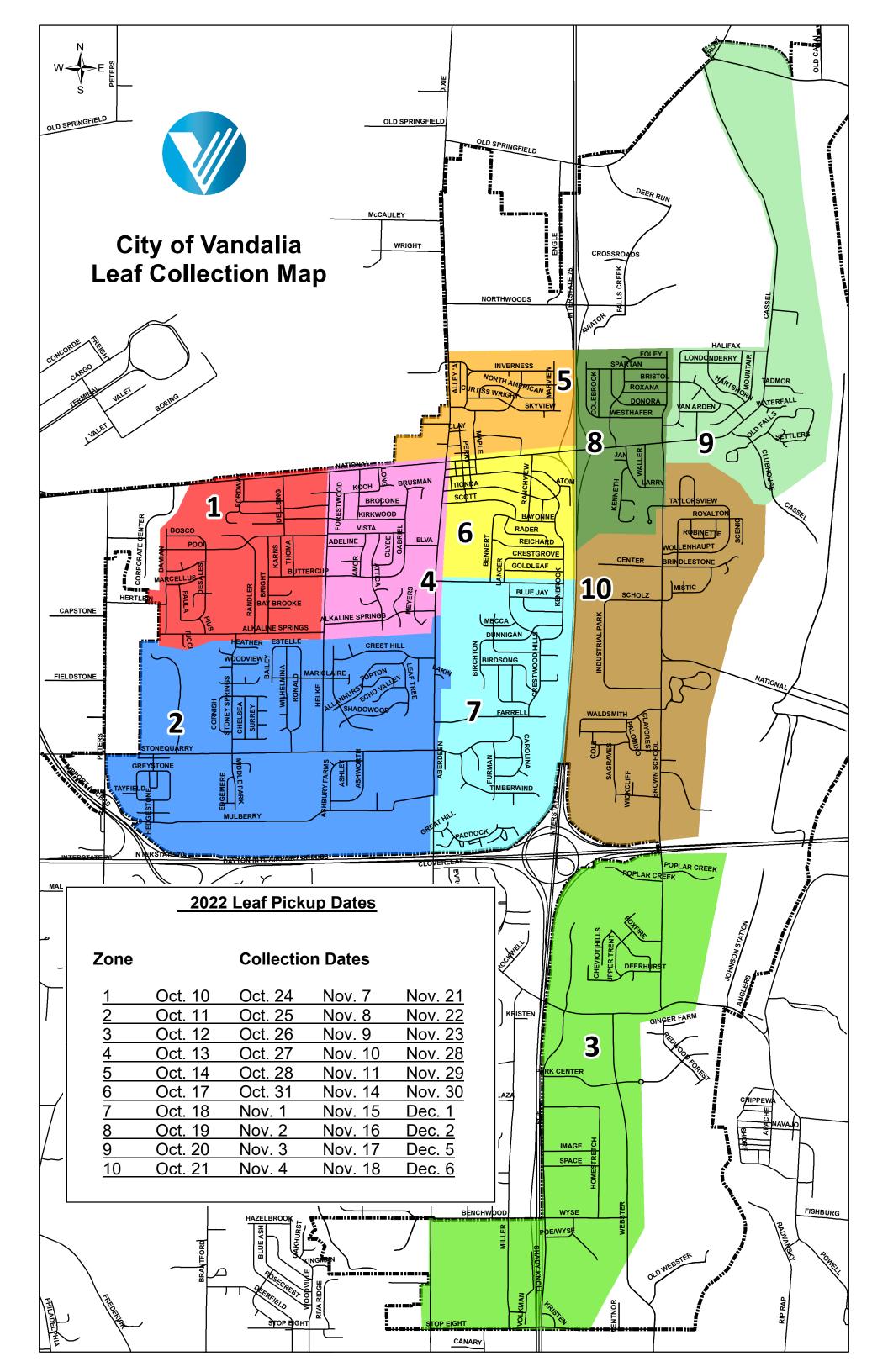


Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.

Play



Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.



