



CITY NEWS

West Carrollton's New Assistant City Manager



West Carrollton welcomed Dan Wendt as its new Assistant City Manager in October of 2024. Dan joins the team with an impressive background in municipal operations, economic development, and human resources, bringing expertise and fresh energy to our team.

In his new role Dan will lead the City's economic development efforts, manage special projects, and oversee human resources functions. He has a distinguished career in public service, including his recent role as City Manager of Vandalia, Ohio, where he worked alongside City Manager Amber Holloway. Amber Holloway shared, "Dan will be a great addition to our leadership team. We've had the opportunity to work together in the past, and I'm confident that our complementary skill sets and strong working relationship will help us continue to move the city forward."

Dan's accomplishments have been recognized across Ohio. He was recently named a 2024 Dayton Business Journal 40 Under 40 honoree and was awarded the Distinguished Early Career Award by the Ohio City/County Management Association. In addition to his public service experience, Dan is a small business owner and a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, adding unique insights to his new position.

Dan's hiring is a significant moment for West Carrollton, as this is the first time since 2003 that the city has had a full-time Assistant City Manager. This role was re-established through the 2024 Personnel Classification and Rates of Pay Ordinance, as the city recognized the growing need for leadership focused on economic development and HR. With upcoming transformational projects like the River District and Whitewater Park, having Dan in this role will ensure that West Carrollton is well-prepared for both present and future growth.

Please join us in welcoming Dan Wendt to West Carrollton. We're excited to see his positive impact on the city and look forward to a bright future!

Streamline Your Project with West Carrollton's New Camino Permit Guide



SCAN HERE!

Planning a home renovation or starting a new business? Navigating the permit process became more manageable with Camino, the City of West Carrollton's user-friendly online guide.

How Camino Helps You:

Camino guides you through each permit step with:

- Clear, step-by-step instructions
- Easy online access from any location

Camino simplifies compliance for home or business, avoiding issues and saving time.

Why Permits Matter:

Permits ensure your project meets building, fire, and safety codes, protecting you, your property, and the community. Missing permits can lead to delays, penalties, or extra costs.

For New Businesses:

Are you starting a business in West Carrollton? An occupancy permit is essential to confirm that your space meets the zoning and safety standards. Camino makes applying simple, ensuring you're ready to open on time.

Scan the QR code to explore Camino and start your project with confidence.



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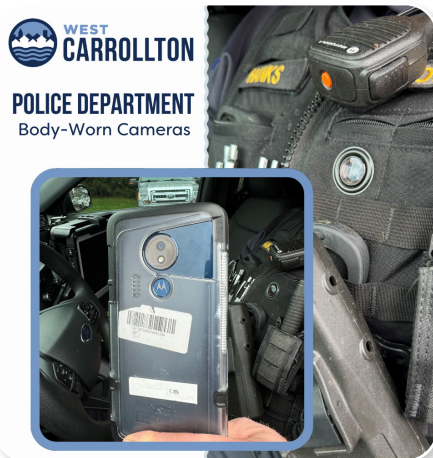
Police Department Awarded \$12,000 from Body Worn Camera Micro-Grant

In November 2024, the West Carrollton Police Department (WCPD) was awarded a \$12,000 grant from the Small, Rural, and Tribal Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Micro-Grant Program. This initiative, part of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Justice & Security Strategies (JSS), aims to support small law enforcement agencies in adopting or enhancing body-worn camera programs.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance selected WCPD out of numerous applicants, recognizing the department's commitment to advancing transparency and accountability through its BWC program. The grant enabled WCPD to purchase additional body-worn cameras.

WCPD has long utilized in-car cameras and, in 2021, introduced body-worn cameras as part of its policing toolkit. Officers wear these cameras during their shifts, and they feature advanced functionalities. Recording can be initiated manually by tapping the camera or automatically triggered by specific events, such as:

- Officers engaging in a pursuit.
- Activating sirens and exiting the patrol car.
- Unholstering a firearm.
- Detecting an officer down, complete with GPS coordinates sent for assistance.



