

CITY NEWS

Progress is Flowing for the River District



Excitement is mounting as we begin groundbreaking work on the eagerly awaited River District project. Phase I of the infrastructure improvements is already in progress and slated for completion this fall. These crucial upgrades will pave the way for the area's future development.

The city is currently focusing on Phase IA, which involves designing and constructing a key "spine road." This new road will run parallel to Dixie Drive and extend across 1100 E. Dixie Drive. The spine road is expected to significantly enhance accessibility and support ongoing development, including the recently approved site plan for Culver's.

Phase I includes several key improvements:

- Intersection Upgrades: Enhancements at the E. Dixie Drive and Manchester Road intersection include adding a right-turn lane onto Manchester Rd.
- **Traffic Signal:** A temporary traffic signal was installed at the E. Dixie Drive/Manchester Road intersection. This signal will remain until new mast arm signal poles are installed during Phase 2 of the River District improvements. The Phase 2 project timeline is pending.
- **Road Widening:** Manchester Road will be widened, featuring new concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and multi use trails.
- **Utility Extensions:** Both water main and sanitary sewer lines will be extended to support the upcoming development.
- **Stormwater Management:** A new storm sewer system will channel stormwater runoff into a regional detention basin, ensuring proper drainage and reduced flooding.

For more information on the River District, visit our website or scan the QR code above.

A Sad Farewell to Former Mayor Sanner

West Carrollton is deeply saddened by the passing of former Mayor Jeff Sanner, who led West Carrollton as Mayor for 16 years and served on the City

Council for 20 years. Jeff was a true champion for the community, guiding the city with dedication and passion. His impact on West Carrollton is immeasurable, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Jeff and his family have deep roots within West Carrollton. He was raised here, and he raised his family here as well. Jeff owned a local business, Sanner Funeral Home, which opened in 1980, and his wife Leigh Ann taught in the West Carrollton City School District. A favorite spot of his in the city was the river, where he would park his truck on the levee and enjoy watching the water and people fishing. Jeff was a de facto historian when it came to West Carrollton; he could remember almost everything and anything that had happened in the city. His dedication to the City of West Carrollton was truly a lifelong commitment.

Jeff Sanner will be dearly missed not only by his wife, Leigh Ann, daughter, Molly, and granddaughters Evelyn, Lydia, and Vivian but also by city staff and community members.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family and friends during this time of loss. Jeff's contributions and commitment to our city will always be remembered.



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IN YOUR CITY

West Carrollton Fire Department Hiring





FIRE DEPARTMENT

is currently hiring Part-Time positions

We're looking for brave individuals who are ready to make a difference.

WWW.WESTCARROLLTON.ORG/JOBS



Neighborhood Bridges: Transforming Community Kindness into Direct Support for West Carrollton Students

Founded in January 2017, Neighborhood Bridges is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that addresses the rising poverty rates in suburban and rural America. They operate with a core focus on kindness, efficiency, and resourcefulness, aiming to bridge community resources with those in need. Their mission is to connect communities with schools to provide essential resources, eliminate barriers, and promote equity, ensuring students have the opportunity to thrive both academically and personally.

How to Seek Assistance

Currently, this platform is available exclusively to students and their families. Students or their parents can contact Nicole Meyer, the West Carrollton district social

worker, directly through their school counselor, or by contacting their child's school, or by emailing nmeyer@wcsd.k12.oh.us.

How You Can Help

Community members can subscribe using this link: https://www.neighborhoodbridges.org/index.php/ community/west-carrollton-oh or the QR code provided. This link directly supports students within the West Carrollton City School District.

By subscribing, you will receive emails about anonymous needs. Select a specific need-such as a winter coatdonate, and drop off the item at the designated fire station or donation center. Volunteers will then ensure that your contribution is delivered directly to the advocate managing the request.

Your involvement helps bridge the gap between community generosity and the immediate needs of children in our local district making a tangible difference in their lives.



FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CITY

City Unveils Western Lakes Master Plan

The City of West Carrollton is excited to announce the completion of the Western Lakes Master Plan. This visionary plan sets the stage to consider how hundreds of acres of natural land along Farmersville-West Carrollton Road could be transformed into a premier destination for recreation, relaxation, and outdoor adventure. The objective of the Western Lakes Master Plan is to establish a unified network of recreational spaces.





