

City News



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Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

West Carrollton is one of 16 recipients of a grant from the Ohio EPA Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund. The \$15,000 grant will be used to fund the installation of a Level 2 Electric Vehicle charging station. The charging station will be located at 'The Point' on E. Central Ave. near exit 47 of I75 and will be able to service two vehicles at a time. The cost for usage of the stations is still being determined but will be in alignment with other stations around the area. People will be able to

pay using a membership card, credit card or a mobile app. The city plans to install the charging station by the end of 2021.

"We are excited to bring this service to not only the citizens of West Carrollton but, to those traveling through the city. Future customers will be able to charge their car and take advantage of nearby restaurants or take a walk along the path by the Great Miami river," said Mike Lucking, economic development director.



Community Development

In April, city council members unanimously approved ordinances that allow a local company, Eros Investments, to help the city in creating new housing and renovate existing housing. Developer Craig Kellogg of Eros Investments, is in the process of acquiring these properties in the city. Renovation is already underway at 323 E. Central Ave., the former Historical Society home.

There are several vacant, city-owned lots that were acquired over the years with the intent of clearing the properties for future development. The lots either had homes damaged by fire or became nuisances in their respective

neighborhoods. Kellogg plans to construct new homes on the following lots: 111 W. Pease Ave., 1320 Alex Rd., 505 N. Burns St., with anticipated selling prices in the \$150,000 range. Kellogg will also be investing in and building a home at 1201 Sherwood Forest Dr., and expects this property will sell in the \$250,000 range.

"We're excited about the new investment in the neighborhoods around the city and pleased that construction will be happening soon," said Mike Lucking, economic development director.

Plaza of Fame Award

Did you know that the West Carrollton City Council recognizes current and former citizens who have made a unique or noteworthy contribution to making the city a better place to live through the 'Plaza of Fame' award? Since 2003, forty-one people have been recognized with this honor. All honorees have their names engraved on bricks located at the Civic Center.

A three-member city council subcommittee will choose the Plaza of Fame recipient(s) based on nominations from you, our citizens, and in the fall, a ceremony will be held to recognize the honored individual. One person (or two if nominated as

a couple) will receive the award each year.

To nominate someone you feel is deserving of this honor, complete a nomination form and submit it to the city for consideration.

The form can be downloaded at westcarrollton.org/plaza-nomination or be picked up at the Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Completed forms can be returned to hvanantwerp@westcarrollton.org or returned to the Civic Center.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, August 31.

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In Your City

New Firefighters in Town

Thanks to the support of the West Carrollton community, we were able to hire four full-time firefighters this year. The fire department welcomes Dennis Mays, Kyle Norman, Michael VanSkoyck and Mikayla Zonker. We “interviewed” them and here’s a bit about our new employees. Fire Chief Chris Barnett says, “This group is a great mix of talent and personalities but, all of them are dedicated to their work. We’re lucky to have them here in West Carrollton. A common trait is that they all want to help others, which is one of the best parts of our job.”

How long have you been with the city as a part-time firefighter before joining us full time?

Mays: I’ve been here five and half years and also work for Farmersville Fire part-time.

Norman & VanSkoyck: We both have been here about 18 months. Norman also works part-time for Harrison Township Fire.

Zonker: I’ve been part-time for five months and work at Washington Township part-time.

What do you like best about being a Firefighter/Paramedic?

Mays: I like being able to help the ones who need it most.

Norman: When a medical or fire emergency arises, I’m glad I can be there for someone.

VanSkoyck: My favorite part is being a part of the community and helping those that are in need.

Zonker: I love building meaningful relationships with those I meet. Every encounter allows me to interact with people from all walks of life. It is an extremely humbling and rewarding career.

What do you like best about working in West Carrollton?

Mays: Working in W.C. gives me the opportunity to give back to the city that I live in and grew up in.

Norman: W.C. is a very small community and the citizens appreciate the work of the fire department. There was overwhelming support for the levy that made it possible for me and my coworkers to be hired. W.C. makes me feel appreciated as a firefighter/paramedic.

