



## CITY NEWS

### Rockin' the River with The Rocket Man

Rockin' the River is back on Saturday, July 27th!

Experience the magic of West Carrollton as we bring you Greggie and the Jets, an extraordinary Elton John tribute band. This sensational band will transport you back to the classic era of Elton John's iconic hits, promising an unforgettable evening of music and magic. And, as always, it will end with a BANG! Stay till the end and feel the heat from a memorable and exciting pyrotechnics show!

Our vibrant community is the heartbeat of our events. By popular demand, we're thrilled to have Distant Cousinz open the night. Quench your thirst at the beverage trucks manned by our local officers supporting the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. Every beverage you enjoy contributes to this noble cause. And let's not forget the delicious local food served by our food trucks, adding the perfect flavor to our fantastic night.

Greggie and the Jets are set to deliver a dazzling tribute that captures the essence of Elton John's musical legacy. From chart-toppers to deep-cut tracks, the band faithfully recreates Elton John's music note for note, promising a dynamic show that will have you singing and dancing along. Led by the exceptionally talented Greg 'Greggie' Vadimsky, the band includes musicians with credits ranging from Bad Company to Disney Cruise Lines. Get ready for a night of pure musical magic!

You'll forget he's Greg Vadimsky from Somerville, New Jersey, when he plays Elton John in Greggie and the Jets. With their unwavering commitment to reproducing Elton John's classic sound and capturing the emotion in each track, Greggie and the Jets promise to deliver an evening filled with spirit and magic you won't want to miss. Join us for this fabulous and energetic show!



### Hot Air Balloon Glow

Get ready for an exhilarating event coming to West Carrollton this summer! Circle Friday, July 12th, on your calendars, as we light up the summer with the much-awaited Hot Air Balloon Glow. This enchanting evening will feature local family favorites, The Fries Band, and a delectable array of offerings from our beloved local food trucks. It's a night of fun and excitement that you and your family won't want to miss.

Don't miss out on these unforgettable experiences right here in West Carrollton! Use the QR Code for our events calendar for a complete schedule and details, or follow us on Facebook.



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# IN YOUR CITY

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



### Welcome Collin & Jeremy!

The West Carrollton Fire Department swore in two firefighters to full-time positions, Collin Lovett and Jeremy Penick.

Collin Lovett, a native of Miamisburg, joined the West Carrollton Fire Department as a part-time firefighter in March of last year. His swift progress and dedication to his role have been commendable. Collin, a certified Level 2 Firefighter and EMT, is enrolled in Sinclair's Paramedic Program, which he will complete in December. We are proud to have him as a member of our community and are confident in his ability to excel in his new role as a career firefighter with the department.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy Penick started working for West Carrollton Fire as a part-time firefighter last November and has quickly become a valuable team member. He is a certified Level 2 Firefighter/Paramedic and is furthering his medical education at Wright State University, where he wants to be an emergency room physician.

We are delighted to have Jeremy join our team and look forward to witnessing his growth and success.



## Swimming Safety Tips for the Summer



Now that the school year is over and summer is in full swing, swimming pools across the region are open and ready for the season. Families will be heading to the pool to cool off, stay active, and have fun. However, remember some essential safety tips before planning your family pool day.

The West Carrollton Fire Department has provided some important reminders to help keep your family safe while at the pool.



## STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

### 5 Safety Tips

- ✓ Never swim alone.
- ✓ Teach your children how to swim.
- ✓ Only use flotation devices by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- ✓ Always keep young children and inexperienced swimmers within arm's reach.
- ✓ Assign a responsible adult to always act as a water watcher.



# West Carrollton Police Department Swears in New Officer

## Welcome Hunter!

The West Carrollton Police Department recently swore in a new police officer, Hunter Bowling.

“This is indeed a special occasion, not only for Officer Bowling but for all the members of our department. Being a law enforcement professional is not always easy; quite the opposite is often true. It symbolizes who we are, what we believe, and what we stand for. It signifies the character of every department member and the dedication and commitment they routinely demonstrate,” stated Chief Woodard.

Officer Bowling selected his wife, Megan, to have a special part in this ceremony as the person to pin on his badge, officially making him a West Carrollton Police Officer. The modern police badge can be traced back to London, England, around 1845 and was used as a way to identify public servants who served with authority. However, the badge means more to officers than just an emblem of rank; it signifies trustworthiness, respect, honor, and the protection of the people in their community. For Hunter, this badge symbolizes his oath, the duty he will swear to uphold, and the people he will serve. This badge embodies West Carrollton Police Department’s core values of integrity, honesty, accountability, and professionalism and is encased by their resolve, purpose, and character.



