



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.

Now there's a new and easier way to connect with the City of Vandalia!



Introducing My Vandalia, the fast, easy and free way to connect with the City for just about anything!



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Request a "vacation house check."

Report property maintenance issues in an instant.

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The Blue Letter

July 8, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

"We are not victims of our situation. We are the architects of it."
-Simon Sinek

We are leveraging ~\$10.7 million in external funding (e.g., grants, land donations), value engineering, and creative thinking to improve quality of life in Vandalia through top-tier public services. We have new utilities installed on Foley Dr. Our teammates are enjoying modern and up-to-date tools and equipment to improve how we do business. An extensive sewer lining project is underway in Taylorsville Metro Park through Tri-Cities after a sanitary sewer collapse a few years back. Public Works Technician Bill Miles and the team are installing new smart water meters every day. New concrete and asphalt are going in around town in accordance with our 10-year plan. We are diligently reviewing architect submittals for our new public works facility – and I will be encouraging active and extensive employee input with our architects to build “ownership”, to optimize the use of space, to make us more efficient, and to ensure that we are ready maintain our equipment, hundreds of miles of horizontal utilities, and 210 lane miles of roadways over the next 50 years. As a team, we are working through the [Parks & Recreation Master Plan](#) as a guide to help people extend their warranty on wellness and live to be 100 years old. We’ve improved our capital planning process and have honed our debt forecasting and enterprise funds to ensure fiscal sustainability, while building trust and confidence through transparency. We recently presented a traffic study count to City Council showing our efforts to divert truck traffic to Airport Access Rd. instead of down US-40 is working. Next week, I believe that I will be meeting with the Ohio Legislative Services Commission to continue our pursuit of a legislative prohibition of through truck traffic on US-40. This week, we kicked off our downtown market study, and I am working to set up stakeholder interviews with our consultant later this month. Director Leiter reports that the state has issued a clean audit report for the City of Vandalia, NAWA, and Tri-Cities Wastewater Authority. Sergeant Andrew Wehner has been sworn-in, and I look forward to celebrating his success at his ceremonial swear-in at the next meeting of City Council. I am also excited to see the engineering stage of the Cassel Hills Golf Course continue to advance. As a team, we are honing and updating policies to meet the needs of our teammates, the community, and our organization.

I would like to commend Communications Manager Rich Hopkins and the team on the quality of our communications and the incorporation of our brand. The addition of the MyVandalia App, the MyVandalia magazine, and the quality of our social media correspondence helps to showcase the professionalism of our organization, and the quality of this community.

As Chief Follick has shared with the Fire Division, and our Senior Staff, “We will not celebrate mediocre.”

Let’s continue to push our teammates to be active learners, to anticipate pinch points, and to provide solutions at every level of government and interaction with the public. We are interested in building leaders and helping our teammates move up through the ranks with purposeful professional development so that they can build on our

[great traditions](#). Over the last few legislative cycles, we have prepared our foundation. We have taken strategic actions to provide opportunities that could bring sit-down restaurants, strong single family housing options, and economic development opportunities that could yield a major increase in our manufacturing workforce with just a few trucks each day.

Now is the time to build on our [momentum](#).

Star Spangled Celebration: Thank you to the team for making the 2023 Star Spangled Celebration a great success. The new Patriotic Play Area was a hit with families with young children. 15 community groups provided games, activities and/or crafts for children to enjoy throughout the evening. Thank you to the Divisions of Fire, Police, and Public Works; City Managers Office staff; and Parks and Recreation Department for their preparation and coordination efforts throughout the course of the event. We look forward to the 2024 event that will take place on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Photo by Justin Spivey.



Neighborhood Beautification Day: We recently held a Neighborhood Beautification Day on Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Skyview Plat ([LINK to Video](#)). Zoning and Planning Coordinator Ben Graham is shown pruning hedges at a Employees from GE Aviation volunteered to help us with this event. We were able to provide hands-on assistance to 11 property owners. Many others in the neighborhood benefitted from the large trash pick-up offered by Rumpke, the brush hauling our Public Works employees provided, and sweat equity from our Parks & Recreation team. Thank you to all who helped make this day a tremendous success! The Division of Fire crews also were available in the Skyview plat during the morning with Fire Prevention resources and to lend a hand in the project. Here is a note that I received from a thankful resident:



"Thank you so much for this event. All of the volunteers and workers should be commended for the work they did last Saturday. Please let them all know how appreciative this senior is."

-Linda Bach, Curtiss Wright Blvd.

Property Maintenance: Property Maintenance Inspector Millikin coordinated the enforced cleanup of two properties the week of June 26th and is working with our mowing contractor to prepare for Air Show weekend.

MyVandalia Magazine: The next edition of the MyVandalia Magazine will begin to arrive at mailboxes on or around July 28th.

CommUNITY Newsletter: Our joint Community Newsletter is in the final stages of editing and should arrive in mailboxes by the end of this month.

Revenue: YTD June 30, 2023, overall Income tax revenue is up 13.73% (\$1,365,585) from 2022. Withholding tax is up YTD 10.81% (\$791,173); individual tax is up YTD 10.94% (\$116,519); Business net profit tax is up YTD 29.35% (\$457,893). The amount of income tax revenue budgeted for 2023 is \$18,470,500. The amount collected YTD was \$11,309,456 and is 22.46% higher than the estimated YTD amount based on the budget.

Ernst Concrete Corporate Office: Work is progressing on the Ernst Corporate Office Facility at 993 Falls Creek Drive. Footers have been poured and utility work is in progress.

Splashtacular: The first Summer Splashtacular event will take place on Tuesday, July 11 from noon – 2:00pm at the Sports Complex. The Parks and Recreation Department and Division of Fire partner to provide this free activity. There will be a food truck at the July 11 event as well. The remaining Splashtacular event will take place on July 18 in Robinette Park and July 25 at the Sports Complex.



Electric Aggregation: Vandalia residents will receive new information regarding the electric aggregation program this week and next week. The Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) aggregation group, of which Vandalia is a member, has received a negotiated rate of 6.57 cents per kWh, which is substantially lower than the standard AES rate and lower than the rate in surrounding communities (including Dayton and Butler Township). This rate, provided by Energy Harbor of Akron, will be effective through December, 2025. The new rate will appear on the October 2023 bill. All Vandalia residents who are eligible to join the collective should receive the letter

sometime in the next week. Residents not currently in a special pricing plan will automatically be included in this aggregation collective. Those wishing to opt-out should do so by July 21, 2023. Specific opt-out instructions are included in the MVCC Community Electric Aggregation Notification.



ELECTRIC AGGREGATION OPEN HOUSES

3 OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT THE MVCC ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

JULY 13	JULY 17	JULY 18
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.	6:30 – 8:30 P.M.	5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
MEADOWBROOK AT CLAYTON CLUBHOUSE 6001 SALEM AVENUE CLAYTON	CHARLES I. LATHREM SENIOR CENTER 2900 GLENGARRY DRIVE KETTERING	SINCLAIR CENTERVILLE CAMPUS 5800 CLYO ROAD CENTERVILLE

OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN ALL 14 PARTICIPATING CITIES



















The MVCC has scheduled three open house events to speak with residents from any of the 14 participating communities. The first open house, which is also the closest to Vandalia, will be held on Thursday, July 13, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Meadowbrook of Clayton Clubhouse, 6001 Salem Avenue. A second open house is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center, 2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A third open house is also scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the Sinclair Community College Centerville Campus, 5800 Clys Road, from 5 - 7 p.m.

For specific questions, please call Energy Harbor toll-free 1-866-636-3749.

