



CITY NEWS

West Carrollton Welcomes New City Manager



The Honorable Mayor Jeff Sanner and City Council passed legislation appointing Amber Holloway to the position of city manager for the City of West Carrollton at the Oct 24th Council meeting. Holloway is scheduled to take her post on December 18th, 2023. Brad Townsend, the current city manager, is retiring.

“Obviously we owe Mr. Townsend a huge debt of gratitude for leading us through the last 15 years. With his retirement announcement, we decided to search for a new leadership style with specific skill sets to bring the future of West Carrollton to fruition, and we believe we’ve done that with Ms. Holloway,” said Mayor Sanner. “We interviewed several worthy candidates, but Amber’s economic development background combined with her municipal operations experience was just what we were looking for to take this community to the next step in our vision.”

Amber Holloway is currently the assistant city manager for the City of Vandalia. There she has played a central role in the City’s economic and community development efforts and oversees the planning, communications, and information technology functions. Ms. Holloway is a certified planner through the American Planning Association and currently serves as the vice president of the Ohio City/County Management Association.

Prior to her role as assistant city manager, Ms. Holloway served as city planner for the City of Vandalia and as a planner for an engineering and planning firm in Miami, Florida. She holds a master’s degree in public administration from Wright State University and a bachelor’s of science in city and regional planning from The Ohio State University.

“I am excited for the opportunity to serve the residents of West Carrollton, and I feel both honored and humbled to be chosen as the next city manager,” said Holloway. “I look forward to building on the momentum and immense opportunities in West Carrollton, including the River District and the Whitewater Park. West Carrollton is an esteemed community because of the vision and leadership by Mayor Sanner, City Council, and City Manager Townsend.”

Planning and Development Partner with SAFEbuilt

The City of West Carrollton has entered into a contract with a new building official services company called SAFEbuilt (<https://safebuilt.com/>) to replace former Chief Building Official Tim Hobgood who just retired. We want to thank Tim for his many years of service to the City as well as the City of Kettering, who has been filling in temporarily since Tim retired. SAFEbuilt took over building official services on November 14, 2023. It’s very important that the SAFEbuilt officials be clearly identifiable in the community. We will be issuing them City IDs, and they will also have their SAFEbuilt IDs, be wearing SAFEbuilt apparel, and have SAFEbuilt magnetic signs on their vehicles to identify themselves to West Carrollton citizens.

For more information visit www.westcarrollton.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Planning & Community Development at (937) 859-5783 or email plan@westcarrollton.org.

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In Your City

Trimming Trees & Shrubs, Winter Safety Tips, and Know Your Code



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Trim Trees and Shrubs the Right Way

Trimming Reminder

West Carrollton City Council strives to protect property values and enhance the image and safety of all of our neighborhoods. Low hanging tree branches and/or overgrown shrubs not only cause safety concerns, but can also decrease curb appeal. We ask all property owners to review the following code guidelines:

- Tree/shrub branches must be less than 14 feet vertically from the road/alley.
- Tree/shrub branches must be less than 8 feet vertically from the public sidewalk.
- Tree/shrub branches must be less than 12 inches horizontally from the road/alley or sidewalk.

The City asks that property owners trim trees/shrubs not meeting these guidelines by April 15th, 2024 to avoid an invoice from the City to complete this work for you. Your cooperation in addressing this issue is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Planning & Community Development at (937) 859-5783, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00am - 4:30pm or plan@westcarrollton.org.

What can you do to prevent stormwater pollution?



1. Remember: Only rain belongs in the drain!

Don't dump anything down storm drains. Be sure to clear away leaves and debris.



2. Minimize runoff by not over-watering your lawn and garden.

Keep sprinklers on a timer to avoid pooling water.

3. Use lawn or garden chemicals sparingly.

Choose organic alternatives when possible and check the weather forecast to avoid applying them before a storm.



5. Clean up pet waste.

Bag up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash to prevent harmful bacteria from washing into local waterways.



7. Install a rain barrel to capture roof runoff.

This helps prevent stormwater from reaching waterways and reduces the potential for pollution.

6. Make sure storm drains are not running in dry weather.

A stormwater system is designed to carry stormwater. If it hasn't rained in 72 hours, it should not be flowing. Call your municipal stormwater contact if it does.

8. Do not drain your pool, spa, or fountain to a storm drain.

Allow chlorine to dissipate for several days. Test the water to ensure the residual chlorine is zero before slowly draining to a landscaped area. You may be able to drain to a sanitary sewer. Contact the City for more information.