By placing this badge on his uniform, Officer Bowling says he will be unwavering in his dedication and sacrifice to others. He is making a commitment to the service of others that very few are willing to make.

Officer Bowling had many friends, family members, and department personnel who attended his swearing-in, demonstrating their support of Officer Bowling.

“There are those who ask why anyone would want to become a police officer. Officer Bowling understands that being a police officer is so much more than a job; it is a calling. Through the oath he is about to recite, Hunter says he is willing to stand in the gap between the lawless and the innocent,” stated Chief Woodard.

## Thurman Leggs Jr. Day!



At the May 28th city council meeting, Mayor Rick Barnhart bestowed a well-deserved honor. He proclaimed Wednesday, May 29, 2024, as “Thurman Leggs Jr. Day,” a day dedicated to celebrating the remarkable achievements of this esteemed individual.

Thurman Leggs Jr. is a resident of West Carrollton. His wife taught at West Carrollton City Schools, and his son played for West Carrollton High School. He loves everything about basketball and has officiated at the high school and college levels, including junior colleges, throughout his career.

He officiated basketball games in numerous Division I conferences, including the Big East, ACC, Atlantic 10, Conference USA, Mid-American, Horizon League, and American East. Thurman also officiated the NAIA Division II Women’s National Champion game in 2007, the NCAA Division III Women’s Elite Eight in 2016, and the Division III Women’s Final Four in 2012.

Thurman Leggs Jr. is known across the country for helping many referees get their start and was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame on April 20th, 2024.



# Thank you, Domtar!

The City of West Carrollton would like to thank Domtar for their generosity towards the West Carrollton community.

Not only did they donate \$10,000 to the Butterfly Garden located in Hintermeister Park, but most recently, they donated five bicycles and 260 helmets. We passed out this equipment to kids of all ages at our Annual Bicycle Fun Day & Ice Cream Social.

Domtar has been a part of West Carrollton's local business community since 1947 and provides approximately 110 jobs in the region.



## Plaza of Fame - Lee Jean Heller



The City of West Carrollton is pleased to announce Lee Jean Heller as the 2023 Plaza of Fame Award winner. The City Council has given this award since 2003 and recognizes current or former citizens who have made a unique or noteworthy contribution to making the city a better place to live.

Lee Jean Heller served on the West Carrollton Fire Department as an emergency medical technician from 1978 through 2001. She worked at Kettering Medical Center medical education department for 28 years and volunteered with the Montgomery County Prosecutors Office, victim/witness division, for 8 ½ years to help crime victims.

Ms. Heller received special training to assist Kettering Medical Center staff to better address the effects of critical incidents allowing them to continue providing care to future patients after a serious incident. Lee Jean continued this effort with the Southwest Ohio Critical Incident Stress Management Team, assisting firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and 911 dispatchers from across Southwest Ohio to cope with the effects of disturbing

service calls, allowing them to return to work and continue to help their communities.

She started this service in 1993 and continues this vital service today by being a critical member of the Call-Out Team. When 9/11 occurred, Lee Jean volunteered right away to deploy to NYC and spent a week assisting first responders in coping with the stress at "ground zero," including work on "the pile."

Ms. Heller is also the author of two books: *The Ladder, September 11, 2001*, which focuses on what she experienced volunteering during 9/11, and *Lights for Life, Sirens for Suffering*.

Today, Ms. Heller assists with water aerobics classes at the YMCA and still serves on the Southwest Ohio Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

If you want to nominate someone for the Plaza of Fame Award, please email [publicrelations@westcarrollton.org](mailto:publicrelations@westcarrollton.org) for more information.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Information & Registration:

Please visit the City's website at [www.westcarrollton.org/events](http://www.westcarrollton.org/events) or scan the QR code to the right for more registration information on community events!



## First Thursday - July 11 (not the 4th)

**Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun!** Join us for food trucks, music, activities, vendors, games, and more! If you want to be an arts & crafts vendor, contact Pegge Bellamy at [pbellamy@westcarrollton.org](mailto:pbellamy@westcarrollton.org) or 937-847-4635 for more information.