VanSkoyck: I know a lot of the residents and am familiar with the city so the work environment is like having an extended family of brothers and sisters. We take care of each other.

Zonker: I am really appreciative of the support and love I have been shown by the community and the members of the fire department. It’s basically my second home and I’m grateful to be surrounded by people who treat me like family.

What do you do when you’re not helping people as firefighters?

Norman: I like to do Crossfit, run, hike, bike, rock climbing, play video games and hang out with my girlfriend and friends.

VanSkoyck: Spending time with my family is the most important thing to me. I like fishing, coaching and watching my kids play sports.

Zonker: I love to paint, play basketball, workout and spending as much time as I can outdoors. My favorite nights are at home, having family night with my boyfriend and his son.

Mays: I enjoy spending time with my family and like to go camping.



From L to R: Michael VanSkoyck, Dennis Mays, Chief Chris Barnett, Kyle Norman, Mikayla Zonker

WCPD Wins Award



The West Carrollton Police Department (WCPD) received an award through the Destination Zero initiative – a part of the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum designed to help agencies improve the health and safety of law enforcement officers across the country. WCPD won for being the top department in the ‘General Officer Safety’ category.

As our police department continues to adapt to the changing times, it works hard to keep officers safe and healthy. The department’s program approach has four key tenets - Physical Fitness, Mental Fitness, Spiritual Fitness and Emotional Fitness. The program includes a modernized approach to uniforms and appearance, load bearing vests, an on-duty work out program, crisis intervention training, peer support training, a police chaplain program and enhanced ballistic equipment in each patrol car. “Ensuring officers return home safely, both mentally and physically, is the most important consideration when implementing these programs. We are very honored to have received this award,” said Doug Woodard, police chief.

New CSI Equipment

The police department recently applied for and received a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety to obtain a ‘Trimble Robotic Total Station.’ The Total Station creates animations of traffic crashes and crime scenes and provides the ability to measure and diagram scenes using two and three-dimensional imaging. And the equipment can be operated by a single officer, if needed.

By using the equipment, it gives the police department the ability to have a truer and more accurate representation of a scene more quickly as the Total Station scans the area and performs large numbers of calculations that would have been done singularly in the past.



If you’re going on vacation, call the W.C. Police Department at (937) 859-7465 and request a vacation house check.

Safety Tips

LOCK CARS, KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT OR DON'T BRING THEM WITH YOU.

DO NOT LEAVE PETS OR CHILDREN ALONE IN YOUR CAR, FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. JUST DON'T DO IT!

BE MINDFUL OF LEAVING YOUR HOUSE WINDOWS OPEN, IT CAN PROVIDE EASY ACCESS FOR A BURGLAR.

BE EXTRA AWARE DRIVING AS MORE KIDS AND ADULTS WILL BE OUTSIDE.

WEAR A BIKE HELMET. LOCK YOUR BIKE – EVEN AT HOME. FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

DON'T ANNOUNCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT YOU ARE GOING ON VACATION.

Keep these tips below in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

Summer Fire Safety

grilling season

Use all types of BBQ grills outdoors only.

Keep grills away from low hanging branches.

enjoy the glow

For firepits and campfires - keep at least a 10 ft perimeter away from shrubs, tents and items you don't want to burn.

Fires should be contained by rocks, concrete or metal.

kids & pets

Always supervise kids & pets around fires, grills and legal fireworks.

Keep pets inside during 4th of July fireworks.

leave it to the professionals

Choose to attend a big public fireworks display.

Only use legal fireworks at home.

What's Happening?

For information about events or reservations, check out westcarrollton.org, Facebook or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182.

REGISTRATIONS — We encourage online registration at westcarrollton.org under the Parks & Recreation Department. If you don't have online access you can register by phone, (937) 859-5182 or in-person at the Civic Center, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Include name, address, phone number, and email.
We can only take payment for an event online or in-person.

Pool Calendar

To reach Wilson Pool directly during open pool hours call (937) 859-5334.