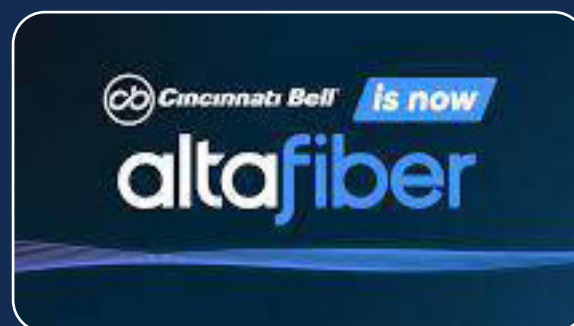


altafiber Brings New Fiber Network to West Carrollton

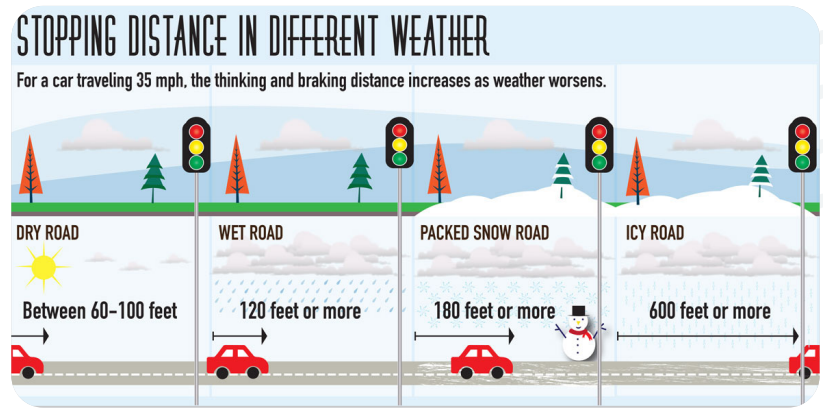
altafiber is excited to announce the deployment of its cutting-edge 10-Gig XGS-PON fiber network to approximately 65,000 addresses starting in 2024.

In addition to previously announced public-private partnerships covering over 160,000 addresses, this announcement continues altafiber's opportunistic edge-out strategy as it delivers on its mission to provide individuals and businesses with the fastest, most reliable, future-proof fiber network. Access to reliable high-speed Internet is an essential service for residents and businesses to address hybrid work, virtual learning, telemedicine and many other essential daily activities.

For the full article and link to altafiber in regards to West Carrollton, visit our website at www.westcarrollton.org under the Service Department.



Winter Driving Tips from WCPD



West Carrollton Fire Department Winter Fire Safety Tips

More fires happen in the winter months than any other time of the year. During the cold months, we spend more time indoors and use different methods to heat our homes.

Here are some helpful tips to keep your home safe this winter season:

If you are using a portable heater:

- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing, and curtains at least 3 feet from the heater.
- Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets. Never use an extension cord or power strip.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

If you are using a fireplace or wood stove:

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Before you go to sleep or leave your home, put the fire out completely.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid. Store the container outside at least 10 feet from your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Did you know?

1 in every 7 home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths involves heating equipment.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter, stay fire smart!

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year**.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

U.S. Fire Administration

Fire is Everyone's Fight

NFPA

Know Your Code

As the snowflakes start to fly, don't forget that what comes from the sky today, will melt as we welcome spring. If you own pets, you know the big surprises that can be hidden beneath all that snow...poo! Whether it's in your own yard or along the way as you walk your best fur friend, no one likes looking, smelling or stepping in an unwanted gift. 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: Sanitation. We hope that this information is a helpful resource and assists you in keeping your property looking great for spring and smelling only like flowers. We love your furry friends too, but please remember to pick up after them and keep West Carrollton clean and sanitary!

\$158.16 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS.

(A) Sanitation. *All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.*



Residential Rental Registration Helps You!

In 2016, West Carrollton City Council adopted the Residential Rental Registration and Education Program. This program's main goal is to help residents by improving the condition of rental properties in the city, without creating an undue burden on tenants or owners. By improving conditions, we will, by default, improve the community's public health, safety and welfare and elevate the condition and value of our neighborhoods as a whole.

All rental properties located in the city must be registered with the Montgomery County Auditor, as required by Ohio law. Registration is free; however, late fees can be assessed. Every two years, the City will inspect the exterior (and common areas of multi-family properties) of all rentals in the city. The initial inspection and a follow-up inspection, if required to correct any violations, are free. If a violation continues, the owner will incur a re-inspection fee and owners who fail two consecutive inspections will be required to attend continuing education provided by rental industry partners. For more information about the rules and regulations, visit www.westcarrollton.org under the Planning & Development Dept, "Rental Registration Program" is located on the side menu of the page.

For additional questions, contact the Planning & Community Development Department at (937) 859-5783 or plan@westcarrollton.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Information & Registrations:

Visit the City's website at www.westcarrollton.org for more registration information on community events!

