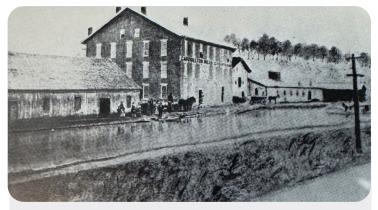
CITY NEWS



Carrollton Mills on the Canal

West Carrollton Celebrates 195 Years of History, Progress, and Community

This year marks a special milestone for West Carrollton as we celebrate 195 years of history, progress, and resilience. Since its founding in 1830, our city has grown from a small canal-side settlement into a dynamic and vibrant community.

West Carrollton was officially platted on April 29, 1830, by Moses Smith, Alexander Grimes, and H.G. Philips. It is widely believed that the town was named in honor of Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. However, the story of this land extends far beyond its incorporation.

Situated between Dayton and Cincinnati and positioned along the Great Miami River, West Carrollton's location has played a crucial role in its development. Early settlers recognized the area's potential for both agriculture and industry, and its central position made it a natural hub for transportation and commerce.

The first weekly stagecoach service between Dayton and Cincinnati passed through what would be West Carrollton in 1818, further establishing it as a key waypoint. The Great Miami River also served as a major transportation route, carrying goods and settlers downstream to Cincinnati. By 1829, the completion of the Miami/Erie Canal system provided even greater access, connecting Dayton to Cincinnati through a route that ran directly through West Carrollton, parallel to what is now Central Avenue. Many of the early homes in town were located along the canal and housed gatekeepers and their families.

As transportation evolved, so did West Carrollton. When the canal became obsolete, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad—originally known as the Cincinnati, Hamilton, & Dayton Railroad—began operations through Carrollton Station in 1851, further reinforcing the town's role as a transportation hub.

As the town grew, so did its industries. Farming was a way of life for many, with families like the Peases, Loesches, and Ebys working the land. Orchards, tobacco fields, dairy farms, and truck gardens dotted the area, supporting generations of hardworking families. The Pease brothers planted orchards and produced peach and apple brandy. In 1835, they expanded their operations by building a flour mill and whiskey distillery. Farming remained the primary source of income for many residents throughout the 19th century.

The Pease family's flour mill was sold and became The Friend Paper Company. Ownership of the mill changed, but regardless of its name, it remained a paper mill—a testament to the town's strong industrial roots.

West Carrollton has always been defined by its people. Through nearly two centuries of change and growth, West Carrollton has maintained its welcoming, smalltown feel. It remains a place where neighbors know one another, families grow, and community roots run deep.

As we celebrate our 195th anniversary, we honor the history, hard work, and resilience that have shaped West Carrollton into the city it is today. And while we reflect on our past, we also look ahead to a future filled with opportunity, progress, and continued community pride.

Here's to 195 years of history—and many more to come! Source: "The History of West Carrollton, Ohio"



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IN YOUR CITY

Spring Storm Safety Tips: Be Prepared for Severe Weather

Spring brings warmer weather and severe storms. including thunderstorms, and the possibility for tornadoes, and floods. Here's how you can stay safe:

1. Prepare Your Emergency Kit

- Non-perishable food and water (one gallon per person per day for three days)
- Battery-powered radio (NOAA Weather Radio)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit, medications, and important documents
- Extra cash

2. Make a Plan

- Discuss what to do if separated in an emergency.
- Choose a meeting place both near your home and away from it.
- Pick an out-of-area contact and ensure everyone knows how to reach them.
- Include pets in your plan.

3. Stay Informed

- Know the risks specific to your area.
- Learn how to get emergency updates and alerts.
- Consider taking CPR or first aid training.

4. Tornado Safety

- Be aware of tornado signs like funnel-shaped clouds, debris clouds, or a roar like a freight train.
- **DUCK** during a tornado:
 - Down to the lowest level
 - **U**nder something sturdy
 - Cover your head
 - Keep in a shelter until the storm passes
- During a tornado, take shelter in a basement or small interior room or lie flat in a low area if you are outside.

