

# City News



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## Rockin' the River

**Rockin' the River** is a concert event that will be held in West Carrollton this fall. We'll have live music from a Journey tribute band - Any Way You Want It – after local band, Stranger, starts the show. There will be food trucks and a section where those over 21 can purchase other beverages. A tribute to America and our Police will come from the sky as the American Flag & the Thin Blue Line Flag skydive into the park. The evening will end with a pyrotechnic display for concertgoers.

All proceeds of ticket and 'over 21' beverage sales will benefit the local Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Association. Founded in 2007, they have been helping families and coworkers of officers tragically killed or seriously injured in the line of duty. The association's long-term goal is to build a permanent outdoor memorial—in honor of those whose ultimate sacrifice helped keep their communities safe. ([www.mcmemorial.com](http://www.mcmemorial.com))

- Date:** Saturday, Oct. 16  
**Time:** Gates Open at 5:30 p.m.  
Show Begins at 6 p.m.  
**Cost:** Pre-sale tickets - \$5/person through Oct. 9  
\$10/person starting Oct. 10  
Buy tickets: [dillincorp.com/rockin](http://dillincorp.com/rockin)  
Free Parking  
**Location:** 5641 Marina Dr, West Carrollton, OH 45449

Additional information about the event can be found at [dillincorp.com/rockin](http://dillincorp.com/rockin).



## Autumn Leaves

The annual **curbside fall leaf collection program** begins Monday, Oct. 11, and continues through Friday, Dec. 3. Crews make continuous loops throughout the city each week to ensure all leaves are collected.

As a reminder, leaf piles should be free of large sticks and debris to prevent damage to the leaf vacuum truck.

To assist with leaf collection, the City Beautiful Commission (CBC) will host its **Rake Rally** on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Any W.C. resident needing help

raking leaves must register. Call (937) 859-5182 and provide the name, address and phone number of the home by Nov. 11.

The CBC also needs volunteers for the Rake Rally. Long-sleeve t-shirts will be available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, if possible.

Help make a difference in your community by helping others.

To register or volunteer for the **RAKE RALLY**, call (937) 859-5182. **VOLUNTEERS** – meet at the Civic Center at 10 a.m.







# In Your City



## Fire Prevention Week October 3-9

Did you know that Fire Prevention Week began in 1925? President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the week be observed nationally to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 8, 1871.

During this week every year, children, adults and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Our W.C. Firefighters

have provided public education in conjunction with the schools for over 25 years.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) theme for 2021 is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" The theme will educate people about the different sounds smoke and carbon

monoxide detectors make and provide information about devices a person who is deaf or hard of hearing could use to ensure they are safe in their homes.

This year – due to covid considerations - the fire department will be providing a video to show children in class.

## Fire Dept. Grants

W.C.'s Fire Department recently received two grants. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded an approximately \$150,000 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) fund. AFG's grant program is in place to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.

The department plans to purchase 21 self-contained breathing apparatus which contain a number of pieces including air packs, cylinders, individual face pieces and RIT packs which are portable air supply equipment to use as an emergency air supply when a member is low on air or is out of air and in need of help.

"These will replace our current equipment which is 11 to 12 years old. We plan to have these purchased and begin using them by the end of the year," said Fire Chief Chris Barnett.

Additionally, an EMS grant was awarded through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, for almost \$2700 which will be used to purchase EMS-related supplies.

"We're always so thankful and humbled when we are selected to receive grant money so we can better help our community and keep our citizens and firefighters safe," Barnett stated.



### Drive Aware!

Wet leaves can cause slippery roadways. Let windows fully defrost before driving.

### Play it safe.

Even when roads are closed to traffic, it's not safe to play in the street.

### Watch out for pedestrians.

Since it gets dark earlier, use sidewalks when possible.

### Trick or Treat Safely.

Go in groups or with a buddy; carry a flashlight and make sure that masks do not obstruct vision.

### Stay warm.

Get your furnace inspected every year before it gets cold.

### Keep pets safe.

Don't leave pets out around open flames like candles or outdoor campfires.

Stay Safe!

## Garage Sale

The next city-wide garage sale is Saturday, Oct. 2. The list of participating homes will be available online at [westcarrollton.org](http://westcarrollton.org) and in the Civic Center lobby on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m.





**Holiday Theft**  
Lock cars & homes when you're out. Keep your car free of packages when shopping or if parked outside.

**Cooking Hazards**  
Watch what you're cooking. Pay attention to kids & animals in the kitchen. Deep fry a turkey **OUTSIDE**.

**Leave the Lights On**  
Leave a few lights on when you leave the house & at night. Have a neighbor check on your house when traveling.

**Decoration Hazards**  
Water live trees daily. Check lights before you put them up. Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from kids & pets.

