CARROLLTON

# **CITY NEWS**



## The True Spirit of the Season

#### 'Tis the Season of Giving!

We give out candy for Halloween, we give thanks for Thanksgiving, and we give presents for Christmas. Do we ever stop and ponder why we do so much "giving" at this time of year?

It is easy to get so wrapped up in our own lives that we may forget just how fortunate we truly are. As a community, we should show more kindness and gratitude for one another and lead by example. There are many ways you can be that difference in someone's life.

You can volunteer time and brighten someone's day at one of our retirement communities like Canterbury Court, donate a few canned goods at our local MUM's Food Pantry, or volunteer through the city helping rake leaves for someone who isn't able to. The true meaning of the season is not about how much we have but how much we give. If you'd like to help or volunteer:

- Canterbury Court (937) 859-1106
- Mum Food Pantry (937) 249-0941
- Pirate Packs (donations) www.piratepacks.org (volunteer) piratepackevents@gmail.com
- Rake Rally https://www.westcarrollton.org/ departments/parks-recreation/

Email us pictures (publicrelations@westcarrollton.org) and we'll share how you helped someone else this season on our Facebook page (City of West Carrollton).

## Honoring a Beloved Employee

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#### In Memory of Teresa Brooks

This summer we lost a wonderful staff member, Human Resource Manager Teresa L Brooks. She had been battling colon cancer for some time and gracefully found peace in June. She leaves behind her husband Gerry and daughter Calista. She began her employment with the City of West Carrollton in the Finance Department and was promoted to the Human Resource Manager in 2008. She rendered more than 20 years of dedicated service unto the citizens of this city and played a major role in the successful administration of labor relations, as well as the cost-effective management of employee

benefits, during her tenure. Teresa, through her long career in public service, demonstrated loyalty and brought joy to all that worked alongside her.

During our council meeting on August 8th, Mayor Jeff Sanner honored her with a Resolution acknowledging the appreciation of the citizens and public officials of the City of West Carrollton for services rendered. Her husband and daughter were present to receive this token of appreciation.

Our condolences go out to her family; she will be missed dearly as she touched the lives of so many.

## Rake Your of

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# **IN YOUR CITY**

# West Carrollton Police Community Pride

#### Community Events with Police

Our local Police Department not only serves and protects our city but they go above and beyond to serve our community as well. They host a number of different fun events like Pizza with the Police, handing out candy to trick or treaters, pumpkin painting and Shop with Heros.

They always find time in their busy schedule to give back to the community. If you would like to participate in any of the events hosted by the Police Department, check out their Facebook page West Carrollton Police Department. The Police Department is currently hiring. NO experience necessary, they are looking for good people to train to be good police officers.

The department's motto is "Sworn to protect...Dedicated to serve," and no one

and no one does that better than the West Carrollton Police Department.

Apply today, come be a part of something bigger and be a helping hand for your community.



Pumpkins with the West Carrollton Police.







Shop with a Hero.

# **New Website**

We are excited to announce our upgraded new webpage! It will bring easier access to important news, events, paying bills, council meetings and more. This new, sleeker, more user-friendly page will help you stay informed and up to date on everything West Carrollton.

Keep a watch on our Facebook page, City of West Carrollton, where we'll announce when the new site goes live!

# Check out our brand-new WEBSITE Launching this Fall www.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 (1" to 1.5" trunk size) cost \$150 and are planted in residents' front yards by the Parks and Recreation Staff in December.

West Carrollton residents can purchase trees through October 31st either online (westcarrollton.org) or inperson at the Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave., Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm.

For more info call (937) 859-5182.

## West Carrollton Police Department Is Hiring

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"Swore to protect...Dedicated to serve."

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If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Wessling by email dwessling@westcarrollton.org or by phone (937) 847-4670.

Want more information? Scan the QR code above!

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# West Carrollton Fire Department Fall Fire Safety Tips

October is Fire Safety Month where we practice our home or business fire drills and go to a safe place ensuring all occupants are out of the structure. Remember:

 Every bedroom requires two ways out. The door to the hallway and a window to the outside are your means of escape. If you live on the second floor, each bedroom should have an escape ladder for exiting purposes. If you have any questions concerning the placement or operation of a smoke alarm, or need a free fire escape ladder, contact the West Carrollton Fire Department at 937-847-4645.

Fall and winter are also is the times to use fireplaces, furnaces, and backyard firepits. These can all be used safely by following a few fire tips to keep you safe.

#### Fireplaces

Never burn paper documents, trash or charcoal in your fireplace. It gives off deadly carbon monoxide and will increase the soot buildup in the flue. Have a carbon monoxide detector in the hallway of the sleeping areas.