Art Park Music Series: The Art Park Music Series kicked off on June 29 with a performance by The Bridge Live. The weather wasn't very cooperative, so the turnout was low, but those in attendance enjoyed the music. The next event is on July 20 and will include the United States Air Force Band of Flight playing classical and patriotic music. This will be part of the Air Show Backyard Bash event sponsored by Minster Bank.

Cassel Hills Swimming Pool: Kudos to Director Steve Clark, Superintendent Jeff Kreill and Pool Manager Aaron Baker. My family attends frequently so I have been able to see the improvement firsthand since 2021. Our team has received great feedback regarding the administration of Cassel Hills pool in 2022 and 2023. The City made some drastic changes to the admissions policy this year. I plan to have Director Clark provide a brief update at the next meeting of City Council to ensure that everyone is informed of and understands how these changes and the weather are contributing to cost recovery. We also have some ideas that should help this continue to be an effective strategy for ensuring that Cassel Hills pool remains a great family environment for our residents. Also, we are running a mid-summer special to sell more resident and non-resident memberships. [Learn more \(LINK\)](#)

Golf Irrigation Project: Golf Superintendent Marty Szturm continues to work on the irrigation system on a regular basis, repairing leaks and replacing parts. Marty is currently working with Technical Choice, LLC on the preliminary design of a new irrigation system. The design should be completed by the end of the summer which will allow us to bid out the irrigation system project this fall.

Senior Center Attendance: For the period of June 20 to July 3 there were 826 people pass through the doors of the Senior Center, including evenings and weekends. There were 10 days in which the facility was rented during this period.

Commercial Truck Traffic: We have installed "No Right Turn" signs for trucks that exceed 50 feet in length at three intersections on the west side of the City. Signs were installed at the intersections of Fieldstone Way and Peters Pike, Capstone Way and Peters Pike, and Peters Pike and National Road. This is part of our continued effort to mitigate the commercial truck traffic on National Road through the City. This action could reduce eastbound truck traffic on US-40 by approximately 30%. We are also in the process of installing 31 signs on Industrial Park Drive and Scholz Drive prohibiting parking from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am. This action is the result of feedback from local businesses in the corridor.

During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 18 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in two traffic citations, 10 written warnings and six verbal warnings while working 16 additional enforcement hours.

Intrado Phone System: During the week of June 28, technicians were on-site to install the new Intrado phone system; the previous having been destroyed during the 2022 Justice Center flood. Thanks to IT staff for their additional assistance.

Foley / Enola Reconstruction Project: The final course of asphalt has been installed on Foley & Enola Drives. Topsoil has been installed to all of the disturbed areas. The final seeding is all that remains to be completed on the project. Double Jay Construction has done a great job accommodating and working with our residents throughout



Cassel Hills Pool
Mid-Season Membership Discount Special

Mid-season discounted Cassel Hills Pool Memberships are available beginning Monday, July 10 for Residents/Taxpayers and Non-Residents.

Come to the Rec Center's Front Desk to get your membership starting Monday, July 10.

Enjoy the benefits of being a Member!!

2023 Cassel Hills Pool: Mid-Season Membership Discounted Rates		
Category	Resident & Taxpayer	Non-Resident
Family	\$93.00	\$137.00
Dual	\$82.00	\$121.00
Youth (3-17)	\$43.00	\$66.00
Adult (18-54)	\$54.00	\$82.00
Senior (55+)	\$43.00	\$66.00

For more information about what is needed to purchase a membership visit our website at:
<https://vandaliaohio.org/241/Cassel-Hills-Pool-Outdoor> or
 call the VRC Front Desk at 837.416.2340



the project.

Dog Leg Rd. Utility Extension Project Phase I: The Dog Leg Road Utility project is very near completion. The only items remaining is the fence installation and the electric service to the sanitary sewer lift station.

Municipal Center Security Project: Midwest Security will begin the installation of the door access controls on July 18th. This will involve running cables and modifying doors.

Concrete Replacement: Finrock Construction continues to move along with our concrete repair project. The rain has delayed some of the work, but they are making progress. They are performing demo work and preparing forms in the Larry Avenue and Waller Avenue area. Final concrete pours and restoration work is being completed on Roxana and Donora Drives.

Airport Access Rd. Northbound Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project: Brumbaugh Construction has completed the first half of the Airport Access Road bridge deck rehabilitation. Traffic has been shifted over to the new surface and they are performing the hydro demolition of the other half this week.

Clyde / Cyril Reconstruction Project Engineering: City Engineer Ben Borton, Engineering / GIS Tech Chad Baughman and Director Cron performed the field survey work for the Clyde Pl. and Cyril Ct. Reconstruction design. Mr. Baughman is currently adding this information to the construction drawing so that final design can be completed. We plan to have this project out for bid in late summer or early fall. Director Cron and Mr. Baughman secured a \$400,000 Ohio Public Works Commission grant for this project.



Monday, July 3, 2023 - Focus Vandalia - Fire Pit Etiquette

Focus Vandalia Video (LINK): Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Scott Jacobs shares some tips on fire pit etiquette during the latest Focus Vandalia episode.

Municipal Refuse and Recycling Collection Bid: We will be opening bids for our Municipal Refuse and Recycling collection on July 28th and have this information for discussion at the next study session.

Public Works Facility: The City received a statement of qualifications from 12 firms for the engineering and design of our new Public Works Facility. We will be reviewing all of the submittals and developing a short list to bring in to interview.

Vegetation Control: We are continuing with our vegetation control along and in our roadways. Curb lines on our main roadways and all neighborhoods north of National Road have been completed.

Work Zone Safety Training: Public Works employees attended a "Work Zone Safety" training held by MVRMA. They also attended a trench safety and competent person training that was a requirement of the \$12,000 grant we received for the new trench shoring equipment we purchased earlier this year.

Tandem Axle Truck: We took delivery of the single axle cab & chassis from Rush Trucking that we ordered back in March of 2022. It is ready to be taken to KE Rose for the upfitting of the dump body and snow & ice equipment. KE Rose is nearing the completion of the upfitting of our tandem axle truck that was ordered in late 2021. We just

took delivery of that vehicle earlier this year.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. 2023 Citywide Policy Goals;
2. MyVandalia App Flyer;
3. Information Update - ACM Holloway – July 7, 2023;
4. Information Update - Director Leiter – July 7, 2023;
5. Information Update - Chief Follick – July 7, 2023;
6. Information Update - Director Clark – July 7, 2023;
7. Information Update - Director Cron – July 7, 2023;
8. Information Update – Chief Althouse – July 7, 2023;
9. Electric Aggregation Letter – Sample;
10. Water Meter Door Hanger;
11. Cassel Hills Pool Flyer;
12. Employee Appreciation Events; and
13. Senior Center Newsletter.

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager
Date: July 6, 2023
Subject: Information Update



- We held a Neighborhood Beautification Day on Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Skyview Plat. Employees from GE Aviation volunteered to help us with this event. We were able to provide hands-on assistance to 11 property owners. Many others in the neighborhood benefitted from the large trash pick-up offered by Rumpke and the brush hauling our Public Works employees provided. Thank you to all who helped make this day a tremendous success!
- I attended a Montgomery County jurisdiction meeting at the Montgomery County Business Solutions Center on Monday, June 26.
- I attended the Food Rally at the Crossroads put on by the Vandalia-Butler Chamber on Tuesday, June 27. This was a very well attended event with great food options.
- Director Cron and I participated in a virtual meeting with LJB and CSX to discuss the Vandalia Bikeway Connector project.
- On Friday, June 30:
 - Director Clark and I met with Kolar Design to review sign design options.
 - City Planner Hammes & Zoning & Planning Coordinator Graham met onsite with the property owner at 165 N. Dixie Drive to discuss future plans for the site.
- You, City Planner Hammes, Zoning & Planning Coordinator Graham and I met to review upcoming public hearing matters.
- Property Maintenance Inspector Millikin is working with our mowing contractor on scheduling in preparation for Air Show weekend.