July

- July 6 — Pool closes at 5 p.m. for Swim Meet
- July 10 — Pool closed for Swim Championships
- July 14 — High School Swim Night: 9-11 p.m.

August

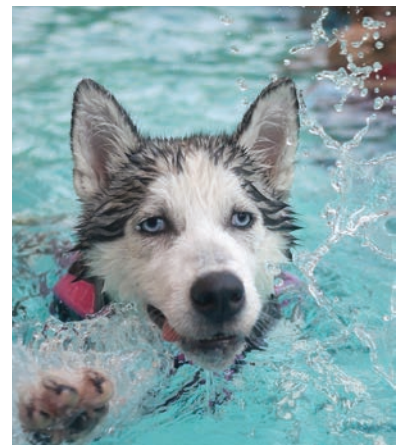
- August 8 — Parent Appreciation Day
- August 11 — High School Swim Night: 9-11 p.m.
- August 16-20 — Pool closed
- August 21-22 — Pool open weekend hours
- August 23-27 — Pool closed
- August 28-29 — Pool open weekend hours
- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 — Pool closed

September

- Sept. 4-5 — Pool open weekend hours
- Sept. 6 — Last day pool is open: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sept. 6 — Doggie Dive - 5 to 7 p.m.
*New day & time



Doggie Dive



Doggie Dive 2021 will look a little different than in years past. Pups will still get their chance to dive into Wilson Pool before it's closed for the season.

The event will be held on the last day of the pool season, Monday, September 6, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Wilson Pool, 1226 S. Elm St.

Admission is \$5 per family and proceeds will continue to benefit local rescue organizations. The city has donated more than \$15,000 from the event to local groups since its inception in 2008 and we look forward to continuing that tradition.

"We know this is a new date and time but, given the changes that have occurred over the last year we decided to try this new format for 2021. We are looking forward to the event and want to remind everyone that while different, it still benefits pets in need," stated Christian Mattingly, parks and recreation director.

Owners should bring their well-behaved, vaccinated dogs on non-retractable leashes. No dogs in heat should attend the event for the safety of pets and people.

High School Swim Nights

Wilson Pool will be open for an evening of swimming for West Carrollton High School students on **July 14** and **August 11** from 9 – 11 p.m. Admission is \$1 with your W.C. High School ID or \$2 without ID. Pool passes cannot be used for these events.



Bike Rodeo

Get your bikes and cowboy/girl helmets ready – we're holding a rodeo! Children ages 4-11 can practice their biking skills on several courses set up throughout Wilson Park. We'll have someone available to provide safety checks. Each child will receive a medal and be entered into a drawing for additional prizes.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 11; Register by Thursday, Sept. 9

Location: Wilson Park (pool parking lot side), 1226 S. Elm St.

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$5 per child; Registration required at westcarrollton.org



Swerk

Swerk is a group fitness class led by Tiffany Osburn, a contracted instructor of the Parks and Recreation Department (and a W.C. Police Officer on the side.) Session One was held in June with a great turnout and there will be two more sessions in July and August. All classes will be held at the West Carrollton Senior Center, 10 E. Central Ave.

Swerk combines upbeat routines paired with pop and hip-hop songs. Osburn says, "My favorite part about the class is looking around and seeing everyone smiling and having a good time. I think it helps raise morale and is great for our mental health; especially given the events of the last year." Each class includes exercises to build the cardiorespiratory system (heart and lungs), the musculoskeletal system, (which involves muscular endurance, strength and overall flexibility) while improving body composition.

Classes are for adults or children 13 years of age and up accompanied by an adult (parent/guardian.) Bring your own water bottle. Register online at www.westcarrollton.org/swerk-fitness-class.

Session 2 - \$20: July 13, 20, 27 (6:15 - 7:15 p.m.)

Session 2 - \$20: July 14, 21, 28 (9:15 - 10:15 a.m.)

Session 2 - \$35: BOTH morning & evening sessions (total of 6 sessions)

Session 3 - \$20: August 3, 10, 17 (6:15 - 7:15 p.m.)