5. After the Storm

- Avoid downed power lines and stay out of damaged buildings.
- Monitor local news and social media for updates.
- Use flashlights, not candles, during power outages to reduce fire risk.
- If trapped, signal for help using a whistle or tapping on pipes.

By following these steps, you'll be better prepared for unpredictable spring weather and ensure your safety and that of your loved ones. Stay safe and informed. Use the QR code to sign up for CodeRED.

This high-speed notification solution allows the City of West Carrollton to quickly deliver severe storm-related messages to your phone.





Call (937) 859-5783 to find out if your property is in a Flood Risk Zone.

IF THE ROAD IS UNDERWATER, TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.

GET A BUILDING PERMIT BEFORE BUILDING IN A FLOODPLAIN.

ASK YOUR INSURANCE AGENT IF YOU ARE COVERED FOR FLOOD DAMAGE.

STORE VALUABLES AND INSURANCE PAPERS IN A WATERPROOF CONTAINER.

KEEP ALL BRUSH AND DEBRIS OUT OF STREAMS AND DITCHES; THIS HELPS FLOOD WATER TO FLOW FREELY.

Annual Fire Hydrant Testing and Water Line Flushing Set for April 1st

Starting Tuesday, April 1st, the Fire Department will kick off its annual fire hydrant testing throughout the city. The tests, which will take place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., are essential for ensuring the readiness of the fire hydrant system.

As part of this process, the Fire Department will mark each hydrant with a distinct paint color to indicate that it has been tested. This year's hydrant cap color is WHITE.

In addition to fire hydrant testing, the Service Department will also flush water lines during this period. Flushing is necessary to maintain the overall performance and health of the city's water system, ensuring that the flow and pressure remain optimal for everyday use and emergencies.

While these activities are underway, residents may experience temporary discolored water from their faucets or washing machines. If you encounter discolored water, we recommend running the cold water tap until it clears up. Additionally, to avoid potential fabric discoloration, it's best to hold off on doing laundry until the water runs clear.

Employee Recognition Awards: Honoring Outstanding

Contributions

The West Carrollton Police Department is honored to recognize this year's award recipients for their outstanding dedication and exceptional service. Their commitment and hard work inspire their fellow officers and the entire community.



- Employee of the Year: Teresa Eitel
- **Exemplary Service Award:** Eion Hogston
- Perfect Attendance Award: John Garwood, Jared Moore, Cameron Johnson, Alex Sanchez, Doug Woodard
- Citizen Recognition Award: Kathi Parker Kathi has made a positive impact on our community every day through her efforts with South Dayton Emergency Response Team (SDERT).

West Carrollton Fire Department Promotes Three Firefighters to Full-Time Roles

Welcome to West Carollton!

The West Carrollton Fire Department is proud to announce the promotion of Bret Cottongim, Megan Hausfeld, and Adam Madden to full-time firefighter positions. Previously serving as part-time members of the department, Bret, Megan, and Adam have demonstrated outstanding dedication, professionalism, and commitment to protecting our community.

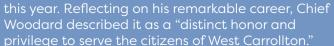
Surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues, they were officially sworn into their new roles during a recent council meeting, marking an exciting career milestone. Their promotion strengthens the department's ability to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies, ensuring the safety of all West Carrollton residents.

This achievement reflects the department's continued focus on public safety and the growth of its dedicated team. Congratulations to Bret, Megan, and Adam on their well-earned promotions! The city is grateful for your service and proud to have you on the team!



Honoring the **Retirement of Police Chief Doug Woodard**

After an incredible 41 vears of dedicated public service, Police Chief Doug Woodard retired in March of



Chief Woodard's distinguished career in law enforcement began as a Patrol Officer in Madison Township (1984-1988) before he joined the West Carrollton Police Department as a Patrol Officer (1988–1995). He served as a K-9 Officer from 1991 to 1994, bringing skill and dedication to specialized police work. His leadership journey continued as a Patrol Sergeant, Training Coordinator, and SIT Commander (1995-2005), roles where he shaped departmental operations and officer development.

