

Memorandum



To: Officer Connor Matlock
From: Chief Kurt E. Althouse *KEA*
Date: July 17, 2023
Subject: Medal of Valor award recipient

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After removing the resident from the fire, you and Officer Clymer ran back inside the building and began alerting other residents and searching other apartments for anyone else remaining in the building. You forced entry into two apartments to search them and make sure that everyone was out of the building that was on fire.

You demonstrated bravery and courage putting your own life at risk by running into an apartment fire, pulling a resident out to safety and returning to the building to evacuate anyone else still inside the building. You took immediate action in a life-threatening situation and your bravery and exceptional service ultimately saved the life of a Vandalia resident who was inside the burning apartment.

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apartment building multiple times, faced with heavy smoke, to search for and clear the building of anyone else still inside. Several times during your search and evacuation, you were forced to step outside coughing to clear your lungs and returned to continue your search for anyone else. You put your life at risk due to several additional compressed oxygen tanks being in apartment #1 and presented a risk of explosion due to their proximity to the active fire. You also notified the responding fire and EMS units of the additional oxygen tanks for their safety when extinguishing the fire.

A panel of a senior police lieutenant, police sergeant, police officer, and public safety specialist reviewed this incident and the facts surrounding the case and unanimously concluded that your actions met the criteria for receiving the Vandalia Division of Police Medal of Valor. I concur with their recommendation and recommend you receive VPD's Medal of Valor for your exceptional bravery and courage on this call.

You and your family are invited to attend the August 21, 2023, City Council meeting where you will be recognized for your exceptional service and be awarded your Medal of Valor.

GREAT WORK CONNOR!
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The Blue Letter

July 21, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst and City Councilmembers:

Police Officer Connor Matlock and Police Officer Nelson Clymer will be receiving the Medal of Valor. This is the highest honor and award a police officer is eligible to receive. During a May 13, 2023, fire at a multiunit apartment, their brave and heroic actions ultimately resulted in saving a man's life. Officers Matlock and Clymer put themselves in harms way and risked their own lives. I look forward to celebrating with you at a Council Meeting in September or October when Officers Matlock and Clymer are presented their Medals of Valor. Their heroic actions were documented on body camera footage, which we will play at the meeting. I have enclosed Chief Althouse's memo. Congrats gentlemen. It is a privilege to serve our community with you.

Happy Air Show Weekend! The feature show begins at 11:15 a.m. and wraps up at approximately 4:15 p.m. Attendees are advised to arrive early and to beat the crowds. The air show is anticipating record crowds, and this week, I worked with the air show staff to secure additional overflow parking at 250 Northwoods Blvd. (old Delphi plant), which has not been needed in recent memory. [Here is the Air Show Schedule \(LINK\)](#). Thank you to our team of City employees who are working to make this event a regional success. This is a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful community. It has been *all hands on deck this week (and the last few weeks leading up to the event)*.



Airport Access Northbound Bridge Deck Repair Complete: The northbound bridge deck on Airport Access road is repaired and fully open in time for the air show! The traffic control signs are down (except for two "Road Work Ahead" signs) and barrels moved to the grass; all traffic control will be picked up Monday (7/24). Great work to the Development and Engineering Services team on seeing this through with perfect timing.

Backyard Barbeque: Congrats to the Parks and Recreation Department on a great Backyard Barbeque event last night! It was a great time, and the Air Force Band of Flight was a real crowd pleaser.

Passing of Retired Police Officer Charlie Reboulet: Chief Althouse shared the following:

It is with great sadness that I announce that Charlie Reboulet passed away at his home last evening. Charlie served as a Montgomery County Sheriff's deputy prior to joining the Vandalia Division of Police in 1979. He served Vandalia PD as a K-9 officer, sergeant and retired as a lieutenant in 2008. Charlie always enjoyed returning to VPD to see how the department and staff were doing and enjoyed fishing with his late wife, Ann, who also worked at VPD as a public safety specialist. Viewing and funeral arrangements are pending with Morton-Whetstone Funeral Home.

Passing of former Police Officer Steve Heil: Mr. Steve Heil, a former Police Officer and Engineering Inspector, also passed away last week. His obituary is available online: <https://www.mortonwhetstonefh.com/obituary/Steve-Heil#tributewall>

MyVandalia Magazine: I have enclosed a digital version of the August edition of the MyVandalia Magazine. This will begin to arrive in mailboxes on or around July 28th. The digital version can also be viewed online at: <http://scr-publications.com/Flipbooks/VAN-Flip/VAN-MyVandalia-23-03/>. Communications Manager Rich Hopkins, Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway, and our Parks & Recreation team have worked hard to produce a publication that is representative of the high

quality of life we enjoy as residents of Vandalia.

Downtown Market Study: Place Dynamics will be in town next week conducting stakeholder meetings with business owners, regional development professionals, and elected officials. We are very fortunate to have many business owners who are volunteering their time to participate in and to inform this very important analysis.

Electric Aggregation: Vandalia residents who are on the AES standard rate (i.e., not in another third-party aggregation program) will receive a letter from Energy Harbor explaining the process to OPT-OUT of the program. Those taking no action will automatically be enrolled with Energy Harbor at the 6.57 cents per kWh through December 2025. A postcard will also follow from AES in the coming weeks to confirm that the switch to Energy Harbor.

Those Vandalia residents who are currently under contract with another third-party electric supplier, will have to contact Energy Harbor to **OPT-IN** to the program. It's highly recommended that residents check with your current supplier to confirm there are no early termination fees before switching to Energy Harbor. This can be done at: <https://energyharbor.com/en/community-programs/find-your-program/vandalia-montgomery-dpl>. The effective date of the new Energy Harbor contract is anticipated to be September 1, 2023. The 6.57 cents/kWh rate is fixed through December 2025. Residents can opt-out or opt-in of the Energy Harbor program at any time with no additional fees from Energy Harbor; however, fees may apply from residents' current third-party supplier. AES will remain our electric distributor and residents should contact AES for any service requests or power outages. Bills will still be paid to AES. I have enclosed a sample opt-out letter.

Contact information for Energy Harbor:

Phone: 1-866-636-3749

Online: <https://energyharbor.com/en/community-programs/find-your-program/vandalia-montgomery-dpl>

Vandalia Bikeway Connector: I have enclosed a letter to addresses along South Brown School Rd. This provides information regarding the Vandalia Bikeway Connector.

Employee Appreciation Event: Thank you to Human Resources Assistant Sherri Howard, Parks & Recreation, and the City Manager's Office staff for putting on a great employee appreciation event in Helke Park yesterday! It was great to see everyone. The next Employee Appreciation event will be held Wednesday, August 16 at the Sports Complex and we will invite our retirees.

AED Donation to VBCSD: Recently the Division of Fire purchased new Cardiac Monitors as part of a capital project. As a result, there were AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) that are no longer in use by the Division of Fire. All surplus AED's were donated to the Vandalia Butler Schools to better equip their buildings with this important lifesaving device. This highlights the Fire Division's commitment to critical thinking, preparation to achieve the best emergency medical responses possible, and great fiscal stewardship.

New Playgrounds: Sitework is underway for the new Helke Park playground unit (the horseshoe pits and shuffleboard courts will be removed, making the playground easily accessible from both shelters). Staff removed fencing and light pole bases in this area in anticipation of the arrival of the playground installation contractor this week. Once onsite, the installer is estimated to take two weeks to complete the installation. They will then move to the Sports Complex to complete the demolition of the current playground unit on the baseball side of the complex, followed by installation of the new unit.

Facilities Infrastructure Project: Light poles are being installed along the east pathway at the Sports Complex. The contractor has installed a total of 12 poles and will continue to install a total of 32 poles in the coming week. The installed pole lights (solar/LED) are in operation. I have enclosed a map and letter that was sent to neighboring residents.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement: During the past three weeks, VPD officers made 18 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in five traffic citations, 12 written warnings and one verbal warning while working 16 additional enforcement hours.

School Safety: Chief Althouse recently attended a monthly meeting with VBCSD Superintendent O'Leary, Safety Director Bill Wertz and Butler Twp. Police Chief John Porter to discuss school safety and community concerns for the safety of our students and school staff.

CALEA Assessment: VPD's Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) on-site assessment will occur July 31- August 3. Vandalia is one 60 Ohio law enforcement agencies to hold the CALEA designation (of 850 total agencies statewide). Our assessor will be retired Chief Charles Walters from Gwinnett County (GA) Police Department. During this week, Chief Walters will be meeting with various members of VPD, city leaders, community members, and business owners to receive input and feedback on our policies and procedures and community interactions.

The **Foley and Enola Drive Reconstruction** project is complete. Double Jay Construction was our contractor for this project, and they were great to work with and very accommodating to our residents. GIS / Engineering Tech Chad Baughman did a great job of managing the project and keeping our resident informed of what was going on and what to expect next throughout the project.

Human Resources Personnel Administration Policy 2-11 on Dress Code and Appearance: I have issued an updated policy for employee dress code and appearance. Thank you to our Senior Staff for the hard work and input regarding this policy. Employees are now permitted to display tattoos and piercings with some restrictions. Our team will continue to present in a professional and respectful way that ensures confidence and is representative of the great public services that our team provides. This is a great move for the City of Vandalia. There are several other noteworthy changes – if you are *in to* reading policies.

Clyde / Cyril Reconstruction Project: The City is advertising for bids for the Clyde Place and Cyril Court Reconstruction project. Bids will be opened on August 15th and this item will be on the August 21st Council Study Session agenda for discussion.

Refuse Bids: The City will be opening bids for our Municipal Refuse and Recycling collection on July 28th and have this information for discussion at the August 21st City Council Study Session.

Public Works Facility: Our team has reviewed statements of qualifications from 12 firms for the engineering and design of our new Public Works Facility. Our committee has narrowed the list down to six and have interviews set up with those firms in the next couple weeks.

Mosquito Spraying: Public Health has notified me that they plan to do mosquito spraying on Monday July 24th at dusk. Please consider the following:

- 1) Public Health will spray in the area around the Vandalia Rec Center/Vandalia Sports Complex, around Helke Park and then a small route through Poplar Cemetery.
- 2) Signs will be placed on the morning of 7/24 with contact information.
- 3) Public health will use the product Duet product by Clarke. Info: <https://www.clarke.com/product/duet-adulticide/>

Questions can be directed to Jason Turner at 937-225-4439 or email at jturner@phdmc.org.

Parking Prohibitions: The "No Parking" signs have been installed on Industrial Park Drive and Scholz Drive prohibiting parking from 9:00pm to 5:00am. This is the result of complaints of overnight semi-truck parking. Our team contacted businesses on these streets and solicited feedback to arrive at this decision.

Vegetation Control: Public Works is continuing with our vegetation control along and in our roadways. Crews have been in the residential neighborhood spraying along the curbs.

Summer Schedule – Council Meetings: Council established a summer schedule for Council meetings. The August meeting will

be held Monday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. The Study Session will tentatively begin at 6:00 p.m.

Happy Air Show!

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC: Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Medal of Valor Notification – Officer Mattlock and Officer Clymer
2. Information Update - ACM Holloway – July 21, 2023;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – July 21, 2023;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Pruszyński – July 21, 2023;
5. Information Update - Director Clark – July 21, 2023;
6. Information Update - Chief Althouse – July 21, 2023;
7. Information Update - Director Cron – July 21, 2023;
8. Electric Aggregation Opt-Out Letter;
9. Sports Complex Light Pole Location Map and Letter to Residents;
10. Vandalia Bikeway Connector Letter;
11. 2023 Citywide Policy Goals;
12. MyVandalia App Flyer;
13. Employee Appreciation Events;
14. Water Meter Replacement Door Hanger;
15. MyVandalia Magazine – August 2023; and
16. Human Resources Personnel Administration Policy 2-11 on Dress Code and Appearance.

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager
Date: July 20, 2023
Subject: Information Update



- You, City Planner Hammes, and I met with Place Dynamics to kick off our Downtown Market Study on Friday, July 7. Place Dynamics will be in town next week conducting stakeholder meetings.
- I attended the First Friday Coffee at the library on Friday July 7 and the Business After Hours at Elements IV on July 19.
- I, along with representatives from JobsOhio and the Dayton Development Coalition, met with Axogen at their facility on Industrial Park Drive on Tuesday, July 11.
- City Planner Hammes attended the Miami Valley Age Friendly Network meeting on 7/12.
- Staff from DES, Fire, and I met for our monthly development meeting on Monday, July 17.
- Communications Manager Hopkins hosted a lunch and learn for our Air Show volunteers on Wednesday, July 19.
- City Planner Hammes, Zoning & Planning Coordinator Graham, you, and I met to review upcoming BZA cases.
- Property Maintenance Inspector Millikin coordinated with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and ODOT to receive assistance with litter pickup along roadways and on our exit ramps.
- Special thank you to City staff, especially Property Maintenance Inspector Millikin and Zoning & Planning Coordinator Graham, for their efforts in ensuring the City is in top shape for the 2023 Air Show. This is an effort that requires great planning and coordination.