**Package Delivery**  
If you're expecting packages, request a signature confirmation or ask a neighbor to be on the lookout when you're not home.

**Smoke Alarms**  
Make sure smoke alarms work. Replace batteries every year. Replace the alarm every 10 years or sooner.

**Creative Disposal**  
Dispose of boxes creatively on trash day. Break down boxes & packaging to not give away the gifts you received.

**Holiday Lighting**  
Check extension cords for damage before using. Don't run cords under garage doors or through windows.

**Social Media**  
Be careful about what you share on social media. If you show off your new gifts, don't tag your location in the post.

# Holiday Safety Tips



## Police Dept. Gets New Body Cams

W. C. City Council recently approved the purchase and use of body cameras for the city's police officers. These cameras will supplement the in-car cameras that are already in use. While in-car cameras' functionality is limited due to being mounted in a stationary position, body cameras will move with the officers and can provide a different perspective. Officers will carry the camera inside his/her vest with the lens exposed. A detached device that looks like a watch can be worn to operate the camera. Although there are a few limitations, such as the lack of a 'peripheral' sight line, these devices are a great addition to the department's toolbox. Another unique feature is the ability of the camera to be remotely accessed so, that it can be livestreamed, if needed.

"Our department is looking forward to using this new technology as it provides us with another tool that will offer additional protection for the public as well as department members," said Police Chief Doug Woodard.

## New Firefighter

We'd like to welcome Ross Gaby as the newest full-time member of the W.C. Fire Department. Ross spent two and a half years with us as a part-timer then moved to a full-time position with another city before coming back to West Carrollton in April 2021.

"Thankfully, we were able to bring him back to West Carrollton to fill a position that became available. It's a privilege and honor for us to have him in our department," said Fire Chief Chris Barnett.

When we asked Ross what he likes about working here - other than his fellow firefighters, of course - he added, "I've come to realize that the camaraderie makes all the difference during long shift hours. And I'm happy to be working in and serving the community of West Carrollton again."

Ross keeps busy in his free time, too. He kayaks, hikes and volunteers at places like Carillon Historical Park. He's also a blacksmith, works as a Bee keeper in conjunction with Wright Patterson Airforce base and is working towards his private pilot's license.



Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Ross Gaby



# What's Happening?

**For information about events or registrations, check out [westcarrollton.org](http://westcarrollton.org), Facebook or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182.**

Registration is required for some events to ensure we are appropriately prepared for those in attendance. COVID-19 requirements and guidelines will be in place for events. All events are subject to change or cancellation.

**REGISTRATIONS** — We encourage online registration at [westcarrollton.org](http://westcarrollton.org) under the Parks & Recreation Department or by email to [parks@westcarrollton.org](mailto:parks@westcarrollton.org). If you don't have online access, you can register by phone, (937) 859-5182, or in person at the Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave., 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.\*

## Halloween Home Decorating Contest

It's Baaack! Time to decorate your home for Halloween. Our City Beautiful Commission will be the judges. The top three houses will receive prizes. Participants must register to be eligible for the contest. Winners announced Oct. 26.

**Date:** Register by Friday, Oct. 22

**Judging:** October 23, 8-10 p.m.  
Leave your lights on!

**Location:** Your home

**Cost:** Free



## Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Spend an evening with family & friends decorating a pre-assembled gingerbread house. Bring decorations and icing to create your masterpiece. Houses will be displayed at the Holiday Festival the next day, Sat., Dec. 4. Voting will be held online via Facebook. For details about voting rules refer to [westcarrollton.org](http://westcarrollton.org). Winners announced Dec. 14.



**Date:** Friday, Dec. 3

**Location:** Civic Center

**Time:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Free, Registration Required by Nov. 28



## Monster Mash

Monster Mash is back and will be held in Weidner Park's baseball field. Activities include hayrides, pumpkin decorating, carnival games and a costume contest. Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers from WC Nazarene Church, WCHS National Honor Society and the WC Dayton Metro library branch.

**Date:** Thursday, Oct. 28

**Time:** 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** Weidner Park, 150 E. Central Ave.

**Cost:** Free

## Father Daughter Dance

It's time for a "Luau"! Bring your dad or someone special to the dance. Each girl receives a treat, photos, a flower and light snacks will be provided. \*You can save money by purchasing tickets early.