#### Furnaces

• Before you turn on your furnace, have it inspected yearly by a qualified professional. September is a good month to have the furnace inspected.

#### Space Heaters

• Keep all objects, combustible material, people and pets at least 3-feet away from the space heater.

#### **Dryer Vent Protection**

• Clean the entire vent system two or more times a year and clean the lint filter after every dryer load.

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#### **Recreational Fires**

• Before starting a recreational fire, talk to your neighbors, tell them what you are doing. After that, contact Centerville Dispatch's non-emergency number, 937-428-4780.

# Following the 2017 Ohio Fire Code which dictates that recreational fires must be;

• Extinguish the hot coals when finished and then leave the hot coals alone for at least 24 hours. Do not bag or dispose of the ash or coals in a garbage container until you know they are thoroughly out. Same as cleaning a fireplace, douse the ashes with water if possible and do not place the hot coals on a wood or combustible surface.

#### NFPA Christmas Safety

• Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections and follow the manufacturer's instructions for light strand reconnection.

For the Full Fire Safety Checklist go to: westcarrollton.org/departments/fire-department/



# Know Your Code

As we welcome the fall weather, the City of West Carrollton wants to ensure we're helping you stay up to date on all city codes new or old.

This quarter we'll be focusing on Exterior Property Areas: **Motor and Recreational Vehicles.** 

We hope that this information is a helpful resource and assists you in keeping your property looking spook-tacular this season.

#### §158.16 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS

#### (I) Motor and recreational vehicles.

(1) Placement. Except as provided for by another code or regulation of the City of West Carrollton, Ohio, no person shall park, keep, store or allow to remain outdoors on any premises, property or city owned property a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle that:

(a) Is inoperable, unregistered, or not displaying a license plate that is current and properly titled to said vehicle;

(b) Is missing parts so as to prohibit said vehicle from legally operating on any public street, road, drive, avenue, alley, highway, public throughway or private drive;

(c) Is in a state of major disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled;

(d) Is being painted or undergoing major repair or body work;

(e) Is covered or tarped; or

(f) Meets any of the criteria noted in division (I) (1)(a), (I)(1)(b), (I)(1)(c), (I)(1)(d) or (I)(1)(e) of this section while remaining on an open trailer, truck or other vehicle.

(2) Towing. The towing of any vehicle mentioned within this section upon complaint of the Chief Code Enforcement Officer, or his or her designee, to the Chief of Police shall be conducted pursuant to R.C. §§4513.60, 4513.63, 4513.64, and 4513.65 or any other relevant code, statute, or law of the City of West Carrollton or the State of Ohio.

#### (3) Exceptions:

(a) Automobile service stations and/or repair garages shall be exempt from division (I)(1)(a) of this section except for the license requirement, division (I) (1)(b), (I)(1)(c), (I)(1)(d) and (I)(1)(f) of this section.

(b) New/used car dealerships as approved by the City of West Carrollton Zoning Code and any condition placed upon them by the Planning Commission shall be exempt from the license plate restriction in division (I)(1)(a).

(J) Parking. No person shall store, place, or allow to remain, motor and/or motorized recreational vehicles on non-approved paved surfaces. Reference § 158.14 for a list of approved paved surfaces.

For this and all other codes visit: **westcarrollton.org/codes** 

# Rake Rally & Fall Leaf Collection

#### Fall Season

The annual curbside fall leaf collection program begins Monday, Oct. 16 and continues through Dec. 8th.

No need to call the city if you didn't get your leaves out in time or a vehicle was in the way because crews make continuous loops throughout the city each week.

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 a **Rake Rally** on Saturday, Nov. 11th, from 10am- 12pm (noon). Any WC resident needing help raking leaves that day must register beforehand. Call (937) 859-5182 and provide name, address, and phone number by Nov. 9th. The CBC also needs volunteers for the **Rake Rally**. Long sleeve shirts will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, if possible.

To volunteer for the **Rake Rally**, call (937) 859-5182. **Volunteers** will meet at the Civic Center at 10am.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### **Information & Registrations:**

Please visit the City's website at www.westcarrollton.org under the Parks and Recreation Department page for more registration information on community events!

#### **Great Paint Escape**

A quarterly series for adults 18+

Date: Wednesday, October 18th, 6-8p.m. Location: Dayton Metro Library West Carrollton Branch, Conference Room



Cost: \$35 per person/event

(Registration required by Oct. 16th)

#### Halloween Home Decorating Contest

Register at parks@westcarrollton.org. Participants must register to be eligible. Winners announced Oct. 31st.