In 2005, he was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police, a position he held until 2013 when he became Chief of Police. During his tenure as Chief, he was committed to strengthening the bond between the West Carrollton Police Department and the community. His passion for community engagement ensured the department played an active role in events such as Pizza with Police, Shop with Heroes,

Chief Woodard graduated from the prestigious FBI enforcement remains strong as he continues to train and guest speak at Sinclair Community College, inspiring future recruits and individuals beginning their careers in public safety.

Chief Woodard retires knowing he was instrumental in shaping the department into one of the region's most accomplished and professional law enforcement agencies. He humbly credits its success the men and women who serve alongside him.

As he steps into retirement, Chief Woodard leaves us with a quote from Theodore Roosevelt:

during his time with the department, his actions and leadership reflected that sentiment.

We extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt congratulations to Chief Doug Woodard on his retirement. His impact on the West Carrollton for years to come.

WILSON POOL

Regular Pool Hours

Monday-Friday: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Season Pass Holders - 11 a.m. admission)

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Season Pass Holders - Noon admission)

Holidays: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wilson Pool Phone Number:

(937) 859-5334 (only monitored during open pool hours)

Preseason Pool Passes

Youth (4-17) Adult (18-55) Senior (55+)

Don't miss out on incredible savings! Buy your preseason passes NOW online at westcarrollton.org and lock in the best rates before May 23rd at noon! Regular season passes will be available for purchase at the pool during regular business hours starting May 24th. Act fastsecure your pass today and dive into the fun all season long!

| <u>R</u> | <u>esident</u> | Non-Resident |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Youth/Senior | \$55 | \$65 |
| Adult | \$67 | \$75 |
| Family | \$151 | \$170 |
| Extra Person | \$26 | \$36 |
| Babysitter Fee | \$26 | \$36 |

*Family is defined as a maximum of 4 persons (in any combination of adults and children) permanently living in the same household. Additional adults or children permanently living in the same household are subject to "extra person" pricing.

West Carrollton residents are considered as living within city limits, paying city taxes, or having a child attending West Carrollton City Schools.

If you have a current West Carrollton YMCA membership, you will receive a 15% discount on Pool Passes **only**. YMCA discount **DOES NOT** apply to daily admission rates, or the 10-Day Admission Pass.





Regular Season Pool Passes

Youth (4-17) Adult (18-55) Senior (55+)

| | <u>Resident</u> | Non-Resident |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Youth/Senior | \$79 | \$102 |
| Adult | \$90 | \$115 |
| Family | \$180 | \$247 |
| Extra Person | \$26 | \$36 |
| Babysitter Fee | \$26 | \$36 |

Daily Admission Rates

Youth (4-17) Adult (18-55) Senior (55+)

| | <u>Resident</u> | Non-Resident |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Youth/Senior | \$4 | \$6 |
| Adult | \$4.50 | \$7 |

10-Day Admission Passes

Youth (4-17) Adult (18-55) Senior (55+)

| | <u>Resident</u> | Non-Resident |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Youth/Senior | \$36 | \$54 |
| Adult | \$40.50 | \$63 |

Spectator Fee (non-swimmers)

Youth (4-17) Adult (18-55) Senior (55+)

\$2.30 Youth/Senior \$2.80 Adult

After 5pm (Weekdays Only)

Youth (4-17) Adult (18-55) Senior (55+)

Youth/Senior \$2.50 Adult \$3



Summer Swimming Lessons

Ready to Learn How to Swim?

American Red Cross swimming lessons are available for youth ages infant/toddler and up. Registration for all swim lesson sessions must be completed at the pool during pool hours.

Residents: \$35

Non-Residents: \$40

Daytime Classes: Times vary based on the level determined by instructors.

Session 1: Monday-Friday, June 2 - June 13 Session 2: Monday-Friday, June 23 - July 3

(No Class July 4th)

Session 3: Monday-Friday, July 14 - July 25

Evening Classes: Begin at 8 p.m.

