



## CITY NEWS



### Rockin' the River with the King of Pop

#### Michael Jackson Tribute Band Concert

Are you ready to rock with the King of Pop? Get ready to moonwalk your way to Miami Erie Canal Park in West Carrollton for an epic night of music, food, and fun at Rockin' the River! September 30th, we're bringing you the ultimate Michael Jackson experience with Who's Bad, the internationally known Michael Jackson cover band that will have you saying "hee hee" all night long!

But that's not all - we've got a lineup of food trucks that will make you want to scream with delight! From ILLY's Fire Pizza, Lil Tiki Weenies, McNasty's, and even Funnel Cakes Concessions, you'll have plenty of options to satisfy your cravings. And don't forget to try Rolling Indulgence, ThaiOn, and West Carrollton's very own El Meson too!

Doors open at 5:30 pm, so come early to get your groove on with Distant Cousinz, the opening band that will get your feet moving. And to kick off the headliner show, we've got an exclusive pyrotechnic and fireworks show with an American flag skydive to the sound of the national anthem. Then get ready to be taken on a musical journey with Who's Bad as they pay homage to the King of Pop himself.

Tickets will go on sale at [westcarrollton.org/rockin](http://westcarrollton.org/rockin), with discount pre-sale tickets available starting at \$5. Kids 12 and under are free. All proceeds go to benefit an outstanding local non-profit the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial.



### G. Tracy Williams Memorial Tennis Court

#### Former City Manager Honored

Former City Manager Tracy Williams was honored May 26, 2023 with the inauguration of G. Tracy Williams Tennis Court. Tracy Williams served the City of West Carrollton for three decades as its City Manager, from 1977 to 2007, and was recognized for his excellence in city management by various associations. He was also a dedicated community servant, actively volunteering his time to various causes. Mayor Jeff Sanner, who served on city council during Williams' tenure, fondly remembers him as a compassionate leader who tirelessly worked to improve the quality of life in West Carrollton and the greater Miami Valley region. The Tracy Williams Tennis Court Dedication is a fitting tribute to his legacy and will serve as a reminder of his contributions to the community he called home for 45 years.



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# IN YOUR CITY

## West Carrollton Fire Department Swears in Two Full-Time Firefighters

### Connor Bush & Ben Schimer Sworn In

During the May 9 city council meeting, the West Carrollton Fire Department swore in two firefighters to full-time positions. “Ben Schimer and Connor Bush had been serving as part-time firefighters for West Carrollton, and we are glad you have now joined the department as fulltimers.”, stated Chief Barnett.

Conner Bush grew up in Lewisburg, OH. As an adult, he moved around the Miami Valley and has since settled in Miami Township. He has been in the fire service a total of three and a half years, previously working for Germantown and Camden Fire Departments. He not only works for West Carrollton Fire Department, but also assists at Eaton Fire in his spare time. He wanted to follow in his father’s footsteps as a police officer, with the goal of serving his community just like his dad. Eventually, he found his way to fire service, “I’m glad I did. It feels great and I’m glad I have that opportunity with West Carrollton.” Conner stated. “My family is proud; my dad grew up here and he thinks it’s so cool to see me work here. I know my mom is proud of me, she’s always supportive.”

Ben Schimer was born and raised in Kettering and has been a firefighter for two years. “I wanted to become a firefighter to have a dynamic job environment, respond when emergencies arise and set a good example for my kids. It feels great to be full time. It’s nice to be able to continue at a place I enjoy working at and have already committed much of my time. My family is proud of me and happy to see that the hard work I have put in has paid off;” Ben stated.

We’re proud of both you. Congratulations gentlemen and thank you for serving the city of West Carrollton with such pride!



## Helicopters and Little Helpers

West Carrollton Fire Department had an exciting, educational, fun week!

The Fire Department partnered with Premier Health using their Careflight helicopter, the Dauphin, for in-service training at Wilson Park/Pool area. This in-service training helps the fire department stay on top of new procedures and also provides a safe practice environment. The whole team enjoyed the training session (helicopters are fun!) and learned valuable life-saving techniques that will help ensure the safety of our community.

