# THE BLUE LETTER



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March 18, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Monday, March 20th, 2023, Council Meeting: The Study Session will begin at 6:00 pm. The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be no heat in the Council Chambers (or rest of the Municipal Building) because of the HVAC project. Please dress in layers.

Youth in Government Day is Tuesday, March 21, 2023. It's almost time for one of the best days of the year! The Vandalia Optimists Club is facilitating Youth Day in Government! The big day will kick off at 8:30 a.m. at the Vandalia Justice Center in the Police Training Room (basement). Students will arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. You are welcome join us the senior staff meeting at 8:30, or arrive for the Mock Council Meeting around 9:20 a.m. Please enter the building through the dispatch center doors. You are invited to attend a pizza luncheon in the Butler High School Banquet Room from 12:00 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Please enter the building through the Student Activity Center.

Congressionally Directed Spending: This week, Tri-Cities General Manager Danny Knife and I worked to submit proposals for \$15,000,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending (federal earmark) for wastewater treatment plant improvements to Senator Brown and Congressman Carey. Mr. Knife and I will submit additional correspondence to Senator Vance and Congressman Turner. As the Tri-Cities board chair, I am working to schedule meetings with each congressional office. I will be working to submit similar applications on behalf of the City and Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services for improvements to Robinette Park.

**Conditional Job Offers!** Yesterday, I issued conditional offers of employment to three full-time Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector candidates (two who are Vandalia residents and current PT Firefighters), three Parks Maintenance Technicians (all who are Butler High School graduates), and one Parks Maintenance Technician who will be assigned to facility maintenance.

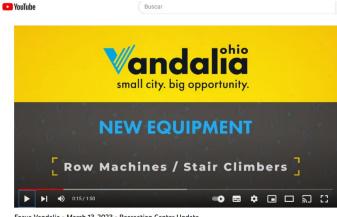
**Public Safety Training Facility:** Mr. Mike Dittoe of High Bridge Co., Chief Follick, ACM Holloway, and I worked to gather information and to encourage Governor DeWine's office to consider partnering with the City to fund and to develop a regional public safety training facility on the land that was recently

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donated to the City by Montgomery County. This is a great approach and excellent idea that came from Chief Follick and the Division of Fire. Governor DeWine recently announced plans to establish multiple such training facilities where first responders will be able to collaborate with railroad personnel, et al. I have enclosed the letter that I sent.

Focus Vandalia (LINK): Please see the embedded video to learn about the new equipment at the Vandalia Recreation Center. Also, this week, the contractor was working on installing the new doorways at the west parking lot entrance. This improvement is being funded through the American Rescue Plan.

#### Creative Images feedback on Knights Inn: Crime Prevention Officer Wehner reported that a member of the management team at



Focus Vandalia - March 13, 2023 - Recreation Center Update

Creative Images thanked the City for its efforts to improve the behavior of our hoteliers and their guests. During this conversation, Creative Images indicated a decrease in activity and negative interactions between Knights Inn quests and Creative Images' employees, students, and faculty.



While crews continue to work on sewer lines on Foley Drive and Enola Drive, drive-up access to Robinette Park is blacked

You can still access the park through one of the alternative entrances.

Park on Westhafer Road and walk into the park from the Westhafer Road entrance.

Park on N. Brown School Road and walk into the park from the N. Brown School Road



This week, I hosted **Butler Township** Administrator Erika Vogel at the Vandalia Rotary Club. Administrator Vogel was the speaker and gave an update on the Township's progress and projects.

I took the opportunity to visit American Quality Fabrication, Inc. on Sholz Dr. to learn about their processes and successes in Vandalia. **Veterans Banners:** The Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the veteran banner program. More information is available on the <u>Chamber of Commerce website (LINK)</u>. The flyer is enclosed.

#### Vandalia Butler Chamber of Commerce City of Vandalia - Butler Township Veterans Parkway Banner Program







The Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce, the City of Vandalia and Butler Township are honoring the sacrifices of our military veterans through a Veterans Banner program.

Families may purchase a banner featuring their military family member that will be displayed on a street light pole along Veterans Parkway (Dixie Drive). All banners will be displayed for two years, then presented to the nominating family to keep.



#### Who is eligible?

The Veteran to be honored and recognized on the banner must:

- reside or have resided in the City of Vandalia or Butler Township; or
- · attended or graduated from Vandalia-Butler High School; or
- be an immediate family member (e.g., spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grand child, child-in-law) of a current City of Vandalia or Butler Township resident.

The Veteran must have served in any of the six branches of the military service (i.e., Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Space Force), including Reserves and National Guard, and must have been honorably discharged. A valid DD214 form or equivalent (i.e., prior to January 1, 1950) is required at the time of application.