Session 1: Monday & Wednesday, June 2 - July 3

Session 2: Monday-Friday, July 14 - 25

Registration must be completed at the pool on May 28-29 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) for Session 1 only.

Sessions 2 & 3: registration can be completed during open hours at the pool.

Call the pool directly at **(937) 859-5334** for swim lesson information and to register. Pool phone is only monitored during open pool hours.

IMPORTANT POOL DATES

May 24 - 26 - Open for Memorial Day weekend

May 27 - 30 - Closed

May 31 - Open for the season

June 12 - Closing at 5:00 p.m. for a swim meet

June 15 - Pops Day (FREE popcorn for dads)

June 17 - Closing at 5:00 p.m. for a swim meet

June 24 - Closing at 5:00 p.m. for a swim meet

July 8 - Closing early to host Miamisburg swim meet

July 12 - Closed for the Championship

August 11-15 - Closed

August 16-17 - Weekend Hours

August 18-22 - Closed

August 23-24 - Weekend Hours

August 25-29 - Closed

August 30-September 1 - Final weekend open

September 1 - Labor Day Pool is open 11-4 p.m. Doggie Dive 5-7 p.m.





| Level | Class Time | <u>Length</u> |
|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Infant/Toddler | 10:30 am | 30 min |
| Preschool | 10:30 am | 30 min |
| Preschool | 11:10 am | 30 min |
| Level 1 | 10:30 am | 30 min |
| Level 1 | 11:10 am | 30 min |
| Level 2 | 9:30 am | 45 min |
| Level 2 | 10:30 am | 45 min |
| Level 3 | 9:30 am | 45 min |
| Level 3 | 10:30 am | 45 min |
| Level 4 | 9:30 am | 45 min |
| Level 5 | 9:30 am | 45 min |
| Level 6 | 9:30 am | 45 min |

WAVES Swim Team

The WAVES Swim team is for youth ages 5-18 who wish to learn or improve their swimming skills in four strokes. WAVES competes with other area teams in the Southern Ohio Swim League. The season runs from the Tuesday

after Memorial Day until mid-July. The prices below include a t-shirt, cap, ribbons and trophies, concession fee, and coaches' pay.

For more information email: swimmingwaves@gmail.com.

1st Child - \$90

2nd Child - \$85

Family Maximum - \$210

WEST CARROLLTON

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Information & Registration:

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



April

Arbor Day Celebration

Easter Celebration - Egg Hunt

May

Bicycle Fun Day

Citywide Garage Sale

Community Pride Day

The Great Paint Escape

June

First Thursday **Drone Show**

July

First Thursday Hot Air Balloon

Blood Drive



Summer Concert

First Thursday

The Great Paint Escape

<u>September</u>

Summer Concert

Doggie Dive

Celebrate Arbor Day

Join us on Arbor Day!

Come out and join us at Wilson Park (where the pool is located) as we celebrate another year. We're calling all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other children who would like to participate to help plant a tree and celebrate National Arbor Day!

Date: Friday, April 25

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Wilson Park Pool Shelter

The Great Paint Escape

Adults 18 and Over

Grab your friends and family and join us for a fun, guided painting experience led by a professional artist! Your fee covers all painting materials, plus delicious beverages, appetizers, and sweet treats. No

experience needed-just come ready to relax, create, and enjoy a great time with the community!

Date: Wednesday, May 21

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: West Carrollton Civic Center,

300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: \$35 per person (Registration ends May 19th)

Bicycle Fun Day

Attention Kids Ages 4-12: Bring Your Bicycles!

Join us for a fun-filled event where you can learn biking skills on our activity course and then test them out on the skills course!

We'll also have a FREE bicycle safety check and repair station, plus free bicycle helmets for all children who participate.

And that's not all! Our Fire and Police Departments will be there with a Touch-A-Truck experience, giving kids a chance to explore their favorite emergency vehicles!

Don't miss out on this exciting and educational event - we can't wait to see you there!

Be sure to check out our events calendar at www.westcarrollton.org for more details!