Chief Woodard emphasized the importance of this technology, stating:

“I believe body-worn cameras are a valuable tool in modern policing. They enhance transparency, foster trust between our officers and the community, and provide critical evidence when investigating incidents. The West Carrollton Police Department is committed to using body-worn cameras as part of our dedication to accountability and our desire for continuous improvement in serving the citizens of our community.”

The department uses body-worn cameras for various purposes, including documenting interactions with victims, witnesses, suspects, and recording critical incidents. These recordings are vital for investigations and provide clarity during police-public encounters. Additionally, the department reviews monthly reports detailing camera usage, uploads, incidents involving force, and citizen complaints.

This grant bolsters WCPD's ongoing efforts to maintain and integrate up-to-date technology into its operations. With these new cameras, the department is better equipped to serve and protect the West Carrollton community.

West Carrollton Secures Brownfield Remediation Grant



The City of West Carrollton, in partnership with the Montgomery County Land Bank, has received a \$1.898 million Brownfield Remediation Grant from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to begin transforming the former paper manufacturing wastewater treatment site at 4000 Hydraulic Road. With the City contributing \$650,263 in matching funds, this \$2.5 million project will prepare the site for redevelopment, supporting West Carrollton's larger vision for the Whitewater Park and River District projects. The grant funds will go toward demolishing structures, soil remediation, and preparing environmental reports for Ohio and U.S. EPA approvals. This project, expected to take 18-24 months, marks an essential step in creating a development-ready parcel along the river.

City Manager Amber Holloway expressed her gratitude, stating, “Securing this grant enables us to take the next step in the remediation and revitalization of this site. We are grateful for the support of the Montgomery County Land Bank and the Ohio Department of Development.”

This grant and the preparation of this site for redevelopment will help catalyze West Carrollton's ambitious \$75 million public-private project in the City's River District. The City's goal is for this property to serve as the operations center for the City's planned Whitewater Park.

PROTECT YOUR PIPES THIS WINTER: ESSENTIAL TIPS TO PREVENT FREEZING

It's time to think about freezing pipes! If the temperature is 20 degrees or below, you could be subject to freezing pipes. The following suggestions will help to keep your winter water supply flowing:

- Leave a tiny trickle from your faucets! This protects pipes in two ways: It prevents pressure from building up inside pipes and creates a constant flow of water through them, which makes freezing less likely.
- Turn up the heat in your home.
- Open vanity or cabinet doors so warm air can reach the pipes under sinks.
- If you have exposed pipes inside closets or pantries, leave doors open.
- Disconnect garden hoses from outdoor faucets. Even "frostproof" faucets can burst if a hose is connected.
- Keep the garage door closed.



If your meter and/or pipes are located in a crawl space, insulating them or providing a heat source nearby may be necessary. If you experience reduced water flow, heat the most vulnerable pipes (usually in basements, crawl spaces, or near exterior walls) with a hair dryer. Leave the faucet on while you apply heat. As the ice melts, the flow will increase.

Know Your Code

To ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of occupants, it is essential to "Know Your Code." The following code is established for heating facilities in residential occupancies:

§158.35 HEATING FACILITIES.

(B) Residential occupancies. Dwellings shall be provided with non-portable heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms, and toilet rooms based on the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality indicated in the Air Conditioning Contractors of America Manual J. Cooking appliances shall not be used, nor shall any type/style of portable space heater be used to provide space heating to meet the requirements of this section.

STAY SAFE THIS WINTER:



WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

- Avoid cruise control.
- Don't crowd the snow plow.
- Take it slow and give yourself space.
- Keep your headlights on - day or night.
- Clear your vehicle of all snow and ice before you hit the road.



Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning is a year-round danger, but the risk significantly increases during the winter months as heating systems are heavily used and cars are sometimes mistakenly warmed in garages. This odorless, colorless gas can be deadly if precautions aren't taken. To protect your household, install battery-operated CO detectors near sleeping areas and check batteries regularly. Have appliances like furnaces, water heaters, and chimneys serviced annually. Avoid using gas ovens for heating, and never operate generators or cars in enclosed spaces, including garages, even with doors open. Winter safety starts with awareness and preparation. If you would like your smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector checked or have further questions, please contact Fire Admin Beth Daigle at (937) 847-4644 or bdaigle@westcarrollton.org.