Great Paint Escape

A quarterly series for adults 18+

We are excited to introduce our guest artist for the February painting class. Meet John Grosvenor. He has his master's in art education from The Ohio State University and worked in a variety of skills and media across a 20-year freelance career. Currently John is the digital art teacher at WC High School. Your fee includes: material needed for decorative rock painting, beverages, appetizers and delicious sweet treats.

Date: Wednesday, February 21st, 6-8p.m.

Location: West Carrollton Civic Center, 300 East Central Ave.

Cost: \$35 per person/event
(Registration required by Feb. 16th)



Dog Tags for Sale

It's that time of the year! West Carrollton & Montgomery County Animal Resource Center are working together to make it easier than ever to purchase dog licenses.



Why license your pup? It's the law, but most importantly it provides a quick and accurate way of notifying you if someone else finds your pet. All dogs 3 months of age or older must be licensed.

3 QUICK & EASY ways to license your dog:

- Apply or renew online at www.mcoho.org/dogs/
- Print a blank application and mail with a check
- Purchase tags in West Carrollton at the Civic Center on the following dates:
 - Wednesday, January 17th 5-7p.m.
 - Wednesday, January 24th 5-7p.m.

Cost: For spayed or neutered dog licenses, the cost remains the same, \$20.00. (No proof is required if your dog is already spayed or neutered). Unaltered dog licenses are \$24.00.

Memorial Park Benches Available

Memorial Park Benches Available West Carrollton offers a special way to honor your past loved ones by purchasing a memorial bench that can be placed in several areas around the city parks. Prices range from \$700 - \$1,100 depending on the style. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation department at 937-859-5182.



For the Birds

A great activity for all ages - fun, music, paint a bird rock, make a backyard bird feeder and more!

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024, 10:00a.m.-Noon

Location: West Carrollton Civic Center **Cost:** Free



A Minute to Win It... Family Adventure

Winter can be tiring in February; we are going to change this! Dress comfy and wear your athletic shoes because you will be running around with this event! Make your own soda, enjoy pizza, decorate cupcakes along with interactive fun family games.

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024, 6-8p.m.

Location: West Carrollton Civic Center

Cost: \$5 per person over age 4
(Registration required by Feb. 12th)

Reserve a Shelter

Park shelters around the city are available to reserve in advance for use May 25th to September 2nd, 2024. West Carrollton residents can begin reserving shelters March 4th. Reservations for non-residents will be available starting April 1st. Non-residents will be charged a fee for all shelter reservations. You can reserve a shelter in person at the Civic Center (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.), or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 937-859-5182 for more info. All shelter rentals include picnic tables. All parks observe the leash law for all dogs. Shelters available include: Wilson Park offers a pavilion and three shelters with electricity, two playgrounds, basketball court, volleyball court, tennis courts and restrooms. Weidner Park offers one shelter with electricity, a playground, basketball court, pickleball court, and restrooms. Hintermeister Park offers one shelter (no electricity), a playground, basketball court and restrooms. Leiwig Park offers one shelter with electricity, a playground and basketball court.



West Carrollton Schools Update on New Buildings

The West Carrollton School District has been moving forward with Phase II of the district's two-part construction plan. Phase I was the construction of the Early Childhood Center that houses students in preschool, kindergarten and grade 1 and the Intermediate School that houses students in grades 5 and 6. Both of those buildings opened for the 2022-23 school year.

The Phase II buildings will be an elementary school for grades 2 through 4 and a combined campus for middle school students in grades 7 and 8 and high school students in grades 9 through 12. The elementary building will be 97,206 square feet and will house an estimated student population of 850 students. It will be built behind the Early Childhood Center and will face Central Avenue. The elementary school is projected to open for the 2026-27 school year. The middle school/high school campus will be 192,373 square feet and will house an estimated student population of 1,255 students. The campus is being built behind the current high school. The school is expected to open for the 2027-28 school year.

District, local and state officials along with community members attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Oct. 30. Superintendent Dr. Andrea Townsend stated, "The students are the reason we all dreamed of new buildings that could provide them with an even better learning environment."

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) did an independent study of all of the district schools prior to the passage of a Building Bond Issue in 2019 and determined the cost of needed maintenance and updates would exceed the cost of new construction. Passage of the Building Bond Issue meant that the State of Ohio would pay 81% of the co-funded cost and the local share would be 19%.

Additional information regarding Phase II can be found at westcarrolltonschools.com under Building Project.

