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# CITY NEWS

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**Hot Air Balloon Glow with  
Spungewurthy & Arctic Clam**  
Saturday, July 12 | 6-10 pm  
1 S. Elm St., across from the Fire Station #56





# IN YOUR CITY



## A Summer to Remember: Music, Balloons, and Community Spirit Light Up the Season

West Carrollton is gearing up for an unforgettable summer with a full lineup of free community events that offer something for everyone. From the awe-inspiring glow of hot air balloons to the high energy of live concerts with a show-stopping pyrotechnics finale, residents and visitors alike are invited to enjoy the best of small-town charm and all at no cost.

Back by popular demand for a second year, the Hot Air Balloon Glow returns on July 12 from 5:30 to 10 p.m., this unique evening offers more than just a beautiful visual spectacle; it's about interaction, connection, and wonder. Guests will have the rare opportunity to meet the balloonists, step inside the balloon baskets, and capture memorable photos alongside these vibrant giants before they illuminate the night sky in a stunning synchronized glow.



In addition to the balloons, the evening will feature live music from a local favorite band, Spungewurthy, followed by the fierce sounds of Arctic Clam, sure to get the crowd moving. Attendees can enjoy delicious eats from local food trucks starting at 5:30 p.m., with beverage sales provided by the West Carrollton Band Boosters, a great way to support local students!

Next up is the return of a community favorite on Thursday, August 21, as the Summer Concert Series welcomes The Menus to the stage. The Menus deliver a show like no other. The event runs from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., with food trucks opening at 6:30 and the band playing from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The summer season concludes in spectacular fashion on Saturday, September 20, with Rockin' the Railroad, a high-powered event featuring Marshall Charloff and The Purple xPerIENCE, a Prince tribute band, and an unforgettable pyrotechnics show. The evening begins with food trucks opening at 5:30 p.m., followed by an opening band, then the electric stylings of the Prince Tribute band. As the music winds down, the sky will light up with a dazzling pyrotechnics display, capping off the summer with a bang and celebrating everything that makes West Carrollton a great place to live, work, and play.

All events are held at **1 S. Elm Street**, directly across from the fire station, and offer free parking and a welcoming atmosphere for all ages. Whether you're a longtime resident or visiting for the first time, West Carrollton invites you to join in the celebration and make lasting summer memories in the heart of the community.

## Home Improvement Help: Free Paint, Supplies, & Siding Assistance

Take advantage of free paint and supplies or siding to spruce up your home. City Council has again approved funds to assist homeowners who have limited resources. The following requirements must be met:



- The property must be owner-occupied.
- Income cannot exceed 80 percent of the federal median family income standards.
- Approval of homes and garages will be based on a visual inspection by city inspectors.
- Residents must sign a waiver, accepting any risk involved in the removal of lead-based paint from their homes, and which releases the city from any liability.
- Homes must be painted within 30 days following receipt of paint and supplies.

Each approved residence is eligible for up to \$500 worth of paint and supplies or 10% of the cost of siding up to \$1,000. Approved homeowners will be awarded a voucher that can be redeemed at a local paint store. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Planning and Community Development Department at (937) 859-5783 for more information. *(Funds are limited)*

# Keep West Carrollton Beautiful: Tree & Lawn Maintenance Reminders

As spring arrives and everything starts to grow again, it's a great time to spruce up your yard—and help keep West Carrollton safe and beautiful.

## Trim Those Trees

Did you know tree branches need to be at least 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above streets and alleys? Low-hanging branches can create safety hazards for pedestrians, drivers, school buses, and emergency vehicles. Be sure to check your trees and trim any overhanging limbs!

## Mow Regularly

City ordinance requires that grass and weeds stay under 8 inches tall. Regular mowing not only keeps your property looking great but also helps prevent potential violations. Each year, a notice is published in the newspaper as a reminder. After this notice, the City is permitted by law to mow properties that don't meet requirements and bill the cost to the property owner.

We understand there may be special circumstances, and we're here to help. If you have questions, please contact the Planning & Community Development Department at (937) 859-5783.



# Rumpke Hefty® ReNew™ Program

West Carrollton residents can recycle hard-to-recycle plastics through the Rumpke Hefty® ReNew™ program.

**Hefty® ReNew™**  
PROGRAM FOR HARD-TO-RECYCLE PLASTICS

**PROGRAM COMPLEMENTS EXISTING RECYCLING ROUTINE**

a partnership with **RUMPKES**

This program collects plastics that can't be recycled traditionally, right at your curb, and turns them into valued resources.

**OVER 2500 tons collected!**

**38 Bags = 1 Park Bench\***

\*Based on average weight of materials collected per Hefty bag. Does not include other materials or plastics in recycled content. Recycled materials may vary by geography and could include items like yard furniture, lumber and storage materials. See [www.heftyrenew.com](https://www.heftyrenew.com) for more info on program.