West Carrollton Police Department Honors Excellence in Public Safety Service

The West Carrollton Police Department (WCPD) recently recognized three remarkable individuals whose dedication and service have significantly impacted our community. Their commitment to excellence and unwavering support embodies the very best of public safety.

Rebecca Spitzig and Tonya Cornett, two highly skilled and compassionate dispatchers were honored with Department Commendations for their exemplary performance during a high-stakes SWAT standoff in May 2024. Their calm and decisive actions and their ability to provide crucial support to officers under pressure underscore the critical role they play in keeping our community safe.

Additionally, Teresa Eitel, the administrative assistant for WCPD, was awarded the prestigious Exemplary Service Award for her outstanding contributions to the department. Teresa's initiative in implementing a new records management system has been transformative, streamlining operations and significantly enhancing the department's efficiency. Her hard work has established a strong foundation for future improvements that will benefit the WCPD team and the broader community.

We are immensely proud of Rebecca, Tonya, and Teresa. Their exceptional contributions showcase the strength, resilience, and dedication that are the hallmarks of public safety. Please join us in congratulating them on their well-deserved awards and our gratitude for their extraordinary service!



Caption: From the left Teresa Eitel and Chief Woodard

Best Wishes to Mike Long on His Retirement



The City of West Carrollton and the West Carrollton Fire Department (WCFD) would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Mike Long as he begins his retirement journey. Since 2016, Mike has served as a dedicated part-time Fire Inspector after retiring from the Washington Township Fire Department. His commitment to the safety and well-being of the community spans over 31 years, including 23 years as a part-time firefighter and EMT with WCFD.

Mike's unwavering dedication to protecting and serving the residents and businesses of West Carrollton has left a lasting legacy. His efforts in fire safety have been invaluable, setting a high standard for community service and reinforcing the commitment to public safety.

Mike, thank you for your service, dedication, and the positive impact you've made. We wish you a fulfilling and joyful retirement. Enjoy this new chapter!

Honoring Our Dedicated Staff: 2024 Milestone Anniversaries

We are deeply grateful for our exceptional staff, whose dedication allows us to provide quality services to our residents. In 2024, twelve team members celebrated milestone anniversaries, marking years of commitment to the City of West Carrollton. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these individuals for their invaluable contributions and service to our community.

30 Years

Andy Shepherd, Fire Department

25 Years

Curt Reigelsperger, Service Department

20 Years

Nathan Biggs, Police Department

John Garwood, Police Department

15 Years

Joshua Whitehead, Fire Department

Adam Blake, Fire Department

10 Years

John Perry, Police Department

Bobbie Selmon, Police Department

Bill Tackett, Service Department

5 Years

Paige Callahan, Police Department

Eion Hogston, Police Department

Philip Hagerman, Service Department

Teresa Eitel, Police Department



Caption: From the left Lt. Yoder, Rebecca Spitzig, Tonya Cornett, and Chief Woodard

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Information & Registrations:

Visit the City's website at www.westcarrollton.org/events or scan the QR code for info on community events!



Great Paint Escape

We are thrilled to announce John Grosvenor as our guest artist for the February painting class. With a Master of Art Education from Ohio State University and over 20 years of experience in diverse art forms, John brings a wealth of knowledge and creativity to the class. The class fee includes all materials needed, beverages, appetizers, and delicious sweet treats. Join us for an inspiring and enjoyable evening of art! This event is for adults 18+.

(Registration required by Feb 10)

Date: February 12 **Location:** Civic Center
Time: 6-8 p.m. **Cost:** \$35/person



For the Birds

Join us for a Bird-tastic Family Fun Day! Get ready for an afternoon filled with creativity, music, and outdoor fun for all ages! Bring your friends and family to paint a bird rock, create a backyard bird feeder, and much more. This hands-on event is perfect for nature lovers of all ages. **(Register online by March 5th.)**

Date: March 8 **Location:** Civic Center
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Cost:** Free

Reserve a Park Shelter for 2025

City Park shelters are available to reserve for use between May 24 and September 7, 2025. Reservations open to West Carrollton residents on March 1 and non-residents on April 1. You can reserve a shelter in person at the Civic Center (8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon-Fri) or call the Parks & Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182.