Communications Update

- Communications Manager Hopkins served as the emcee for the Star Spangled Celebration. Despite rainy conditions across the region, the Sports Complex stayed dry allowing us to carry out the event as planned. This was a very well attended event and we have received some great feedback on the show via social media.
- Work continues on the MyVandalia Magazine. The latest edition will hit mailboxes on or around July 28th.
- Our joint Community Newsletter is in the final stages of editing and should arrive in mailboxes by the end of this month.
- We filmed Focus Vandalia for July on June 29th. We will film August stories on July 26.

Memo



To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: July 6, 2023

Re: Information Update - Period Ending July 8, 2023

1. YTD June 30, 2023, overall Income tax revenue is up 13.73% (\$1,365,585) from 2022. Withholding tax is up YTD 10.81% (\$791,173); individual tax is up YTD 10.94% (\$116,519); Business net profit tax is up YTD 29.35% (\$457,893). The amount of income tax revenue budgeted for 2023 is \$18,470,500. The amount collected YTD was \$11,309,456 and is 22.46% higher than the estimated YTD amount based on the budget.
2. The compilation team and auditors from Plattenburg and Associates completed the 2022 audit and annual report. We received notification from the Auditor of State's Office that the 2022 audits for the City of Vandalia, Tri-Cities and NAWA were accepted and require no modifications.
3. I am working with Chris Franzmann and Andy Brossart on the upcoming new bond debt issuance for phase 2 of the utility extension project.
4. I attended a NAWA Special meeting to discuss unexpected expenditures regarding pump and motor repairs to wells #4 and #5.
5. The Land Acquisition Note issued for the acquisition of land for the Stonequarry Crossing development will mature on July 26, 2023. **This issuance scheduled and budgeted is a renewal of existing debt, and NOT an issuance of new debt.** The total amount due is \$1,399,000 in principal plus interest. The maturity date on the new note (\$1,399,000) will be in July of 2024. The debt is scheduled to be paid in full in 2036.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 7/6/2023
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING JULY 7, 2023

1. The Division of Fire crews participated in a neighborhood beautification project on Saturday June 24th. Crews and our CRRC were available in the Skyview plat during the morning with Fire Prevention resources and to lend a hand in the project.
2. The Division of Fire was able to provide a standby crew at the Chamber of Commerce sponsored event “Food Rally @ the Crossroads on Tuesday evening June 27th.
3. During the evening hours of June 27th, crews responded to a single vehicle vs. pole accident in front of Station 1 on Peter’s Pike. One person was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.
4. During the Week of June 26 crews participated in Vehicle Stabilization and Man in Machine trainings. A big thank you to our Parks Dept. for allowing us to use the space located in the back lot of the maintenance garage to complete these trainings.
5. Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Jacobs, Inspector Fink, and C-Shift Ladder Crew attended “Coffee with First Responders” at the Vandalia branch of the Metro Library on June 29th.
6. The Division of Fire hopes that everyone had a happy and safe July 4th celebration. Crews were in and working hard to keep everyone safe during an enjoyable Star-Spangled Celebration on July 3rd.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

7. The Division of Fire was featured on the most recent Focus Vandalia. CRRC Jacobs spoke about rules and guidelines to having a recreational fire within the City of Vandalia. Additionally, CRRC Jacobs spoke about firework safety being so close to the July 4th holiday.
8. The Division of Fire would like to congratulate our most recent employees on completing their probation period. Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Cory Brand and Part-time Firefighter/EMT Justin Maxwell recently accomplished this requirement and received their metal helmet front.
9. On July 5th our newest group of Part-time employees started their orientation with the Division of Fire. This group of seven will be training and onboarding before being assigned to their regular shift.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: 7/6/2023
Re: Information Update – Period ending July 6, 2023

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

- The 2023 Star Spangled Celebration was a great success with a large crowd and spectacular fireworks display to cap off the evening. We dodged rain drops at various times throughout the day and barely missed the path of a thunderstorm right when the event started but was able to kick things off as scheduled. The new Patriotic Play Area was a hit with families with young children. We had 15 community groups that came out to provide games, activities and/or crafts for children to enjoy throughout the evening. Special recognition to the Division of Fire, Division of Police, Public Works, City Managers Office and Parks and Recreation Department for their preparation and coordination efforts throughout the course of the event. Fire Department personnel are very professional in their approach to the fireworks display, assuring a safe event for all involved. This is such a wonderful community event that residents look forward to every year. The fireworks display, especially the finale, was one of the best in recent memory. We look forward to the 2024 event that will take place on Wednesday, July 3 2024.
- Goat Yoga at the Art Park took place on June 21 with 20 adults participating. This program continues to be very popular with yoga enthusiast in the community.
- The first Summer Splashtacular event will take place on Tuesday, July 11 from noon – 2:00pm at the Sports Complex. This program was started during the COVID pandemic as a way for children to get outside and participate in water themed activities. The Parks and Recreation Department and Division of Fire partner to provide this free activity. There will be a food truck at the July 11 event as well. The remaining Splashtacular event will take place on July 18 in Robinette Park and July 25 at the Sports Complex.
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- Youth baseball is finishing up the season with All-Star play in the F-Minor and F-Major divisions during the month of July. The Teener league continues play through the month of July. All other divisions have completed their season.
- The Schellas Hyndman Soccer Camp will take place next week, July 10-14 at the Sports Complex. We currently have over 80 kids registered for the camp.

- Cassel Hills Swimming Pool – Weather the past 15 days has been unseasonably cool with clouds and rain thus correlating with poor attendance. We are planning to use social media to promote reduced membership price options for the remainder of the pool season. I will be providing an update on the Cassel Hills Pool season to City Council at the July 17 meeting.

RECREATION CENTER

- Josh Berry began employment as the Recreation Coordinator for Fitness on Monday, June 26. Josh is a great addition to our team and we look forward to his contributions to our fitness programs. Alicia McCracken and Jeff Kreill are continuing with Josh's orientation over the next week.
- We are into the 6th week of Summer CampRec. Artful Adventure Week was the theme last week and this week's theme is Party in the USA.
- On June 29, VRC employees participated in a Run, Hide, Fight Training event with Officer Wehner of the VPD. This program was presented as part of our ongoing effort to provide meaningful training to the employees of the VRC.

GOLF DIVISION

- Cassel Hills Golf Course hosted the 2023 Vandalia Rotary Club Outing last week with 89 players participating in the annual event. They also hosted two baby showers in the dining room over the past several weeks.
- Golf Superintendent Marty Szturm continues to work on the irrigation system on a regular basis, repairing leaks and replacing parts. Marty is currently working with Technical Choice, LLC on the preliminary design of a new irrigation system. The design should be completed by the end of the summer which will allow us to bid the irrigation system project this fall.
- Rain has slowed play at the golf course during the last several weeks but the condition of the course is excellent at this time. Staff has received many comments on how well it is playing. .

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

- The Senior Center is a donation point for jigsaw puzzles and books for members. Toni receives so many donations that she works with a non-profit group, Project Read, to make a donation when the Senior Center gets overloaded with donated puzzles and books. The group of volunteers come to the facility and assist in boxing up the items and then hauls them away for distribution throughout the region.
- For the period of June 20 to July 3 there were 826 people pass through the doors of the Senior Center, including evenings and weekends. There were 10 days in which the facility was rented during this time period.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

- We welcomed two new Maintenance Technicians to our Parks and Recreation team with Ethan Whitmer starting on June 21 and Drew Burghardt on June 26. Both have hit the ground running and are quickly getting oriented to our processes. We are very happy to have them join our team.
- Mark Collins also was able to have Officer Wehner and Sgt. Lawson provide Run, Hide, Fight training to the evening custodial employees on Tuesday June 20th.
- Banners for the VRC parking lot light poles have arrived and will be installed in the next week or so.



Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service
Date: July 6 2023
Re: Information Update for June 24 – July 7, 2023

Development & Engineering Services

The final course of asphalt has been installed on Foley & Enola Drives. Topsoil has been installed to all of the disturbed areas. The final seeding is all that remains to be completed on the project. I would like to thank all of the residents within the project area for their patience throughout the project and our contractor, Double Jay Construction, for their work and accommodating the residents as well.

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We received Statement of Qualifications from 12 firms for the engineering and design of our new Public Works Facility. We will be reviewing all of the submittals and developing a short list to bring in to interview

Final inspections continue in the Redwood Development. Approximately 12-14 of the units are now occupied.

Work is progressing on the Ernst Corporate Office Facility at 993 Falls Creek Drive. Footers have been poured and utility work is in progress.

Demo of the existing structure has been completed at the future site of the Sheetz facility at 3250 Benchwood Drive. The site has been cleared and prepped for construction. We are still awaiting their lot consolidation plat for their building permit to be issued.

Public Works

We have installed “No Right Turn” signs for trucks that exceed 50 feet in length at three intersections on the west side of the City. Signs were installed at the intersections of Fieldstone Way and Peters Pike, Capstone Way and Peters Pike, and Peters Pike and National Road. See attached map. This is part of our continued effort to mitigate the commercial truck traffic on National Road through the City.

We are also in the process of installing 31 signs on Industrial Park Drive and Scholz Drive prohibiting parking from 9:00pm to 5:00am.

We assisted with the traffic control, “No Parking” signs and barricades for the Star Spangled Celebration at the Sports Complex.

We put up and took down the American Flags in honor on Independence Day and the banners for the Star Spangled Celebration along National Road.

Our crews located and reconnected the water service to the drinking fountain in Robinette Park.

We are continuing with our vegetation control along and in our roadways. Curb lines on our main roadways and all neighborhoods north of National Road have been completed.

We repaired a watermain break on Bay Brooke Court last Monday evening. The main had to be completely shut down to make the repair, so we issued a boil advisory for the affected residents until sample results were returned.

Our water meter replacement program continues to move along at a steady pace. Bill Miles has been installing new inside meters every day. Other crews have been installing the meters in pits as time permits. Per a new EPA requirement we are mandated to do a complete survey of every water service on our system by October of 2024, to list water line material. The service is on the public side and private side of the meter. We have been documenting this on each meter replacement.

The Attica Water Tower is now back in service after the inspection and cleaning of the tower as part of our maintenance contract.

We performed 273 utility locates in the month of June as part of the 811 program.

We reset a curb stop box on Taylorsview Drive that the property owner's tree had grown into. The property owner had the tree removed and we reset the box.

The entire department attended a "Work Zone Safety" training held by MVRMA. They also attended a trench safety and competent person training that was a requirement of the \$12,000 grant we received for the new trench shoring equipment we purchased earlier this year.

We took delivery of the single axle cab & chassis from Rush Trucking that we ordered back in March of 2022. It is ready to be taken to KE Rose for the upfitting of the dump body and snow & ice equipment. KE Rose is nearing the completion of the upfitting of our tandem axle truck that was ordered in late 2021. We just took delivery of that vehicle earlier this year.

Jake Hayslett and Ben Borton attended the NAWA Technical Committee meeting during this period.



Enforcement Signs: No Right Turns for Trucks



New enforcement signs to be placed as shown.



Information Update



To: Dan Wendt
City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse
Chief of Police

Date: July 6, 2023

Subject: Information Update Ending July 7, 2023

1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 18 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in two traffic citations, 10 written warnings and six verbal warnings while working 16 additional enforcement hours.
2. Detectives charged a 64-year-old Dayton man with Petty Theft. The suspect stole various items from Kroger and was issued a misdemeanor summons.
3. During the week of June 28, technicians were on-site to install the new Intrado phone system; the previous having been destroyed during the 2022 Justice Center flood. Thanks to IT staff for their additional assistance.
4. On June 28 and 29, Lt. Sucher assisted Englewood Police Department with their interview panel for their current sergeant promotional process.
5. CPO Wehner provided "Run, Hide, Fight" training for Parks & Recreation employees at the Recreation Center on June 29.
6. On June 29, VPD hosted a "Coffee with First Responders" event at the Vandalia Library. VFD, BTPD, BTDF, and OSP also attended. The coffee and drinks were donated by the library while VPD provided the donuts. Thank you to all who attended and the library for hosting this event. Thirty-six people attended which is the most we have seen at a coffee event. We look forward to doing this again.



7. Detectives charged a 32-year-old Dayton woman with Grand Theft (credit cards). The suspect stole a purse containing various credit cards and bank cards belonging to an employee at Culver's.
8. Detectives charged an 18-year-old Vandalia woman with Disrupting Public Services after she broke the house phone that her grandmother was trying to use to call 911 while they were involved in a Domestic Violence incident.
9. Detectives recently investigated the Theft of a Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk from a business on Little York Road. The Dayton Police Department recovered the Trackhawk from a resident in Dayton. Information from the recovery of the stolen vehicle led to the confession and arrest of a 17-year-old male from Dayton, Ohio.
10. On June 30, Lieutenant Walker and I attended a meeting with the Law Director along with representatives from DES and VFD to discuss the issues with a local hotel that previously had its permit revoked. We discussed the issues that still have yet to be addressed and a possible agreement for the court litigation addressing this public nuisance.
11. Lieutenants Walker and Sucher met with Air Show officials on July 1 to determine additional signage and some slight route changes related to the new general admission parking entrance on Engle Road.
12. VPD officers worked the Star-Spangled Celebration on July 3 at the Sports Complex. There were no serious issues or incidents during this annual celebration and it was great to see so many of our residents out to enjoy the music and fireworks display. We assisted with traffic direction at the conclusion of the fireworks display and the park cleared out quickly with minimal traffic delays on surrounding roadways.
13. The Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club held its 27th annual Freedom Tour bike ride at the Vandalia Sports Complex on July 4. This year saw nearly 550 cyclists participate in one of the three rides. VPD assisted with traffic control at major intersections to provide safety for cyclists crossing National Road and North Dixie Drive. This event highlights our community with cyclists from the tri-state area and benefits the students and school district with funds raised for scholarships and school programs.
14. We were proud to witness the City Manager administer the oath of office to promote Andrew Wehner to the position of Sergeant on July 5. Sgt. Wehner will be assigned to the relief schedule on road patrol after a short field training program over the next week. His ceremonial oath of office for his promotion will occur at the July 17 Council meeting.
15. You and I conducted second round interviews with public safety specialist applicants this week. Four candidates passed the interview process and will qualify for the eligibility list.

June 30, 2023

Miami Valley Communications Council Community Electric Aggregation Notification



Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program. Members of your community voted in favor of government aggregation, a program authorizing your local officials to purchase electricity from an electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. To further increase the buying power, your community joined with 13 other area communities as part of the **Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC)** which selected Energy Harbor to be your electric service provider.