The area could serve as a natural counterpart to the River District's proposed Whitewater Park on the Great Miami River. positioning West Carrollton as a leading recreation destination in the region. The six properties that form this district could offer diverse opportunities for outdoor activities, making them ideal for anything from leisurely walks to adventurous water sports.

City staff, in collaboration with a diverse 17-member advisory panel and a consulting team, have worked diligently to create a plan that meets the community's needs and reflects a collective vision for this area. The advisory panel identified key priorities for the plan area, including outdoor recreation, social activities, relaxation, water-based fun, and amenity-rich camping and lodging options. Market research supports these priorities, indicating demand for such facilities.

"Our goal is to create spaces for recreational opportunities that will not only enhance the quality of life for our residents but also boost the city's economic vitality," said Greg Gaines, the city's Planning & Community Development Director. "This area of town has stunning natural beauty and the exciting potential to create a truly unique asset for our community."

While the plan outlines exciting possibilities, the City does not currently own the properties in the Western Lakes area. This plan serves as a vision for what could be achieved if this land were acquired or developed in collaboration with private landowners and other stakeholders. As a guiding framework, the Master Plan sets the stage for discussions and partnerships that could one day bring these recreational opportunities to life, ensuring that any future development of this area aligns with the community's needs and aspirations.

Whitewater Park Receives \$1 Million from State Budget to Boost Development

Exciting news for West Carrollton! Whitewater Park, part of the River District Development along the Great Miami River, just got a big boost with a \$1 million award from the state's 2025-2026 capital budget. This state funding will help speed up work on key public parts of the project, keeping it on track for completion and ensuring it becomes a transformational project for our community.

The planned Whitewater Park will offer new ways to recreate on the river, inlcuding the opportunity to host exciting events. This will not only benefit local residents but will also attract visitors from outside the area, helping to put West Carrollton on the map as a destination for outdoor activities and events.

We want to thank State Representative Phil Plummer and Senator Steve Huffman for their hard work in securing this important investment for our city. We also appreciate the efforts of State Representatives Tom Young, Andrea White, and Willis Blackshear, who helped bring millions of dollars in state funding to support projects across Montgomery County. Their support is helping make Whitewater Park—and the River District—an exciting reality for West Carrollton.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

In 2022, West Carrollton completed a comprehensive master plan for its Wastewater Treatment Plant, marking an important step toward ensuring the facility's long-term reliability. Building on the plan's recommendations, the city secured a loan in early 2024 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to fund the design phase for important plant upgrades.

This loan enables the city to move forward with essential improvements and capitalize on favorable interest rates. The design phase for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades is already underway and is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2025. The project will focus on modernizing the plant, originally built in 1988, to meet current and future demands.

The City of West Carrollton remains committed to making smart investments in infrastructure, ensuring the community's infrastructure is sustainable, efficient, and prepared for the future.





Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

In the spring of 2023, the City of West Carrollton took a significant step toward improving its water infrastructure by entering into a loan agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to fund the design phase of critical Water Treatment Plant upgrades.

As the design process progresses, the city has applied for a Water Supply Revolving Loan to finance the estimated \$8.85 million needed for the project. "The planned upgrades-including sand filters, electrical controls, an emergency generator, high service and fluoride pumps, and a new roof-will modernize the 36-year-old plant," said Service Director Rich Norton. These improvements will enhance the plant's efficiency and safeguard our reliable water supply. The city plans to open the project for construction bids in early 2025.

Holiday Safety Tips

West Carrollton Police Department has a few safety tips to help protect you and your loved ones this holiday season:

Your Home

- The holidays are an excellent opportunity to connect with your neighbors. You can help detect suspicious activity and contribute to a safer community by watching out for each other.
- When leaving your home, be extra vigilant about securing all windows, sliding doors, and entry doors. Use timers to control indoor and outdoor lights, and consider doing the same with a television or radio to create the illusion that someone is home. Avoid placing gifts or valuables in plain view from windows. Instead, close blinds, shutters, drapes, and curtains to prevent burglars from seeing these items.

Travel

- Avoid posting or sharing pictures on social media during your vacation. Save those updates for after you've returned home.
- Let someone you trust know your whereabouts and your expected return time. If possible, ask a reliable neighbor or friend to keep an eye on your home and collect your newspapers and mail while you're away. You can also request that the post office hold your mail until you return. Use this link to make the request online: https://www.usps.com/manage/ hold-mail.htm
- Stay informed about weather conditions and plan for any adverse weather. Ensure you have chains for your tires, keep your gas tank full, and exercise extreme caution while driving. Always watch for pedestrians and be prepared for changing road conditions.