†Since program inception through October 2023

## What Goes in the Orange Bag?

KITCHEN PANTRY	STORAGE & CLEANING	OFFICE & SHIPPING	DINING & EATING
Chip bags* Dry mix boxes (cake, powder, cereal & cookies) Candy wrappers & granola wrappers* Foam egg cartons Salad & cheese bags Produce/vegetable bags <small>*No full lining</small>	Food storage bags Plastic wraps on paper towels and toilet paper Dry/wet disposable cleaning cloths Plastic grocery bags	Bubble wrap & pillow packs Foam peanuts Foam block packaging Clear plastic overwrap	Foam to-go boxes, cups, plates & bowls Plastic straws & stirrers Plastic utensils Plastic plates & bowls

The following items **ARE NOT** accepted in the orange bags:

- NO batteries or electronics
- NO liquid or flammable
- NO paint, oil, or grease
- NO tires, floor or PVC
- NO plastic bottles, tubs or PET or containers
- NO paper cartons or boxes
- NO medical products or hazardous waste
- NO hoses, tubes or rope
- NO full, full lining or aluminum

# Plaza Of Fame - Charlie Gau

The City of West Carrollton is proud to announce Charlie Gau as the 2024 Plaza of Fame winner, honoring his extraordinary dedication, compassion, and lifelong commitment to making our community a better place.



Charlie truly embodies the spirit of a West Carrollton Plaza of Fame citizen. Known affectionately by kids and families as “Mr. Charlie,” he has spent years repairing used bicycles, purchasing parts out of his pocket to make them safe and rideable. Through his tireless efforts, Charlie has given away hundreds of bicycles to children who might not otherwise have one, bringing joy and independence to countless young lives. His generosity was highlighted in a 2021 *Dayton Daily News* article and continues to inspire everyone who meets him.

Charlie is a regular volunteer at the annual Bicycle Fun Day, ensuring that every child has a safe and working bike to enjoy. His contributions don't stop there. Charlie volunteers weekly with “Planting Seeds,” a nonprofit organization providing essential furniture to families in need. Thanks to Charlie's efforts, many West Carrollton residents now have beds, tables, and other household items they couldn't afford.

Charlie also goes above and beyond to support families struggling with food insecurity, making sure no one in our community goes hungry.

In addition to his many volunteer activities, Charlie has served faithfully on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for many years, contributing his knowledge and insight to the city's development efforts.

At 81 years old, Charlie remains an active, caring, and generous member of the community. We are truly grateful for his decades of service, his unwavering compassion, and his dedication to lifting others up. Please join us in congratulating Charlie Gau on this well-deserved honor as the 2024 West Carrollton Plaza of Fame inductee. Thank you, Charlie, for all you have done and continue to do for West Carrollton!

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

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# 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!



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## First Thursday Street Fair - July 3

### 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 participate as a vendor or food truck, contact Angela Reed at [areed@westcarrollton.org](mailto:areed@westcarrollton.org) or 937-847-4635 for more information.

**Date:** July 3, August 7

**Time:** 5 pm – 8 pm

**Location:** Carrollton Centre, 35 N. Elm Street

**Cost:** Bring money for food trucks and vendors



## Splash of Creativity at Wilson Park Pool

Get ready to splash, create, and have a blast! Join us for Splash of Creativity, where art meets poolside fun. Come make a splash and take home your one-of-a-kind creation, a customized, cool sun visor or snap bracelet made with permanent markers, perfect for sunny pool days!



**Date:** July 15

**Location:** Wilson Park Pool

**Time:** Noon – 2 pm

**Cost:** \$2 per person (in addition to your pool admission)

## 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:** September 1

**Location:** Wilson Park Pool

**Time:** 5 pm – 7 pm

**Cost:** \$5 per family

## 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. West Carrollton Nazarene Church and West Carrollton Parks and Recreation sponsor the event.

**Date:** July 25, August 29

**Time:** 8 pm – 11 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park, 350 Wilson Park Dr.

**Cost:** Free



## Donate Life - City Blood Drive

The city is pairing with Versiti to host a Citywide Blood Drive this year. Use the QR code to register to donate blood and save a life.

**Date:** July 16

**Location:** West Carrollton Civic Center and Community Room, 300 E. Central Ave

**Time:** Noon – 4 pm



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## Great Paint Escape

Join us for a fun and inspiring evening of painting! This event is all about creativity, connection, and enjoying a relaxed night out with friends or neighbors.

The class fee includes all painting materials, as well as beverages, appetizers, and sweet treats—everything you need for a memorable and enjoyable experience. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced painter, you're sure to have a great time.

**Date:** August 20

**Time:** 6 pm – 8 pm

**Cost:** \$35 per person/event (Registration ends on Aug 18)

**Location:** West Carrollton Senior Center, 10 E Central Ave.





# HOT AIR BALLOON GLOW

This isn't just a glow—it's a full evening of community magic!

The West Carrollton Hot Air Balloon Glow invites you to get up close and personal with colorful, larger-than-life hot air balloons. Families will love the opportunity to chat with balloonists, snap photos inside the baskets, and watch these beautiful giants light up the night sky in a dazzling synchronized glow. It's a one-of-a-kind experience you won't find anywhere else in the region.