All shelters come equipped with picnic tables, though amenities may vary depending on the park.

- **Wilson Park:** Pavilion, three shelters with electricity, two playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, volleyball net, and restrooms
- **Weidner Park:** One shelter with electricity, playground, basketball and tennis courts, and restrooms
- **Hintermeister Park:** One shelter (no electricity), playground, basketball court, and restrooms
- **Leiwig Park:** One shelter (no electricity), playground, and basketball court

Memorial Park Benches Available

West Carrollton offers a special way to honor your loved ones by purchasing a memorial bench that can be placed in the city parks. Prices range from \$700 to \$1,100, depending on the style. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182 for more information.



2025 Dog License Renewal

It's that time of year again! The City of West Carrollton and Montgomery County Animal Resource Center have teamed up to make getting your dog licensed easier than ever.



Why License Your Dog?

Licensing isn't just a requirement—it's a quick way to ensure you're notified if your lost pet is found. All dogs 3 months or older must be licensed.

3 Easy Ways to License Your Dog:

1. **In Person:** Purchase tags at the West Carrollton Civic Center on:
 - **Sunday, January 5**, from 1-3 PM
 - **Wednesday, January 15**, from 5-7 PM
 - **Wednesday, January 22**, from 4-6 PM
2. **Mail:** Print an application and mail it with a check
3. **Online:** Apply or renew at www.mcoho.org/dog

License Fees:

- \$20 for all spayed/neutered dogs and dogs 9 months or younger
- \$24 for all unspayed/unneutered dogs

Exceptions for Unaltered Dogs:

The \$20 rate applies to dogs that qualify with veterinary certification due to age or medical condition, registered breeding/show dogs (AKC), and hunting dogs with a current hunting license.

Accepted Payment Methods:

- Cash (exact change preferred) or check
- Credit card (2.4% service fee applies)

COMMUNITY

New Offerings at the West Carrollton Branch Library

Board and Card Game Lending Program

The West Carrollton Branch Library is now offering board and card games for loan. Patrons can borrow games for up to seven days with no automatic renewals. All games must be checked out and returned directly to a staff member at this branch.

Featured Games:

Betrayal at House on the Hill | Exploding Kittens | Mysterium | Pandemic | UNO | Scattergories | Monopoly Deal | Codenames | and more!

To see the full selection, patrons can search the library catalog under “board games.” The library also welcomes suggestions for new games to add to the collection. Visitors are encouraged to reserve a library space, gather friends and family, and enjoy a gaming session at the branch.

Homework Help Center

The West Carrollton Branch Library also offers a **Homework Help Center** for students in grades K-12. This program provides personalized, one-on-one homework assistance aligned with Ohio Learning Standards.

Homework Help Center Details:

- **Days and Times:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Staffed by** Caring, trained adults.

Resources Available:

- Free access to computers, school supplies, art materials, printing services, books, and online educational tools.
- Tailored support to enhance classroom learning.

Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult while in the library.

For more information, contact the library’s **Ask Me Line** at **937-463-BOOK** or visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org.

Free Holiday Tree & Large Item Pick-up



Take advantage of the City of West Carrollton’s first FREE large item/ bulk trash pick-up of the year from January 6-10 on your regular trash collection day. The city will also collect cut Christmas trees; please remember to remove all lights, tinsel, and decorations, and do not place trees in bags.

Bulk Trash Collection Guidelines:

- Glass items: Must be taped and wrapped.
- Fabric items (mattresses, box springs, couches, chairs): Must be wrapped in plastic.
- Brush & carpet: Must be bundled.
- Old appliances: Accepted for collection.
- Paint: Accepted for collection (must be properly sealed).
- Other bulk trash items: Accepted for collection.
- Boards and carpets: Nails must be removed.