West Carrollton’s Early Childhood Center came out to visit Fire Station 56. Mrs. Garrabrant’s and Mrs. Riggs’ classes got to see an up-close view of the fire equipment and the station. The children asked questions and they got the chance to time the firefighter and see how fast they could get dressed in their gear. Ultimately, the tour is designed to give kids a better understanding of fire safety and our equipment so they can be safer at home and school. Fire safety is very important and teaching children at a young age and making it fun helps ensure to get the message across.



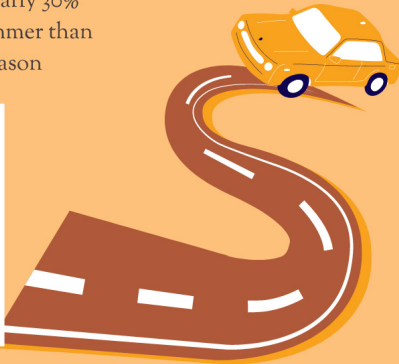
# Road Closure Due to Construction

## Interstate 75 Under Construction

Southbound 75 is under construction...again and of course that means road closures. The major change you will see is the permanent closure of the exit ramp from IR-75 SB to Dryden Rd. The ramp will remain closed through the end of the project, currently around July of 2025, based on the latest ODOT revisions.

School is out...Summer is in, watch out for children at play

Did you know....automobile accidents lead to nearly 30% more fatalities in summer than in the winter season



THE MEMBERS OF THE WEST CARROLLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT URGE EVERYONE TO PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY



# Police Department Rolling Out the “Safe Encounter” Program

## New Program

West Carrollton has the honor of being the first city in Ohio to pilot the “Safe Encounter” Program. Safe Encounter is a community safety tool designed to help law enforcement get at-risk individuals home safely. Friends, family and loved ones can create a profile for children to senior citizens who may be at risk for wandering, or getting lost. These individuals may suffer from developmental disabilities, mental health issues or other cognitive disorders.

If an individual wanders away from home, law enforcement can refer to the database to identify the individual, learn more about any health conditions, prepare for how they react to various triggers, and pinpoint locations they may frequent.

## Statistics:

- More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s.
- 6 in 10 people living with dementia will wander at least once.
- Over 25% of people with autism are non-verbal or use very limited communication

## Examples of Conditions:

- Alzheimer’s / Dementia
- Down Syndrome
- Autism
- Mental Health Issues (bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, etc.)
- Cognitive Disabilities
- Non-Verbal Communication Styles
- Any Individual that is at risk

More information and assistance concerning Safe Encounter will be forthcoming, including how to register your loved ones and links to Safe Encounter on our Facebook page and websites.

You can learn more about Safe Encounter by going to their website: [safeencounter.org](http://safeencounter.org) or West Carrollton’s website under the Police department:

[westcarrollton.org/departments/police-department/](http://westcarrollton.org/departments/police-department/)





# Bee-utiful Rescue

## Honey Bees Saved

Our Code Enforcement Officers, with some help from Detective Lawson (West Carrollton Police), took time to help rescue two swarms of honey bees.

As you know honey bees are super important pollinators. Over the past few years colonies of bees have been disappearing, this is referred to as the “colony collapse disorder.” Bees are leaving their hives and not returning. In many regions up to 90% of bees have disappeared.

When this colony decided to move out of the tree they were living in, Code Enforcement jumped in to help them find a new home. Our Code Enforcement Officers and Detective Lawson truly are the bee’s knees. Thanks for helping out our wonderful pollinators.

*\*Honey bee facts courtesy of National Geographic*



## Bidding Farewell

We have two wonderful employees retiring from the Service Department in the upcoming months.

Kirk Bragg started out in 91' with the Parks Dept, working PT during the summer while he was in college. After graduating, he came back and accepted a full-time position with Waste Water Management. As the years passed he left Waste Management and transferred over to the Water Dept, taking on the role of Utility Service Person 1 and will be retiring from the Water Dept with a total 30+ years of service for the City of West Carrollton.

Tonya, our City Utility Clerk, is retiring with 22 years of service. She was wonderful at her position, always very knowledgeable and helpful to any resident who came in or called for assistance. She will be enjoying her retirement years with her grandchildren and continuing her volunteer work.

The city thanks you for your many years of service!