**Date:** Friday, Nov. 12

**Time:** 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Fire Station #56,  
125 W. Central Ave.

**Cost:** Pre-sale - \$10 per pair  
At the Door - \$15 per pair • Additional person - \$5



## Holiday Festival

The City Beautiful Commission hosts this annual tradition which includes horse-drawn wagon rides, performances by WCHS choir and orchestra groups, a candy cane hunt, letter writing to Santa, ornament making and a tree-lighting ceremony. Santa will be available for free photos - bring your camera. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 4

**Location:** Civic Center

**Time:** 4-6 p.m.

**Cost:** Free





## Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Love decorating for the winter holidays? Judges will traverse the city to judge and decide the winners. The top three houses will receive prizes. Participants must register to be eligible for the contest. Winners announced Dec 18.

**Date:** Register by Wednesday, Dec. 15

**Judging:** Thursday, Dec. 16, 6:30–10 p.m. Leave your lights on!

**Location:** Your home

**Cost:** Free



## Luminary Walk

Walk through a magical, lighted path in Wilson Park; listen to holiday music and enjoy treats with family and friends.

**Date:** Saturday Dec. 18

**Time:** 7–10 p.m.

**Location:** Wilson Park, 350 Wilson Park Dr.

**Cost:** Free



## Yard of the Week Winners 2021

A new City Beautiful Commission (CBC) program began in June. One house per week from June to August was recognized with a 'Yard of the Week' award. Award recipients were chosen by members of the community and the CBC for their efforts in making their home and neighborhood beautiful. Winners were celebrated with a yard-friendly sign placed at the home for the week and highlighted on West Carrollton's social media pages. Thanks to all the property owners who helped enhance the appearance of our city.

16 William St.	1373 Arrow Sheath Dr.
31 E. Central Ave.	3200 Vernell Dr.
282 Grantwood Dr.	5924 Norwell Dr.
320 S. Elm St.	160 Trumpet Dr.
337 Cottage Ave.	1149 Bit Plc.
604 Maplehill Dr.	3355 Carlin Dr.

## I've been good this year!

Children can write a letter to Santa and 'mail' it at Santa's mailbox - located in the lobby of the Civic Center. He'll respond to all letters that include a self-addressed envelope. Children can also write Santa a letter at the Holiday Festival.

**Date:** Nov. 29-Dec. 13

**Location:** Civic Center Lobby, 300 E. Central Ave.

**Cost:** Free





# Community

## Finance Audit



Audits for the city of West Carrollton and the West Carrollton Community Improvement Corporation both received the highest rating possible for the year 2020. The audits include thorough testing of the city's internal controls and extensive analysis of all financial data. They are conducted in accordance

with generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. "Year after year, our staff's conscientious and meticulous work produces the city's highest rating," said Tom Reilly, finance director.

Reports and expenditure information are available online at [westcarrollton.org/financial-reports](http://westcarrollton.org/financial-reports). For more information, call (937) 859-8288 or email [financedir@westcarrollton.org](mailto:financedir@westcarrollton.org).

## Tree Sale

Every year, as part of the Tree City USA program, Autumn Blaze Maple trees are sold through the parks department. Trees cost \$150 and are planted in residents' front yards by the parks staff in December.

West Carrollton residents can purchase trees through October 29 online ([westcarrollton.org](http://westcarrollton.org)) or in-person at the Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave., Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (937) 859-5182.



## Trash & Recycling Info



The Service Department's free bulk/large-item trash collection is October 4-8 on residents' regular collection days. Do not place contractor generated or remodeling materials for pickup. To schedule a pickup for another date (cost is \$21) call (937) 859-8280.

Trash and recycling will only be delayed Nov. 25 (to Nov. 26) and Nov. 26 (to Nov. 27) this year. No delay Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

## Flood Safety Tips

**KEEP ALL BRUSH AND DEBRIS OUT OF STREAMS AND DITCHES; THIS HELPS FLOOD WATER TO FLOW FREELY**

**STORE VALUABLES AND INSURANCE PAPERS IN A WATERPROOF CONTAINER**

**CALL (937)859-5783 TO FIND OUT IF YOUR PROPERTY IS IN A FLOOD RISK ZONE**

**GET A BUILDING PERMIT BEFORE BUILDING IN A FLOOD PLAIN**

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

**ASK YOUR INSURANCE AGENT IF YOU ARE COVERED FOR FLOOD DAMAGE**

## Welcome New Businesses

**Spirit of Hope, Inc.**  
31 N. Elm St.

**KokoGlitterBel**  
917 Watertower Ln.

**West Carrollton Nutrition**  
2074 S. Alex Rd.

**The Paint Shop**  
134 S. Elm Rd.

**Advanced Associates**  
917 E. Central Ave.

**Valvoline Instant Oil Change**  
5799 Springboro Pk.

**Brady Plumbing and Construction**  
2030-A S. Alex Rd.

**D2 MedTech**  
350 Fame Rd.



# West Carrollton Schools

W.C. High School Seniors started a new tradition this year – painting their assigned parking spaces at school. The idea began with Kendal Adams, whose design included flowers and a quote, 'Kendal's happy place is not your space.' Luke Martin, a swimmer, painted his space to look like a swim lane. Taryn Dewberry's design showed her love of basketball, cheerleading and track. Aurora Nunnery painted the galaxy while Jade Neal decided on a mountain scene. One space included a crown and toad and reads, 'Princess Peighton Tharp only. All others will be toad.' New Assistant Principal Chris Zink was impressed and said it's nice to be "giving students a voice and a choice."