Items Not Accepted:

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

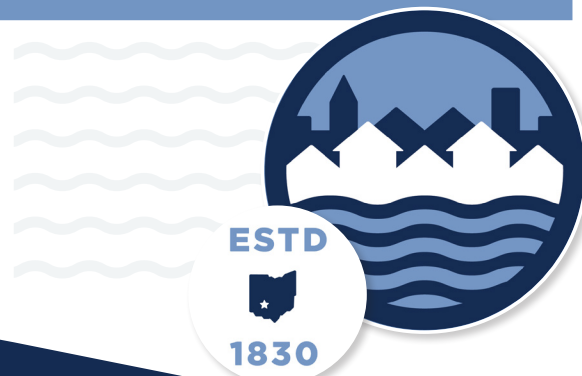
Outside of Free Pick-up Dates:

A fee of \$24 applies for large items or bulk trash collection outside of the free pick-up period. To schedule a pickup or for more information, please contact the Utility Clerk’s Office at (937) 859-8280 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email waterclerk@westcarrollton.org.

Plastic wrap can be purchased at most hardware or home improvement store.



DAYTON METRO
LIBRARY



Protecting Our Waterways: Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Did you know that everyday activities can impact the quality of our local waterways? Stormwater runoff can carry pollutants like chemicals, trash, and oils directly into our rivers and streams. Check out the graphics to discover simple ways you can help prevent stormwater pollution and keep our community's water clean!



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CARROLLTON**



BEFORE
with debris blocking drain

AFTER

with debris cleared from drain



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.

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.



7. Install a rain barrel to capture roof runoff.

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

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.



Tax Season is Approaching!

As we approach tax season, the City of West Carrollton wants to help make the process as smooth as possible. Filing early can help you avoid long lines and stress. Our city staff is here to assist with your city tax return preparations at no cost.

Get Assistance at the Civic Center

City staff can help you complete your city tax paperwork in person, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Civic Center. No appointment is necessary. Just bring copies of all W-2s, other sources of taxable income, and the first two pages of your federal 1040. This free service applies to City of West Carrollton tax returns only, not federal or state filings.



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Options to Submit Your Tax Return

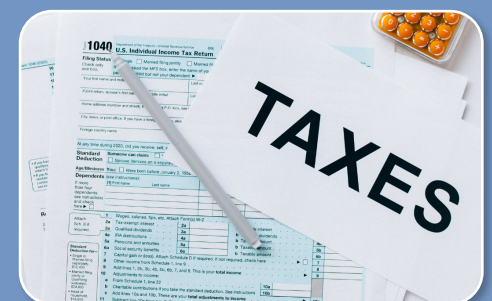
- 1. Online Filing:** File your local income taxes conveniently online! Visit www.westcarrollton.org and navigate to the Finance/Income Tax page. Here, you'll find the city's online filing software, which allows you to file and pay electronically.
- 2. In-Person Drop-Off:** Use the secure drop box at the Civic Center's utility window. Simply drop your paperwork into the box, and our tax team will handle the rest.
- 3. Mail-In:** Send completed tax forms, signed and accompanied by all necessary income documentation, to:

City of West Carrollton
Income Tax Department
300 E. Central Ave.
West Carrollton, OH 45449

Important Deadlines and Requirements

Mark your calendars—April 15, 2025, is the final deadline for all tax filings and payments to avoid penalties. Whether you owe taxes or not, all West Carrollton residents aged 18 and over must file a city income tax return. Ensure all mail-in forms are postmarked by April 15 to be considered on time.

The city's website provides more on tax filing information, including FAQs and additional resources. Thank you for being a proactive part of our community, and here's to a smooth tax season for all!



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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

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Bureau of Motor Vehicles 937-866-9511
Harvest Food Pantry 937-269-4439
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

3rd 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 5: Dog Licenses on Sale - Civic Center
Jan 6-10: Holiday Tree & Large Item Pick-Up
Jan 15 & 22: Dog Licenses on Sale - Civic Center
Feb 12: Great Paint Escape
Feb 17: Presidents' Day - City Office Closed, No Trash Delay
Mar 8: For the Birds
Mar 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

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SWIMMINGWAVES@GMAIL.COM

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