Session 3 - \$20: August 4, 11, 16 (9:15 - 10:15 a.m.)

Session 3 - \$35: BOTH morning & evening sessions (total of 6 sessions)

You can also "Drop-in" to a class to try it out. The cost is \$10 and can be paid online.

Photo Ops in the City

Take your photo at the biggest Adirondack chair in ... West Carrollton. The chair is currently sitting at Miami & Erie Canal park so, we encourage you to stop by for a photo op. The chair will be moving around several of the parks in West Carrollton throughout the year so, be on the lookout at a park near you.

Starting late summer into fall, the city will have its own sunflower garden where you can come enjoy the flowers and take photos.



Parks & Recreation Director Christian Mattingly



Youth Sports Contacts

Little League Baseball - Wayne Woody - (937) 829-2066

Rec Soccer - Bryan Bayless - (937) 510-5592

Wee Pirates Football & Cheer - Kenneth Hartman - (937) 903-1934

WAVES Swim Team - Tosha Knorr - swimmingwaves@gmail.com

Basketball - Bryan Bayless - (937) 510-5592

South Dayton Fastpitch - Steve Brewer - (937) 903-1934

Reign United Select Soccer - Chris Rose - (937) 829-6201

Community



Welcome to the Dayton Metro Library's new Executive Director. Jeffrey Trzeciak is a native Daytonian who began his library career at DML while still in high school. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Dayton, and earned his MLS from Indiana University. Prior to returning to DML, he was Director of the Jersey City Free Public Library in New Jersey. He held senior positions at Newark Public Library, McMaster University (Ontario), and Washington University (St. Louis) and is well known for his commitment to diversity and social justice. "It is quite an honor... to work in one of the best public library systems, and give back to the community that gave me so much at the start of my life," said Trzeciak.



Take & Make Kits! The library is providing free STEM take-home kits for different age levels, to bridge the gap between learning at home and school. Each box offers games, puzzles and instructions for a craft project or experiment. Upcoming themes include: Tales/ Stories, Flight, and Harvest. Each box contains details about free, virtual programs hosted by partner organizations such as Five Rivers MetroParks and the Glen Helen Raptor Center.

Tails & Tales Summer Challenge 2021 runs from June 1 to August 1. Kids are encouraged to READ all kinds of things; LEARN something new every day; and HELP your family, your neighbors, or your community. Keep track of the time you spend reading, learning and helping – it all counts toward winning prizes. Sign up online or at any branch library.



Contact: daytonmetrolibrary.com
or (937) 463-2665

West Carrollton's Pop-Up Book Club will be held July 14 and August 11 from 5-6 p.m. in Weidner Park. Bring your own chairs, blankets and water. Books are available at the W.C. branch or through SearchOhio.
July 14: *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism* by Ashton Applewhite
August 11: *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

..... West Carrollton Schools

There were nine Pirate athletes from the Class of 2021 who will continue their education after graduation while continuing to play their favorite sport.

Noah Babb	Cedarville University	Baseball
Hayden Caskey	Ancilla College	Wrestling
Nyssa Banks	Miami Middletown	Basketball
Shelby Sadler	Miami Middletown	Softball
Anthony Baltimore	West Virginia State	Football
Lily Kvidera	Kentucky Christian University	Volleyball
Jerrel Sanders	Capital University	Football
Aigbokhai Kadiri	Flyght Prep Academy	Basketball
Allen Lattimore	Flyght Prep Academy	Basketball

Construction continues at the new pre-k/first grade and the intermediate (grades 5 and 6) buildings. Both buildings are slated to open for the 2022-23 school year.

Enrollment for kindergarten students and students moving into the district remains open during the summer. All enrollments are now done online by clicking on "Enrollment" at westcarrollton-schools.com.

The school district encourages residents to follow West Carrollton City Schools on Facebook for news and stories about what's happening around the schools. Information is also updated at westcarrolltonschools.com under "District News."