How You Benefit

By participating in the aggregation program, you will receive the following exclusive pricing on your electric generation:

	Your Electric Utility	Fixed Price	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	AES Ohio	6.57 cents per kWh	December 2025	None
Small Business	AES Ohio	6.57 cents per kWh	December 2025	None

Same Reliable Service

You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility with your Energy Harbor charges included. If your residential account is on a budget billing plan with your electric utility, and meet Energy Harbor's minimum eligibility requirements, you will continue to receive that service (see FAQs)¹. There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and **you do not need to do anything to participate**.

Opt Out Information

You may choose to leave the program at any time, without penalty, and will NOT be charged a cancellation fee. If you do not want to participate in the aggregation program, you must complete one of the following by the Opt Out Deadline:

- **MAIL:** Return the enclosed **Opt Out Reply Form**
- **PHONE:** Call Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749 to opt-out over the phone
- **WEB:** Enter your 10-digit **Opt Out Code** online at energyharbor.com/opt-out

Opt Out Deadline

July 21, 2023

Enrollment Information

Following the opt out deadline, future bills will reflect the Energy Harbor price listed above upon your next available meter read date, which may take up to 30-45 days. If you are not currently receiving electric generation from Energy Harbor, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your participation. **To become a member of your community's electric aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives.**

100% Green Opt In Information

If you are interested in supporting renewable energy, you can also select electric generation backed by **100% renewable energy certificates (RECs)** at a price of **6.97 cents per kWh**. To enroll in the green offer, please call 1-866-636-3749.

Please refer to the enclosed Terms and Conditions and FAQs (reverse) for more information. Your community encourages members with questions to contact Energy Harbor directly. If you have any questions or wish to opt out, please contact Energy Harbor toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Miami Valley Communications Council



Community Electric Aggregation Program FAQs v.12.20

How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?

Under government aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Residents voted to allow the community to contract with an electric generation supplier on their behalf. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to provide you with exclusive pricing on your electric generation.

Who is Energy Harbor?

Energy Harbor is a fully integrated retail energy provider and independent power producer capable of generating substantial carbon-free energy. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, the company proudly serves nearly one million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan. Your community is one of over 200 who have chosen Energy Harbor to provide electric aggregation programs.

What does it mean to have a fixed price?

The price you will receive each month does not change.

How will I know if I can save money in the aggregation?

You'll know you are saving money as long as your price with Energy Harbor is lower than the utility Price to Compare (PTC) communicated on your bill.

Why am I receiving this letter if I'm in the aggregation?

As a current member of your community's electric aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt out of the program at least every three years. Whether your current contract term with Energy Harbor, or another supplier, is coming to an end, this is your opportunity to either opt out or continue the benefits of the program.

What does it mean to opt out?

Opt out means that you can decide to not participate in your community's electric aggregation program. If you chose to opt out via any of the methods indicated on the front of this notification, you will not be enrolled with Energy Harbor and will not receive further notifications until the end of the current term.

What happens if I do not opt out?

Whichever method you chose, you must do so by the Opt Out Deadline, or you will be automatically included in your community's electric aggregation program.

Can I opt out of the program at a later date?

Yes, you may leave the aggregation program at any time. *You will not be charged an early termination or cancellation fee if you choose to leave the program at later date for any reason.*

What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?

If you opt out or leave the program at a later date you will be returned to your utility's standard service offer and might not be served under the same rates, terms, or conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric utility. You may also shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the PUCO and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (7826).

¹As part of the aggregation, will Energy Harbor continue or allow me to begin to budget bill my supplier charges?

Yes. For customers in Toledo Edison, The Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison and Duke Energy your utility includes supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. No action is necessary to continue that service. In AEP Ohio and AES Ohio service areas, budget billing will automatically be provided to eligible residents who currently have budget billing with their utility and at least 10 months of historical usage at their current service address. If you have less than 10 months of usage, you will still receive the community exclusive pricing listed herein but will be ineligible to budget the generation portion of your bill. AEP Ohio and AES Ohio will continue to budget the delivery portion of your bill. Under budget billing service, Energy Harbor will calculate your budgeted amount based on your average electric usage over the prior months. Periodically, Energy Harbor may examine your budget and may adjust to more closely match your usage from the previous year. Energy Harbor will conduct a final true-up at the end of the contract - or upon your leaving the program should you 'opt out' before the program term end - to reconcile between the actual amount of electricity used and the amount paid under the plan. The new budget amount may vary from the level of your current budget payment. You will continue to receive a levelized amount from your utility for delivery service and may experience true ups with your utility during the contract. If you are currently on, or enter into, a budget billing program after enrolling with Energy Harbor and have at least 10 months of usage, call 1-866-636-3749.

Who is not eligible for an electric aggregation program?

Customers on a special arrangement with the utility such as net-metering, Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and mercantile customers who have not provided affirmative consent to join are not eligible for the program.

How can I contact Energy Harbor for questions?

If you have any other questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit our FAQs located at: www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation



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Your new water meter is installed!

The City of Vandalia has replaced your water meter! This new meter is programmed to use cellular technology to report your water usage to the City of Vandalia Utility Department.

This new meter also gives you the ability to track your water usage in real time through the free EyeOnWater phone app.

The EyeOnWater app has alerts that can help you identify a costly leak before it runs up your bill.

If you have any questions about your new meter or your water bill, call the number below.



Scan the QR Code for more information!

For more information:

937-415-2231

Download the EyeOnWater App



EyeOnWater

Available at:



2023 Cassel Hills Swim Season is Upon Us!



Cassel Hills Swimming Pool Weekly Admission Schedule



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted

NEW ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2023!

Member and Resident Only Days - Every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, pool admission will be limited to CHP Members and Vandalia Residents, each of whom may bring up to three non-resident paying guests.

Non-residents who purchase a membership will be admitted on Member/Resident Only days.

General Admission Days - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be General Admission Days. Any person paying the daily admission fee will be admitted until maximum capacity is reached.

On General Admission days, CHP members and residents will be admitted beginning at 11:30 am. Non-residents will be admitted at 12:30 pm.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY will be required for admission. A "Resident Card" may be obtained by visiting the front desk of the Vandalia Recreation Center. Bring State-issued ID or a utility bill with a Vandalia address and a valid ID.



Scan the QR Code for the
2023 Cassel Hills Pool Members
and Visitor's Guide.

2023 Cassel Hills Pool: Membership Rates

Category	Resident & Taxpayer	Non-Resident
Family	\$169	\$249
Dual	\$149	\$219
Youth (3-17)	\$79	\$119
Adult (18-54)	\$99	\$149
Senior (55+)	\$79	\$119

IMPORTANT!

Beginning April 10, 2023, Season Passes for Cassel Hills Swimming Pool will go on sale at the Vandalia Recreation Center!

A limited number of Non-Resident passes will be available for purchase.

It's a year of Employee Appreciation!

2023 is the Year of Employee Appreciation!

Please note the dates below and plan to attend these events.



Wednesday, June 14
Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



Thursday, July 20
Pizza in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Helke Park



Wednesday, August 16
Picnic in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



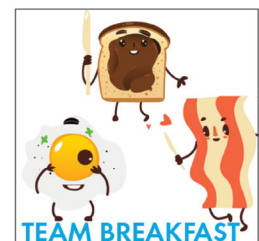
Wednesday, September 20
Employee Taco Bar
12:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center



Wednesday, October 25
Employee Donut Bar
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Vandalia Justice Center



Wednesday, November 8
Team Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Cassel Hills Clubhouse



Monday, December 18
City Council Employee Appreciation Day
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank You

Vandalia Senior Center

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Don't Miss Jessica Michna

Monday, August 21, at 1:00 p.m.

Jessica Michna is a historical character impressionist. She spends more than a year researching and practicing before introducing a new character into her list of presentations. We have been privileged to enjoy seven of Jessica's performances in the past thanks to the generous sponsorship by Linda Ankney with Medigold.

