



Dixon Chaney, parks and recreation superintendent, has served the city full-time since 1974. He will retire at the end of January.

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CITY'S LONGEST FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE TO RETIRE

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio – When Dixon Chaney started as a seasonal employee with the West Carrollton parks department in 1973, he earned \$2 per hour.

Chaney was hired full-time in 1974. At that time, Ed Slonaker was the city manager. Chaney was one of three full-time parks employees including Bob Tickner, parks director, and Ozzy Garland, parks superintendent.

Dixon Chaney's tenure at the City of West Carrollton exceeds that of any other full-time city employee. Chaney will retire on Thursday, Jan. 31.

“When I started, Wilson Park had just become a park,” Chaney said. However, there was no pool, no soccer complex and no civic center,” he said. At that time, the city offices were located at the corner of Locust Street and Central Avenue.

With the addition of several West Carrollton neighborhood parks and facilities, the department has grown to include eight full-time employees and several seasonal employees. Chaney became the parks and recreation superintendent in 1987.

The variety of his job is what has kept him in the position for so long, Chaney said. “We do a lot of different things, so it's definitely not the same thing every day.”

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The parks department is responsible for maintaining the grounds of 12 different parks and several public owned lands as well as all of the city's buildings including the Civic Center, Senior Center, two fire stations, service garages and storage facilities.

The parks and recreation employees also help coordinate city-wide special events such as the Holiday Festival, Monster Mash, 4th of July Festival and Community Pride Days.

"He will definitely be missed," said Christian Mattingly, parks and recreation director. "Dixon's knowledge and experience has helped every employee in the department including myself," he said.

Chaney lives in Miami Township with his wife Kathy. He has two daughters, Andrea and Carla. After retirement, Chaney looks forward to becoming a grandpa. His daughter, Carla, is expecting twins in July.

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