Date: Saturday, May 3

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Miami & Erie Canal Park, 5457 Marina Dr.

Cost: Free





SPECTACULAR SUMMER OF FUN!

Last summer was so spectacular and memorable that we couldn't help but do it all over again! We're thrilled to announce that some of your favorite events are making a grand return this year.

Join us for an unforgettable Drone Show on June 12 and a breathtaking Hot Air Balloon event on July 12. These incredible displays are free, fun for all ages, and guaranteed to leave you in awe. But that's just the beginning - we haven't even mentioned the concerts yet!

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to each event-watch for updates on our website, newsletter, and social media pages. There's so much more in store this summer, and we can't wait to celebrate with you. Don't forget to pack your essentials: a blanket, water bottles, and chairs to sit back, relax, and enjoy the festivities. Food trucks, live music, and endless

fun await-let's make this another

season to remember!







First Thursdays

Join us for summer family fun! We'll have live music, activities, various vendors, and more! This is a free event; food can be purchased at any of the participating food trucks.

Interested vendors should contact the Parks Department for information:

Email: parks@westcarrollton.org

Phone: 937-859-5182

Date: June 5, July 3, August 7

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Carrollton Centre, 35 N. Elm Street

Cost: Free



West Carrollton Blood Drive

West Carrollton is proud to partner with Versiti to host citywide blood drives throughout 2025. Blood donation is a simple yet powerful way to give back to the community, and we invite all eligible donors to participate in this life-saving effort.

There is always a need for blood donations to support hospitals, emergency care, and patients battling serious illnesses. By donating, you can make a tangible difference in someone's life-perhaps even within your own community.

WEST CARROLLTON

2025 Blood Drive Dates:

- Wednesday, May 7
- Wednesday, July 16
- Wednesday, October 29

Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: West Carrollton Civic Center and Community

Room, 300 E. Central Ave.

Signing up is easy by using the QR code provided or visiting our website at westcarrollton.org, and it ensures a smooth donation process. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged.

Every donation has the potential to save multiple lives. Join us at the West Carrollton Citywide Blood Drives and be a hero in your community. Sign up today and be part of this life-saving mission!

COMMUNITY



Reserve Your Plot in the West **Carrollton Community Garden**

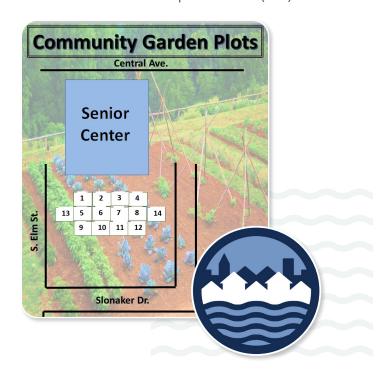
Don't Forget to Reserve Your Plot!

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes the perfect opportunity to cultivate fresh produce, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts. The West Carrollton Community Garden, conveniently located next to the Senior Center at 10 E. Central Ave., is now accepting reservations for the upcoming growing season.

For just \$10 per plot, residents can secure a 4x12-foot space to grow vegetables, flowers, or herbs. The rental fee also includes access to water for irrigation, ensuring that gardeners have the resources they need for a successful season. Plots are available on a first-come. first-served basis, so early reservations are encouraged. Planting will begin on May 11th and will run until October.

"The community garden is a wonderful way for residents to engage in a healthy and rewarding activity while fostering connections with their neighbors," said Christian Mattingly, Parks, and Recreation Director. "It is our goal to provide gardening opportunities for the physical and social benefit of our citizens."

To reserve your plot or for more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182.





Annual Water Report

The City of West Carrollton is committed to providing the community with clean, safe, and reliable drinking water. This Water Quality Report outlines the results of rigorous testing conducted throughout the year to ensure compliance with all state and federal water quality standards. Our goal is to keep you informed about the quality of your water, the sources it comes from, and the steps we take to maintain its safety.

