



### **Valley City Community Group — Celebrating 10 Years!**

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Frog Talk newsletter.

In March 2016, the Valley City Chamber of Commerce joined with the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce to form the Northern Medina County Chamber Alliance, ushering in a new era for the region. Shortly thereafter, in May 2016, the Valley City Community Group was established to preserve and carry on Valley City's cherished annual events and High School Scholarship Programs. We formed the Valley City Community Group as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to enriching life in our community. Over the years, our Community Group has contributed to a variety of projects and initiatives. The construction of a pavilion at Mill Stream Park and the implementation of a downtown building lighting project are just two of the many projects we have undertaken over the years. You can read more about all our accomplishments on our website: <https://valleycity.org/about/>.

In addition to hosting and managing our annual Frog Jump and Christmas in the Valley celebrations, we provide Independence Day fireworks and entertainment, host Movie in the Park each summer, and support a variety of community programs throughout the year. We also provide year-round event support to our Fire Department, Historical Society, and many other local organizations.

The funds we raise through our events help us continue to offer two scholarships each year to graduating Buckeye High School or Medina County Career Center students residing in Liverpool township.

Giving back to the community through donations is part of our culture. Some of these other charitable donations include: Valley City Firefighters Association, Buckeye Music Boosters, Zion Lutheran Church Back-to-school backpack program, Life Spring Church Food Bank, Medina County Career Center Care Closet, and Buckeye High School, adopt a family at Christmas.

Our Valley City Community Group's mission is rooted deep in partnership—bringing together businesses, families, and individuals to promote historic preservation, economic development, and community pride. Over the past decade, we have grown and thrived thanks to the incredible support of our community, and we look forward to continuing this mission well into the future.

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### **New Nature Preserve in Liverpool Township**

The Valley City Community Group participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Medina County Park District's Liverpool Meadows Nature Preserve, located at 6601 W. Law Rd. This stunning 104-acre preserve officially opened in late November 2025 and is now part of the Medina County Park system. It is the third park in our township, joining the Park District's Zachary A. Weber Riverside Park and our own Mill Stream Park.

We are incredibly thankful to have such a valuable natural asset in our township.



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### Changes to our Facebook pages

We're combining our Frog Jump and Christmas in the Valley Facebook pages with our main Valley City Community Group page to make it easier for everyone to stay informed. Going forward, all event news, updates, and details will be shared in one convenient place—our main page:

<https://www.facebook.com/valleycitycommunitygroup/>

By bringing everything together, you'll have a single, reliable source for the latest information on community events, festivals, and activities in Valley City. Be sure to follow the page and check in often so you don't miss a thing!

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### Upcoming 2026 Events in Valley City

This year, we're proud to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with 50% more fireworks to display on July 4th! We hope you'll join us for this special celebration and all the other exciting events planned throughout the year.

Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/valleycitycommunitygroup/> or visit [valleycity.org](http://valleycity.org) for the latest event updates as dates approach.

# 2026 VALLEY CITY EVENTS

Detailed event information at [valleycity.org](http://valleycity.org)



**MARCH 1 & 8**

**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

**MAY 25**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**JULY 4**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**JULY 19**

**FROG JUMP**

**AUGUST 14 - 16**

**STREET FAIR**

**SEPTEMBER 4**

**MOVIE IN THE PARK**

**OCTOBER 31**

**HALLOWEEN  
PARADE**

**DECEMBER 13**

**CHRISTMAS IN  
THE VALLEY**

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## Christmas in the Valley Volunteer Opportunities

We're looking for a few helping hands to make this year's December 13th Christmas in the Valley another great community tradition! Check out the Zone Leader volunteer positions we have available.

### ZONE LEADER – MRS. CLAUS / STORYTIME

Love kids, Christmas stories, and a little holiday sparkle? Help coordinate one of our most popular programs inside the Old Town Hall! You'll help organize volunteers, support Mrs. Claus herself, and make Storytime magical for every child who visits.

### ZONE LEADER – DECORATION CONTEST

Are you the type who has your holiday lights up before Thanksgiving?

Lead our "Lighting Up the Valley" contest! Create fun promotions, manage registrations, and help decide the most festive displays in town.

### SCAVENGER HUNT COORDINATOR – KIDS ZONE

Got a clever streak? Love riddles? Create clues, place them around town to help little adventurers hunt through the Valley. Bonus: you get to hand out prizes — instant hero status.

Whether you can give one hour or the whole day, your time makes a difference. If you're energetic, creative and community loving, we want YOU to be part of our team! For more information, or to volunteer for any of these positions, contact Karin Reale ([karinreale@dandyblend.com](mailto:karinreale@dandyblend.com)) by March 30, 2026.