Thank You for Volunteering

The City thanks the following voluntary board and commission members for their service to the City of West Carrollton in 2023. We also thank local residents, business community members, and high school and college student volunteers who spent time helping at events during the year. We appreciate all who are able to commit their time serving and assisting our community.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Jim Folker
Clay Bates
Misty Potts
Charles Gau
Janet Myers

Planning Commission

Dominick Rinaldi
Doug Fields
Kim Hagerman
Lindsey Miles
Harold Robinson

Recreation Board

Will Clark
Will Stoltz
Jack Hagg (School Board)
Bill Parsons (School Board)

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

Daniel Helstrom
Doug Woodard,
Police Chief
Christian Mattingly,
Dir. Parks and Rec.
Rick Barnhart,
Council member
Steve Wilson

Board of Water and Sewer Charge Adjustment

Daniel Bir

City Beautiful Commission

Deborah Clark
Will Clark
Doug Lucas
Lauren Williams
Kristen Hammond
Angela Shockley
Judi Brooks
Cameron Goschinski

Income Tax Board of Review

Lori Dashewich
Norris Vance
James Bowers

Personnell Appeals Board

Lori Read
Jean McEntarfer
James Snyder II

Police Department

Chaplain Terry Harding



Employee Appreciation

We would not be able to provide quality services to our residents without our incredible staff. Twelve employees celebrated a 'milestone' anniversary in 2023. We thank these individuals for their many years of dedicated service to the city of West Carrollton.

35 Years

Doug Woodard,
Chief of Police

10 Years

Jared Moore,
School Resource Officer

20 Years

Beth Daigle,
Fire Dept.

Scott Lawson,
Police Dept.

5 Years

John Vance, Service Dept.

Chris White,
Parks & Recreation

Derek Dillman, Police Dept.

Jake Reigelsperger, Fire Dept.

15 Years

Jimmy Roberts,
School Resource Officer

Free Holiday Tree & Large Item Pick-up

Take advantage of the City's first FREE large item/bulk trash pick-up of the year January 2-12, on residents' regular trash collection day. The City will pick up cut Christmas trees, but don't forget to remove all lights, tinsel & decorations. We kindly ask you not to place trees in bags. Any soft material furniture (couches, recliners, mattress, etc) with stains, bodily fluids or bugs, must be

Items NOT accepted:

- Concrete, rock, dirt, loose brush, firewood, tree stumps, and root balls
- Contractor or remodeling materials

Please note: Mattresses must be free of bed bugs.

To schedule a large item/bulk pick-up for another week, the cost is \$21.00. Call the Utility Clerk's Office at 937-859-8280 to schedule.



Library News

Mobile Hotspots Available

Dayton Metro Library is partnering with Mobile Beacon to provide Wi-Fi hotspots for check out! This program provides FREE internet access to families and library patrons who don't have an internet connection at home. Additional questions may be directed to the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Homework Help Center Coming to our West Carrollton Branch

Beginning in January 2024, we will offer homework help open sessions for students in grades K-12 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-6:00 pm. (Students under 8 years old must be accompanied in the library by an adult.) Students can also enjoy free STEAM activities, educational games, and reading coaching.

One Person Can Make a Difference: Righteous Among the Nations Art & Writing Contest

The Max & Lydia May Holocaust Art and Writing Contest is open to students in grades 5 - 8 and 9 - 12 within the Miami Valley. All submissions must be the independent effort of the student. Submissions will be judged on originality and relevance to the theme. Deadline for submissions is March 22, 2024. For entry forms and contest details, stop by the West Carrollton Branch Library, or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Winter Music Series

Join us at the branch library for a variety of music!

Music with the Dulcimer Society of Dayton:
January 13, 2024 2:00-3:30p.m.

Americana Music with Wild Forrest Blakkerri:
February 10, 2024 2:00-3:30p.m.

Music with Jazz Pianist Pat Polanski:
March 9, 2024 2:00-3:30p.m.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 10, 2024 12:00-1:30p.m. The Lunar New Year, also known as the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, is one of four traditional Chinese festivals.

Budgeting 101

Saturday, February 24, 2024 10:00-11:30a.m. Be part of the discussion for young adults to recognize where your money goes, plan for and reduce expenses, create your own personal plan, and adjust your budget periodically.

Budgeting 102

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:00-7:30p.m. Learn how Excel can be a tool for personal finances and more!

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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.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 1:** New Year's Day, City Offices Closed
(trash delayed one day)
- Jan 2- 12:** Tree & Large Item Pick Up
- Jan 17 & 24:** Dog Licenses on Sale, Civic Center Lobby from 5 -7pm
- Feb 15** A Minute to Win It... FAMILY ADVENTURE
- Feb 19:** Presidents' Day - City Offices Closed
- Feb 21:** Great Paint Escape
- Mar 9:** For the Birds
- Mar 10:** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 29:** Good Friday - 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

WCRA - Football / Cheer

WCRAWEEPIRATES.COM

West Carrollton Basketball Assoc.

WCMB.ORG

Bryan Bayless, (937) 510-5592

Waves Swim Team

SWIMMINGWAVES@GMAIL.COM

Lauren Williams, (937) 510-5592

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