This year she will be portraying Helen Keller in a presentation called "A Life Nearly Lost". Helen began life in 1880. Before the age of 2, an illness left her blind and deaf. She had a hard struggle in life until the family brought in Annie Sullivan to work with her. Later in life, Helen became an author and lecturer. She advocated for rights for the disabled and women. In 1920, she and several others founded the American Civil Liberties Union. Limit: 100 ***Turn to page 4 for the three other history talks sponsored by Medigold.

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A New Exercise Class on the First and Third Wednesdays

Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading a seated exercise class on the first and third Wednesdays each month at 11:00 a.m. right after the hula hoop class. Robin holds a 5th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and takes kickboxing. She has taught aerobics, dance, and more so she is more than qualified to teach exercise classes for us!



A Fall Bingo on Tuesday, August 29, at 1:45 p.m.

So many of you have donated fall items. It is time to find them new homes during the fall bingo. There will be many regular prizes also. Toni Williams will be calling this bingo.

Lunch & Learn

Shelby Skilled Nursing Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 1, at Noon

Alycia Falknor from Shelby Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation will provide your lunch. For over 20 years, Matt Stanley has combined stand-up comedy with mind blowing magic for a result that can only be described as entertaining. He was given the prestigious "Lance Burton Award" and many other awards. He has been featured on NBC and FOX networks. He has opened for Master Illusionist David Copperfield. Members enjoyed his show last year. Since he is only charging the center one-fifth of his normal fee, there will be a container for tips at the end of the show. Limit: 80



Momentum Health Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 8, at Noon

Andrea West from Momentum Health will bring your lunch. Pat Holmes, The Extension Educator for Family & Consumer Sciences for the OSU Extension Office of Montgomery County, will continue her series on Mindfulness. She gave us an introduction to Mindfulness and Mindful Eating earlier this year. This talk will be about Mindful Living. Pat will talk about the mind-body connection and how to form healthy habits. She will give you some ideas for mindful living



and tell you some stories of how others have lived mindful lives. Limit: 75

Stonespring Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, August 10, at **11:00 A.M.**

Sarah Anderson from Stonespring will order your lunch. Paula Shoemaker from Woodland Cemetery will present "The Women of Woodland". You will meet some of the most exciting and interesting women in history. Paula will talk about homemaker turned author, Erma Bombeck; madam and real estate owner, Lib Hedges; Queen of the Gypsies, Matilda Stanley; rodeo rider, Marguerite Doane; famous actress and woman scorned, Mrs. Leslie Carter; youngest Miss America in history, Marion Bergeron Ruhiman Setzer, and many more. Limit: 75



Cypress Pointe Lunch & Learn on Friday, August 11, at Noon Jessica Ward from Cypress Pointe will bring your food. Kevin Royce, DPT is the manager and a physical therapist at Xcel Sports Medicine. He will discuss what to do to keep your back in shape and what to do if it begins hurting. Kevin will have exercises for you to try and a flyer to take home. This talk was rescheduled from June 23. Limit: 45

Lunch & Learn

The Laurels Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 15, at Noon

Jacquie Dalton from The Laurels of Huber Heights will bring your food. This Preble County singing group has been together for a long time. All but one of them graduated from Eaton High School which is my alma mater. Last year they sang for the April catered dinner and are scheduled to return for the November catered dinner. I know you will enjoy this group! Limit: 75



Edward Jones Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 22, at Noon

Donna Bargo and Jordan Peterson will order your food. Donna will give you a booklet called a Perspective. Jordan will further discuss some of the topics in the booklet. He will also talk about additional topics and will answer any financial questions that you want to ask. Limit: 25



Seniors Helping Seniors Lunch & Learn on **Thursday**, August 24, at **11:00 A.M.**

Andrew Spatt from Seniors Helping Seniors will bring your lunch. You will learn about the necessary key aspects to be better prepared to be a caregiver. You will also be able to have a solid plan for yourself as you age Limit: 75



Hearth & Home Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, August 29, at Noon

Gina Havenar from



Hearth & Home will bring your lunch from their kitchen. They're back!! The King's English is back to have a rockin' good time! They will sing the songs from the fifties and sixties that make you smile and tap your feet. The band appreciates your tips to cover traveling expenses. Limit: 100

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last Lunch & Learn of the month.

Turn to page 6 for the
Let's Eat Out Information



Information

Brookhaven Lunch & Learn on Thursday, August 31, at 11:00 A.M.



Robin Kent from Brookhaven will bring lunch. Megan Dunn Peters, The Dayton Arcade Community Manager, will present "Waking the Giant: The Dayton Arcade's Past, Present, and Future". Built in 1902 as a "city within a city", the historic Dayton Arcade served as downtown's central marketplace for most of the 20th century. The nine-building complex has been closed for nearly 30 years, but in 2021, it became a center for arts and innovation. Come learn about what makes the Arcade "the most transformational project in America"! Limit: 75

The 8th Annual Summer History Speaker Series

The History Series will continue through August on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. There will be sweet and salty snacks thanks to the sponsorship of Linda Ankney from Medigold.

August 7: Historian Mike Williams will present "The Dayton Art Institute's First Century". A group of Dayton women led the effort to create an art museum and school in 1919. The vision of Julia Shaw Patterson Carnell built the beautiful Italian Renaissance villa that now houses the Dayton Art Institute. She sustained it and added to its collection throughout the Great Depression while a director named Siegfried Weng transformed the museum on the hill into the city's "living room", an integral part of the community.



August 14: Debe Dockins from the Washington-Centerville Library will return by Zoom to present "Katharine, the Wright Sister". Learn more about Katharine, the younger (and only) sister of the Wright Brothers. She managed their bicycle shop as well as listening to all of their ideas. Katharine later handled all of their correspondence as well as acting as their public relations representative. She was a pioneer all on her own!



August 28: Mark Davis, formerly with the Five Rivers MetroParks and now a manager of the Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, will tell the story of Tadmor. Did you know there was once a village close to Vandalia? It was located where the Taylorsville Park is now. It was a transportation hub near the Miami-Erie Canal, the railroads, and National Road. Come find out what happened to this village.



Art & More

Summer Decoration Class on Tuesday, August 8, at 1:45 p.m.

Candy Jones, a member, has designed another project for you. This is a picture from Pinterest so your project may look a little different. The petals & stems will be pre cut from paper. You will distress them and attach them on a 6"x 6" wood sign. Fee: \$2.00, the cost for the wood sign Limit: 12



FREE Card Making Class on Wed., Aug. 9, at 1:00 p.m.



Get ready for the fall season by making two cards from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Toni Williams will put out lots of stickers, rubber stamps, papers, embossed designs, and more to make a fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or a regular occasion card. There will be lots of equipment to help you create your design. Limit: 12

Ceramic Class on Friday, August 25, at 1:45 p.m.

Mindy Shockey, a member, returns with a witch and Halloween gnomes. Mindy has been working with ceramics for a long time and is a vendor. She will teach you different ways to paint with her brushes and paint. You will be able to choose one of these designs to work on. She will return in September with the same four items again. \$6 each Limit: 14



The Center Needs a Van Tran Driver

Are you or someone you know interested in volunteering and helping people? Can you drive in all seasons of weather? Can you pick up a walker and put it in a vehicle? Can you carry groceries? If so, then come in and see Toni in the office at the Senior Center to learn more details. To become a Van Tran driver, you fill out an application. You have a doctor sign a form certifying that you are capable of driving others. The City of Vandalia will do a background check and a driving record check. If all goes well, then you ride with other Van Tran drivers until you know the procedures and are ready to start taking riders on your own.