- We have issued a permit for a Domino's restaurant at 128 N. Dixie Drive.

Communications Update

- The new issue of the My Vandalia magazine will hit mailboxes as soon as next Friday.
- Our Community Newsletter is at the printer. We expect it to arrive in mailboxes next week.
- Our next Focus Vandalia videos will be filmed Wednesday, July 26.

Memo



To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: July 18, 2023

Re: Information Update - Period Ending July 21, 2023

1. Kristen and I met with representatives from PNC Bank to review and discuss analysis fee statements for the City, Tri-Cities and NAWA, and available options to increase revenue and reduce costs without sacrificing service.
2. I participated in both the pre and post pricing calls and process for the sale of the Land Acquisition Notes in preparation for the closing and wiring of funds on July 25th.
3. Kristen and I attended a council study session and meeting.
4. Nina McPherson and I attended the Air Show driver training luncheon to prepare for the upcoming weekend.
5. Finance staff appreciated the invite to the Employee Appreciation Luncheon.
6. I attended a Tri-Cities Finance Committee meeting where I presented the June YTD financial report.
7. Amber, Missy and I interviewed a candidate for an intern position at the City.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 7/20/2023
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING JULY 21, 2023

1. The Division of Fire participated in the first Splashtacular of the year hosted by the Rec Center. Crews always have fun participating in these events and the kids have an extra fun way to cool off in the summer. Unfortunately, the second event at Robinette Park was cancelled due to weather, but everyone is looking forward to another Splashtacular event next week.
2. The Division of Fire would like to congratulate our most recent employee on completing his probation period. Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Jacob Walters recently accomplished this requirement and received his metal helmet front.
3. We are excited to announce the first ever lemonade stand contest. The Division of Fire is seeking out all the young lemonade stand entrepreneurs who invited and/or had a fire, police or first responder to their stand. All eligibility requirements and details are on our Facebook page and the post has had quite the shares to get the word out. The winner will be invited to run a lemonade stand at the Division of Fire's annual Open House in October. The stand and supplies will be provided, we just need an expert to run the stand and collect the money as 100% operator profit. This is another event everyone at the Division of Fire is looking forward and we are certain it will be a success.
4. Our ladder truck spent a few days in Columbus at Heritage Fire Equipment. The time out was to handle warranty work that found needing addressed after being placed in service.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

5. Christ Hospital in Cincinnati came to the Division of Fire to provide LVAD training. LVAD is a device that heart patients waiting on transplants use. We were notified recently of the potential to have new patients in the area using an LVAD. Crews received a refresher on the device and how to successfully handle emergency calls when we come across a patient who uses an LVAD.
6. Recently the Division of Fire purchased new Cardiac Monitors as part of a capital project. As a result, there were AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) that are no longer in use by the Division of Fire. All surplus AED's were donated to the Vandalia Butler Schools to better equip their buildings with this important life saving device.
7. This week the Division of Fire is preparing for hopefully a successful Airshow weekend. Crews are preparing for the Friday parade and the weekend show to follow. Action plans are in place and equipment is fully staffed as Airshow weekend is typically quite busy for our crews.

Memo

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Melissa Pruszynski, Human Resources Manager

Date: July 20, 2023

Re: Information Update – Period Ending July 21, 2023

1. Today we had our second Employee Appreciation event. This month's event, Pizza in the Park, was held at Helke Park. It was a beautiful day with great attendance. Thanks to Council for allowing staff to hold employee appreciation events. It always feels good to spend time with our work family. The next Employee Appreciation event will be held Wednesday, August 16 at the Sports Complex and we will invite our retirees. Please spread the word!
2. I am currently working on revising the personnel policy and procedure manual. During the Tuesday, July 18 staff meeting we held an extensive discussion regarding revisions to the draft version of the appearance and dress code policy. The policy was approved by City Manager Wendt on July 19, 2023 and is attached to this update.
3. The City is interested in hiring an intern from the Wright State University MPA program to research, recommend and revise city policies – specifically Finance and Human Resource policies. Two interns were interviewed during this reporting period, one of which was an international student.
4. During this reporting period Ms. Howard and I, along with Chief Althouse, Lt. Walker, and Lt. Sucher held an orientation meeting with Dr. Erica Birkley who will be conducting our pre-employment psychological exams.
5. Since the last update period I have completed several extensive surveys including the State of Ohio Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics Survey, health care and basic life census reports, and I participated in an extensive compensation study for the City of Troy.
6. Current job postings include full-time firefighter / paramedic / inspector and police officer. The firefighter ad closes Thursday, July 20 and the police officer ad closes Friday, July 28. A Civil Service Commission hearing will be held the week of July 24th to approve an Eligibility List for the position of Public Safety Specialist.
7. **App Store:** Please keep in mind that **ALL** our health care vendors offer Apps, which allow instant access to medical cards and other valuable resources.
8. EmployeeCare, our **free and confidential** employee assistance program, is available to you and those living under your roof, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may contact the EmployeeCare staff **confidentially**, any time, at 208-6626.
9. **Looking for a healthcare advocate?** Do you ever wish you had a personal health care assistant? Well...now you do! One of the top-tier services we now have access to is the McGohan Brabender Advocate Team! Feel free to reach out to the **advocate team** at mbadvocates@mbbenefits.com Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
10. If you would like to browse City of Vandalia Employment Opportunities, the link is <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/422/Employment-Opportunities>.

City of Vandalia, Ohio

HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Administration Policy

2-11 Employee Appearance and Dress Code

2-11.0 Purpose:

The City of Vandalia shall establish general guidelines defining appropriate attire and appearance standards for City of Vandalia employees. All employees shall have a neat and professional appearance that reflects well upon the City of Vandalia. Appearance plays a key role in portraying the professionalism of our City government. This policy is necessary to create and to maintain a professional image of municipal operations for the public, while ensuring an appropriate and safe work environment. All employees of the City are expected and encouraged to exercise discretion and good taste in their matter of dress. Each employee's attire, grooming and personal hygiene should be appropriate to the work situation.

2-11.1 Introduction of Standards:

Each Department Director, subject to review by the Human Resources Manager, is authorized to develop and to implement additional policies or general orders relating to employee personal appearance and dress code, which shall not conflict with this policy.

Department Directors, their designee, or the Human Resources Manager shall be charged with investigating complaints or observations relating to potential infractions of this policy. Any employee who does not meet personal appearance and dress code standards or departmental policies may be subject to corrective disciplinary action.

No employee shall be permitted to perform their duties while wearing clothing, jewelry, tattoos, piercings, body modifications, or other body art that is offensive, detrimental, or distracting to the department, division, or City (for example, references to discrimination, violence, gangs or organized crime, an illegal act, racism, swastika, confederate flag, supremacism, affiliation with an extremist group, drug use, nudity, sexually explicit acts, sexually suggestive references, other derogatory material, obscenity, profanity, an attack based on a protected class or status, an attack of another employee or person, or see-through clothing).

If an employee is required to leave work in order to comply with this policy, it shall be recorded as unpaid leave.

2-11.2 Standards for Uniformed Personnel:

Uniformed Personnel: All employees who are provided with a City uniform shall report to work each day in a clean uniform. Uniforms, including City supplied t-shirts, shall not be altered (for example, cutting off sleeves) in any manner, excluding professional tailoring of uniforms. Any questions regarding City-provided uniforms should be directed to the appropriate Department Director or the Human Resources Manager.

Uniformed personnel shall not be permitted to wear hats (except for winter hats not bearing another organization's logo or name), shirts, or light jackets that are not provided by the City of Vandalia. City uniforms shall not be worn when the employee is off duty unless authorized by the Department Director or City



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: 7/20/2023
Re: Information Update – Period ending July 20, 2023

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

- The first Summer Splashtacular event took place on July 11 at the Sports Complex with a great turnout. 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. The July 18 event was cancelled due to cloudy skies and cool weather. The remaining Splashtacular event will take place on July 25 at the Sports Complex.
- The Vandalia Air Show Backyard Bash, sponsored by Minster Bank will take place this Thursday, July 20 at the Art Park and will include the United States Air Force Band of Flight. There will be food trucks, activities for kids, inflatables, vendors, arts & crafts and more! We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather.
- The Schellas Hyndman Soccer Camp was held the week of July 10-14 at the Sports Complex with 85 youngsters participating. The Butler High School soccer teams and coaches assisted with the camp as instructors. Schellas is a 1969 Butler graduate who went on to become a highly decorated soccer player and hall of fame coach at the collegiate and professional levels. We appreciated Coach Hyndman donating his time for the community that means so much to him. We are hopeful to offer the camp again next year.
- Cassel Hills Swimming Pool – I appreciate the opportunity to present a mid-season report to City Council at the July 17 meeting. As discussed, attendance is driven by weather conditions and as a follow up here are some recent attendance numbers and weather conditions:
 - July 6 – rain and poor weather – 54 total patrons
 - July 7 – sunny and warm – 385 total patrons
 - July 15 – cloudy and rain – 43 total patrons
 - July 16 – sunny and warm – 248 total patrons
- A total of 11 mid-season passes to Cassel Hills Pool have been processed for a total revenue of \$833.
- Our youth soccer program currently has a total of 315 youngsters registered to participate in the recreational program for a total of 30 teams. The number of participants is down slightly from our five year average of 324 per season.
- A total of 30 kids participated in the Playtime at the Park program on July 10 at Helke Park. Participants enjoyed many yard games, small arts & crafts and Kona Ice as part of the program.

RECREATION CENTER

- The At The Rec program guide for September through December has been finalized and ready for printing. The guide will include all programs, activities and special events for the Autumn time period.
- We are into the 8th week of Summer CampRec. This is Super Science Week with lots of fun activities planned, including a field trip to COSI, STEM presentations by the Boonshoft Museum and much more. We have 3 more weeks of camp scheduled after this current week.
- Several recreation staff will be attending an Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Special Events Workshop in Dublin on September 22. The workshop will cover sponsorships, best practices for planning your next event and is a great opportunity to strengthen a peer network.
- Insurance Based Memberships at the VRC totaled 1009 for June with 2980 visits, up slightly from 2022. We had 3257 daily admissions in June accounting for \$23,832 in revenue.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

- Van Tran continues to thrive as a service to our senior population. Nearly every day is at capacity for the number of trips available and every volunteer driver is working 6 to 8 hours each week.
- For the period of July 5 to July 18 there were 914 people pass through the doors of the Senior Center, including evenings and weekends. Lunch and Learns as well as Bingo continue to attract large crowds to the facility.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

- Site work is underway for the new Helke Park playground unit. The new unit will be located in the area of the horseshoe pits and shuffleboard courts. Staff has removed fencing and light pole bases in this area in anticipation of the arrival of the playground installation contractor this week. Once onsite, the installer is estimated to take two weeks to complete the installation. They will then move to the Sports Complex to complete the demolition of the current playground unit on the baseball side of the complex, followed by installation of the new unit. We are appreciative for the assistance provided by Public Works in locating the water service line in this area of Helke Park and for use of their equipment in the demolition of concrete pole bases.
- Parks Maintenance Technicians worked with Public Works on the cleaning of the paver areas and sidewalks in the National Road and Dixie Drive streetscape areas. Staff moved debris into the curb where the street sweeper picked it up.
- Staff performed some maintenance work on the Disc Golf Course at Helke Park, removing downed limbs and mowing some wooded areas that will improve playability of the course.
- Facilities Infrastructure Project – Light poles are being installed along the east pathway at the Sports Complex. The contractor has installed a total of 12 poles and continues to work toward the installation of all 32 poles in the coming week. The installed pole lights (solar/LED) are in operation and are providing excellent lighting of the pathway during early morning and evening time periods.
- Landscape maintenance work continues at various city facilities and parks including Cassel Hills Pool, Justice Center, Municipal Building, Seger Park and the Senior Center. Work performed includes shrub pruning, weed control and mulching.

Information Update



To: Dan Wendt
City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse
Chief of Police

Date: July 20, 2023

Subject: Information Update Ending July 21, 2023

1. During the past three weeks, VPD officers made 18 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in five traffic citations, 12 written warnings and one verbal warning while working 16 additional enforcement hours.
2. Lieutenant Walker, Lieutenant Sucher, Officer Large, and I took a tour of the Kendall Electric construction site off Center Drive on July 11. We met with Shook Construction Project Manager Melissa Lear who escorted us around the facility that is scheduled for completion in September. We made preliminary plans to visit the site one more time before opening, when the construction is nearly completed. The purpose of our tour was to gain first-hand knowledge of the interior of the facility in case of a future emergency.
3. Detectives charged a 58-year-old Dayton man with Felonious Assault (Serious Physical Harm). The victim sustained a fractured orbital wall (eye socket) and fractured ribs. A felony warrant was issued, and the suspect turned himself into Vandalia Municipal Court on July 17. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Montgomery County Jail.
4. Sergeant Wehner and Sergeant Lawson provided "Run, Hide, Fight" training to approximately 40 staff members of UFCW 75 on Poe Avenue. Staff members came from throughout the state to attend a meeting and this training. United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 75 is a union of 30,000 workers throughout Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Members of Local 75 work in supermarkets, drug stores, food processing and packing plants, and health care facilities.
5. Lieutenant Sucher received notification VPD was awarded \$13,923.26 through the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Grant. This annual award will go toward the purchase of body armor for new officers and replacement armor to keep up with life cycle replacement.
6. Officer Clymer stopped a vehicle for speed. He identified a 27-year old female out of Detroit, Michigan, who possessed a firearm and was under several felony drug related indictments. Detectives obtained charges for **weapons under disability (F3)**, **carrying a concealed weapon (F4)**, and **improper handling of a firearm (F4)**.