#### What is the cost?

The cost of each banner is \$100.00, payable at the time of application.

#### How do I apply?

All application materials are available at the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce website: https://www.vandaliabutlerchamber.org or scan the QR Code (below).

Applications will be taken continuously by the Chamber of Commerce. Those paid applications received **before 12 noon on Monday, April 24, 2023** will be included in the first installation of banners in May 2023, prior to Memorial Day weekend. A waiting list will be established after approximately 130 applications have been processed.

#### Questions?

Contact the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce, 937-898-5351. E-mail info@vandaliabutlerchamber.org



**Commercial Vehicle Enforcement:** Pictured is Police Officer Robert Large performing enforcement of the ramp parking prohibition with two tractor-trailers at Northwoods Boulevard. Parking in these areas is dangerous and results in littering. I am told that this resulted in two citations.



#### **Study Session:**

#### Monday, March 20, 2023 Items:

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

**Ordinance: Assessments** - This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, and weed cutting.

#### Monday, April 3, 2023 Items:

Resolution: Verizon Wireless Funding Agreement - The City of Vandalia utilizes Verizon Wireless as the primary provider of cellular service, which includes cellular data connections for fire and police computers, city cellular phones, tablets, and wireless hot spots, totaling 72 lines of service. To be eligible for government pricing, Verizon requires the city to sign a purchase order document that indicates our intent to purchase from the General Service Administration (GSA) contract. The agreement is for an estimated cost and number of lines, which allows us to purchase services for an amount not to exceed those indicated on the funding document, which is estimated to be \$39,560. IT Manager Davey is recommending that council waive formal bidding for the city's cellular service and authorize the City to purchase cellular service and devices from Verizon Wireless for services covered on the General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule Number 47QTCA20D00B5 for the period of April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

#### **Discussion Items:**

Median Landscape Maintenance Agreement – Under \$25K - The Parks and Recreation Department is recommending to into an agreement for the maintenance of landscape medians for 2023 with Grounds Pro LLC of West Chester, Ohio. Facilities Superintendent Rudy Wells requested proposals from six (6) contractors with Grounds Pro LLC submitting the only proposal at a total cost of \$11,852. There is a total of twelve (12) medians as part of the proposed contract agreement – ten (10) on South Dixie, one (1) on

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North Dixie and one (1) on West National Road. Landscape maintenance includes preparation of the medians in the spring, ongoing maintenance throughout the summer months and clean-up of medians in the fall. Work will include the removal of dead or broken branches from shrubbery and trees, pruning, plant care and weed control applications. The contractor is required to follow ODOT interior lane closure on multi-lane street guidelines and must provide all necessary work signage during times of landscape maintenance work.

**January and February 2023 Financial Reports -** Mrs. Leiter will deliver the January and 2023 Financial Reports.

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

#### Council Meeting:

#### Communications, Petitions and Awards

**Introduction and Oath of Office: Lt. Carter Schumann** -City Manager Wendt will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Lt. Carter Schumann who has been promoted to Fire Lieutenant.

**Introduction and Oath of Office: Lt. Derek Copp -** City Manager Wendt will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Lt. Derek Copp who has been promoted to Fire Lieutenant.

**Introduction and Oath of Office: Lt. Mya Mitchell -** City Manager Wendt will introduce and administer the Oath of Office to Lt. Mya Mitchell who has been promoted to Fire Lieutenant.

**Veterans Banner Program** - Councilmember Follick will speak about the Veterans Banner program and the application process.

#### Resolutions

Resolution 23-R-21: Parks and Recreation Master Plan of the City Of Vandalia - PROS Consulting, with the assistance of an appointed Steering Committee, City staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, has worked diligently over the last year to draft the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan will be the roadmap for enhancing quality of life in Vandalia through our parks and recreation system. PROS Consulting coordinated and facilitated public input, focus groups with community stakeholders, other engagement strategies, and provided a statistically valid survey and corresponding report of community opinions and needs as part of the project. The plan includes best practices in the field, identification of new trends and opportunities, engagement of relevant stakeholders, and makes direct recommendations to ensure an appropriate balance of community programs, facilities and amenities, now and into the future. At the conclusion of the year-long process the Master Plan was presented to City staff, Steering Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, all approving the contents of the

document. At its meeting on December 14, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the adoption of the City of Vandalia Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan yielded the following general overall recommendations:



Resolution 23-R-22: Financial Contribution to the Historical Society of Vandalia Butler - \$15,000 is appropriated in Council's budget for an annual donation to the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler for maintenance projects and to include the cost of an annual Business/Organization membership. It is necessary for Council to take formal action to authorize said donation.