**Date:** July 11 (not July 4), August 1

**Time:** 5 pm - 8 pm

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



## Personal Self-Defense/Not a Victim-Taught by Valor Martial Arts

We will discuss personal security on Wednesday evenings, July 17 and 24. We will cover topics like safety while traveling and protecting yourself from identity theft, and then we will go over basic hand-to-hand defense, including basic cane techniques. Instructors from Valor Martial Arts will present this class. Refreshments will be provided. **Registration required.**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 17 and 24

**Time:** 6 pm - 8 pm

**Location:** Senior Center, 10 East Central Ave.

**Cost:** \$20 per person for both classes

## Let's Go Fly a Kite at Wilson Pool

Let's build a kite together and then fly it! We will have all the materials you need to make your kite.

**Date:** Thursday, July 18

**Time:** Noon - 1 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park Pool Shelter

**Cost:** \$3 per person (in addition to your pool pass)



## The Great Paint Escape

Guided painting by professional artist Dina Cain, who has over 30 years of experience. Your fee includes all materials for painting, including the medium, water, beverages, appetizers, and sweet treats. **This event is for adults 18 and over.**

**Date:** August 21

**Time:** 6 pm - 8 pm

**Location:** City Civic Center

**Cost:** \$35 per person/event  
Registration required



## 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. Movies are sponsored by West Carrollton Nazarene and West Carrollton Parks and Recreation.

**Date:** July 26, August 30

**Time:** 8:30 pm - 11 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park,  
350 Wilson Park Dr.  
(By the tennis courts)

**Cost:** Free



## Doggie Dive

Pups will get a chance to dive into Wilson Pool before it's closed for the season. All well-behaved, vaccinated dogs on a non-retractable leash are welcome. For the safety of pets and people, no dogs in heat should attend the event. Proceeds go to local non-profit dog rescue organizations.

**Date:** Monday, September 2

**Time:** 5 pm - 7 pm

**Location:** Wilson Pool

**Cost:** \$5 per family



## Disc Golf Grand Opening Celebration

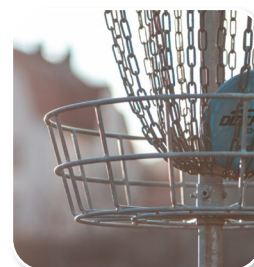
We are ready to celebrate the Grand Opening of DISC GOLF at Wilson Park. Learn how to play, and experienced Disc Golfers will show off their skills. There will also be food trucks, prizes, and family fun!

**Date:** Saturday, September 14

**Time:** Noon - 4 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park, 350 Wilson  
Park Drive

**Cost:** Free event, bring  
money for food trucks



# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Join us for unforgettable evenings of live music, food, and fun at West Carrollton's Summer Concert Series this summer! Featuring The Fries Band, Greggie and the Jets, and Stranger, these events promise to be highlights of your summer nights. 1 S. Elm St. is the location for the heart of the action, where you'll enjoy the perfect summer ambiance with fresh air, sunshine, and the infectious beats of live music capped with the wide variety food fare from local food trucks. Beverage sales benefit the West Carrollton Band Boosters and add to the enjoyment of a summer night. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair or a blanket to settle in and soak up the atmosphere. With free parking and free admission, there's no better place to be than West Carrollton.

Visit [westcarrollton.org/events](http://westcarrollton.org/events) for more event details and a complete rundown of our summer concert series. See you there!



## Friday, July 12th - Hot Air Balloon Glow

**Cost:** FREE EVENT

**Location:** 1 S. Elm St  
(across from the fire station)  
FREE PARKING

**Time:** Live Music from The Fries Band from 6:30-9:00pm

Balloons begin inflation around 8-9pm & Balloon Glow 9-9:30pm

Beverage sales by the West Carrollton Band Boosters

Food Trucks open at 6:30pm



## Saturday, July 27th - Rockin' the River National Elton John Tribute Band

**Cost:** FREE EVENT

**Location:** 1 S. Elm St. - FREE PARKING

**Time:** 6:30-10:30pm  
Food Trucks Open at 6:00pm

Opening Band 6:00-7:45pm - Distant Cousinz

Main Performance 8:00pm - Elton John

Beverage Sales by the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Fund

## Thursday, August 29th - Summer Concert Series STRANGER

**Cost:** FREE EVENT

**Location:** 1 S. Elm St (across from the fire station)  
FREE PARKING

**Time:** 7-9pm, Food Trucks open at 6:30pm  
Beverage sales by West Carrollton Band Boosters



# COMMUNITY

## Summer Park Fun!

Did you know West Carrollton has eleven parks for the community to enjoy? Below, you will find a list of all our parks, their locations, and amenities.