7. Detectives obtained a warrant for the arrest of a 40-year-old Dayton man for one count of Voyeurism and one count of Criminal Trespass. These charges stem from an incident at the Red Robin restaurant where the suspect entered the women's bathroom and filmed an adult female using the restroom on his cell phone.
8. VPD held its annual retirees' range shooting qualifications on Saturday, July 15 at the Sheriff's Office Range on Old Webster Street. We had 17 retired Vandalia officers attend this shooting qualification course that meets the state's standards and permits retired officers to carry a firearm under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) federal legislation. Special thanks to range officers Brian Krimm and Michael Hulbert for hosting this training. I enjoyed seeing many of our retirees and wish them the best.
9. Sergeant Wehner's promotional ceremony occurred during Monday evening's Council meeting with you administering his Oath of Office and badge pinning by his mentor Shelby County Sheriff James Frye.
10. Sergeants Wehner and Lawson held an Explorer Meeting on July 18 where they continued training on radar and lidar from the previous meeting. They also seized this opportunity to go out and do practical exercises with traffic using the various speed measuring devices. Explorers then learned about the Flock camera system and the information it provides. The upcoming Air Show and scheduling was discussed as we look forward to assistance from the Explorers while they help throughout the weekend.
11. I attended the monthly meeting on Thursday with VBSD Superintendent O'Leary, Safety Director Bill Wertz and Butler Twp. Police Chief John Porter. Our monthly meetings include conversations on school safety and community concerns for the safety of our students and school staff.
12. VPD's CALEA on-site assessment will occur July 31- August 3. Our assessor will be retired Chief Charles Walters from Gwinnett County (GA) Police Department. During this week, Chief Walters will be meeting with various members of VPD, city leaders, community members, and business owners to receive input and feedback on our policies and procedures and community interactions.



Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service
Date: July 20, 2023
Re: Information Update for July 8-21, 2023

Development & Engineering Services

The Foley and Enola Drive Reconstruction project is now completed. Double Jay Construction was our contractor for this project and they were great to work with and very accommodating to our residents. Chad Baughman also did a great job of managing the project and keeping our resident informed of what was going on and what to expect next throughout the project.

Outdoor Enterprise is completing the fence replacement/installation on the Dog Leg Road Utility project. This completes this project as well, except the installation of the electric service to the sanitary sewer lift station. Once AES provides the service drop the final connection will be made. We were also very happy with Outdoor Enterprise's work on this project.

Finrock Construction should be wrapping up the concrete repair project within the next couple weeks. They are currently working on Poplar Grove Drive, Birchton Place and Great Hill Drive. Ronald Drive will be the last street to complete the project.

Brumbaugh Construction is close to completion of the Airport Access Road Bridge Rehabilitation project. All lanes of traffic should be open this weekend for the Air Show.

We are currently advertising for bids for the Clyde Place and Cyril Court Reconstruction project. Bids will be opened on August 15th and this item will be on the August 21st Council Study Session agenda for discussion.

We will be opening bids for our Municipal Refuse and Recycling collection on July 28th and have this information for discussion at the August 21st City Council Study Session.

We have reviewed Statement of Qualifications from 12 firms for the engineering and design of our new Public Works Facility. We have narrowed the list down to six and have interviews set up with those firms in the next couple weeks.

Our new fee schedule for all permits, including water and sanitary sewer taps, have been implemented beginning July 19th. Our software, all forms and website have been updated accordingly

Public Works

Much of this period has been spent preparing for the Air Show and parade. We have been mowing and trimming areas and installing the signage for directing traffic. We will be providing traffic control Friday evening for the parade and assisting with traffic control items the days of the Show.

The “No Parking” signs have been installed on Industrial Park Drive and Scholz Drive prohibiting parking from 9:00pm to 5:00am.

We placed the temporary “No Parking” signs at various locations around the City for the Air show.

Our crews rebuilt a catch basin on Northwoods Boulevard where a large area had washed out and undermined the roadway. This was discovered by the survey crews in their work on the design of the DIA NE Logistics Roadway project.

We are continuing with our vegetation control along and in our roadways. Crews have been in the residential neighborhood spraying along the curbs.

We continue with our water meter replacement. The batteries on the old meter transmitters are continuing to fail at a rapid pace. There are 30-40 new ones each month. Public Works crews assisted us on Clyde Place and Cyril Court by uncovering the gas main with our Hydro Vac to determine the depth for the design of our storm sewer.

We have finally taken delivery of the tandem axle dump truck from K.E. Rose with the dump body and all of the snow & ice equipment installed. We ordered this truck in October of 2021. We will have this truck for display at the Municipal Building prior to an upcoming Council Meeting.

Jake Hayslett and Ben Borton attended the Tri Cities Waste Water Technical Committee meeting during this period.

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



June 12, 2023

Dear Sports Complex Neighbor,

In the next few weeks the City of Vandalia will be installing solar powered pole lights on the east loop of the walking path at the Sports Complex (map enclosed). The lighting level provided is intended to provide a level of comfort/safety for those who may wish to use this portion of the path at dusk or dawn. It is not intended to provide high levels of lighting that might be typical on public rights of way such as roadways and adjacent sidewalks.

These fixtures were selected, in part, due to their ability to function without the need to connect them to an electric source. Each fixture comes with its own solar panel to charge a battery during daylight hours then use that battery to provide light after dark. These fixtures are also designed to minimize light pollution by focusing all of the light generated to the area intended to be lit. All fixtures are also being installed with a backlight shield intended to minimize any light spillover into adjacent residents' property.

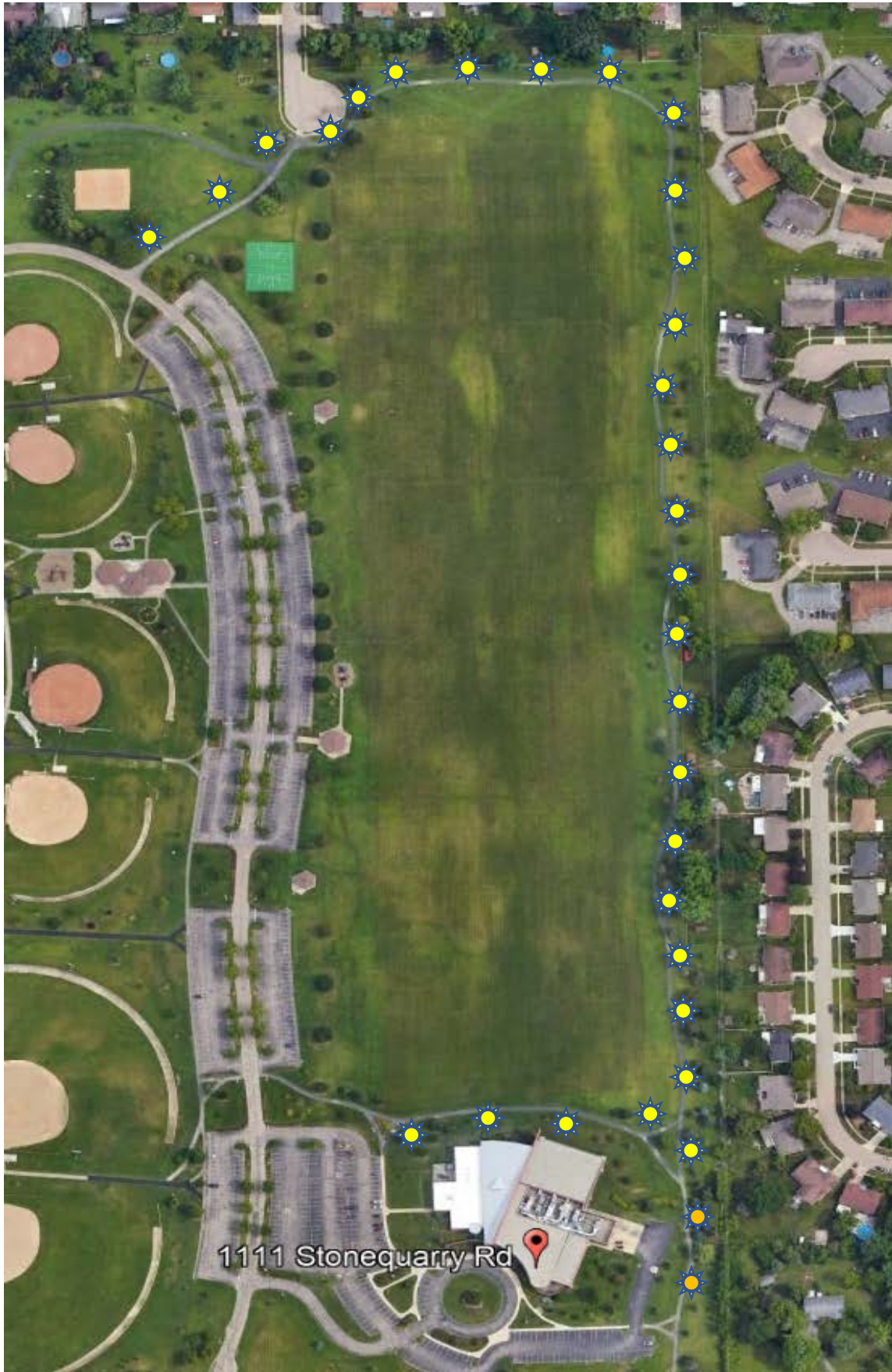
Onboard controls allow us to program how and when the fixtures function. These fixtures will initially be set to come on at 100% at dusk for 3 hours, dim to 30% brightness throughout the night, then brighten to 100% one hour before dawn until turning themselves off at dawn.

The section of the walking path being lit was determined by matching available funds to the area of the complex that we believe will benefit most from this initial effort. Additional sections of the walking path may be lit in the future as funding allows.

We are excited for this upgrade and hope it provides additional opportunity for our residents to utilize this wonderful asset. If you have any questions please direct them to the Parks and Recreation Department at 937-415-2340 or via email at sclark@vandaliaohio.org

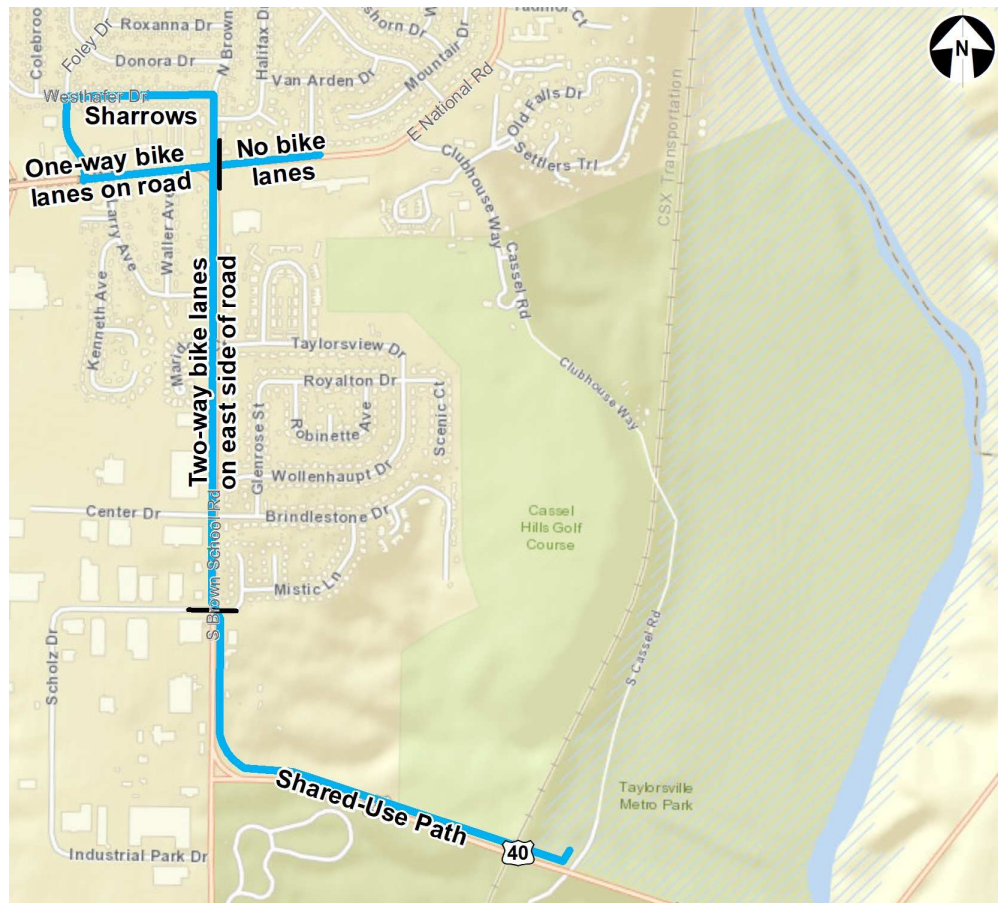
Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Director, Parks & Recreation



Vandalia Bikeway Connector

MOT - VANDALIA BIKE-WAY CONNECTOR, PID 111388



What does this project involve? The City of Vandalia proposes to provide a bicycle-friendly connection from Old National Road Trail at Interstate 75 to the Great Miami Recreation Trail at Taylorsville MetroPark, just north of US-40 near South Cassel Road. Under the project, the following improvements are proposed:

- Provide sharrows on Foley Drive, Westhafer Road, and North Brown School Road (north of National Road).
- Provide one-way bike lanes on each side of National Road, from Foley Drive to South Brown School Road.
- Restripe South Brown School Road, from National Road to the intersection of Scholz Drive/Cassel Creek Drive, to provide two-way separated bike lanes on the east side of South Brown School Road, with flexible delineators between the two-way, buffered bike lanes and motor vehicle lanes. These will be positioned to accommodate driveways.
- South of the intersection of Scholz Drive/Cassel Creek Drive, construct a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail. This trail will extend from the intersection of Scholz Drive/Cassel Creek Drive to US-40 and along US-40 to Taylorsville MetroPark, just north of US-40 near South Cassel Road.