Use the QR code or visit www.westcarrollton.org/ departments/service/water-division/ to review the report and learn

more about our ongoing commitment to water safety and environmental stewardship.



Celebrate Community Pride Day: Unite, Inspire, Thrive!

Nothing brings people together like a shared purpose, and Community Pride Day is the perfect occasion to connect with, contribute to, and celebrate the place we call home! When we take pride in our community, we create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for everyone. Helping a neighbor in need or beautifying a shared space not only strengthens our city but also fosters a spirit of kindness and unity that lasts far beyond the event.

Volunteers, city staff, and members of the City Beautiful Commission will join forces to clean up different areas around our city. We will also assist residents who need help weeding and clearing debris from their yards.

Where to Meet: 300 E. Central Ave. West Carrollton

Time: 9 a.m. (for assignment distribution)

Date: Saturday, May 17

We will have gardening gloves and tools available, but if you have your own, feel free to bring them along! Plus, each volunteer will receive a free T-shirt while supplies last!

Want to be part of the action?

To volunteer or request assistance, contact Parks & Recreation at alaforce@westcarrollton.org or (937) 859-5182.



Volunteers & City Beautiful Commission Members



Council member Rick Dobson

Tax Season: Skip the **Line. File Online!**

File your West Carrollton local taxes from the comfort of your home with our Online Tax Tool. Our upgraded online filing



system makes it even easier to file your city taxes around your busy schedule. To use our Online Tax Tool, you will need your social security number, address, and the ability to upload tax documents to the system. If you have questions about accessing your online tax account, please contact our office at 937-859-8288 or taxinfo@ westcarrollton.org.

Tax Time Made Easy: Choose Your Filing Method!

Want to file in person?

Our staff is happy to help you complete your city tax paperwork 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 only to City of West Carrollton tax returns, not federal or state filings. Extended office hours will be held on Monday, April 14th, and Tuesday, April 15th, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ready to file your return?

We have options to fit your busy schedule.

- **1. Online Filing:** File your local income taxes conveniently online! Visit www.westcarrollton. org and navigate to the Income Tax page, where you'll find the Online Tax Tool and tax payment portal.
- 2. In-Person Drop-Off: Use the secure drop box at the Civic Center's utility window. Just put all of your paperwork in a sealed envelope labeled "Taxes," 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 c/o Income Tax Department 300 E. Central Ave. West Carrollton, OH 45449

2024 West Carrollton Tax Returns Due April 15: All tax returns and payments must be postmarked or received by April 15th to avoid potential penalties. If you need to file an extension, please remember that an extension only extends the time to file and does not extend the April 15th payment deadline. All West Carrollton residents aged 18 and over must file a city income tax return whether or not they owe city taxes. For more information to our most common tax questions, please visit the Income Tax department's page at www.westcarrollton.org.

Our community thrives when we all work together to promote public health and safety. The outdoor feeding ordinance helps prevent the unintended attraction of stray and wild animals by regulating outdoor feeding. While you're welcome to feed your own pets and birds on your property, it's important to do so responsibly to avoid drawing animals from public spaces or neighboring homes.

To keep both people and pets safe, outdoor feeding should only take place during daylight hours in the presence of the owner. This simple step helps reduce the risk of interactions between domestic and wild animals, lowering the chances of disease transmission, including rabies. By following these guidelines, we can all contribute to a safer, healthier neighborhood for everyone-both two-legged and four-legged alike!

§ 90.14 OUTDOOR FEEDING PROHIBITED.

(A) No person shall knowingly or recklessly leave food or any other type of feed outdoors so to attract animals running at large or wild animals. The feeding of one's own animal(s) or birds on their premises shall be the exception so long as the feed does not attract animals whether running at large or wild from public property, public ways or private property not owned by the feeding person. The feeding of one's own animals shall take place during daylight hours only so to minimize the potential risk of rabies exposure between domestic-wild animals.