Shopping

- Always lock your vehicle and store valuables in the trunk or a secure compartment. Park and walk in well-lit areas before sunrise and after sunset, keeping your keys in hand.
- Stay vigilant in crowded places for potential thieves. Avoid carrying too many packages at once to keep yourself mobile and visible. Always keep your items secure and never leave them unattended.
- When shopping with children, keep a close watch on them at all times. Teach them to approach a store clerk or security guard if they become separated from you.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Information & Registration:

Please visit the City's website at www.westcarrollton.org/events or scan the OR code to the right for more registration information on community events!

The Great Paint Escape

Join Professional Artist **Dina Cain!**

Enjoy guided painting by professional artist Dina Cain, who has over 30 years of experience as an artist.

The registration fee covers all materials for painting, including the medium, beverages, appetizers, and sweets. This event is for adults 18+.

Wednesday, October 16 Date:

Time: 6 - 8pm

Location: West Carrollton Civic Center,

300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: \$35 per person/event



Our 19th annual Monster Mash will be held on Weidner Park's baseball field. Activities include hayrides, pumpkin decorating, carnival games, and

a costume contest. Children get a free pumpkin! (While supplies last.)

The WC Lions Club is having a Spooky Cookie Walk and selling beverages. We would like to thank the volunteers from WC Nazarene Church. WCHS National Honor Society, UD Doctor of PT

Dept., and WC Dayton Metro

library branch. Special thanks to Brunner's Lawn and Services for donating the pumpkins!

Thursday, October 24 Date:

Time: 6 - 8pm

Location: Weidner Park, 150 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free

Father-Daughter Dance

Butterfly wings is the theme! This event is recommended for girls ages 2 to 12. Bring your dad, grandparent, or special person in your life.

A special treat, photos, flowers, and light snacks will be provided. You can save money by purchasing tickets early online.

Friday, November 1 Date:

Time: 7 - 9pm

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

Cost: Pre-sale online - \$15 per pair

> At the door - \$20 per pair Each additional person - \$5

Dear Santa

Children can write a letter to Santa and "mail" it via Santa's mailbox, located in the lobby of the Civic Center.

Santa will respond to all letters that include a self-addressed envelope.

November 29 - December 13 Date:

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

Cost: Free

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

We will supply the house, you bring your own decorations and icing to create your masterpiece.

Date: Friday, December 6

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Location: 300 East Central Ave,

Civic Center

Free (Registration is required by Nov. 29th) Cost:





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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, free face painting, and a tree-lighting ceremony. Santa will be available for free photos - bring your camera. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 4 - 6pm

Location: Civic Center

Cost: Free



Luminary Walk

Walk through a magical, lighted path in Wilson Park, listen to holiday music, make smores, and roast marshmallows over an open fire.

Sip a cup of hot cocoa sponsored by the WC Lions Club (while supplies last), and enjoy an evening with family and friends. This event is wheelchair and stroller-friendly!

Friday, December 13 Date:

Time: 6 - 8pm

Location: Wilson Park, 350 Wilson Park Dr

Cost: Free

Citywide Blood Drive

West Carrollton will be sponsoring a citywide blood drive with Solvita. All are welcome.

There is always a great need for blood donors, so sign up today.

Date: Wednesday,

December 18

Noon - 4pm Time:

Location: West Carrollton Civic Center

Community Room, 300 E. Central Ave.



Noon Year's Eve

Ring in the New Year at noon! We will have a balloon drop at noon. Kids will make their own poppers and decorate their Noon Year's Eve hats.

There will be kid-style bubbly and snacks. Only 30 spots are available for ages 5-12.

Please Note: We will have a separate "Quiet Room" during the balloon stomp for children who don't like loud noises.

Date: Tuesday, December 31

Time: 11am - 12:30pm

Location: Civic Center Lobby,

300 E. Central Ave.

\$5 per child Cost:

(Registration required by Dec. 23rd)



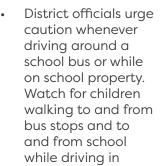
COMMUNITY

West Carrollton City Schools

The West Carrollton School District website has been refreshed! Visitors will have a new experience that allows for easier navigation throughout the site. There is a live feed for the district and each school. Parents and guardians may also choose to get notifications on the improved app, which is available on Apple and Google.