## Know Your Code

### Property Maintenance Reminders

A beautiful summer means more wonderful weather for all you gardeners and backyard warriors. The City of West Carrollton wants to ensure you're up to date on all City Codes new or old. This quarter we'll be focusing on Property Maintenance: **grass and weeds**.

#### **§158.16 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS.**

##### **(D) Weeds.**

(1) Premises and exterior property shall be maintained free of weeds in excess of eight inches in height or length. Noxious weeds shall be prohibited. For the purposes of this section, weeds shall be as defined in §158.14. For the purposes of this section, noxious weeds shall be the same as currently defined in Section 901:5-37-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

#### **§158.14 DEFINITIONS.**

**WEEDS.** Weeds shall include all grasses, annual, biennial and perennial plants and vegetation. However, this term shall not include trees, shrubs, bushes, cultivated flowers and gardens, ornamental grasses, cultivated gardens and crops planted and cultivated for sale or in connection with an agricultural business.

For this and all other codes visit:

[westcarrollton.org/codes](http://westcarrollton.org/codes)



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Information & Registrations:

Please visit the City's website at [westcarrollton.org/events](http://westcarrollton.org/events) for more registration information on community events!

### First Thursday

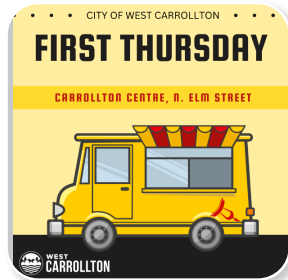
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COWORKERS. ALL ARE WELCOME! Have dinner at our AWESOME Food Trucks enjoy Music, Activities, Vendors and more!

**Date:** July 6, August 3, and September 7

**Time:** 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

**Location:** Carrollton Centre, N. Elm Street

**Cost:** Free



### A Family Adventure - Movie Night

Movie under the stars! Bring your lawn chair or blankets, snuggle up and enjoy the free family-friendly movie and popcorn. Sponsored by West Carrollton Nazarene and West Carrollton Parks and Recreation.

**Date:** July 7, August 11, and September 8

**Time:** 8:30p.m. - 11:00p.m.

**Location:** Wilson Park. 350 Wilson Park Drive, (by the tennis courts)

**Cost:** Free

### Doggie Dive

All well-behaved, vaccinated dogs on a non-retractable leash are welcome. No dogs in heat should attend the event for the safety of pets and people. Proceeds go to local non-profit Dog Rescue organizations.

**Date:** September 4 **Location:** Wilson Pool

**Time:** 5-7p.m. **Cost:** \$5.00 per family

### Great Paint Escape

Guided painting by professional artist Dina Cain, who has over 30 years' experience as an artist. Your fee includes: all materials for painting including the medium, water, appetizers and sweet treats.

**Date:** July 19 & October 18

**Time:** 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

**Location:** Dayton Metro Library West Carrollton Branch, Conference Room

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Celebrate the sizzling sounds of summer with the West Carrollton Summer Concert Series! This July and August, we're inviting you to join us on Thursday evenings at West Carrollton Center, right across from the fire station and adjacent to the sand volleyball court, for two evenings of incredible live music.

**Thursday, July 13, Velvet Crush will be our special guests 7-9pm.**

**Thursday, August 17, travel back in time with the electrifying 80's Band Stranger 7-9pm**

Both concerts will take place at 1 South Elm Street, West Carrollton OH 45449. For more information please visit: [westcarrollton.org/summerconcertseries](http://westcarrollton.org/summerconcertseries) for the full lineup of food trucks and additional details. Make the most of your summer nights, join us for music, food, and fun - all for a good cause!



[WESTCARROLLTON.ORG/SUMMERCONCERTSERIES](http://WESTCARROLLTON.ORG/SUMMERCONCERTSERIES)

FOOD TRUCKS | COLD BREW | FREE FAMILY FUN

### Senior Self-Defense Class

Attention all men and women 50 plus! We've got a class that's designed just for you! Valor Martial Arts will give you the tools you need to avoid dangerous encounters, whether it's shopping, or during your normal daily activities. We'll teach you awareness skills, basic escapes, and some tips and tricks for navigating everyday situations. You'll leave this class empowered and confident!