It shall be prima facie evidence of willful violation of this section if a person shall knowingly or recklessly:

- (1) Leave food or any other type of feed outdoors after daylight hours; or
- (2) Leave food or any other type of feed outdoors unattended not in the presence of the owner's animal; or
- (3) Allow animals running at large, stray or wild animals to feed on one's own property.
- (B) Whoever violates this section as a first-time offender is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (C) Whoever violates any provision of this section in a second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a fourthdegree misdemeanor.

(Ord. 3533. Passed 10-8-13.)



Read 1,000 Books With Your Child **Before They Start** Kindergarten!



That may seem like a significant number, but you'll be surprised how quickly the stories add up. Reading a few books before bedtime, reading books at the library and school, listening to audiobooks or Dial-a-Story, even reading that same favorite book over and over, they all count, and you'll be reaching milestones before you know it! Register for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge in Beanstack (via the QR code, online or in person at any branch) and start

reading! Track your progress with a paper tracker, the Beanstack app, or online. To help you get started, Dayton Metro Library is offering

(250, 500, 750, and 1,000 books). Prizes can be picked up at any Dayton Metro Library branch.



Upcoming Library Fun

- Join us for a Tower of Peeps STEM Challenge or a creative diorama on April 8th, 9th, and 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Calling all bored teens! Bring your friends and try a new board game on April 24th from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Browse our new circulating board game collection to check out for family fun at home!
- The Kindergarten Club will return on Friday morn-July 25th. Rising kindergarteners (with their caregivers) will have plenty of opportunities to develop and practice the skills they'll need to be successful in kindergarten! Plus, they will get a bag with early learning materials for home.
- Please join us to Color Our World with a summer full of programs and activities for all ages! From May 31st through July 31st, read, have fun, learn something new, and win prizes. More details are coming
- Adults, would you like to broaden your social circle and discuss interesting books? Our Monthly Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of every month and is happy to welcome new readers.

EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF THE WEST CARROLLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reflecting on the history of West Carrollton provides a glimpse into the evolution of the West Carrollton School District and some interesting facts along the way.

Did you know that Harold Schnell Elementary was originally named Valley Hills? Or that a rabbit named Thumper once lived in the courtyard of Harry Russell Elementary? In the late 1970s, the district operated on a year-round schedule to accommodate a growing student population without needing a new school. The current Middle School, which now serves grades seven and eight, was previously called the Junior High School and included grades seven through nine. Additionally, a family of turtles has occupied the Middle School courtyard for over 30 years.

Changes continue as construction progresses on the new West Carrollton Elementary School on Main Street, which will open for the 2025-26 school year, welcoming students in grades two through four.

Meanwhile, construction of the new West. Carrollton Middle/ High School campus is underway behind the current High School. This facility is scheduled to open for the 2026-27 school year and will serve students in grades seven through



Throughout the years, thousands of students have graduated from West Carrollton, with many continuing to live and work in the community. No matter where they go, Pirate Pride remains a lasting part of their journey. Once a Pirate, always a Pirate!

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL



West Carrollton's City Council is dedicated to serving the community and working toward its continued growth and success. Council members strive to make informed decisions that reflect the needs and interests of residents.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, we encourage you to reach out. Use the QR code or visit our website www.westcarrollton.org/departments/city-council/city-council-members/ to access contact information and connect with your council members. Your voice matters, and together, we can make a difference!



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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

April 15: Tax Day

April 18: Good Friday - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay

April 19: Easter Celebration - Egg Hunt

April 25: Arbor Day

April 29: Happy Anniversary, West Carrollton!

May 3: Citywide Garage Sale

May 3: Bicycle Fun Day

May 5-9: Bulk Trash and Large Item Pick-Up

May 7: City Blood Drive

May 17: Community Pride Day May 21: Great Paint Escape

May 24-26: Wilson Park Pool opens for Memorial Day Weekend May 26: City Offices Closed - Memorial Day - No Trash Delay

May 31: Wilson Park Pool opens for the season

June 5: First Thursday June 12: Drone Show June 15: Father's Day

June 19: City Offices Closed - Juneteenth - No Trash Delay

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 Jeremy Safranic, (937) 219-1433

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.

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