#### (Registration required by Friday, October 27th)

Judging Oct. 30th, 8-10p.m. Leave your lights on! Location: Your residence

Free Cost:

#### Monster Mash

Monster Mash Continues its traditions with activities that include havrides, pumpkin decorating, carnival games, and a costume contest. Children get a free pumpkin!



Date: Thursday Oct. 26th, 6-8p.m.

Location: Weidner Park, 150 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free

#### **Father Daughter Dance**

Sweet Enchanted Evening is the theme. This event is recommended for ages 2 to 12 years old.

- Friday, November 3rd, 7-9p.m. Date:
- **Location:** Fire Station #56 125 W. Central Ave.
- Cost: Pre-Sale online - \$10 per pair. At the Door -\$15 per pair. Each additional person - \$5

#### **Luminary Walk**

For full details visit www.westcarrollton.org

- Date: Saturday, Dec. 16th, 6-8p.m.
- Location: Wilson Park, 350 Wilson Park Dr

Cost: Free

#### Gingerbread House Decorating Contest Class for Women

Decorating Contest			
Date:	Dec. 1st, 5:30-	Date:	Nov. 18th, 1-3p.m.
	7:30p.m.	Location:	Valor Martial Arts,
Location:	Civic Center		11 North Elm St
Cost:	Free,	Cost:	\$25 (for ages 14+,
(Registration required by Nov. 29th)		(Registration required by Nov. 15th)	
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For full details visit www.westcarrollton.org

#### **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.



Self Defense

Date: Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 4-6p.m. Location: Civic Center Cost: Free

#### Dear Santa

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

November 28th - December 9th Date:

Location: Civic Center Lobby, 300 E. Central Ave

Cost: Free

#### Noon Year's Eve - Kids 5-12

Ring in the New Year at Noon! We will have a balloon drop at the appointed hour. Make your own poppers, and decorate a winter-themed plate and Noon Year's Eve hat. We'll have kid-style champagne and snacks. For ages 5-12, only 30 spots are available.

Date:	Saturday Dec 30th, 11a-12:30p.m.
Location:	Civic Center Lobby, 300 E. Central Ave
Cost:	\$5 per child (Registration required by Dec. 27th)

# COMMUNITY

# A Safe Summer Splashing at Wilson Park Pool

#### Thank you, Wilson Pool Staff!

If you are familiar with Wilson Pool, you know that the lifeguards and concession staff are young people (teens) from our community. We take pride in knowing that we are able to give our young people a fun/safe workplace for the summer, where they can earn their own money and learn valuable life skills that they can carry with them into adulthood.

This year we had new staff members and many staff members returning from previous years, whom are on the verge of graduating and leaving us for college or other ventures. The staff this year was absolutely amazing, providing the community with a safe environment to enjoy this season. At times we underestimate what our young people are capable of until we put them in a position where they can prove themselves and really shine.

The city would like to thank all the staff for the wonderful job, hard work and effort they put into working this summer. For those that this summer was their last, we wish you the best of luck as you go off into the world, making a difference wherever life's path takes you.





## 2023 City Beautification Yard of the Week Winners



"Yard of the Week" award recipients were chosen by members of the community and the City Beautiful Commission for their efforts in making their home and neighborhood beautiful. Winners were celebrated with a yardfriendly sign placed at the home for the week and by being highlighted on West Carrollton's social media pages. Thanks to all the property owners who helped enhance the appearance of our city.

#### 2023 Winners

- 118 Tulip Dr.
- 361 Greenport
- 1300 Robinhood Dr.
- 323 E. Central Ave.
- 872 Mardel
- 321 Diana Dr.
- 855 Heincke

- 1353 S. Elm
- 5022 Marcy
- 858 Ironwood Cir.
- 115 E Pease Ave.
- 853 Cherry Blossom
- 5371 Eda Ave

# **Birthday Generosity**

Canterbury Court Resident Martha Glenn, whose 80th birthday was on August 7, celebrated by having a birthday party on August 5 in the Canterbury Room. She asked her guests to bring food for the West Carrollton Pirate Pack instead of presents. Martha had a great turnout and the barrel was filled to overflowing! The Pirate Pack Barrel is always available in the Canterbury

Room for residents to drop off donations, and it is a special project the residents at Canterbury Court love doing.

Thank you, Martha, for being an exemplary citizen of our community. Happy belated birthday!