Resolution 23-R-23: Midwest Security Quote Municipal Building Access Control - As part of the city's effort to enhance building security controls, monitor access, and restrict employees and contractors to authorized areas only, the IT Department and Building Maintenance analyzed the physical access controls at the Municipal Building to find deficiencies and security risks. The departments worked with Midwest Security Services, which handles the Justice Center and Municipal Building's security and access control systems, to determine what upgrades were necessary. They evaluated what doors would benefit from keycard access, doors that office managers could lock and unlock remotely (buzz in), doors that need replaced due to mechanical issues, and doors that would benefit from monitored access, such as exterior doors. Midwest Security Services provided a quote to add swipe card access to thirteen (13) doors

and the main elevator. Since many of the doors require modifications, Midwest worked with Michael's Door & Hardware to provide a quote for the door hardware and installation, as well as the replacement of one exterior door at the request of the Building Maintenance Department due to ongoing issues. The cost for the access controls, access control wiring, licensing, and programming from Midwest Security Services is \$57,596.54, and the cost for doors, door hardware, and related labor from Michael's Door & Hardware is \$14,455, for a total cost of \$72,051.54. In order to provide compatibility with our current system, the IT Department is recommending that council waive formal bidding and award the purchase of the Municipal Building Access Control Upgrade to Midwest Security Services for \$57,596.54 and Michael's Door & Hardware for \$14,455.

#### <u>Ordinance – Second Reading:</u>

**Ordinance 23-05: Cassel Hills Pool Fees** – This ordinance will amend the City of Vandalia's Cassel Hills Swimming Pool Fee Schedule and Operational Policy.

#### Ordinance - Emergency

**Ordinance 23-06: Assessments -** This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, and weed cutting.

**Ordinance 23-07: Supplemental** - Finance is requesting the approval of the following supplemental appropriation Ordinance for the following reasons:

#### **General Fund:**

#### City Manager's Office:

• **\$25,000** – increase appropriations to account for necessary expenses relating to competitive examinations and assessments for promotional processes for Police Sergeants and Fire Lieutenants.

#### Non-departmental:

• \$228,769 – increase appropriations to account for the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Job Creation and Revitalization Fund related to the costs associated with job creation and retention, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization in the identified areas. Costs include a downtown master plan, professional market study of restaurant, commercial, and housing opportunities in downtown, right of way and utility improvements, construction or acquisition of permanent improvements and expansion or retention of a particular business or development project for transformative economic development initiatives relating to downtown development that results in job creation or retention and/or improves the quality of life within the community.

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\$87,800 – increase appropriations to account for the transfer of funds from the
General Fund to the Capital Improvement Plan Fund related to the emergency
replacement cost of a sewage pumping system in the Justice Center (\$15,300), and
Municipal Building Access Control Upgrade project (\$72,500) to enhance building
security controls, monitor access and restrict employees and contractors to
authorized areas only.

#### Police-Admin:

\$220 - increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional costs of a
replacement television in the administration division of the Police department. The
existing television was damaged on Christmas day due to water damage from a pipe
leak in the Justice Center. An insurance claim has been filed with MVRMA and
reimbursement funds are expected to be received to offset the costs.

#### Fire:

• \$18,900 – increase appropriations to cover the anticipated 2023 costs to maintain facilities in the fire division. An amount of \$2,100 was submitted from the Fire division with the 2023 Budget requests but should have been \$21,000.

#### **Engineering:**

• **\$90,000** – increase appropriations for the additional expenses related to the demolition work, asbestos inspection/abatement and various property clean ups.

#### Parks & Recreation-Parks:

• \$14,770 - increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional costs associated with the purchase of seven (7) AED units with cabinets to be placed in the City's busiest parks (Sports Complex, Helke Park, Art Park). The total cost will be reimbursed by donations received from community groups.

#### Street Fund:

- \$50,000 increase appropriations to account for additional costs associated with the
  unexpected expenses related to damages to City property (i.e., traffic signal pole).
  Any revenue from insurance reimbursements will be received and posted to offset
  applicable costs.
- \$200,000 The City applied for OPWC funding for the Airport Access Road Bridge
  project and unfortunately was notified that we would not be receiving the funding

for this project. The budgeted appropriations will be decreased in the OPWC Fund and increased in the Street Fund.

#### Capital Improvement Plan Fund:

#### Parks and Recreation – Building Maintenance

- **\$15,300** increase appropriations to account for additional expenses for the emergency replacement cost of a sewage pumping system in the Justice Center.
- \$72,500 increase appropriations to account for the additional expenses for the Municipal Building Access Control Upgrade project to enhance building security controls, monitor access and restrict employees and contractors to authorized areas only.