Why is this project needed? The Great Miami River Recreational Trail offers over 330 miles of trail system in southwestern Ohio. Although the Great Miami Recreation Trail extends through eastern Vandalia, there is a lack of bicycle-friendly access routes to the Trail for our citizens.

How much will this project cost and how is it funded? The current estimated construction cost is approximately \$2.88-million. The City has been awarded \$2.53-million in Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds; the remaining costs will be the responsibility of the City of Vandalia.

Who proposed this project and who is responsible for oversight? The City of Vandalia applied for and received federal transportation funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. ODOT, as steward of the federal funds, will provide oversight of the project.

What acquisition is required for this project? The project is expected to require property acquisition from private citizens along Brown School Road, between Cassel Creek Drive and US-40. This acquisition will be limited to minor strip takes. Most of the project will occur on publicly-owned lands.



Why does the project include on-road components? Why not provide a multi-use trail connection for the entire length? When constructed to desired standards, multi-use trails are very land hungry. Including shoulders and clear zones, a design-standard multi-use trail has a total width of 20 feet. This makes multi-use trail construction problematic in developed areas, where the necessary land is not available without taking private property. On-road options, such as designated bike lanes or pavement markings & signage, allow for bicycle-friendly facilities with minimal impacts to private property.

What is a sharrow? A sharrow (see image to the left) is a pavement marking that is often used in locations where cyclists and motorists share the travel lane. It clarifies where cyclists should ride and alerts motorists to expect cyclists on the road.

How will the two-way separated bike lanes transition through intersections and drive entrances? Dashed green pavement markings (similar to the image at right) will be provided to alert both cyclists and motor vehicles of the two-way separated bike lanes crossing at all public street intersections. At Brown School Road and National Road, there will be bike boxes where cyclists can wait to complete their two-stage crossing. The north-south crossing of National Road will also have bicycle signals.

Will the project include any pedestrian improvements? Yes. The proposed multi-use trail will accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians. The project will also upgrade existing crosswalks along National Road and Brown School Road. Additionally, all pedestrian facilities that are impacted by construction of these proposed improvements will be evaluated and upgraded as needed for ADA-compliance.



How will the bike lanes and two-way separated bike lanes be able to fit on the existing road? Will travel lanes be lost?

The bike lanes and two-way separated bike lanes will be installed by restriping the existing roadway pavement. On National Road, the outside east-bound through travel lane will be eliminated—see images at right. On Brown School Road, the outside northbound through/right lane just north of Wollenhaupt Drive and southbound right turn lanes will be eliminated.

How will the loss of lanes affect congestion in the corridor?

A traffic analysis using simulation and modeling was completed and determined that

these roadways will continue to operate at acceptable levels of service with the removal of these lanes. In general, motor vehicle travel through these corridors is expected to increase between 0.1 and 4.1 seconds in 2020 peak hours and between 0.1 and 2.5 seconds in the 2040 peak hours.

Will the project affect historic or archaeological resources? Within the project area, there are no National Historic Landmarks or sites that are listed on or have been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Additional assessment will be undertaken and project modifications to avoid/minimize impacts to archaeological resources will be implemented, if necessary. We welcome your thoughts regarding the historic character of the project corridor and the effect of the project. Please contact Tricia Bishop at ODOT District 7 (937-497-6721 or tricia.bishop@dot.ohio.gov) if you wish to request consulting party status.

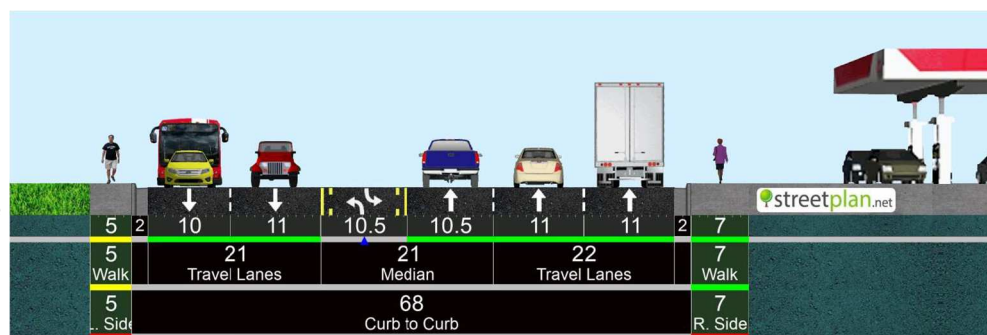
Will access to Taylorsville MetroPark be affected? Will the project negatively affect any existing recreational features associated with the MetroPark? Access to Taylorsville MetroPark, outside of the established construction limits, will be maintained throughout construction. The project will provide improved access to the MetroPark. The project will not alter or eliminate any existing recreational facilities at the MetroPark.

Will lighting be provided on the multi-use trail? No. As a publicly-owned recreational facility, the trail will be open during daylight hours. Therefore, lighting for the trail is not needed. Existing lighting on National Road and Brown School Road will remain.

Will the project include work in waterways or wetlands? The project will be evaluated and, where appropriate, the design will be modified to avoid or minimize impacts to streams and wetlands. All necessary permits for stream and wetland impacts will be obtained prior to construction.

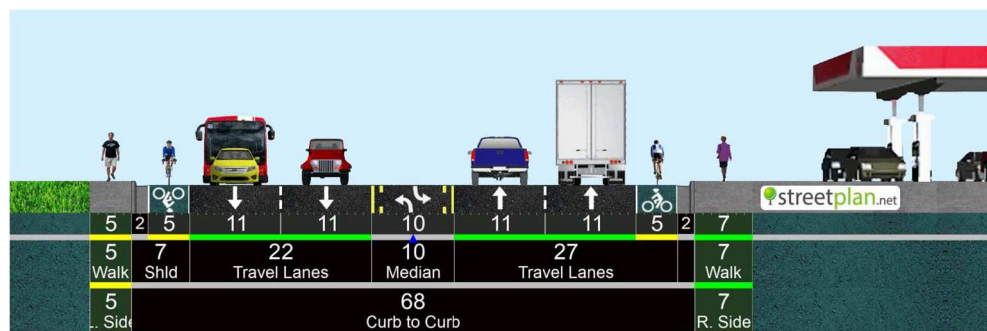
How will the project affect the floodplain? The project will be designed to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program and will not result in an unacceptable increase in the base flood elevation. The design will be coordinated with the Miami Conservancy District to accommodate a net zero change in the retention basin capacity of Taylorsville Dam.

How will the project affect RTA bus stops in the corridor? RTA Route 17 has a part-time loop through the project area—National Road to Brown School Road to Center Drive. The bus stops for this route will remain open during construction.



Above—National Road Typical Section—Existing

Below—National Road Typical Section—Proposed



What is the schedule for the project? The project is currently in preliminary design. Final plans are expected to be completed in February 2024. Based on the current schedule, the project is expected to begin construction in July 2024 and require approximately eleven months to construct.

Why can't the project be undertaken sooner? Many factors go into developing a schedule for construction of a federal-aid project of this size. In addition to providing time for data collection, project design and quality control review, the schedule must also provide for public involvement, environmental review, environmental permitting, right-of-way negotiations, and utility relocations.

How will traffic on National Road, US-40 and Brown School Road be maintained during construction? Most construction activities along National Road and Brown School Road consist of signing and pavement marking changes which will be done at night or during evening hours. Signal work may require closure of curb lanes for placing foundations, pull boxes, signal supports, etc. Construction along US 40 and west of the dam will be confined to off-road locations with impact to US 40 limited to flaggers while setting the prefabricated bridge truss over CSX railroad, which could be completed at night.

Will the project require a detour of Old National Road Trail or the Great Miami Recreation Trail during construction? The project team will seek to maintain traffic on the Great Miami Recreation Trail during daylight hours. However, if day-time closures of more than 15-minutes are required, flaggers, signed detours and advance notice of the closures will be provided.

What is the current status of decision-making on this project? No final decisions regarding any proposed improvements have been made at this time. We are seeking public input, in order to ensure the best possible decisions are made for our community. We welcome your input and encourage you to provide comments.

How can I submit comments? To provide comments, you may call, email or send a letter to the contacts in the box on the right hand side of this page. Comments are requested no later than **April 30, 2022**. You may also submit comments on the ODOT Project Page for the Vandalia Bikeway, which can be found at www.transportation.ohio.gov.

Questions or Comments?

Contact Us!

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The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 12/14/2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.



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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Request a "vacation house check."

Report property maintenance issues in an instant.

Report a pothole in seconds! Snap a photo and the app lets us know exactly where to send the crew!

Ask a question or submit a general comment.

It's your direct access line to the City!

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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



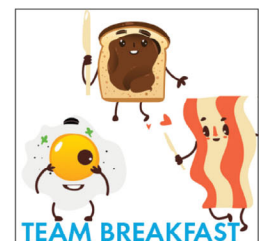
Wednesday, September 20
Employee Taco Bar
12:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center



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



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small city. big opportunity.

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



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Available at:



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September - December 2023



Public Works Technician Supervisor Cody Booher works to install a banner along Veterans Parkway near Poplar Hill Cemetery. The veteran banner program is a joint project of the City of Vandalia, Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce, and Butler Township.



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Veteran Banners

On Memorial Day, 2023, drivers using Dixie Drive, also known as Veterans Parkway in Vandalia and Butler Township had a very visual representation of what the holiday truly means. The week prior, Vandalia and Butler Township had completed the installation of 151 Veteran banners.

Installed from Stop Eight Road through to National Road, the banners were purchased by family members of those who have served in the United States military.

The project was a joint effort between the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce, the City of Vandalia and Butler Township.

The banners will be displayed along Veterans Parkway through 2024, then presented to the families who purchased them. A new group of banners will be installed in time for Memorial Day, 2025.



This photo honors a soldier killed in the US Civil War. With no available photo of the veteran, organizers used a photo of a statue of Private George Washington Fair. The limestone statue was dedicated in 1884 at the intersection of Main and Monument, and eventually became so weathered that it was moved to a porch in area at the Dayton VA Medical Center. A bronze replica of the original statue is displayed in Dayton's downtown.



ABOVE: Former US Senator Rob Portman presents a flag to the Brown family during the dedication of their Habitat for Humanity home.

LEFT: Tiffany Brown (center) and her family pose with keys to their new home.

Family Purchases City's First Habitat For Humanity Home

For Tiffany Brown, a mother of four children, renting is all that her family has ever known. Although Tiffany has lived in apartments since before her children were born, she has dreamed of owning a home. In June of this year, Tiffany and her family saw the dream of home ownership become a reality.

The family moved into a home on Foley Drive built through Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton.

The lot had once been the site of a home that had fallen into disrepair. The owners had abandoned the structure, and it reached a point where it was no longer financially feasible to make repairs. The only option was to tear the building down.

"We try very hard to work with the homeowners whenever there is an issue with property upkeep," said Rob Cron, Vandalia Public Service Director. "The residents in the neighborhood have every right to expect homes to be kept to some standard, and razing a building is a last resort when we've exhausted all other avenues for code compliance."