Use the QR Code to make park shelter reservations or call Parks & Recreation at (937) 859-5182.

### Donnington Park

Location - 350 Donnington Dr.

Amenities - Playground equipment

### Friend Park

Location - 155 Squire St.

Amenities - Playground equipment and ball field

### Grantwood Park

Location - 35 Grantwood Ave.

Amenities - Picnic shelter, playground equipment, and basketball court

### Harmon Park

Location - 545 N. Elm St.

Amenities - Playground equipment, basketball court, and ball field

### Hintermeister Park

Location - 1300 Mayrose Dr.

Amenities - Picnic shelter, restrooms, playground equipment, and basketball court

### Lake Forest Park

Location - 131 Lake Forest Dr.

Amenities - Playground equipment

### Leiwig Park

Location - 5299 Lindbergh Blvd.

Amenities - Picnic shelter, electricity, playground equipment, and basketball court

### Miami & Erie Canal Park

Location - 5457 Marina Dr.

Amenities - Picnic shelter, playground equipment, and canoe launch

### Weidner Park

Location - 150 E. Central Ave.

Amenities - Picnic shelter, electricity, restrooms, playground equipment, basketball court, ball field, and pickleball court

### West Carrollton Soccer Complex

Location - 4800 Hydraulic Rd.

Amenities - Picnic shelter, soccer fields, playground equipment, and restrooms

### Wilson Park & Pool

Park location - 350 Wilson Park Dr.

Pool location - 1226 S. Elm St.

Amenities - Picnic shelter, restrooms, playground equipment, basketball court, volleyball court, pool, tennis court, and walking trails

## Library News

Assistive Technology at Your Library



The West Carrollton Branch of Dayton Metro Library provides assistive technology devices to support the needs of patrons with disabilities. Here is what we currently have to offer:

- Sorenson Video Relay: Software that facilitates telephone communication between a Deaf and hearing person through videoconferencing technology. Ask a library staff member for assistance.
- Kindergarten Club for rising kindergartners! Wednesdays & Thursdays from July 10th through August 1st.
- Kindergarten Club is intended for the families of children entering kindergarten in fall 2024.



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Scan the QR code for more details.

## Yard of the Week

It's that time of year again, and West Carrollton's City Beautiful Commission (CBC) anxiously awaits nominations for this year's "Yard of the Week." Community members can nominate a yard; the Commission will pick from those nominations. A winner will be decided once a week throughout the summer (12 weeks), but it's up to you 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 house will be highlighted on West Carrollton's social media pages.

To nominate a home, contact Parks Director Christian Mattingly at [cmattingly@westcarrollton.org](mailto:cmattingly@westcarrollton.org) or call (937) 847-4660.



## Donate Life City Blood Drive

Date: July 17th

The city is partnering with Solvita to host a City-Wide Blood Drive this year. Use the QR code below to register to donate blood and save a life.



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## City Council

Mayor Rick Barnhart.....937-859-8713  
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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, & 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

<b>July 4:</b>	City Offices Closed in Observance of 4th of July (No Trash Delay)
<b>July 11:</b>	First Thursday (Not July 4)
<b>July 12:</b>	Hot Air Balloon Glow & The Fries Band
<b>July 17:</b>	City Blood Drive
<b>July 18:</b>	Let's Go Fly a Kite
<b>July 24:</b>	Personal Self-Defense/Not a Victim Class
<b>July 26:</b>	Family Movie Night
<b>July 27:</b>	Rockin' the River – National Elton John Tribute Band
<b>Aug 1:</b>	First Thursday
<b>Aug 21:</b>	The Great Paint Escape
<b>Aug 29:</b>	Summer Concert Series – Stranger 80's Band
<b>Aug 30:</b>	Family Movie Night
<b>Aug 31- Sept 2:</b>	Final Weekend Wilson Pool Open
<b>Sept 2:</b>	City Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day (No Trash Delay)
<b>Sept 2:</b>	Doggie Dive

## 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

### Rec Soccer

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

### Wee Pirates Football/Cheer

WCRAWEEPIRATES.COM

Paul Hunley

### West Carrollton Basketball Assoc.

WCMBBA.ORG

Bryan Bayless, (937) 510-5592

### Waves Swim Team

SWIMMINGWAVES@GMAIL.COM

Lauren Williams, (937) 510-5592

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### Fire Department:

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### Human Resources:

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### Finance Department:

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### Economic Development:

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### Service Department:

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### Communications Department:

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