**Date:** August 24

**Time:** 10:00a.m - Noon

**Location:** Senior Center, 10 East Central Ave, West Carrollton

**Cost:** \$5.00 (includes coffee & doughnuts!)



# COMMUNITY

## Celebrating 45 Years with an Old Friend...

El Meson is celebrating their 45th anniversary this year and we couldn't be prouder that they call West Carrollton home. In 1978 Herman and Gloria Castro bought The Pizza Queen in West Carrollton, with the intent to be part of and serve their local community through food and hospitality. Forty-five years later, under the El Meson brand and with three generations of the Castro family, Bill and his sister Marie Castro (second generation) and Marie's son Stefen Lamley (third generation) involved in managing the restaurant and fleet of food trucks, their mission remains the same...service through great food. They will be celebrating all of the memories with special cultural menus, signature events, and more all year long. Forty-five years is a long time and it's only been made possible by the ongoing support of their incredible customers, friends and family.



El Meson will celebrate over 4 days of activities starting Wednesday, July 19th until the 22nd. "Our fiesta will include past family recipes from Herman and Gloria Castro and live music under the big top. Three generations of the family will be present with 4th generation in the wings. For a complete schedule of activities, please go to [Elmeson.net](http://Elmeson.net) after June 15th for details. Join our El Meson family as we are hiring, and be part of our 45 years of success.", [elmeson@aol.com](mailto:elmeson@aol.com)

Thank you for being a long-standing icon in our city and we wish you many more happy years.

*\*Article and images courtesy of [elmeson.net](http://elmeson.net)*



## City Beautiful Commission

It's that time of year again and West Carrollton's City Beautiful Commission (CBC) is anxiously waiting for nominations for this year's "Yard of the Week."

Members of the community are able to nominate a yard, then the Commission will pick from those nominations. A winner will be picked once a week throughout the summer (a total of 12 weeks), but it's up to you on who will have a chance to be a winner. Winners will be celebrated with a yard-friendly sign placed at the home for the week, and a photograph of each home will be highlighted on West Carrollton's social media pages. To nominate a home, contact Parks Director Christian Mattingly at:

**Email:** [cmattingly@westcarrollton.org](mailto:cmattingly@westcarrollton.org)  
**Phone:** (937) 847-4660



## ...Welcoming a New Business

We have a brand-new tap house coming to our city! Slap'n Lizard is expected to open this summer and will be located at Alex Tower Shopping Center and Business Park. The tap house will have 50 taps, 40 crafts (variety of beer, ciders and seltzers from local breweries), 4 wines (2 white 2 red) and 6 domestic beers. Also, basic bar food will be available, just a few items to start as the tap house grows. They are interested in hosting pop up kitchens. (Shout out to all you food truck vendors!)

"Choosing this type of tap house came after doing our research and visiting a few of them. It is nice because you are able to sample small amounts and only pay for that small amount. You pay by the ounce so you only pay for what you pour," stated owner Michelle Kennedy. "Our hopes and goals are that we become a place where people can come hang out and meet new people as well as make some new friends. We would really like to become a gathering place for all, with our family-friendly atmosphere and a pet-friendly patio."

Welcome and thank you for choosing West Carrollton as your home for this new endeavor!

*\*Images courtesy of Slap'n Lizard Facebook.*



# West Carrollton High School Has Some BIG Achievers!

It's a first in West Carrollton Schools. Both the valedictorian and salutatorian are graduating with over a 5.0 GPA!



## Ayah El-Hardan

Valedictorian Ayah El-Hardan earned a 5.147 grade point average. While in high school, she participated in the National Honor Society, Student Council, Business Professionals of America, Robotics and the Mural Club. Following graduation, Ayah will be heading to Cornell University where she earned a full scholarship.

## Ashley Williams

Salutatorian Ashley Williams earned a 5.025 grade point average. While in high school, she participated in the National Honor Society, Arpeggio and basketball. Her college credit plus hours, scholarships and grants will pay for 90% of her education when she attends the University of Dayton.



## A'Niyah Johnson

A'Niyah Johnson earned enough college credit from Sinclair to receive her Associate of Science degree prior to receiving her high school diploma. A'Niyah will be going to Indiana Tech University to major in mechanical engineering where she received a full scholarship that will cover the cost of both her bachelor's and master's degrees.

These students represent the possibilities that the West Carrollton School District has to offer every child who is willing to work hard and set goals.