Once the home was taken down, the City of Vandalia reached out to the Dayton Habitat for Humanity office and offered to donate the lot to the non-profit.

Ms. Brown was accepted into the Habitat program in 2019, which requires a good amount of dedication from the prospective homeowner. She contributed 295 hours of "sweat equity" working on the home. She also attended home ownership classes to prepare for this new chapter in her life.

Former U.S. Senator Rob Portman, a longtime supporter of Habitat for Humanity, worked on the home in late 2022 and made it a point to drive up to Vandalia for the dedication. He presented the Browns with a United States flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol Building.

Habitat spokesperson Dave Mauch said that the City of Vandalia played a key role in making this house a reality. "Dan Wendt and his team have been really fantastic," Mauch said. "We really appreciate him and all he did to make this happen."

Welcome to Vandalia!

Aggregation Update

City of Vandalia residents deciding whether to remain part of the City's natural gas and electricity aggregation program now have a contracted electric rate to consider. In June, the Miami Valley Communications Council accepted a contracted rate for electricity obtained by the Palmer Energy Group of Toledo.

The electric rate, which is guaranteed through December 2025, is \$.06570/kWh. For comparison, this rate is 4.77% below the rate recently set for Butler Township residents, 31.9% below the City of Dayton rate, and 39.17% below the standard AES rate.

The new rate is expected to begin appearing on Vandalia utility bills in October, 2023.

The organization is still working to negotiate a natural gas rate. There has been no timetable set on when that rate might be set.

"This is the latest step in a process that began in November of last year when Vandalia residents



overwhelmingly approved two ballot issues authorizing the City to negotiate natural gas and electric rates on their behalf," said Dan Wendt, Vandalia City Manager. "We are impressed with the electric rate that Vandalia, and our aggregation partners, were able to secure."

Vandalia residents eligible for aggregation received a letter outlining the new rate and giving them the option to opt out of the aggregation if they choose.

There is no penalty for leaving the aggregation, so at any time within the term of the contract a resident may opt out with no penalty.

If a resident who opts out wishes to join the aggregation, they may do so at any time.

City honors volunteers, board and commission members

To remain a top-tier suburb in the Dayton region, the City of Vandalia relies on the volunteer efforts of its residents. On Tuesday, May 3, the City honored all of its volunteers with an Appreciation Dinner.

"So much of what we do is impacted by the work of caring and dedicated volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions and help us to continue to provide the best possible services for our residents," said Vandalia Mayor Richard Herbst. "Boards and Committees typically meet in evening hours and they consider issues that have an impact on our quality of life. For the tidy sum of zero dollars and zero cents, these volunteers are willing to put in time to help make this city run."

A special award was given to Tim Townsend, who has served on the City's Civil Service Commission for 46 years.

RIGHT: Mayor Richard Herbst and Civil Service Commission member Timothy Townsend

BELOW: The City of Vandalia is grateful for the hard work and dedication of all of our Board and Commission members and other volunteers.



Road Resurfacing

The road is much smoother to ride in parts of Vandalia following the completion of the City's annual road resurfacing project. In 2023, the City spent \$1.4 million to resurface 22 sections of roadway.

The resurfacing of roadways is a two-step process.

First, concrete contractors move in and repair any damage to sidewalks and curbs. The contractors also install wheelchair accessible ramps at all intersections. To date, roughly 75% of Vandalia's sidewalks have ramps that are in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Unlike some neighboring communities, Vandalia residents are not assessed for any of the repairs done to sidewalks or curbs. The Safe and Stable income tax issue, passed in 2010, funds the majority of the work.

Once the concrete work is completed, asphalt contractors move in. First, crews mill off the top 1.5 inches of old asphalt, then resurface with a fresh 1.5 inches of new asphalt.

There are many factors taken into consideration when planning which streets will be resurfaced in any given year. Staff from the Department of Development and Engineering Services keep extensive notes on the condition of all City roadways. The roads are driven on a regular basis so the wear and tear of each can be noted.

When determining the streets to be resurfaced, the condition of the roadway is just one factor. The City also prioritizes those streets that see the most traffic, as their condition impacts the most drivers. Finally, the City considers any future plans

Vandalia 2023 Road Resurfacing Project

Inverness Avenue	Larry Avenue
Halcyon Avenue	Waller Avenue
North American Blvd	Reichard Drive
Spartan Avenue	Goldleaf Avenue
Hartshorn Drive	Dunnigan Drive
Bristol Drive	Poplar Grove Drive
Roxana Drive	Great Hill Road
Donora Drive	Volkman Drive
Van Arden Drive	Kristen Lane
Mountair Drive	

for a roadway. If a water main replacement project is planned on a roadway in the foreseeable future, the road may not be scheduled for resurfacing until that work is done.

To see Vandalia's tentative 10 year Road Resurfacing Plan, scan the QR Code.



Police Officer and Civilian of the Year

The Vandalia Division of Police recently named Officer Nelson Clymer as the 2022 Officer of the Year and Clerk-Typist Nancy Mandelik as the 2022 Civilian Employee of the Year.

Both awards are based on peer nominations submitted for consideration.

Officer Nelson Clymer is in his second year of duty with the Vandalia Division of Police. His nomination was supported by his supervisors, who complimented the quality of his work, his decision making skills and his integrity.

Public Safety Specialists within the Division also supported Officer Clymer's nomination, noting that his reports are free of errors and completed on time. It was also mentioned that Officer Clymer is a good listener who is easy to talk to.

His fellow officers also supported his nomination, calling him a "team player," who often assists other officers during the course of his day. Officer

Clymer was also complimented for his willingness to take on additional shifts when needed.

Nancy Mandelik has been a Clerk-Typist with the Vandalia Division of Police for seven years. One of her primary roles is serving as custodian of the property room. One nomination praised Mandelik for keeping VPD's Property Room well-organized and managed by purging items no longer considered evidence or no longer eligible to be claimed.

Mandelik's effort in helping to plan and carry out the 2022 Police Open House event was also cited in one nomination letter, which commended her on coordinating many of the tasks and displaying exceptional organizational skills to make the community event a great success.

Another nomination pointed out that Mandelik was instrumental in assisting with office duties while an



Nelson Clymer

Police Officer
Division of Police



Nancy Mandelik

Clerk-Typist
Division of Police

administrative assistant position was vacant. The nomination also praised her for working with the newly-hired assistant to get her acclimated to her position.

"We have an exceptional group of officers and civilian employees working here in the Division of Police," said Vandalia Police Chief Kurt Althouse. "Officer Clymer and Clerk-Typist Mandelik have distinguished themselves as employees who go above and beyond to meet the demands of their positions."

AT THE REC

PROGRAM GUIDE

September - December 2023

VPRD provides quality and diverse programs. We offer opportunities that include: swim lessons, youth and adult athletics, fitness classes, youth, family and preschool programs plus special events!



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Visit www.vandaliareccenter.com





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general information

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



This symbol indicates a **drop-in program**; you do not need to register prior to the program and the program does not have a minimum participation count.

Save Time and Register Online

Have a username and password...

sign up at <https://webtrac.vandaliaohio.org>.

Don't have a username and password?...let us issue you one! Send your name, address, phone number and the name, birthdate, gender and grade (if applicable) of those you want to register in your household to vcinfo@vandaliaohio.org.

Did You Know?

The Vandalia Recreation Center is a certified facility for: Silver Sneakers®, Forever Fit®, Prime®, Silver&Fit®, Active&Fit®, OPTUM®, PeerFit®, GlobalFit®. These insurance based benefits offer zero fee memberships or very low cost annual fees. Most Insurance sponsored programs offer the zero fee VRC membership. Please phone or contact your medical/health insurance provider to see if you may have this fitness benefit! There are several health insurance companies that offer this benefit to person's 18-100 years of age. We can easily verify if you are eligible for Tivity-Silver Sneakers / Prime by providing your birthdate and zip code. Please stop in or phone 937-415-2340 if you have further questions regarding this valuable benefit! If you are the healthy age of 55+, your insurance based membership includes several (no fee) fitness classes per our Senior Strength schedule.

Work in Vandalia city limits?

The VRC has a Corporate Membership program that gives employees a 15-25% discount on annual memberships. This program is established to obtain multiple employees as members to receive a discounted fee. If you are interested in having your company establish this employee benefit, have your HR Department contact: Sharon Hamby shamby@vandaliaohio.org or see our website <https://www.vandaliaohio.org/DocumentCenter/View/7754/Corporate-Membership-Incentive> for information.

Vandalia Recreation Center Hours of Operation

October 1st – May 31st:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

June 1st – September 30th:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

Visit www.vandaliaareccenter.com for operating schedules of the individual areas.

Vandalia Recreation Center Closings & Holiday Hours

Monday, September 4, 2023 - VRC open 7:00am - 12:00pm
Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Thursday, November 23, 2023 - VRC open 7:00am - 12:00pm Fitness Floor, Track & Gymnasium ONLY

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - VRC CLOSED

Monday, December 25, 2023 - VRC CLOSED

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - VRC open 12:00pm - 6:00pm;
Pool closes at 5:30pm

Monday, January 1, 2024 - VRC CLOSED

Refund Policy

View our refund policy at vandaliaohio.org/recreation/reccenter/rec-center-rules-and-regulations.

Winter Weather Policy

Rainout Line: (937) 552-2200

Facebook: www.facebook.com/VandaliaRec

During inclement weather the Recreation Center and its programs/classes will maintain normal operating hours unless directed otherwise by management and if instructors and staff are available. If a decision is made to cancel programs/classes or to close the facility, we will post it on the Rec Center's Facebook page and on the Rainout Line ASAP. Although we strive to give early notice of cancellations, various circumstances could affect our ability to notify the public in a timely manner. We only update our Weather Hotline when cancellations have been made.



general information

Celebrate your Birthday at the VRC!



The Vandalia Recreation Center offers three birthday party packages to make your child's day special! Each party includes one and a half hours in the party room and two hours in the VRC feature of your choice.

Pricing, and additional information can be found by scanning the QR code. Ready to request a date for your party? Complete our online request form. Birthday party reservations will not be accepted by phone. Please direct additional questions to Jen at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335.



Have your next Group Outing at the VRC!

Did you know that The Vandalia Recreation Center hosts groups of all sizes? We have special rates for groups over 10 during regular operating hours. We also offer after-hour rentals for larger groups who want to utilize the center by themselves. In addition, we have two rooms available for meetings; business or informal gatherings that require reservation. Additional information can be found by scanning the QR code. Contact Jennifer at jwebb@vandaliaohio.org or 937-415-2335 with additional questions.



Vandalia Rec Center Memberships

The Vandalia Recreation Center has a variety of membership options to accommodate your fitness goals. From the youngest to the oldest, we have healthy fun for everyone! We offer a monthly payment plan (available only as a checking or savings account automated withdrawal) for all annual memberships. A resident (residing in City of Vandalia) family can obtain a membership for only \$42.50 a month! Children 4 years of age and younger do not require membership. Our nonresident dual membership allows two adults (residing in same household) to belong to the VRC for \$48.50 per month. In addition, our membership rates are discounted to those employed in Vandalia city limits. A Business adult membership is priced at \$32.50 per month. We offer Military and age based discounts as well.

Members enjoy use of our gymnasium, fitness floor, indoor walking/jogging track, and aquatics center. Our climbing wall, drop-in fitness classes, and child care services are offered at additional affordable fees. We also offer pre-paid and annual unlimited passes for these features.

The VRC offers three-month trial memberships and they are available for purchase throughout the year. Our punch cards are perfect for visitors and guests, offering ten or twenty daily visits for a discounted rate. Find out how affordable membership to the VRC can be, by visiting our website: www.vandaliareccenter.com.

Have a question? Contact us...

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1061 Taylorsview Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377

Cassel Hills Golf Course - 937-898-1300

201 Clubhouse Way, Vandalia, OH 45377



aquatics



Swim Lessons

VRC swim lessons utilize a unique program developed by SwimSafe Pool Management. Using industry best practices, years of experience with well-known national and international lesson programs, and the unique nature of swim lessons, SwimSafe's program is primarily focused on safety and can be explained using the acronym S.A.F.E.

S - Safety First. Age and skill-appropriate safety activities and skills are incorporated into every lesson.

A - Adaptability. Our lessons are designed to be adaptable to the specific needs of the swimmer and the pool environment.

F - Fun. Swim lessons should be fun! That's why we incorporate songs, games, and activities in our program to make it a fun learning environment.

E - Easy to remember, learn, and succeed. There's no need to complicate things. We've designed our program to be a simple and straightforward approach to teach and to learn.

Registration

For more information about classes offered or to register for swim lessons, visit <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>.

Questions can be directed to heather@swimsafepool.com or 513-755-7075 ext. 11.



SPECIAL NOTE:

For the safety of everyone, please do not attend class if you (or your child) are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is known to have tested positive.