ADDRESS	1ST PU	2ND PU	3RD PU	4TH PU	ZONE
ABERDEEN	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
ADELINE	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
ALKALINE E	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
ALKALINE W	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
ALLANHURST	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
AMOR	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
ARROW CT	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
ASH RIDGE CT	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
ASHBURY FARMS	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
ASHLEY PL	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
ASHWORTH	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
ATOM	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	6
ATTICA	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
BAILEY	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
BARTLES	10/14	10/28	11/11	11/29	5
BAYBROOK	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
BAYONNE	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	6
BENCHWOOD S. SIDE	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/23	3
BENNERT	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	6
BENT TWIG	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
BIRCHTON	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
BIRDSONG	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
BIRNAM WOOD	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
BLUCHER Ct.	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	9
BLUE JAY	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
BOLTON ABBEY	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/23	3
BONNIE BRAE	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/6	10
BOSCO	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
BRAMLEY CT	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
BRIGHT	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
BRINDLESTONE	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/6	10
BRISTOL E. OF BRN SCH	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	9
BRISTOL W. OF BRN SCH	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/2	8
BROCONE	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
BROWN SCHOOL N.	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/2	8
BROWN SCHOOL S. OF 40	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/6	10
BROWN SCHOOL S. OF 70	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/23	3
BRUSMAN	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
BUTTERCUP E. OF HELKE	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
BUTTERCUP W. OF HELKE	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1

CAMBRON	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
CAROLINA	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
CASSEL CREEK	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/6	10
CASSEL N.	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	9
CAWDOR	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
CHELSEA	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
CHEVIOT HILLS	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/23	3
CITADEL	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
CLARENDON	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
CLAY	10/14	10/28	11/11	11/29	5
CLAYCREST	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/6	10
CLEARBROOK	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
CLIFFBROOK	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
CLUBHOUSE WAY	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	9
CLYDE	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
COLE CT	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/6	10
COLEBROOK	10/19	11/2	11/16	12/2	8
CONTINENTAL	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
COPPERGATE	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
CORNISH	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
COVENT	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
CREST HILL	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
CRESTGROVE	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/30	6
CRESTWOOD HILLS	10/18	11/1	11/15	12/1	7
CROYDON	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
CURTISS WRIGHT BLVD	10/14	10/28	11/11	11/29	5
CYRIL	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
DAMIAN	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
DEER CREEK DR	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/6	10
DEERHURST	10/12	10/26	11/9	11/23	3
DEERVALE	10/20	11/3	11/17	12/5	9
DELLSING	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
DESALES	10/10	10/24	11/7	11/21	1
DIXIE 40 TO W. ALKALINE	10/13	10/27	11/10	11/28	4
DIXIE N. 0F 40	10/14	10/28	11/11	11/29	5
DIXIE S. OF ALKALINE	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
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WOODLAND MEADOWS	10/11	10/25	11/8	11/22	2
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Faith & Blue was inaugurated in 2020 by MovementForward, Inc., working with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) at the U.S.Department of Justice. The idea was a simple but powerful one — the ties that bind officers and residents must be reinforced if we are to build neighborhoods where everyone feels safe and included. Faith-based organizations are key to building these bonds because they are not only the largest community resource in the nation, with 65 million participants in weekly events, but because they are as diverse as our nation. Moreover, they speak to Americans' shared conviction that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

Special Events for Faith & Blue weekend

- Sunday, September 18, 2022 Noon to 2:00 pm @ Vandalia Nazarene Church, 620 Stonequarry Road, vncoffice@gmail.com "Family Hog Roast and First Responders Appreciation Luncheon" Details: This event will be held in the church Family Center with tables inside and out. Honoring First Responders from Vandalia & Butler Township.
- <u>Saturday, October 1, 2022 –5-8 pm</u> Camp-fire Fest @ Vandalia Baptist
 Temple, 724 Helke Road, <u>www.vandaliabaptist.org/campfirefest</u>
 Details: The church will host a campfire outing with smores, apple cider, Fall family festivities and music while interacting with first responders.

<u>Sunday, October 9, 2022 – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm</u> @ Cassel Hills Church of Christ, 836 S. Brown School Road, https://chillscoc.com/
 "First Responder Appreciation Service"
 Details: First Responders are invited to attend the 10:30 am service and be recognized for their service. Following the service, church attendees will interact with officers in parking lot with food carryout.

<u>Sunday, October 9, 2022 – Noon- 1:00 pm</u> @ St. Christopher Catholic Church, 435 E. National Road, https://www.stchristopheronline.com/
 "Tailgate with the Police"
 Details: Knights of Columbus will spearhead this event with grilled lunch following 11:00 am Mass in the parish's parking lot.