The West Carrollton Class of 2021 congratulates co-Valedictorians Ashton Davey and Keaton Kinderdine who both earned a 4.875 GPA and Salutatorian Zeff Sutter who earned a 4.593 GPA. There were a total of 14 graduates in the Class of 2021 who achieved a 4.0 or higher.



Victor Kallon is another W.C. graduate who worked hard during high school and participating in the College Credit Plus program. He plans to attend

Sinclair Community College and transfer to the University of Dayton to earn a business degree. School will be a little easier for Victor thanks to a \$2,000 scholarship from the West Carrollton VFW post #3438 and the Ladies' Auxiliary. The VFW has provided scholarships to West Carrollton students for many years and we thank them for their generosity. Congratulations to all students for their achievements this school year!

FREE Bulk Trash Collection



The service department will conduct the third free bulk/large-item trash collection July 12-16 on residents' regular collection days. The city will not pick-up contractor generated materials or remodeling materials.

Helping Neighbors



A few months ago, in the heart of a cold spell, the city was able to put to use the Planning and Community Development Department's Neighborhood Improvement fund to help Cynthia Richey, a long-time West Carrollton resident.

The incident started with Fire Captain Nick Sanders being called to the home due to a burning smell which was determined to be a broken furnace. Cpt. Sanders then connected with Carl Enterman, chief code enforcement officer, and John Hovell, code enforcement officer, to assist Ms. Richey.

Through the use of city's neighborhood improvement fund and the help of Whitt's Heating and the W.C. Nazarene Church, Ms. Richey received a new furnace within two days of the original call.

"We always want to help those in our city and our main goal is to keep people safe and able to live in a community that exceeds their expectations," said Enterman.

FLOOD SAFETY



DO YOU HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE?

GET A PERMIT BEFORE BUILDING IN A FLOOD PLAIN



IF THE ROAD IS UNDERWATER, TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN



City Beautiful Awards

The City Beautiful Commission (CBC) began a new program in June. They are highlighting one house per week with the "Yard of the Week" award throughout the summer. Awards will be chosen by members of the community for their efforts in making their home and neighborhood beautiful. Winners will be honored with a sign placed in their yard for the week.

To nominate a home email cmattngly@westcarrollton.org or call (937) 847-4660.



Garage Sale

The next city-wide garage sale will be Saturday, October 2. Registration (online and phone) will be available beginning August 15.

All numbers use the (937) area code.

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Code Enforcement.....859-5184

Economic Development.....847-4643

Fire Department Administration847-4645

Income Tax.....859-8288

Parks & Recreation.....859-5182

Planning/Community Dev859-5783

Police Department.....859-3688

Public Relations.....847-4634

Streets/Refuse.....859-8280

Water/Sewer.....859-8280

Community Services

Board of Elections225-5656

Bogg Food Ministry435-6181

Bureau of Motor Vehicles.....866-9511

Montgomery Co. Auditor225-4326

MUM Food Pantry249-0941

Post Office.....859-5163

West Carrollton Branch Library.....496-8962

West Carrollton School System859-5121

WIC.....859-7974

Please Join Us:

Regularly scheduled monthly meetings held at the West Carrollton Civic Center

300 E. Central Ave.

City Council

2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

City Beautiful Commission

3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board

3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

1st Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Board Of Zoning Appeals

2nd Thursday 6:30 p.m.



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Calendar of Events

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- July 12-16: Bulk/Large Item Trash Pick-up
- July 13: Swerk Fitness Class, Senior Center, Session 2 begins
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- Aug. 31: 'Plaza of Fame' Nominations Due by 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 6: Wilson Pool Closes for Season at 4 p.m.
- Sept. 6: Doggie Dive, Wilson Pool, 5-7 p.m. (New date & time)
- Sept. 6: City Offices Closed - NO Delay for Trash/Recycling
- Sept. 11: Bike Rodeo, Wilson Park, 10-11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 2: Community Garage Sale
- Oct. 4-8: Bulk/Large Item Trash Pick-up

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