Private Swim Lessons

Our private swim lessons are for people of all ages and levels. If you prefer a 1-on-1 lesson, our instructors can help you achieve your swimming goals.

Private lessons will be offered in a 4-pack each month scheduled at the same time each week. All lessons will be completed within the time frame with no option for make-ups.

Ages: 4 & older

Class Size: 1

Class length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$100 VRC Member/Resident;
\$125 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>

Day	Date(s)	Time(s)
Tuesday	Sep 12 - Oct 3 Oct 10 - Nov 7 Nov 14 - Dec 5	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm
Thursday	Sep 14 - Oct 5 Oct 12 - Nov 2 Nov 9 - Dec 7	6:15 - 6:45 pm; or 6:50 - 7:20 pm; or 7:25 - 7:55 pm
Saturday	Sep 16 - Oct 7 Oct 14 - Nov 4 Nov 11 - Dec 9	10:45 - 11:15 am; or 11:20 - 11:50 am

* No classes Tuesday, October 31, Thursday, November 23, or Saturday, November 25.



Adult Social Swim

This is a time for adult swimmers of all levels to join other adults for a social swim hour. Catch up on your laps and your friends from 8:30-9:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All levels are welcome and no registration is required.

Group Swim Lessons

Frogs & Tadpoles

Join us for this exploration of water safety.

This class is designed for young children (1-3 years old) who are most at-risk for accidental drowning. Together, parents and children will learn key safety tips and skills while playing games and singing songs.

Requirement: any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.

Age: 12-36 months (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/ 12 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 12 - Oct 17	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Saturday	Sep 16 - Oct 21	9:35 - 10:05 am
Tuesday*	Oct 24 - Dec 5	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Saturday*	Oct 28 - Dec 9	9:35 - 10:05 am

* No classes Tuesday, October 31 or Saturday, November 25.



Level 1: Flounder

In this class, children will become acclimated to the water through activities, games, and play. Water submersion, independent movement through the water, floating on front and back with support, recovery from a floating position, nose/mouth bubbles, introduction to bobs, and age-appropriate water safety are just a few of the skills that will be covered in this class.

Requirement: any child not potty-trained must wear a swim diaper.

Age: 3 by the first day of class (no exceptions)

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 12 to Oct 17	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Thursday	Sep 14 to Oct 19	5:40 - 6:10 pm
Saturday	Sep 16 to Oct 21	9:00 - 9:30 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 pm
Tuesday*	Oct 24 to Dec 5	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Thursday*	Oct 26 to Dec 7	5:40 - 6:10 pm
Saturday*	Oct 28 to Dec 9	9:00 - 9:30 am; or 10:10 - 10:40 pm

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Level 2: Jellyfish

Children will expand on the skills learned in the Flounder class and learn to be in the water unassisted in both front and back positions while also learning to propel themselves through the water using either arms or legs. Skills include: floating, gliding, streamline body position, recovery, bobs, submersion, propulsive kicking, introduction to propulsive arms, sit dives, and safety skills.

Prerequisite: successful completion of all Flounder skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursestorm.com>



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Level 3: Octopus

In this class, children will learn fundamental freestyle and backstroke skills with emphasis placed on the coordination and timing of the strokes as well as the development of a strong flutter kick. Skills include novice freestyle, novice backstroke, elementary backstroke, side glide, treading, kneeling dive, and safety skills.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Jellyfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursetstorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Tuesday	Sep 12 to Oct 17	5:40 - 6:10 pm
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Level 4: Clownfish

Children will work to improve their freestyle and backstroke in this class while learning all 4 competitive strokes. Emphasis will be placed on developing strokes that are swim meet legal. Skills include strong freestyle and backstroke, strong kicks (flutter, butterfly, breaststroke), novice breaststroke and butterfly, tread for 1 minute, standing dives, surface dives, flip turns.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Octopus skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursetstorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
Thursday	Sep 14 - Oct 19	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Saturday	Sep 16 - Oct 21	9:00 - 9:30 am
Thursday*	Oct 26 - Dec 7	5:05 - 5:35 pm
Saturday*	Oct 28 - Dec 9	9:00 - 9:30 am

*No classes Thursday, November 23, or Saturday, November 25

**Combined Level 4 and 5 classes.

Level 5: Seahorse

Children will refine all 4 competitive strokes while gradually increasing strength and endurance in each stroke. The ultimate goal is to swim each of the four competitive strokes legally for the specified distance. Skills include 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 25-meter butterfly, 25-meter breaststroke, 100-meter continuous swim, tread/swim/tread, eggbeater kick, and flip turns.



Prerequisite: successful completion of all Clownfish skills

Class Size: 3 minimum/6 maximum

Fee: \$75 VRC Member/Resident

\$90 Non-Member/Non-Resident

Registration: <https://vrc.coursetstorm.com>

Day(s)	Session Dates	Time
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Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information on the Youth programs please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Zoom Around the Room

Enjoy a morning full of play with your child! A variety of play equipment is set up in the gymnasium for children and their guardian to run, climb, jump and recreate with! An adult must accompany each child or family of children. No instruction, just open play! Registration not required.

Ages: 1 - 5 years old

Fee: FREE for VRC Members;

Residents/Non-Residents: \$4 per child /per day

Location: VRC Gymnasium Side A

Special Notes: Parent/guardian must accompany child.

Day	Date(s)	Time
FRI	Sep 1	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Sep 15	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Oct 6	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Oct 20	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Nov 3	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Nov 17	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Dec 1	10:00 - 11:00 am
FRI	Dec 15	10:00 - 11:00 am

Kids Night Out

Kids, come on out and have a blast at Kids Night Out! You will enjoy all the activities the Vandalia Recreation Center has to offer, like swimming, outdoor games, gym games and additional games and crafts. Remember to bring a bathing suit and towel.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$15 Resident/VRC Member;
\$18 Non-Resident, per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Note: A snack will be provided for your child.

Registration Deadline: Preregistration is not required but it is recommended to secure your spot for this program. Walk-ins are permitted, but only until we reach our maximum number of participants.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320000-01	FRI	Oct 6	5:30 - 9:00 pm
320000-02	FRI	Nov 3	5:30 - 9:00 pm
320000-03	FRI	Dec 8	5:30 - 9:00 pm



Pokémon Playtime

Come out and enjoy a Pokémon filled time! Your child can bring in their phone, cards, Switch or other mobile gaming system and we will battle and trade Pokémon with each other!

Ages: 5 - 14 years old

Fee: \$6 Resident/VRC Members; \$8 Non-Residents

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Note: Snacks and drinks will be provided for your child.

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, October 6. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320012-00	MON	Sep 18	5:30 - 7:00 pm
320012-01	MON	Oct 23	5:30 - 7:00 pm
320012-02	MON	Nov 13	5:30 - 7:00 pm

Lions, Tigers & Toast w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Have you ever wondered what animals eat? Learn about what different animals eat and how that makes them unique. We will make toasts that look like animals!

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, September 20. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
310000-00	SAT	Sep 23	10:00 - 11:00 am

**Snack Boards****w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

It's snack o'clock and there's nothing that hits the spot like a snack board! Learn how to make your own epic board for after school with homemade hummus and energy bites. Each child will make their own snack board to eat/take home.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, September 20. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320007-00	SAT	Sep 23	12:00 - 1:30 pm

**Not So Scary Snacks****w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Celebrate Halloween with some not so scary fun! Explore the inside of a pumpkin and for a snack we will make BOONanas and monster mouths.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, October 4. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
310001-00	SAT	Oct 7	10:00 - 11:00 am

**Layered Lasagna w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Leave dinner to the kids with this Italian feast! This will be the new go-to meal in your family and the best part is the kids can make it on their own! Learn how to make an easy dinner of lasagna and salad with homemade croutons to enjoy at the class or take home.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$25 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, October 4. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
3320008-00	SAT	Oct 7	12:00 - 1:30 pm

**Thanksgiving CampREC**

During your Thanksgiving Break, spend a day at the VRC with CampREC! We will make Thanksgiving crafts, climb the rock wall, swim, play gym games and more.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Fee: \$45 Resident / VRC Member; \$55 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Special Events Room

Registration Deadline: Preregistration is recommended to secure your spot for this camp day.

Note: Please bring closed toe shoes for the climbing wall and a swimsuit and towel. A snack and drink will be provided for your child. Camp runs from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm with structured activities during that time. Free extended hours available from 7:30- 9:00 am and 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320060-00	WED	Nov 22	7:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Merry Berry w/ Eat Pretty Darling**

Ring in the holidays by making festive snacks! This class is a great way to spend time together for the holidays. We will make apple Christmas trees and Santa strawberries.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 6. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Note: Parent/guardian must accompany child during the class and will not pay extra for being present.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
310002-00	SAT	Dec 9	10:00 - 11:00 am

**Glow Candy Cane Hunt**

Dress in your warmest pajamas, bring a flashlight and join us for a festive night of glow in the dark fun! It has been rumored that someone has left candy, candy canes and other prizes all over the grounds of the Vandalia Sports Complex. We will meet outside to get a bag to collect the candy and a light-up necklace and then afterwards, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate inside!

Ages: 12 years old & younger

Fee: \$10 Resident / VRC Member; \$15 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 13. Walk-ins will not be accepted.
Notes: Bring a flashlight; the hunt will take place outdoors. Parents must accompany children during this program. We will meet in the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium for check in and rules.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390010-00	FRI	Dec 15	6:30 pm

**Winter CampREC**

Even if the weather outside is frightful, Winter CampREC will be delightful! Join us for non-stop fun during your winter break as we climb the rock wall, swim, play gym games, create crafts, and have a holly jolly good time.

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center

Winter CampREC Fees - Week A:

1st Child: \$145 Resident/VRC Member; \$165 Non-Resident

2nd Child: \$130 Resident/VRC Member; \$150 Non-Resident

3rd Child: \$120 Resident/VRC Member; \$140 Non-Resident

4th+ Child: \$115 Resident/VRC Member; \$135 Non-Resident

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
320002-A	TUE - FRI	Dec 26 - 29	7:30 am - 5:30 pm



Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Scarecrow Making Day

Bring the family to Art Park and make a scarecrow together! One scarecrow per family. Please bring your own pants, shirts and/or hat to use for your scarecrow. Parks and Recreation staff will provide the rest of the supplies.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$20 per family

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Address: 256 E Alkaline Springs Rd, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Tuesday, September 5. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330000-00	SAT	Sep 9	10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Enchilada Night w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Not sure what to make for dinner? Bring the family together in the kitchen with this meal making class. We will prepare a delicious meal for you to enjoy as a family!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$35 per family max 2 kids per family (4 people total per family)

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Address: 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, September 15. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330002-00	TUE	Sep 19	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Spooky Jack-o-Lanterns & Storytime w/ The Purple Paintbrush

A fun evening with pottery painting and a not-so-spooky story to start off the month of October! Jack-o-Lanterns will be painted with your choice of glaze colors and fired to a glossy finish! After our Jack-o-Lanterns are glazed, LED tea lights will be provided to give your Jack-o-Lantern a fun candlelight glow! We will read a fun not-so-spooky story by pumpkin light! Pumpkins will be fired in a kiln and returned to Vandalia Recreation Center for pick-up approximately 2 weeks after the event. You will be notified via email when they are ready.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$27 per family

Location: Vandalia Art Park

Rain Plan: Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Monday, September 2. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390022-00	MON	Oct 2	5:30 - 7:00 pm





Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.



Family Ornament Making w/ The Purple Paintbrush

A fun (and maybe a little messy) workshop to kick off December! A family friendly ornament workshop for all ages (recommended age 18 months+) and all skill levels, whether you've created in clay before or not! Families will be provided with approximately 1/2lb of clay rolled into a flat sheet (like cookie dough!) with fun cookie cutters in holiday shapes! Depending on the designs chosen, participants can fit up to 3 perhaps 4 ornaments. Ornaments will be glazed the same day, taken offsite, then fired to a glossy finish. Ornaments will be for pick up approximately 2 weeks after the workshop. Pick up location will be Vandalia Recreation Center; emails will be sent to participants when ornaments are ready.

Ages: All ages welcome; recommended age at least 18 months old

Fee: \$26 per family

Location: Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, November 24. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
390023-00	FRI	Dec 1	6:00 - 7:30 pm

Holiday Cookie Swap w/ Eat Pretty Darling

Nothing says the holidays like baking cookies! Each family will be given a different cookie for everyone to swap at the end and go home with a tray full of different flavors and the recipes for each cookie.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: \$35 per family max 2 kids per family (4 people total per family)

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

Address: 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Friday, December 1. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Activity #	Day	Date	Time
330003-00	TUE	Dec 5	6:00 - 7:30 pm



Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.



DAYTON CHARCUTERIE GAL

Charcuterie Board Making w/ Dayton Charcuterie Gal

Grab a friend and make your own charcuterie board! During this workshop, each person will learn all about charcuterie boards and build their own 2-person charcuterie board to take home and enjoy a charcuterie cup to snack on while we build.