#### Police-Fire-Street Fund:

- (\$223,170) decrease appropriations in the OPWC department account code due to notification that the City will not be receiving funding from OPWC for the Airport Access Road Bridge project.
- \$223,170 increase appropriations in the street department account code due to notification that the City will not be receiving funding from OPWC for the Airport Access Road Bridge project.
- \$126,218 increase appropriations to account for the unexpected expenses related
  to water damage due to a pipe leak on Christmas day at the Justice Center. An
  insurance claim has been filed with MVRMA and reimbursement will be received to
  offset costs.

#### **OPWC Fund:**

• (\$200,000) – decrease appropriations due to notification that the City will not be receiving funding for the Airport Access Road Bridge project. The City applied for OPWC funding for the Airport Access Road Bridge project and unfortunately was notified that we would not be receiving the funding for this project. The budgeted appropriations will be decreased in the OPWC Fund and increased in the Street Fund.

#### **Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund:**

• **\$9,500** – increase appropriations to account for the costs associated with the acquisition and transfer of donated property located on Northwoods Blvd for future public use.

#### Sewer Fund:

• \$350,000 - increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional costs for slip lining and sanitary sewer repair citywide. Part (\$71,000) of Vandalia's I&I Tri-Cities funds will be used to offset the total cost.

#### **Reports from Boards and Commissions**

Conditional Use – Truck Repair Facility-Industrial Park Drive - The Applicant, ISF Trucking, has requested a conditional use to permit a truck facility on property located at 1010 Industrial Park Drive. The proposed truck facility would conduct light maintenance of semi-trucks, dispatching, and parking. At its meeting on February 28, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 4-1 to recommend approval with conditions.

**February Bill Listing** – Mrs. Leiter will deliver the February Bill Listing.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, March 20, 2023 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**.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC: Board and Commission Members

All City Employees

## CITY OF VANDALIA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY March 21, 2023

# Vandalia Justice Center Police Training Room 245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive

| 8:30  | Welcome and Introductions   |
|-------|---|
| 8:35  | City Staff Meeting  |
| 9:20  | Break – Police, Fire, IT, Public Service, HR, Communications Counterparts Dismissed |
| 9:25  | Video of Council Meeting Proceedings  |
| 9:35  | Mock Study Session – Review/Discuss Items on Council Agenda                         |
| 10:05 | 10-minute break/prep for mock meeting   |
| 10:15 | Mock Council Meeting  |
| 10:45 | Interact with Council/Administrative Counterparts                                   |
| 11:45 | Depart to High School Banquet Room for Lunch  |
| 12:00 | Lunch   |



## **2023 Counterparts**

#### CITY OF VANDALIA

Mayor Richard Herbst Vice Mayor David Lewis Councilmembers Bob Ahlers, Mike Blakesly,

Candice Farst, Corey Follick, and

**Constance Woods** 

City Manager Dan Wendt

Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway Finance Director Bridgette Leiter

Fire Chief Chad Follick

Parks and Rec Director Steve Clark

Police Chief Kurt Althouse
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Communication Manager Rich Hopkins

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Nolan Baker

Ava Markoff

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Logan Slupe

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Allison Hale Olivia Batten

Anya Lucas

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Lauren Seelbaugh

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**Jaylan Wright** 

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Chief Technology Officer Kyle Robbins

Sophia Updyke

Jordan Lewis

Madyson Miller Makenzie Blair

Lauren Dady Elijah Marlow Youth in Government Day Luncheon March 21, 2023

**Butler High School Banquet Room** 

12 Noon

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Justin Spivey, Optimist Club President

**Acknowledgement of Sponsors and BHS Staff** 

Julie Trick, Optimist Club Board

-Pizza Luncheon-

12:45 p.m.

**Comments from our Sponsors** 

Blanca Criner, Abbey Credit Union

<u>1 p.m.</u>

Introduction of Youth Representatives

City Manager Dan Wendt

Township Administrator Erika Vogel

Superintendent of Schools Rob O'Leary

<u>1:20 p.m.</u>

Adjournment

Justin Spivey

"All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth."

- Aristotle



# 2023 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved December 5, 2022

#### 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.

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March 14, 2023

The Honorable Governor Mike DeWine 77 S. High St., 30<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215

Request for Site Consideration: Railroad and Public Safety Training Center in Vandalia, OH

Dear Governor DeWine:

I am writing to respectfully request that the State of Ohio consider partnering with the City of Vandalia to develop a 69-acre city-owned site into a public safety training center to provide hands-on training to first responders and to strengthen the coordination of their response with railroad companies. Our team believes this site has several advantages that will serve the State of Ohio's initiative including:

- Immediate access to a railway and the Great Miami River on the east side of the parcel;
- Located two miles from the I-70 / I-75 interchange, six miles from the Dayton International Airport, and one and one-half miles from many hotels and restaurants;
- Immediate access to utilities including water, sewer, natural gas, and electricity;
- There are four regional hazardous materials teams (i.e., Dayton Regional, Clark County, Miami County, Wright Patterson AFB) who could use the training facility and remain in service; as well as the opportunity to partner with railroad company personnel, the State Fire Marshal, local colleges, utility companies, hospital systems, Montgomery County, Montgomery County Sheriff, emergency management agencies, Dayton International Airport, and local fire and law enforcement agencies;
- A phase one environmental assessment was completed in 2022 indicating the site can be developed; and
- The City of Vandalia has identified and has begun to work with a design architect to develop a site plan.