W.C. School Board members Don Henry, Leslie Miller and Jon Lewallen and school Business Manager, Jack Haag, toured the new preschool-first grade building with construction company representative Josh Mason. Both that building and the new fifth-sixth building are slated to open for 2022-23 school year.

Plans are underway to celebrate the history of Walter Shade and C. F. Holliday before they are torn down. Both schools will host open houses and tours for the community in the spring. Look for details at [westcarrolltonschools.com](http://westcarrolltonschools.com) and on Facebook at West Carrollton City Schools.



Left to right: Josh Mason, Don Henry, Leslie Miller, Jon Lewallen, Jack Haag



## What's Happening at Your Library

### Computer Classes

On October 14 from 7-8 p.m., the computer class will be discussing some of scariest tech scams and teaching you how to keep your information safe and personal devices secure. November classes will include introductory computer basics. In December, a class using the 'Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center' will teach you how to make handmade gifts. Each participant can make a bottle of holiday hand soap during the program. Sign up at the library or at [daytonmetrolibrary.org/programs](http://daytonmetrolibrary.org/programs).

### Engage Kids @ Home

Activity bags are available and a great way to engage kids at home. Each bag contains manipulatives such as toys, puzzles, flash cards, and books. Four types of bags are offered: **Sprout** targeting early literacy for children one to five years old, **DML** and **Mister C's stem-mania** focusing on electricity and kitchen chemistry themes, and **School Readiness** that include alphabet, math/counting, site words, phonics themes, and more. Activity bags can be requested at [pac.daytonmetrolibrary.org/polaris](http://pac.daytonmetrolibrary.org/polaris).



### Programs for Homeschoolers

'Homeschool Hang Out' is held the third Tuesday of most months from 1-2 p.m. Each program features different games, crafts, or STEM related activities. Homeschooling families can learn about library resources to support your children's learning at home. Pop-Up family programs occur one Thursday a month from 6-6:30 p.m. Each program features interactive music, games, crafts and STEM activities. Visit: [daytonmetrolibrary.evanced.info/signup/](http://daytonmetrolibrary.evanced.info/signup/) for information.

For details about all classes and programs visit your nearest Dayton Metro Library (West Carrollton branch, 300 E. Central Ave.) or call (937) 463-2665.



All numbers use the (937) area code.

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Economic Development.....847-4643

Fire Department Administration .....847-4645

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Parks & Recreation.....859-5182

Planning/Community Dev .....859-5783

Police Department.....859-3688

Public Relations.....847-4634

Streets/Refuse.....859-8280

Water/Sewer.....859-8280

### Community Services

Board of Elections .....225-5656

Bogg Food Ministry .....435-6181

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

Montgomery Co. Auditor .....225-4326

MUM Food Pantry .....249-0941

Post Office.....859-5163

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

West Carrollton School System .....859-5121

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

- Oct. 2: City-wide Garage Sale
- Oct. 4-8: Bulk/Large Item Trash Pick-up
- Oct. 11-Dec. 3: Fall Leaf Pick-up
- Oct. 16: 'Rockin' the River' Concert, 5641 Marina Dr., 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Halloween Home Decorating Contest, Last day to register
- Oct. 23: Halloween Home Decorating Contest Judging, 8-10 p.m.
- Oct. 28: Monster Mash, Weidner Park, 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 12: Father-Daughter Dance, Fire Station 56, 7-9 p.m.
- Nov. 13: Rake Rally, Meet @ Civic Center, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Nov. 25-26: City Offices Closed - Trash/Recycling DELAYED (Thur. to Fri. & Fri. to Sat.)
- Dec. 3: Gingerbread House Decorating, Civic Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Holiday Festival, Civic Center, 4-6 p.m.
- Dec. 15: Holiday Home Decorating Contest, Last day to register
- Dec. 16: Holiday Home Decorating Contest Judging, 6:30-10 p.m.
- Dec. 18: Luminary Walk, Wilson Park, 7-10 p.m.
- Dec. 24: City Offices Closed - NO DELAY for Trash/Recycling
- Dec. 31: City Offices Closed - NO DELAY for Trash/Recycling

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 3: City Offices Open - NO DELAY for Trash/Recycling
- Jan. 3-7: Bulk/Large Item Trash Pick-up

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