Ages: 21 & older

Fee: \$45 per person

Location: Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Registration Deadline: You must be registered for this program by Thursday, November 2. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Nov 10	6:00 - 8:00 pm



Ugly Christmas Sweater Goat Yoga

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and join us for an evening of laughter, goat yoga and hot chocolate at the Vandalia Recreation Center!

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: \$30 per person

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium

Register: Please email amessenger@vandaliaohio.org to register.



Day	Date	Time
WED	Dec 20	6:00 - 7:30 pm





community events

Registering in Advance

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

For more information please contact: Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2334.

Soggy Doggy Dip

We have reserved some time for the dog in your family to come take a dip in the pool! Enjoy the last day of Cassel Hills Pool being open with your pup!

Fee: \$5 per dog

Location: Cassel Hills Pool

Address: 1061 Taylorsview Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377

Registration Deadline: Drop-in event; no registration needed

Rules:

- Maximum of 2 dogs per owner.
- All dogs must display a valid license.
- All dogs must have PROOF of current rabies vaccinations.
- Dogs must be on a 6' leash when not in water.
- An adult must accompany their dogs at all times while they are out of the water.
- 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 admission for any reason.



Day	Date	Time
MON	Sep 4	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Homeschool Takeover

Attention homeschool parents and students! Come on out to the VRC to recreate and enjoy everything we have to offer! Enjoy a day filled with swimming, climbing wall, gymnasium play and Luther's Jungle! All ages welcomed and no need to preregister. Swimming is available until 3:00 pm

Fee: \$15 per family (up to 5 people), \$3 per person after 5.

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Day	Date	Time
FRI	Sep 15	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Oct 20	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Nov 17	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
FRI	Dec 15	11:30 am - 2:00 pm



Touch-a-Truck

Get up close and personal with some of your favorite big rigs! Truck lovers young and old will have fun interacting with a wide variety of trucks, construction vehicles, public safety vehicles and more! No registration needed for this FREE event. Event will be held rain or shine at the Vandalia Sports Complex near the baseball concession stand.

Day	Date	Time
SAT	Sep 16	10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Vandalia Fall Festival

Bring the family out and enjoy our Fall Festival at Art Park! We will have live music, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, corn pit, vendors, inflatables, games, arts & crafts and more!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fees: Free to attend

Location: Vandalia Art Park & Vandalia Historical Society
256 E Alkaline Springs Rd,
Vandalia, Ohio 45377



Day	Date	Time
SAT	Oct 14	12:00 - 6:00 pm

Rock The Rec Halloween Party

Come out and have a spooky good time at the Rock the Rec Halloween Party! This fall community event will have food trucks, hayrides, Trick-or-Treat, live music, inflatables, kid's activities, Halloween costume judging, many craft vendors and more!

Ages: All ages welcome

Fee: FREE to attend

Location: Vandalia Sports Complex; near the Baseball Concession Stands



Day	Date	Time
SAT	Oct 28	12:00 - 7:00 pm



community events

Vandalia Pumpkin Smash

Do you want to get rid of your old pumpkins in a fun way? Stop by Helke Park for our Pumpkin Smash! We will drop pumpkins from a fire truck, smash them with hammers, and more! All pumpkin debris will be composted after the event. Bring your own pumpkin.

Ages: All ages welcome

Fees: Free to attend

Location: Helke Park



Day	Date	Time
SAT	Nov 4	11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Vandalia Tree Lighting & Holiday Market

Join us for our Tree Lighting Ceremony and our second Holiday Market at the Vandalia Recreation Center! The City will ring in the holiday season by conducting a tree lighting ceremony at the Vandalia Sports Complex at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 3. There will be a Holiday Market running from 4pm - 7:30pm inside the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium where you will be able to get a head start on your holiday shopping from a various number of vendors! The tree will be decorated through community efforts and then lit to kick off the holiday season! Join us for refreshments, music, activities and a chance to tell Santa Claus your wish list! Please make sure you bring cash and card to the market to purchase your items and raffle tickets!

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: FREE

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Day	Date	Time
SUN	Dec 3	4:00 - 7:30 pm

Letters To Santa

It is time to let Santa know about your Christmas wishes! From Monday, November 27 through Wednesday, December 13, the Vandalia Recreation Center will accept letters to Santa! Letters to Santa can be dropped off in the red mailbox in the Vandalia Recreation Center lobby. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a

return letter back from Santa. If you have questions, please contact Aaron Messenger at: amessenger@vandaliaohio.org.



Snow Creation Contest

You know how to make this winter delightful? By participating in the VRC Snow Creation Contest! This winter, gather up the family and build a snow creation of any sort to win a VRC Winter Family Fun Gift Basket! All photos should be emailed to Aaron Messenger at amessenger@vandaliaohio.org. This contest will last from December 1 to February 16. Photos will be posted on the Vandalia Recreation Center's Facebook from February 19 - 23. The photo that receives the most "likes" will win!





athletics

Registering in Advance

All age group in team sports require a minimum number of participants. If an age group minimum is not met by the deadline date, the age group is subject to cancellation. Call your friends and get registered today!

For more information please contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2333.

Youth Athletics

Vandalia Butler Optimist Basketball Leagues

Teams are drawn in late October and practice begins in early November.

Participants are notified of team placement in late October/early November.

The first games are scheduled for early December and the last games are scheduled for early March. Practices are held at Vandalia- Butler City Schools. Games are played at the VRC/and Englewood (all grades).

Registration Information: Save \$10 by registering online at www.vandaliaareccenter.com by using coupon code **BSKTBALL** at checkout. To guarantee your spot register before October 11. After October 11, walk-in registration is available until leagues are full.

Fees: \$45 Resident/VRC Member; \$55 Non-Resident

Location: Vandalia Recreation Center



Activity #	Day/Dates	Time	Grade
380400-00	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	2nd boys/girls
380400-01	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	3rd & 4th boys
380400-02	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	3rd & 4th girls
380400-03	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	5th & 6th boys
380400-04	SAT Dec 9 - Mar 9	12 - 5pm	5th & 6th girls

Kindergarten / 1st Grade Instructional Basketball

Participants practice skills and learn the rules of the game for the first 30 minutes, and participate in a non-competitive recreational game for the last 30 minutes.

Grades: K-1st

Fees: \$20 Resident/VRC Member; \$25 Non-Resident

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Activity #	Day/Dates	Time
380413-00	SAT Jan 6 - Feb 3	10:30 - 11:30 am

38th Annual Turkey Shoot



Two-member teams, one adult and one child from the same family, take shots from multiple spots on the court to earn points toward a gift certificate for their Thanksgiving feast. Our youngest competitors, up to 8 years old, shoot at a lowered basket. Teams can find official rules at www.vandaliaohio.org/recreation/athletics.

The event will begin promptly at 10:30am!

Fees: \$5 Resident/VRC Member Team;

\$7 Non-Resident Team

Location: VRC Gymnasium

SPECIAL NOTE: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged but not required.



Activity #	Day/Date	Time	Ages
390012-00	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	4 & under
390012-01	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	5 & 6
390012-02	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	7 & 8
390012-03	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	9 & 10
390012-04	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	11 & 12
390012-05	SAT Nov 11	10:30 am	13 & Older

2024 Youth Baseball / Softball Registration

The Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department would like to give youth softball/baseball participants a friendly reminder. Registration for the Baseball-Softball Season will begin in late December. If you would like more information in regards to the Vandalia Softball -Baseball Program contact John Myers at jmyers@vandaliaohio.org.

Adult Athletics

Cornhole



Come on in and toss a few bean bags around with us! No partner is needed.

Ages: 18 & older

Fee: FREE VRC Member; \$3 Drop-In; Senior Strength Punch Card accepted

Location: VRC Fitness Studio

Class Size: 30 maximum



Day	Date	Time
MON/FRI	Sep 6 - Dec 27	12:00 - 3:00 pm

Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

On behalf of the entire VPRD, we would like to thank our 2023 Volunteer Youth Baseball Coaches. All the time and effort these coaches put in to teaching our athletes the fundamentals of the game and the rules of good sportsmanship are what makes our program great!



fitness

For more information please contact Josh Berry at jberry@vandaliaohio.org or (937) 415-2337. Visit our web page for our Group Fitness Schedule: vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness.com



Group Fitness Classes



Come try out our fitness classes taught by our experienced, certified instructors! With a low drop-in cost you can't go wrong trying them out until you find the perfect class that fits your needs. Be sure to visit our website at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness for our Group Fitness Schedule to view the variety of classes we offer! Keep an eye out for the "Class Spotlight" special we offer throughout the year for opportunities to try out new classes FREE!



Personal Training at the Vandalia Rec Center

Whether you are just getting started on a workout program or ready to take your workouts to the next level, we have nationally certified VRC Preferred trainers that can help you reach your fitness goals. If you are interested in getting a personal trainer, please submit the VRC Preferred trainer request form located online at vandaliaohio.org/301/Fitness.

Maintain Campaign: VRC Members ONLY

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Need a little motivation during the holiday season? Lose or maintain your weight over the holidays and get a FREE t-shirt to show your success! FREE Program for VRC Members! Weigh-in and weigh-out with a VRC Fitness Attendant during the specified weeks listed below.

Ages: 15 & up

Fees: Free; VRC Members Only

Location: VRC Fitness Desk

Weigh-In Dates: Nov 15 - Nov 22

Weigh-out Dates: Jan 2 - Jan 9



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Delivering Health to Your Community

Senior Volleyball



Stay active and have fun in this non-competitive program! No experience required.

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium



Day	Time
TUE/THU	1:00 - 3:30 pm

Senior Pickleball



Come join the fun and get a good cardio workout while playing indoors on our three Pickleball courts!

Ages: 55 & older

Fee: Free for VRC Members / \$3 Drop-In / Senior Fitness Punch Cards also accepted

Location: VRC Gymnasium



Day	Time
MON/WED/FRI	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
TUE/THU	10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Inclusive Pickleball Time



We opened gym time for drop-in inclusive pickleball! This program is for individuals who have developmental disabilities. Paddles and balls will be provided for participants and registration is not required. Participants can bring their own paddles.

Ages: 18 and Older

Fee: Free

Location: VRC Gymnasium

Day	Date	Time
FRI	Sep 8	10:00 - 11:00am
FRI	Oct 13	10:00 - 11:00am
FRI	Nov 10	10:00 - 11:00am
FRI	Dec 15	10:00 - 11:00am



Does the chilly or wet weather have you moving your exercise indoors?

Don't forget we have a 1/16-mile indoor track plus all the equipment you need to have a great workout inside! Walk the track for a low daily fee of \$3, or buy a punchcard for \$2/visit.



senior center



Senior Center

Welcome to the Vandalia Senior Center located at 21 Tionda Dr South. To learn about all the offerings at the Senior Center, scan the QR code or visit us at www.vandaliaohio.org/341/senior-center



Questions? Contact our Senior Center Coordinator, Toni Williams at twilliams@vandaliaohio.org or 937-898-1232.

Membership Information

Are you 55 years of age or better? Join the Vandalia Senior Center and you will have opportunities to meet new friends, stay active and healthy, find valuable services and learn through educational opportunities. Seniors are welcome at the center three times before joining. Membership dues are \$15 per year for single Vandalia residents, \$20 for non-resident single membership, \$25 for Vandalia resident married couples and \$35 for non-resident married couples. Go to www.vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center to see this month's newsletter and list of activities and opportunities.

Transportation

VanTran is available to residents of Vandalia and Butler Township, age 60 years and older Monday through Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm.



Destinations may include, but are not limited to, grocery, bank, post office, pharmacy, hair salon, medical appointment, church, Vandalia Senior Center and Vandalia Recreation Center. Riders are required to board the vehicle unassisted. Vehicle is not wheel chair accessible at

this time. The one time registration fee is \$20.00. Senior Center membership is not required. Riders buy either a \$10 or \$20 ticket to pay for each trip. The cost per one-way trip is \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$3.00 depending on location area of drop-off/pick up. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 937-898-1232. You can also view the information on the City of Vandalia website at www.vandaliaohio.org/345/Transportation

Card & Game Groups

Monday:

12:30 pm Hand & Foot and other games in card/library room

Tuesday:

9:45 am Bridge in card room
1:40 pm Hand & Foot on side of dining room

Wednesday:

12:30 pm Bridge on side of dining room
1:00 pm Up and Down the River in dining room (need 50 pennies)
1:00 pm Euchre in card/library room

Thursday:

12:00 pm Duplicate Bridge on side of dining room
1:00 pm Pinochle in dining room
1:00 pm Rummikub in dining room

Friday:

9:30 am Mah Jong in card room
1:00 pm Poker in card room



More Activities

The Vandalia Senior Center currently has six to ten Lunch & Learns each month. There are also bingos, movies, craft classes, art groups, exercise classes, a birthday celebration each month, a book club, and more. There are jigsaw puzzles and books to loan out. The Floral Group has flower arrangements for sale. The Super Sewers group always has lap quilts and baby quilts on the walls for sale as well as many kitchen items in the display case. If you can use a sewing machine, consider joining the Super Sewers. Nothing to bring; everything is at the center.