Thank you for considering this request. I have enclosed a map of the site. I would love the opportunity to show the site to your team if it would further this worthy initiative.

Very Respectfully,

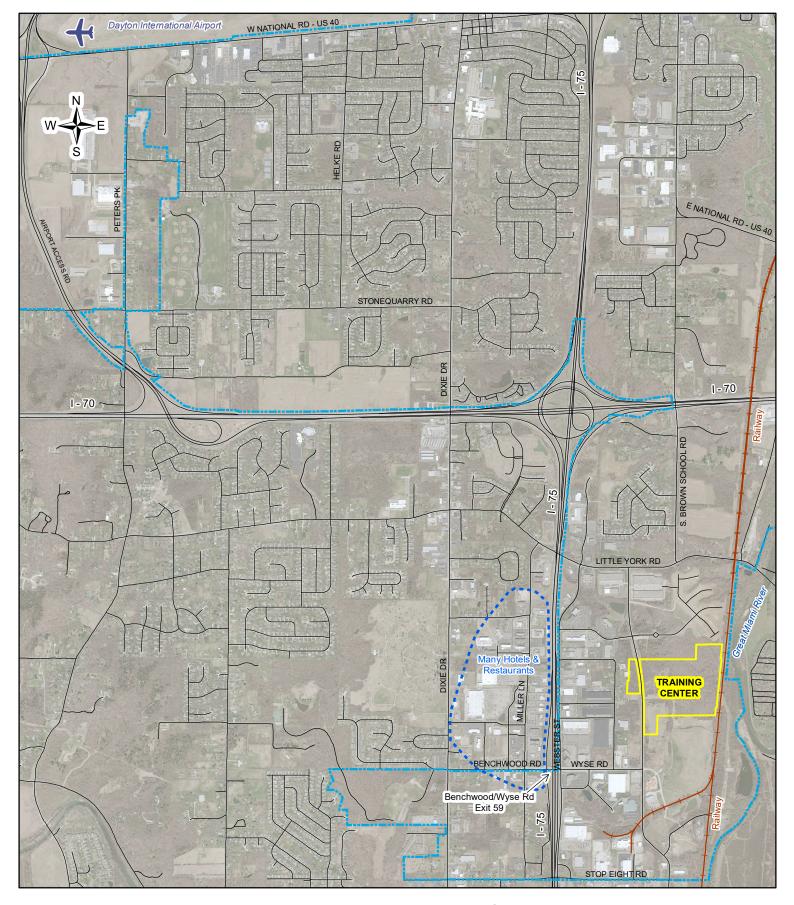
Dan Wendt City Manager











# **Proposed Training Center**



# Cassel Hills Swimming Pool Vandalia, Ohio



# 2023 <a href="Member and Visitor's Guide">Member and Visitor's Guide</a>

Pass sales begin April 4 at the Vandalia Recreation Center!





# Cassel Hills Swimming Pool 1061 Taylorsview Drive Vandalia, OH 45377 (937) 898-2123



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Welcome to the 2023 Cassel Hills Pool Season! In an effort to improve the pool experience for members and guests, a number of changes will be implemented at Cassel Hills Swimming Pool for the 2023 season. These changes include a new Admission Policy, a new Pool Manager, and an updated Membership Rate structure and Daily Admission fee.

# **Admission Policy**

Members of Cassel Hills Pool and Vandalia Resident will have exclusive access to the pool every Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday. Members and Residents are permitted to bring



up to 3 paid guests per visit. The easiest way to gain access into the pool on these exclusive access days is to become a member. If you choose to not purchase a membership, then you must prove your residency to gain access. The only way for an individual to be admitted into the pool is to provide a driver's license with a valid Vandalia address or provide a Resident ID card. Resident ID cards can be obtained at the Vandalia Rec Center's front desk by presenting a current state-issued photo ID or utility bill and valid ID. Resident ID cards are free. If you have any questions about acquiring a Resident ID card, call the Vandalia Recreation Center at 937-415-2340.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – Open Admission for All

#### **Pool Manager**

Our 2023 Manager, Aaron Baker, is a familiar face. Between 2002-2008 Aaron was a Life Guard and an Assistant Manager at the Rec Center and Cassel Hills Pool. Aaron is now a High School teacher at Kettering Fairmont, and a Cross County and Track coach. He is married to a Vandalia-Butler teacher, and they reside in Butler Township with their two children. Welcome aboard Aaron and thanks for re-joining our team!