# West Carrollton High School Summer Fun

The West Carrollton Marching Band and Color Guard has been learning new routines and practicing to prepare for upcoming performances and competitions. They have been doing this throughout the summer heat. The West Carrollton Fire Department provided some welcome relief. The firefighters turned on the fire engine hose to create a cool spray. The band and color

guard members changed into swimsuits and enjoyed the cool down. You can catch performances of the Marching Band and Color Guard throughout the football season. The schedule is at mvlathletics. com for football as well as all of the fall sports.

School bus driver Aaron Swafford was using water in a different way. He has been power washing outside and under school buses.





- Every bus is cleaned and mechanically inspected throughout the school year, but summer provides time for a thorough cleaning both inside and out. Swafford was also the most recent recipient of the Pirate Pride award for his defensive driving that prevented a head-on collision while transporting the softball team.
- District officials urge caution whenever driving around a school bus or while on school property.
   Watch for children walking to and from bus stops and to and from school while driving in neighborhoods.

Be patient. Eyes up. Phones down. Go slow. Watch out for Pirates!

# Library News

#### GET INVOLVED!

Your West Carrollton Branch Library is putting out a call for residents interested in connecting with friends and neighbors to learn about the diversity of our community and sharing their own stories and experiences, connecting with others. This Living Library Experience will provide a framework for conversation that will challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue among diverse members of our community. It will bring people together! Would you like to be one of the Human Books? Would you like to help facilitate the program? Would you like to be part of the audience?

The program will be held on **Monday, November 27, 2023** from 6:30 – 8:15 pm. Please contact Karen Findlay, Branch Library Manager, for additional information and to get involved! kfindlay@ daytonmetrolibrary.org or call the Dayton Metro Library Ask Me Line at **937-463-2665** and ask for the West Carrollton Branch.

#### What's New?

- **24-hour Lobby Hold Lockers** are coming to our community! Pick up your library holds at your convenience, even when we're closed! Stop by for details.
- Family Storytime: Bilingual Edition: 10/14/23 and 11/11/23.
- We've added an additional Preschool Storytime on Monday afternoons at 2:00pm.
- We now have **Mobile Hotspots** for checkout to provide internet access to families and library patrons who don't have a connection at home. The loan period is 21 days; the hotspots are requestable and renewable up to 5 times.

#### 4th Quarter Highlights

On Saturday, October 7th, 10:00-11:30am, the library is hosting local business owner Jeanette McDaniel from Personal Touch Apparel for a program entitled **What Comes Next, After Breast Cancer?** 

- The Monthly Book Club will host local author Sara Kaushal for a discussion of her new book, Dayton Ghosts & Legends on Monday, October 16th from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. The book will be available for check out at the September Book Club meeting.
- Holiday Family Photo Shoot
  Mini Sessions: Call the Ask Me
  Line (937-463-2665) and ask
  for the West Carrollton Branch
  to schedule an appointment.
  Saturday, October 28th and
  Saturday, November 4th from
  10:00pm until 3:00pm.
- Be sure to check our events listings for programs for Children, Teens and Adults at: www.daytonmetrolibrary.org.



#### **City Council**

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#### **City Services**

City Manager	937-847-4633
Building Inspection	937-859-5184
Code Enforcement	937-859-5783
Economic Development	937-847-4643
Fire Department Administration	937-847-4645
Human Resources	937-847-4634
Income Tax	.937-859-8288
Parks & Recreation	937-859-5182
Planning/Community Dev	937-859-5783
Police Department	. 937-859-3688
Public Relations	937-847-4636
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.



#### ECR WSS POSTAL CUSTOMER

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS Oct 7:** City Wide Garage Sale Oct 9-13: Large Item/Bulk Trash Pick-up Oct 16: Leaf Collection Begins Oct 18 The Great Paint Escape 6-8pm, Oct 26: Monster Mash 6-8pm, Weidner Park Oct 31: City Trick-or-Treat Nov 3: Father-Daughter Dance 7-9, Fire Station #56 Nov 11: Rake Rally 10am-12pm (noon) Nov 18: Self-Defense for Senior Citizens 1-3pm, Valor Martial Arts Nov 23-24: Thanksgiving Day, City Offices Closed (Trash Delayed) Dec 1: Gingerbread House Decorating Contest 5:30-7:30pm Dec 2: Holiday Festival 4-6pm, Civic Center Dec 8: Leaf Collection Ends Dec 16: Luminary Walk 6-8pm, Wilson Park Dec 25-26: Christmas Eve/Day, City Offices Closed (Trash Delayed) Dec 30: Noon Year's Eve 11am-12:30pm (noon), Civic Center Jan 1: New Year's Day, City Offices Closed

#### **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

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