Movies

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

Movie on the First Friday, August 4, at 1:00 p. m.

Snacks by Brandon Oakes from Troy Rehabilitation

The movie, *The Fabelmans*, is directed by Steven Spielberg. It is a semi-autobiographical story based on Speilberg's adolescence and his first years as a filmmaker. It is dedicated to his real-life parents. It tells the story of Sammy Fabelman who falls in love with the movies and begins to make his own films. The films help him see the truth about his dysfunctional family and those around him. It stars Gabriel LaBelle, Michelle Williams, Paul Dano, Seth Rogen, and Judd Hirsch. PG-13 Drama 2 hrs. 31 min.



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

Snacks by Andrea West from Momentus Health

The movie, *Maybe I Do*, has an all star cast with Diane Keaton, Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon, William H. Macy, Emma Roberts, and Luke Bracey. The son and daughter of two families, Michelle and Allen, are in a relationship. They decide to invite their parents to finally meet and talk about marriage. It turns out, some of the parents already know one another well, which leads to some differing opinions about marriage. PG-13 Comedy, Drama, Romance 1 hr. 35 min.

Let's Eat Out on the Second Tuesday

Sign up to eat out on Tuesday, August 8. Meet at Hickory River at 5:00 p.m. It is located at 135 S. Garber St., in Tipp City. Turn right off the Tipp City exit, then turn right again. If have a suggestion of a restaurant to visit, tell Toni in the office.



Senior Club Committee

Our good friend Donna Shirley passed away unexpectedly on June 5. Donna was our Senior Club president and Van Tran volunteer. She has been a staple of the community for many years and will be missed. With her passing, it leaves the Senior Club without a president. If you are interested in being the president for the rest of 2023. This would involve helping with the November 17 catered dinner and making decisions for 2024. If you are interested, tell Toni in the office.



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7 Kitchen & Dining Room Closed until 10:30 a.m. Hand & Foot 12:30 History Speaker 1:00 Mike Williams: Dayton Art Institute	8 Super Sewers 9:00 Bridge 9:45 Golden Qi 10:00 Travel 11:00-12:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Hand & Foot 1:40 Art Appreciation 1:40 Craft Class 1:45 Let's Eat Out 5:00	9 Hula Hooping 9:30 Bridge 12:15 Up & Down the River 12:30 Euchre 1:00 Card Making 1:00	10 Travel 9:00-12:00 Lunch & Learn 11:00 Art Group 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 1:00 Rummikub 1:00	11 Travel 9:00-11:00 Mah Jong 9:00 Colored Pencils 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Poker 1:00 Bingo 1:45
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Exercise & Information

NEW BOOKS at the Vandalia Library

Seven Year Slip by Ashley Poston

Summer of Songbirds by Kristy Woodson Harvey

Same Time Next Summer by Annabel Monaghan

A Beautiful Disguise by Roseanna White

Second Act by Danielle Steel

NEW MOVIES at the Vandalia Library

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

Marlowe

Jesus Revolution

Emily

Maybe I Do

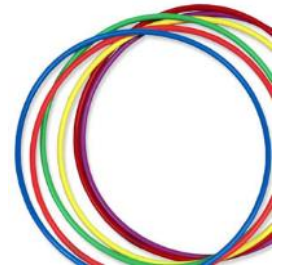


FREE Golden Qi Class on Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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

FREE Hula Hoop Class on Wednesdays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Come and see how hula hooping can improve your health, your spine, your balance, and cardiovascular system. It can lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and cholesterol levels. These hoops are what the pros use in the gyms and rehab centers. If you want to try out hula hooping, call before you come so the group can bring in extra hula hoops.



FREE Exercise Class on the First and Third Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Robin Kent with Brookhaven will be leading a seated exercise class on the first and third Wednesdays each month at 11:00 a.m. right after the hula hoop class. Robin holds a 5th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and takes kickboxing. She has taught aerobics, dance, and more.

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

This chair exercise class is being run by the members. They might use the weights and exercise bands that are here at the center. The group will use some of the exercises they have learned in other classes to help guide the Friday class.



Tech Talk on the First and Third Thursdays, at 11:00 a.m.

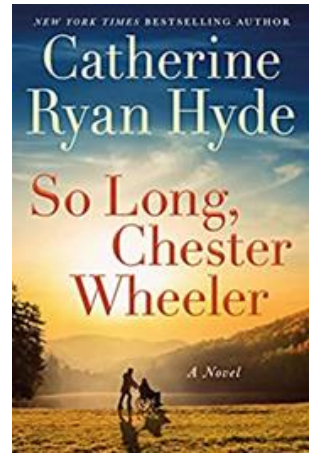
Tom Underwood and Hannah Priebe from the Vandalia Public Library will answer questions about your phone, tablet, and other devices on August 3 and 17. Come to Tech Thursday and they will do their best to find the answers for you. It'll be first come, first served but feel free to stay - you may learn something new, just by listening in! Please sign up.



Information

The Vandalia a Senior Center Book Club Meets on the First Tuesday

The Vandalia Senior Center Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 1, to discuss *So Long, Chester Wheeler* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Lewis is young, gay, and out of work when he's roped into providing end-of-life care for his insufferable homophobic neighbor, Chester Wheeler. Lewis can't say no to a dying wish: drive Chester to Arizona in his rusty Winnebago to see his ex-wife for the first time in thirty-two years—for the last time. One week and two thousand miles, it becomes an illuminating journey into the life and secrets of a man Lewis is finally beginning to understand and call a surprising new friend whose closure on a conflicted past is also just beginning. It is about looking deeper into the heart and soul to form bonds with the last people we'd expect—only to discover that they're the ones who need it the most.



Get Your Blood Pressure & Sugar Numbers Checked



Nurses with Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health will be here on Tuesday, August 1, from

11:00 a.m. to noon. Nurses from Premier Health will check your numbers on Tuesday, August 15, from 11:00

a.m. to noon. They will be in the dining room near the drinking fountains.



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Answers to page 12

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| 1. NE | 2. AL | 3. MT | 4. WY | 5. WI |
| 6. NV | 7. NH | 8. GA | 9. MI | 10. DE |
| 11. OH | 12. UT | 13. NC | 14. IA | 15. LA |
| 16. MS | 17. AK | 18. CT | 19. TN | 20. TX |
| 21. ND | 22. NY | 23. NM | 24. NJ | 25. MN |
| 26. CA | 27. FL | 28. VA | 29. OK | 30. WA |
| 31. IL | 32. HI | 33. KY | 34. IN | 35. AR |



These were the 2003-2004 officers that made decisions for the center.

Left to right:

Harold Maxton, Travel
Phyllis Champlin, Vice President
Ruth Maxton, Travel
Jerry Ballman, Treasurer
John Mason, Financial Secretary
Jo Rabith, Vice President
Alice Bair, President
Pauline Wheeler, Secretary



Information

Bridge Hosts

Tuesday bridge at 9:45 a.m. is hosted by Mary Ann Heckman. 937-216-1235

Wednesday bridge at 12:15 p.m. is hosted by Sandi Baylor. 937-694-2643

Thursday bridge at 12:00 p.m. is hosted by Jim Danks. 937-667-3780



Bingo and Other Games



1. Brandon Oakes from Troy Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center will call bingo on Tuesday, August 1, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
2. Tambi Spirk and Nikki Waldron from Brookdale will bring food and call bingo on Thursday, August 3, at 1:00 p.m. Limit: 48
3. Mark Maudlin from Humana will call bingo on Friday, August 11, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
4. Brandie Lovato from Stillwater Skilled Nursing Facility will call bingo on Tuesday, August 15, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
5. Jessica Ward with Cypress Pointe will call bingo on Thursday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m. Limit: 35
6. Toni Williams will have a Fall bingo on Tuesday, August 29, at 1:45 p.m. Limit: 48
7. Sam Stidham from Patient's Choice will call bingo on Wednesday, August 30, at 1:30 p.m. Limit: 48

Celebrate August Birthdays on Wednesday, August 30, at 1:00 p.m.