Aaron Baker Pool Manager

## Membership Rates and Daily Admission Fees

City of Vandalia taxpayers will receive the same Membership Rates as Vandalia Residents. So, if you work in the City of Vandalia, you will be afforded the same Membership Rates as citizens of Vandalia. If you do not live in Vandalia, but you work in Vandalia, you must provide a recent pay stub that has your company name and address along with a valid photo ID to receive the Resident/Taxpayer Membership Rate.

It is important to note that if you are a taxpayer and not a resident of Vandalia, you do not qualify to be admitted in to the pool on Sunday's, Monday's, or Wednesday's.

Updated 2023 rates. It is important to note Membership Rates have not increased since 2014 and Daily Admission Fees have not increased since 2003.

#### **Hours of Operation**

| Members and residents are permitted to enter at 11:30 a.m. Non-members are permitted to enter at 12:30 p.m. |                     |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------|--|--|--|
| May 27-August 13  | 11:30am-7:30pm      |  |  |  |
| August 19, 20, 26, 27, September 2, 3   | ·                   |  |  |  |
| September 4   |                     |  |  |  |
| '   | (Soggy Doggy 6-8pm) |  |  |  |

#### Member & Resident Only Days:

Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays all season.

#### **General Admission Days:**

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays all season.

Members and residents are permitted to enter at 11:30 a.m. Non-members are permitted to enter at 12:30 p.m.

#### **Special Events:**

These events are available and free for CHP members, Vandalia residents, and families of Vandalia-Butler School District

| June 13   | 'Beach Ball Night' and food truck | 5:00pm-8:00pm |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| July 27   |                                   | 5:00pm-8:00pm |
| August 10 | 'Patriotic Night' and food truck  | 5:00pm-8:00pm |

#### Piranhas Swim Meet Date:

Pool will close at 4:30pm for swim meets on June 15, 22, 29.

#### Memberships:

All memberships are sold at the front desk of the Rec Center. Membership Applications can be accessed on our City's website or at the Vandalia Recreation Center. There will be a limited number of non-resident passes available. Proof of Residency is required at the time of purchase.

Families of more than 6 will be charged an additional \$15 per individual in the same household (Max 10).

Dual Pass consists of any two people residing in the same household, providing proof.

Babysitter Pass available with membership for an additional \$15/babysitter. Babysitter must be 16 years of age.

Pass key FOB's will not be issued without an updated photo!

| 2023 Cassel Hills Pool: Membership Rates |                        |              |  |  |  |
|--|------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Category                                 | Resident<br>& Taxpayer | Non-Resident |  |  |  |
| Family                                   | \$169                  | \$249        |  |  |  |
| Dual                                     | \$149                  | \$219        |  |  |  |
| Youth (3-17)                             | \$79                   | \$119        |  |  |  |
| Adult (18-54)                            | \$99                   | \$149        |  |  |  |
| Senior (55+)                             | \$79                   | \$119        |  |  |  |

| 2023 Cassel Hills Pool Daily Admission Rates Cash and Card Accepted |                                    |  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Age 2 years & under   | Free                               |  |
| Age 3+  | \$9<br>\$6 with proof of residency |  |



#### **Amenities**

Cassel Hills Pool provides the perfect place for safe, summertime fun in the sun! Cassel Hills Pool features:

- A heated z-shaped pool with a shallow end and diving well.
- Two diving boards.
- A kiddie pool for young visitors.
- Enjoy delicious snacks at the concession stand run by our local Kona Ice.
- Large grass area with four large Funbrella's and two Funbrella's in the concession area.
- Lawn furniture lawn chairs are on a first come first serve basis regardless of age. Private lounge chairs are permitted.
- Basketball court.
- Volleyball court.

**Kona Ice** will once again operate the concession stand! Open noon-6:00pm. Cash and credit card accepted.



#### **Piranhas Swim Team**

The Piranhas are back for another swim season. If you are interested in joining the Piranhas Swim Team visit www.casselhillspiranhas.com or contact the team at casselhillspiranhas@outlook.com



## **Rainout Line**

**Phone**......937-552-2200

Download the free Rainout Line app to see the status of the pool!

# Weekend Pool Rentals Available: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Contact Jen at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335 for additional information. Also, pool rental information can be found at https://vandaliaohio.org/241/Cassel-Hills-Pool---Outdoor. You may also scan the QR Code (right).