## Library News

### Family Build with the Big Blue Blocks!

Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Let's work all together now and see what we can build with the big blue blocks.

### Family Minecraft in Real Life

Thursday, July 20, 2023 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Join us for Minecraft, like you've never seen it before! We will play Minecraft off the big screen and in the library.

### Community Walk: At Cox Arboretum Metro Park

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Walk through Cox Arboretum where Dayton Metro Library's West Carrollton Branch will have a nature scavenger hunt and natural journals available for you to enjoy at the park. Meet the group near the parking lot of Cox Arboretum located at 6733 N Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH 45449 at 3 p.m. (Supplies may be limited.)

### Intro to LinkedIn Learning

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

LinkedIn Learning offers video courses taught by experts in software, creative, and business skills. It is a subsidiary of LinkedIn. All the courses on LinkedIn fall into four categories: Business, Creative, Technology and Certifications. Use your library card to access LinkedIn Learning and enter a world of self-paced professional learning.

### National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mark your Calendars as we get a jump on National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which

is October. On September 2, 2023 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm the **Premier Health Mobile Mammography Coach will be at the West Carrollton Library.** Details about scheduling appointments, costs, and insurance coverages will be available in August. Stop by the library for further information.

### Comics Plus

Have you seen our database COMICS PLUS?

Comics Plus, powered by LibraryPass, is a digital platform offering thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga. You can access titles using a smartphone, tablet, or web browser, and they can be downloaded to multiple devices. You log in with your library card number or username.





All numbers use the (937) area code.

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- Code Enforcement..... 937-859-5783
- Economic Development..... 937-847-4643
- Fire Department Administration..937-847-4645
- Income Tax..... 937-859-8288
- Parks & Recreation..... 937-859-5182
- Planning/Community Dev..... 937-859-5783
- Police Department..... 937-859-3688
- Public Relations..... 937-847-4634
- Streets/Refuse..... 937-859-8280
- Water/Sewer..... 937-859-8280

### Community Services

- Board of Elections..... 937-225-5656
- Bogg Food Ministry..... 937-435-6181
- Bureau of Motor Vehicles..... 937-866-9511
- Montgomery Co. Auditor..... 937-225-4326
- MUM Food Pantry..... 937-249-0941
- Post Office..... 937-859-5163
- West Carrollton Branch Library..... 937-463-2665
- West Carrollton School System..... 937-859-5121
- Women, Infants, and Children's Program..... 937-859-7974

### 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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## ECR WSS POSTAL CUSTOMER

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 4:** City office closed, 4th of July
- July 6:** First Thursday 5pm-8pm, Carrollton Centre N. Elm
- July 7:** Family Adventure-Movie 8:30pm-11pm, Wilson Park
- July 10-14:** Large item / Bulk pickup
- July 13:** Summer Concert Series; Velvet Crush 7pm-9pm
- July 19:** The Great Paint Escape 6pm-8pm, Library
- Aug 3:** First Thursday 5pm-8pm, Carrollton Centre N. Elm
- Aug 11:** Family Adventure-Movie 8:30pm-11pm, Wilson Park
- Aug 17:** Summer Concert Series; Stranger '80s Band 7pm-9pm
- Aug 24:** Self-defense for Senior Citizens 10am-Noon,
- Sept 4:** City Office Closed; Doggie Dive 5pm-7pm, Wilson Pool
- Sept 8:** Family Adventure-Movie 8:30pm-10:30pm, Wilson Park
- Sept 30:** Last Concert; Rockin' the River 6pm-10pm

### Youth Sports Contacts

#### Little League Baseball

President - Emily Gaines, (937) 901-7648  
MWCLL.ORG, (937) 829-2066

#### West Carrollton Baseball Club

WCBASEBALLCLUB.ORG  
President - David Ball, (937) 269-2204  
Vice President - Bill Pryor, (937) 271-7793

#### Rec Soccer

LEAGUES.BLUESOMBRERO.COM/WCSA  
Byran Bayless, (937) 510-5592

#### WCRA - Football / Cheer

WCRAWEEPIRATES.COM  
Eric Shepherd, (937) 344-3742  
Abigail Shepard, (937) 219-1544

#### West Carrollton Basketball Assoc.

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#### Waves Swim Team

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