Travel

The center has a list of bus trips going out of state for members of the Senior Center. Bob Reed is the travel director who is very experienced at leading senior trips. For more information scan the QR code, or visit www.vandaliaohio.org/503/Travel for more details.



Encourage and promote the use of the facility and services to grow, bond, learn and share in the ever changing moments of life.



Corporate Challenge

The 34th Annual Vandalia Corporate Challenge was held the week of June 4-9. Inteva Products claimed the championship, winning outright six of the 12 events in the weeklong challenge. Inteva won in Volleyball, Minute to Win It, Football Skills, Soccer Skills, Golf Closest to the Pin and the Jig Saw Puzzle Challenge.

Fire Open House Sunday, October 1

Ever wonder what it's like to ride on a fire truck? What it feels like under a firefighter's helmet? Or even how to keep yourself and loved ones safe from a fire or accident?

Learn all these things and more at the Vandalia Division of Fire's 2023 Open House. Kids and adults are invited to ride on a fire engine, try on firefighting gear and learn what

it's like to be a firefighter. Firefighting and EMS personnel will be on hand to answer questions and lead tours of the station and equipment.

The Open House will be held Sunday, October 1, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station 1, 8705 Peters Pike. For more information, contact the Vandalia Division of Fire at 898-2261.



The City of Vandalia welcomes new employees!



Benjamin Borton
City Engineer
Development and
Engineering Services



Sherry McConaughy
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation



Amanda Everett
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Inspector
Division of Fire



Marque Jones
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Inspector
Division of Fire



Paul Pollard
IT Systems
Administrator
City Manager's Office



Matthew Nicley
Police Officer
Division of Police



Aaron Evans
Public Works
Technician
Public Works



Garrett Danner
Building Maintenance
Technician
Parks and Recreation



Noah Van Doesburg
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Inspector
Division of Fire



Chris Moehl
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Inspector
Division of Fire



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Technician
Parks and Recreation



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My Vandalia App Enhances Communication with City

The City of Vandalia's public service app, My Vandalia, is making it easy for residents to report issues and check the progress of their concerns. The app is downloadable for free on Google Play and the App Store.



Hyper-Reach Messages in Action

On May 11 of this year, a seven-year-old boy was reported missing in the Timberwind area of Vandalia. The Division of Police and the Division of Fire were quick to set up a command post to find the boy.

One of the first actions they took was to issue a Hyper-Reach message to all addresses in the area the boy was last seen. Hyper-Reach can very quickly send a message to every registered phone in a geographic area to alert as many people as possible to an emergency situation. Within a couple hours, the boy was found safe.

Hyper-Reach has access to every listed landline number. Many households, however, no longer have a land line and instead use only a cell phone. In order to receive these messages, residents must register their cell phone numbers with Hyper-Reach.

Hyper-Reach messages may also be sent in the event of severe weather, an important road closure, or some other situation that requires fast, widespread notification.

You can register your number by logging onto the City of Vandalia website and clicking on the Hyper-Reach pull down menu on the top right corner of the page. You can also register by scanning the QR code below.



Hyper-Reach 📶



City of Vandalia, Ohio

HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Administration Policy

2-11 Employee Appearance and Dress Code

2-11.0 Purpose:

The City of Vandalia shall establish general guidelines defining appropriate attire and appearance standards for City of Vandalia employees. All employees shall have a neat and professional appearance that reflects well upon the City of Vandalia. Appearance plays a key role in portraying the professionalism of our City government. This policy is necessary to create and to maintain a professional image of municipal operations for the public, while ensuring an appropriate and safe work environment. All employees of the City are expected and encouraged to exercise discretion and good taste in their matter of dress. Each employee's attire, grooming and personal hygiene should be appropriate to the work situation.

2-11.1 Introduction of Standards:

Each Department Director, subject to review by the Human Resources Manager, is authorized to develop and to implement additional policies or general orders relating to employee personal appearance and dress code, which shall not conflict with this policy.

Department Directors, their designee, or the Human Resources Manager shall be charged with investigating complaints or observations relating to potential infractions of this policy. Any employee who does not meet personal appearance and dress code standards or departmental policies may be subject to corrective disciplinary action.

No employee shall be permitted to perform their duties while wearing clothing, jewelry, tattoos, piercings, body modifications, or other body art that is offensive, detrimental, or distracting to the department, division, or City (for example, references to discrimination, violence, gangs or organized crime, an illegal act, racism, swastika, confederate flag, supremacism, affiliation with an extremist group, drug use, nudity, sexually explicit acts, sexually suggestive references, other derogatory material, obscenity, profanity, an attack based on a protected class or status, an attack of another employee or person, or see-through clothing).

If an employee is required to leave work in order to comply with this policy, it shall be recorded as unpaid leave.

2-11.2 Standards for Uniformed Personnel:

Uniformed Personnel: All employees who are provided with a City uniform shall report to work each day in a clean uniform. Uniforms, including City supplied t-shirts, shall not be altered (for example, cutting off sleeves) in any manner, excluding professional tailoring of uniforms. Any questions regarding City-provided uniforms should be directed to the appropriate Department Director or the Human Resources Manager.

Uniformed personnel shall not be permitted to wear hats (except for winter hats not bearing another organization's logo or name), shirts, or light jackets that are not provided by the City of Vandalia. City uniforms shall not be worn when the employee is off duty unless authorized by the Department Director or City.

Manager. Uniformed personnel are permitted to wear City uniforms when traveling to and from work. Uniformed personnel are permitted to wear City t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats when not on duty, and are encouraged to exercise caution and discretion to maintain a professional image that does not bring ill repute to the City organization or any employee.

Shorts: After conferring with the Human Resources Manager, and upon verifying that it is safe and in the interest of the City to do so, Department Directors may permit certain uniformed personnel to wear shorts of an appropriate length and quality in the performance of their duties.

Updated Logos: Effective, January 1, 2024, all uniformed personnel shall be required to comply with the general brand guidelines that were established by the City Council in 2021 and updated logos when wearing City-branded clothing and uniforms.

2-11.3 Standards for Non-Uniformed Personnel:

Non-Uniformed Personnel: Employees who are not provided with a uniform by the City are expected to be properly dressed for the type of work they are performing. Department Directors and supervisors are expected to set clear expectations and to enforce dress code and appearance standards for non-uniformed personnel. Employees are expected to dress in a manner that a reasonable third party would find acceptable in similar business establishments or situations.

City of Vandalia employees are not permitted to wear the following:

- Baggy or poor fitting clothing;
- Jogging suits, sweat suits or other athletic wear (Except when otherwise approved by the Department Director or Human Resources Manager; e.g., fitness instructor, parade duty, participation in Corporate Challenge);
- Loose or unsafe footwear (e.g., Crocs, foam flip-flops);
- Torn, tattered, or worn-out clothing; and
- Distracting or provocative clothing.

Non-uniformed personnel are permitted to wear City t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats when not on duty, and are encouraged to exercise caution and discretion to maintain a professional image that does not bring ill repute to the City organization or personnel.

Updated Logos: Effective, January 1, 2024, all non-uniformed personnel shall be required to comply with the general brand guidelines that were established by the City Council in 2021 and updated logos when wearing city-branded clothing. Any city logos that are applied to employee-owned clothing to be worn on-duty should be reviewed and approved by the Communications Manager to ensure brand conformity (or ordered through a vendor who has obtained the City's artwork and has been approved by the Communications Manager).

Jeans: Department Directors may permit personnel to wear work appropriate jeans (e.g., those that fit; are of a plain design and cut; are not faded or distressed, do not contain holes, embroidery, sequins, bleaching, acid/stone washing) in the performance of their duties so long as it does not diminish the professional image of the organization. Department Directors reserve the right to revoke such permissions.

Jeans on Fridays: Non-uniformed personnel who are normally not permitted to wear jeans, are permitted to wear work appropriate jeans on Fridays (e.g., those that fit; are of a plain design and cut; are not faded or distressed, do not contain holes, embroidery, sequins, bleaching, acid/stone washing) if it does not detract from the performance of their duties.

Shorts: After conferring with the Human Resources Manager, and upon verifying that it is safe and in the interest of the City to do so, Department Directors may permit certain non-uniformed personnel to wear shorts of an appropriate length and quality in the performance of their duties (e.g., Air Show, parade or special event duty, field work).

Temporary Relaxation of Dress Code Standards: Department Directors may occasionally allow employees to dress in a more casual fashion than is normally required. On these rare occasions, employees are expected to present a neat and work appropriate appearance.

2-11.4 Employee Appreciation Events and Butler High School Spirit Week:

Non-uniformed personnel are permitted to wear work appropriate jeans or shorts to employee appreciation events if it does not detract from the performance of their other duties on that day.

Non-uniformed personnel are permitted to wear appropriate Vandalia Butler City School District attire (e.g., t-shirts, sweatshirts, buttons) with jeans during Butler High School Spirit Week if it does not detract from the performance of their duties. Non-uniformed personnel may wear jeans during spirit week accompanied by Vandalia Butler City School District color combination (i.e., purple and yellow).

The Department Director, at their discretion, may choose to relax certain dress code requirements for uniformed personnel during employee appreciation events or Butler High School Spirit Week.

2-11.5 Tattoos and Scarification:

Tattoos Permitted: Employees may display tattoos (including scarification) during the performance of their duties if it does not violate a work rule, policy, or cause a concern for safety in the opinion of the Department Director or Human Resources Manager.

Prohibitions: No employee shall be permitted to perform their duties while displaying a tattoo or intentional scar that is offensive, detrimental, or distracting to the department, division, or City (for example, tattoos that reference discrimination, violence, gangs or organized crime, an illegal act, racism, swastika, confederate flag, supremacism, affiliation with an extremist group, drug use, nudity, sexually explicit acts, sexually suggestive references, other derogatory material, obscenity, profanity, or an attack based on a protected class or status).

Tattoos are prohibited from being displayed on the head, ears, face, front or sides of the neck, chest, or hands (including the fingers) and must be hidden from view. A tattoo that resembles a wedding ring is permitted on the traditional finger on which a wedding ring is worn, so long as the ring tattoo does not violate any other section of this policy. Tattoos covering the majority of an employee's arms, commonly known as a "sleeve", cannot be displayed beyond the wrist and any further than the base of the hand.

Cosmetics and Permanent Makeup: Tattoos resembling cosmetic or permanent makeup may be permitted if it does not violate any other part of this policy.

Investigation of Complaints and Order to Cover a Tattoo: Upon receiving a complaint or observing a tattoo that may violate a city policy, a supervisor may order an employee to cover a tattoo. The employee shall comply with the order to cover the tattoo. The Department Director, in consultation with the Human Resources Manager, shall determine the appropriate manner for covering the tattoo. Costs associated with covering a tattoo will be at the expense of the employee (except when uniformed personnel are instructed to cover a tattoo with a normal uniform consisting of long sleeves, pants, or hat).

Appeal: An employee may appeal against the order of a Department Director to cover a tattoo. In the case of an appeal, the Human Resources Manager shall evaluate the tattoo and issue a decision in accordance with this policy. The Human Resources Manager's decision shall be final.

2-11.6 Piercings, Other Body Art, and Modifications:

Piercings Permitted: Employees may display piercings, gauging, dermal piercings (i.e., transdermal implants), or subdermal implants during the performance of their duties if it does not violate a work rule, policy, or cause a concern for safety in the opinion of the Department Director or Human Resources Manager.

Prohibitions: No employee shall have intentional abnormal modifications to any area of the body visible to the public while on duty (for example, tongue splitting or bifurcation, abnormal shaping of the ears, eyes, or nose; abnormal filing of the teeth).

Appeal: An employee may appeal against the order of a Department Director to remove or to cover a piercing, or other body art or modification. In the case of an appeal, the Human Resources Manager shall evaluate the piercing or other body art or modification and issue a decision in accordance with this policy. The Human Resources Manager's decision shall be final.

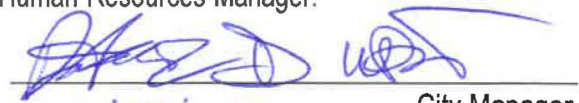
2-11.7 Facial Hair:

Employees outside of the Department of Public Safety: Employees who are not assigned to the Department of Public Safety shall be permitted to grow and to maintain neatly trimmed and well-groomed facial hair.

Employees within the Department of Public Safety: Employees who are assigned to the Department of Public Safety shall comply with standards set by the appropriate Division Chief. If permitted by the Chief, employees shall be required to maintain neatly trimmed and well-groomed facial hair.

Review and Questions

Questions regarding this policy should be addressed to the Human Resources Manager.


07/19/23 City Manager

Date

Supersedes and replaces all related policies and departmental directives.