A community event students look forward to every year is Homecomina. The parade will be Thursday, Oct. 10, beginning at 6 p.m. in front of the West Carrollton Early Childhood Center. The Homecoming football game will be Friday, Oct. 11. The Homecoming king and queen will be announced at 6:30 p.m., and the game will begin at 7 p.m. The community is invited to come out and cheer for the Pirates at both events!





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Tree Sale

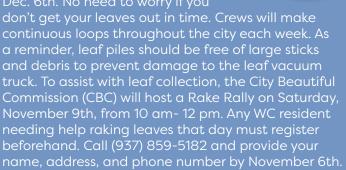
Autumn Blaze maple trees are sold through the Parks Department every year as part of the Tree City USA program. Trees (1" to 1.5" trunk size) cost \$150 and are planted in residents' front yards by the Parks and Recreation Staff in December.



West Carrollton residents can purchase trees through October 31st either online at westcarrollton.org or in person at the Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave., Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm. For more info, call (937) 859-5182.

Rake Rally & Fall Leaf Collection

The annual curbside fall leaf collection program begins Monday, Oct. 14th, and continues through Dec. 6th. No need to worry if you



The CBC needs volunteers for the Rake Rally. Volunteers will receive a free long sleeve shirt (while supplies last). If possible, volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes. To volunteer for the Rake Rally, call (937) 859-5182. Volunteers will meet at the Civic Center at 9:30 a.m.

2024 City Beautification "Yard of the Week" Winners

The "Yard of the Week" award recipients are nominated by members of the community and

chosen by the City Beautiful Commission for their efforts in making their homes and neighborhoods beautiful. Winners are celebrated with a yardfriendly sign placed at their homes for the week and highlighted on West Carrollton's social media pages. Thanks to all the property owners who helped enhance the appearance of our city.

2024 Winners

- 221 Trumpet Dr.
- 3390 Carlin Dr.
- 872 Mardel Dr.
- 7 Mansion Ct.
- 119 Savoy Ave.
- 5919 Norwell Dr.
- 337 E. Cottage Ave.
- 320 Applehill Dr.
- 17 W. Blossom Hill Rd •
- 3235 W. Alex Bell (Farmers +
- 32 N. Elm St. (Wilson + Shanesy)
- Merchants Bank)

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Amanda Zennie......937-344-1762

City Manager......937-847-4633

Code Enforcement.......937-859-5783

Economic Development937-847-4643

Fire Department Administration..937-847-4645

Human Resources937-847-4634 Income Tax 937-859-8288

Parks & Recreation......937-859-5182

Planning/Community Dev......937-859-5783

Police Department937-859-3688

Public Relations937-847-4636 Streets/Refuse937-859-8280

Water/Sewer......937-859-8280

Board of Elections 937-225-5656

Bogg Food Ministry937-435-6181

Bureau of Motor Vehicles937-866-9511 Montgomery Co. Auditor.....937-225-4326 MUM Food Pantry......937-249-0941 Post Office937-859-5163

West Carrollton Branch Library.....937-463-2665

West Carrollton School System......937-859-5121

Program......937-859-7974

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 5: Citywide Garage Sale

Oct 7-11: Large Item/Bulk Trash Pick-up

Oct 14: Leaf Collection Begins

Oct 16: The Great Paint Escape 6-8pm,

Oct 24: Monster Mash 6-8pm

Nov 1: Father-Daughter Dance 7-9pm Nov 9 Rake Rally 10am-12pm (noon)

Nov 28-29: Thanksgiving Day, City Offices Closed (Trash Delayed 1 Day)

Dec 6: Leaf Collection Ends

Dec 6: Gingerbread House Decorating Contest 5:30-7:30pm

Dec 7: Holiday Festival 4-6pm Dec 13: Luminary Walk 6-8pm

Dec 18: Citywide Blood Drive 12-4pm

Dec 24-25: Christmas Eve/Day, City Offices Closed (Trash Delayed 1 Day)

Dec 31: Noon Year's Eve 11am-12:30pm (noon)

2025 New Year's Day, City Offices Closed (Trash Delayed 1 Day) Jan 1:

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.

WCMBA.ORG

Bryan Bayless, (937) 510-5592

Waves Swim Team

SWIMMINGWAVES@GMAIL.COM Lauren Williams, (937) 510-5592

PLEASE JOIN US

Women, Infants, & Children's

Community Services

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.

Contact the City by E-Mail

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