Non-Resident / Non-Member \$450.00: 50 guests max Resident / Non-CHP Member \$300.00: 75 guests max Cassel Hills Pool Member \$250.00: 100 guests max







#### **Cassel Hills Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations**

Violations of rules or any conduct that may endanger or impair the safety of anyone may be cause for permanent expulsion from Cassel Hills Pool at the discretion of the manager, without refund fees.

- Cassel Hills Pool may close at the discretion of the Manager for the following reasons;
  - In the event of inclement weather; lighting, thunder, or rain. When lightning or thunder are noticed, the pool will be evacuated for 30 minutes. If lighting or thunder occurs again the 30-minute time limit resets.
  - ✓ If the temperature drops below 70 degrees.
  - ▼ If there are less than 15 people
  - Water contamination (i.e. fecal accidents, etc.)
  - Maintenance issues
- 2. There are NO CASH REFUNDS of any type or refunds/rainchecks for inclement weather.
- 3. The City of Vandalia reserves the right to limit access due to safety concerns.
- 4. Children 8 years of age and younger must be accompanied in the facility by a responsible adult, sixteen (16) years of age or older. Supervising your child/children remains your responsibility at all times.
- 5. Attire: Clean swimsuits with lining are required. Swimsuits must cover one's bottom, genitals and chest (females).
  - Acceptable swimwear includes traditional swim trunks, board trunks, Jammers, rash guards and wet suits. Unacceptable swimwear includes street wear, athletic shorts, cut-offs, transparent fabrics, undergarments, bras (including sports bras) and thongs/G-strings.
  - Inappropriate clothing will be required to be changed or covered up.
- 6. The following are not permitted within the facility: Horseplay, Running, Spitting, Abusive/Profane Language, Public Display of Affection (PDA), gum, littering.
- 7. No smoking/vaping except for designated area outside pool grounds.
- 8. Lawn chairs are a first come first serve basis regardless of age. Private lounge chairs are permitted.
- 9. Rest Breaks are scheduled on the 15 of the hour for (15) minutes. 17 years of age and under must exit the water. Children four (4) and under may remain in the water with an adult and must be within an arm's length of the adult.
- 10. No radios or boomboxes are permitted. However, earbuds and headphones are permitted.
- 11. Groups bringing children to CHP must have at least one adult per every five children over the age of 4 years of age and are responsible for the supervision of those children. Adults are to be in proper swim attire and must directly supervise the children poolside.





- 12. All life vests must be U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved. We provide USCG approved lifejackets at no charge. Patrons may utilize their own USCG approved life vests for use at the facility.
- 13. Inflatable items are not permitted.
- 14. Toys are permitted with lifeguards' approval and with patron's safety in mind. All diving toys MUST BE SOFT.
- 15. Do not distract Lifeguards from their duties.
- 16. Obscene tattoos must be covered.
- 17. Cameras are permitted in the pool area for IMMEDIATE FAMILY USE ONLY.
- 18. Coolers are permitted. Management has the right to inspect coolers. There is no alcohol and glass permitted.
- 19. Any person who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be refused admittance at the discretion of the Manager.
- 20. Wheelies, skate boards and/or any small wheeled devices are not permitted.
- 21. Any person having an infection/contagious disease or open sore may be refused admission to the pool at the discretion of the Manager.
- 22. Any person that is bleeding or experiencing diarrhea is not permitted in the water. A person with diarrhea must wait 2 weeks after symptoms end before returning to the pool. Pathogens of concern may still be shed up to 2 weeks following the end of symptoms.
- 23. Infants/children who are not toilet trained and adults who are incontinent must wear a swim diaper covered with a bathing suit. If the diaper becomes soiled, the person must exit the pool immediately, take or be given a shower with soap, and be wearing a clean swim diaper and suit before re-entering the pool. Diapers may not be changed while on the pool deck.
- 24. Only service animals are permitted in the facility.
- 25. Patrons wishing to leave and return on the same day must have their hand stamped prior to leaving.
- 26. Do not sit, hang on, or play on the ropes, lane lines and pool ladders.
- 27. Diving is permitted in designated areas only.
- 28. Be cautious with your valuables. The City of Vandalia is not responsible for your personal items.
- 29. Any person caught stealing personal or City property will be permanently expelled from Cassel Hills Pool. In addition, the City of Vandalia may pursue legal prosecution to the fullest degree possible.
- 30. To assist in keeping pool water clean and clear, please shower prior to entering the water to remove oils and dirt.