Saturday/Sunday, October 22-23, 2022 – 5:00 pm/9:00 & 10:45 am @
 Christian Life Center, 3489 Little York Road, https://www.clcdayton.com/
 "First Responder Appreciation Services"
 Details: Personalized Card and gift for each first responder in attendance and those unable to attend. Dedication of patio furniture for each agency. Harvest Party following Saturday evening service along with police vehicles on display during all service times.
 Saturday Harvest Party includes games, food, hayrides, and family fun.

https://faithandblue.org/about/









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The Year of Employee Appreciation

THE SEQUEL

Wednesday, June 15

Ice Cream Social

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vandalia Sports Complex



Friday, July 22

Pizza in the Park

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Helke Park



Wednesday, August 10

Picnic in the Park

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vandalia Sports Complex



Friday, September 23

Employee Taco Bar

11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Senior Center



Wednesday, October 26

Employee Donut Bar 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Vandalia Justice Center



Wednesday, November 16

Employee Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Cassel Hills Golf Course Clubhouse



Monday, December 19

City Council Employee Appreciation Day

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Everywhere!







Monday, October 10 4:00 p.m.

Cassel Hills
Golf Course

Let's celebrate Columbus Day the way it was MEANT to be celebrated... with an All Employee Two-Person Golf Scramble... Just like they used to do on the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria!

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New playground equipment coming to Vandalia's Helke Park, Sports Complex



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By Aimee Hancock

Sept 26, 2022

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Improvements will be made in spring 2023 to playgrounds at Helke Park and at the Sports Complex and will include Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible equipment.

According to city officials, costs for upgrades will total \$375,000 at the Sports Complex and \$325,000 at Helke Park. The city has allocated \$225,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for each park, as well as \$150,000 in Capital Improvement Project funds for the Sports Complex, and \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for Helke Park.

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"These parks probably have the largest playground equipment of all our parks and are the two that are used the most," said city spokesman Rich Hopkins. "Plus, the Sports Complex has events throughout the course of the year, so parents love being able to take their older son to soccer practice while a little sister plays on the playground, so it works out well."



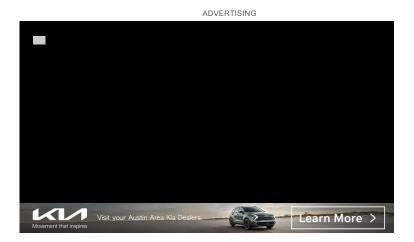








the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association, as well as Vandalia-Butler Schools about how children of all abilities can enjoy the parks.



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"One of the worst things is when you have a child who may have a disability and they come to this cool, new playground only to realize they can't use the equipment," he said. "It's just a bummer, so we're really trying hard to make this something that's more inclusive, so that all kids get a chance to enjoy it."

The playground equipment at both parks is more than 20 years old, Hopkins said. Helke Park includes two area of equipment, one which was installed in 1996 and the other in 2000. Equipment at the Sports Complex dates back to 1992.













"We've certainly gotten our money's worth out of this equipment," Hopkins said. "We've taken good care of the parks, but it's definitely time for a change."

Hopkins said specific details are still being hashed out, but the new installations will include some typical playground equipment (slides, climbing structures, swings), with a major focus on accessibility.

"It's not one-size-fits-all, so it's going through a preliminary planning process to figure out what works best at each playground, how things will flow, and details like that," Hopkins said.

In March of this year, the city launched a new master plan initiative for its Parks and Recreation Department.

City Manager Dan Wendt said at the time that the master plan process will be thorough, involving the collection of information from parks staff, city residents who are parks users, school officials and businesses.

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"I think that will be vital because we've got a number of what we call pocket parks, in smaller parts of neighborhoods, that at this point in time are pretty much just green space with park benches, so we've had some people in the community ask us to develop those more, or to put playground equipment or some sort of activity in these parks," said Parks and Recreation Director Steve Clark. "And, in our larger parks, it will allow the community to come in to tell us what they would like to see, in terms of the maintenance level, what we need to bring up-to-date, and anything new they would like to see or recommend."











plan, which is set to be finalized at the end of this year.

"The master parks plan is part of a broader (10-year) plan for our Parks and Recreation Department and its relationship to the community as a whole," Hopkins said.

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