Momentum Health will provide the cakes for the birthday party. Please sign up. First we will take a group photo. Next those present will sing to the birthday people. Then everyone at the center may have a piece of cake but the birthday people get their cake first!



Donations Needed

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

Leave in the Office: *Diet Coke and other diet drinks, *birthday napkins, *drink cups and coffee cups, non-refrigerated individual creamers, individually labeled flavored teas, card making supplies, art supplies, greenery, new greeting cards, and items for the free table.

Boxes in the hallway under the coat rack and by the white board: used batteries, pop tabs, used greeting cards, cell phones, glasses, cancelled stamps, food for the Vandalia Food Pantry barrel and for Cares4Kids box

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



Write the state abbreviation next to what it is known for. Check your answers on page 9.

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| 1. Cornhusker State, Beef State ____ | AL Alabama |
| 2. Cotton State, Yellowhammer State ____ | AK Alaska |
| 3. Treasure State, Big Sky Country ____ | AZ Arizona |
| 4. Equality State ____ | CA California |
| 5. Badger State, American's Dairyland ____ | CT Connecticut |
| 6. Silver State, Sagebrush State, Battle Born State ____ | DE Delaware |
| 7. Granite State ____ | FL Florida |
| 8. Peach State, Empire State of the South ____ | GA Georgia |
| 9. Wolverine State, Great Lake State ____ | HI Hawaii |
| 10. First State, Diamond State ____ | IL Illinois |
| 11. Buckeye State ____ | IN Indiana |
| 12. Beehive State ____ | IA Iowa |
| 13. Tar Heel State, Old North State ____ | KY Kentucky |
| 14. Hawkeye State, Corn State ____ | LA Louisiana |
| 15. Pelican State, Creole State, Sugar State ____ | MI Michigan |
| 16. Magnolia State ____ | MN Minnesota |
| 17. The Last Frontier ____ | MS Mississippi |
| 18. Nutmeg State, Constitution State ____ | MT Montana |
| 19. Volunteer State ____ | NE Nebraska |
| 20. Lone Star State ____ | NV Nevada |
| 21. Flickertail State, Sioux State, Peace Garden State ____ | NH New Hampshire |
| 22. Empire State ____ | NJ New Jersey |
| 23. Land of Enchantment, Sunshine State ____ | NM New Mexico |
| 24. Garden State ____ | NY New York |
| 25. North Star State, Gopher State, Land of 10,000 Lakes ____ | NC North Carolina |
| 26. Golden State ____ | ND North Dakota |
| 27. Sunshine State ____ | OH Ohio |
| 28. The Old Dominion, Mother of Presidents ____ | OK Oklahoma |
| 29. Sooner State ____ | TN Tennessee |
| 30. Evergreen State, Chinook State ____ | TX Texas |
| 31. Prairie State, Land of Lincoln ____ | UT Utah |
| 32. Aloha State ____ | VA Virginia |
| 33. Bluegrass State ____ | WA Washington |
| 34. Hoosier State ____ | WI Wisconsin |
| 35. Grand Canyon State ____ | WY Wyoming |

Travel

- September 13-19 Boston, Salem, Cape Ann: \$855 pp, \$1184 single, \$100 deposit, final payment due July 21. THIS GREAT TRIP NEEDS A FEW MORE PEOPLE TO GO.
- October 23-28 Savannah, Jekyll Island, Beaufort: \$717 pp, \$934 single; \$100 deposit due by June 16, final payment due by August 16
- November 13-17 Nashville: \$808 pp, \$988 single, \$100 deposit due by July 6; final payment due by September 6
- November 30-December 6: The Holidays in New York City! \$900 pp, \$1214 single, \$100 deposit due by July 30, final payment due by September 30

Flyers are in the holder by the card room door. Information is on the travel bulletin board and on the senior center web page at <https://vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel>.

You write a separate check to Diamond Tours for each trip. Then either mail them to the Vandalia Senior Center or drop them in box #4 in the hallway by the kitchen. You also need to fill out the form at the bottom of this page and include it with your payment.

Bob Reed will have office hours at the Senior Center in the dining room.

Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursdays: 9 a.m. to noon Fridays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Or call 937-313-9692, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leave a voicemail.

TRAVEL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. You must be a member of the Vandalia Senior Center.
2. No invoices or reminders will be sent out.
3. There are only 5 single rooms for each trip.
4. Final payment must be to the Senior Center by the due date.
5. If payments are not received by the due date, your name will be removed from the list.
6. If you need to cancel, ask if there is a waiting list before asking someone to replace you.
7. If the tour operator cancels a tour, a full refund will be issued as soon as it is received from the operator. Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended.



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Parks & Recreation

Vandalia Air Show Backyard Bash - Thursday, July 20 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Vandalia Art Park:

Kick off the Dayton Air Show weekend early at Vandalia Art Park! We will have live music from the United States Air Force Band of Flight, food trucks, activities for kids, vendors, arts & crafts and more! Fee: Free entry event



Vandalia Dogs Night Out - Friday, July 28 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at Helke Park

Check out the PAWty at the park! Come out to Helke Park and enjoy an evening full of doggy fun. We will have activities, photo booth, doggy talent show, demonstrations hosted by the Dayton Gem City Dog Club, a puppuchino bar and more! McNasty's Food Truck and Kona Ice will be at the event to serve food.

Location: Helke Park at 829 Randler Ave. Fee: Free entry event!

Rules:

- All dogs must display a valid license.
- All dogs must have proof of current rabies vaccinations.
- An adult must accompany their dog(s) at all times
- Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
- Unruly, worrisome to others, or aggressive dogs will not be permitted.
- VPRD reserves the right to deny participation in the event for any reason.

Vandalia National Night Out - Tuesday, August 1 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Vandalia Sports Complex

The Vandalia Division of Police is celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Vandalia Sports Complex. See more info on page 15.

Parks & Recreation Information

National Night Out continued: We will have food, hayrides, raffles, and entertainment, There will be free bike helmets while supplies last to children participating in a bike safety education program and receiving a proper helmet fitting. For more information, call 937-415-2272. Sponsored by: Day Air Credit Union



Vandalia End of Summer Spectacular & Movie Night - Friday, August 4. **from 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm at Vandalia Sports Complex**



Come out to the Vandalia Sports Complex and enjoy family fun before the school year starts! The Vandalia-Butler Foundation will host a cornhole tournament. There will be games, arts & crafts, food trucks, a back-to-school raffle and more! Then we will finish off the night with the playing of Encanto at dark around 9:00 pm. Fee: Free event Ages: All Ages Welcome

Vandalia Artful Adventure Day - Saturday, August 12, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



Enjoy a creative afternoon at the Art Park! We will have many arts & crafts activities for you to engage in, from face painting, friendship bracelet making, art sculpture scavenger hunt, chalk art, rock garden painting, and much more! There will be a food truck and snow cones for you to enjoy a picnic at the park as well. Fee: Free Event Ages: All Ages Welcome!

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Vandalia Senior Club

2023 Committee:

President	Open
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Treasurer	Kay Lowe 937-409-8300
Secretary	Dottie Ganter 937-898-7286

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Age 55 or older

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Vandalia Resident \$15 single - \$25 dual

Non Resident \$20 single - \$35 dual

A resident is defined as someone who pays

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

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