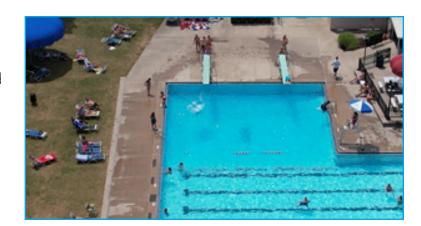




#### Cassel Hills Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations (Cont.)

#### **Diving Boards**

- One person permitted on the board at a time.
   The next diver must wait on deck until the board is clear
- 2. Before diving, make sure all area is clear of swimmers/divers and that the previous diver has made it all the way to the ladder.
- 3. Dive straight off end of board. Do not jump towards the wall.



- 4. The following dives are not permitted in the diving well;
  - O Double springing/competitive diving
  - Springing from a seated position
  - Nanging from the board
  - Cartwheels
  - Handstands
- 5. After diving, swim directly to the nearest ladder and exit the pool immediately.
- 6. Parents/Guardians are prohibited from catching a child jumping off the diving boards.
- 7. Flotation devices are not permitted on the diving boards or in the diving well.
- 8. The manufacture's weight limit is 250 pounds.

#### **Kiddie Pool**

- 1. You must be shorter than forty-eight (48) inches in height to enter the pool; the only exception is siblings that are playing with younger children, not playing on their own.
- 2. Swim diapers are required for all non-potty trained children. Regular diapers are not permitted.
- 3. Running is not permitted.
- 4. Toys are permitted in this area. Caregivers are expected to assist their child to play safely.
- 5. Parents are required to be in the Kiddie Pool area with their child(ren)

Cassel Hills Pool rules are subject to change without notice. Cassel Hills Pool rules will be amended when deemed advisable for the protection of the health, safety, and enjoyment of all patrons.





#### **SwimSafe - Aquatic Staffing Services**

The City of Vandalia entered into an Aquatics Staffing Services Agreement with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc., in 2020. As part of the Agreement, SwimSafe provides comprehensive pool management, including staffing and supervision of Cassel Hills Pool and the Vandalia Recreation Center Pool. The City's expectations are that SwimSafe provides a safe environment that affords visitors the opportunity to enjoy a positive swimming experience. If you recognize anything that our City's Parks & Recreation Department should be aware of, we encourage you to contact our Recreation Superintendent, Jeff Kreill.

The City is committed to providing safe and meaningful recreational opportunities to our residents and visitors and your feedback is vital to our mission.

Recreation Superintendent: Jeff Kreill, 937-415-2339 | jkreill@vandaliaohio.org

SwimSafe's Head Manager: JP Hader, 513-919-4164 jp@swimsafepool.com



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#### Dear Valued Water Customer:

On March 14, 2023, the U.S. EPA issued Draft Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for PFAS in drinking water (<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas">https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas</a>). These Draft MCLs will be used for guidance until the final regulations are enforceable. PFAS are human-made chemical substances that have been detected in water systems across the nation and are also present in many everyday products such as non-stick cookware, carpets, firefighting foams, and paint. We are still studying to gain a better understanding of the U.S. EPA's new proposed MCLs of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFAS in drinking water.

Dayton's PFAS Strategy involves continuing to work closely with the U.S. EPA and the Ohio EPA to position the City to meet the MCLs once they are enforceable. U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, and City of Dayton share the same goal: Protecting public health by removing PFAS contaminants from drinking water. Currently, the EPA is **not** recommending using bottled water in place of tap water based on the Draft MCL. In fact, many bottled water brands have been found to contain PFAS.

In Dayton, we're ahead of many in addressing PFAS. We are following U.S. EPA guidance for dealing with PFAS in drinking water by performing additional water sampling, working closely with state authorities such as the Ohio EPA, limiting exposure by closing potentially contaminated wells, and providing consumers with consistent, accurate information about water tests. Additionally, we've taken legal action against organizations that we know are the source of PFAS.

The U.S. EPA also recommends studying the latest technology. In conjunction with the U.S. and Ohio EPA, we've studied, evaluated, and are deciding the most cost-effective and safest steps to achieving no PFAS in our drinking water.

Those solutions are costly. We're also eager to work with the EPA and other organizations to secure funding and to protect our ratepayers while removing these contaminants from our drinking water once and for all. To support our PFAS Strategy, the City is aggressively seeking funding to assist with Emerging Contaminant projects. In 2022, we nominated and received approval from Ohio EPA for \$14.9 Million to fund projects identified in our strategy to address PFAS. In 2023, we nominated projects totaling \$28 Million for additional funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to address PFAS. Our goal is to secure funding for the technological solutions identified to protect our ratepayers while also removing these contaminants from our water, once and for all.

To learn more about PFAS and our water, please visit our <u>website</u> for more information: www.daytonohio.gov/775/PFAS-and-Drinking-Water

We drink the same water you drink – as do our loved ones, friends, and neighbors. Nothing is more important to us than the health and welfare of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Michael Powell

Director, Department of Water