Food trucks begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

*Live Music Lineup:*

- **Opening Band:** Spungewurthy
- **Headliner:** Arctic Clam – bringing high-energy music to keep the crowd dancing all evening.

**Date:** Saturday, July 12th

**Location:** 1 S. Elm St.

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm



**SUMMER FUN!**

## Summer Concert Series – The Menus

Back by popular demand, The Menus are ready to rock West Carrollton with their signature showmanship, crowd interaction, and energetic performance style. Known for their fun, unpredictable sets and musical talent, The Menus promise a night to remember.



Food trucks will open at **6:30 p.m.**

Band plays from **7:00–9:00 p.m.**

**Date:** Thursday, August 21st **Time:** 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

## Rockin' the Railroad Prince Tribute Band - The Purple xPeRieNCE



We're closing out the summer with a bang—literally! Join us for Rockin' the Railroad, featuring a high-energy Prince tribute band followed by a thrilling pyrotechnics show that will light up the sky and celebrate the community in style.

Food trucks open at 5:30 p.m.

*Live Music Lineup:*

- **Opening Band:** Trapper Keepers
- **Headliner:** The Purple xPeRieNCE – performing the iconic hits you know and love. A pyrotechnics show to follow immediately after the concert.

**Date:** Saturday, September 20th

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

**Location:** 1 S. Elm St

# COMMUNITY

## Volunteers Needed: Get Involved!

Looking for a meaningful way to give back, meet new people, and make a positive impact in West Carrollton? Volunteering is a rewarding way to connect with the community!

If you're interested in lending a hand at local events, assisting with Parks & Recreation activities, or supporting city programs, there are many opportunities available. If you'd like to learn more contact, Events Coordinator Angela Reed at (937)-847-4635 or email her at [areed@westcarrollton.org](mailto:areed@westcarrollton.org).



## A New School Year, A New Beginning!

Exciting progress is taking place in the West Carrollton City School District, with the upcoming opening of a new educational facility this fall. When the 2025–2026 school year begins on August 20, the brand-new West Carrollton Elementary School will open its doors to students in grades 2 through 4. This marks a key milestone in a broader facilities improvement plan initiated by the district following the successful passage of the November 2019 Building Bond Issue. The project is made possible through a cost-sharing partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), in which the State of Ohio funds 81% of the co-funded construction costs, and the local community contributes the remaining 19%.

The district's phased construction approach is helping to modernize school infrastructure while improving efficiency and educational opportunities for students:

- **Phase One** included construction of the Early Childhood Center (serving preschool through first grade) and the Intermediate School (for fifth and sixth grades), both of which opened during the 2022–2023 school year.
- **Phase Two** includes the new West Carrollton Elementary (opening August 2025) and the future West Carrollton Middle/High School, which is expected to open during the 2026–2027 school year.

According to an independent study conducted by the OFCC, building new facilities was determined to be a more cost-effective long-term solution than repairing and maintaining the existing aging structures. The result will be modern, efficient learning environments designed to support current and future generations of West Carrollton students. The City commends the collaboration between the district, the state, and residents that is helping shape a bright future for education in the city.



## Nominate 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, and the Commission will pick from those nominations. A winner will be decided once a week throughout the summer (12 weeks). 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 and Recreation Director Christian Mattingly at [cmattingly@westcarrollton.org](mailto:cmattingly@westcarrollton.org) or call (937) 847-4660.



## West Carrollton Library News & Events 2025



### Interlibrary Loan Service Disruption

Due to upgrades, OhioLink will be unavailable 5/24–10/27, and SearchOhio will be offline 8/2–10/27. During this time, OCLC WorldShare requests will be limited to 5 per account, and only from Ohio libraries. Questions? Stop by the branch or visit: [daytonmetrolibrary.org/forms/ill](https://daytonmetrolibrary.org/forms/ill).

### Tiny Stacks Concert: Freakquency

Don't miss Freakquency, Dayton's funk fusion powerhouse and 2024 Battle of the Bands winner, Thursday, August 21, at 6:00 PM at the West Carrollton Library! More info: [daytonmetrolibrary.org/TinyStacks](https://daytonmetrolibrary.org/TinyStacks)



### Disaster Prep Workshop

Learn to prepare for tornadoes, fires, outages & more with Fire Chief Chris Barnett & team. Monday, July 21 | 6:30–8:00 PM

### Smart Shopping with Consumer Reports

Access **Consumer Reports** free with your library card to research the best appliances and home products! [daytonmetrolibrary.org/resources/research](https://daytonmetrolibrary.org/resources/research)

### Teen Summer Craft Series

Creative fun every Thursday, 3:00–4:30 PM | June 5 – Aug 2. Projects include: Tie-Dye, Shrinky Dinks, Slime Squad, Paint & Chat, Locker Magnets & more!

For calendars and more events, visit us or check [daytonmetrolibrary.org](https://daytonmetrolibrary.org).



## Community Services

Board of Elections.....	937-225-5656
Bogg Food Ministry.....	937-435-6181
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 Program...	937-859-7974

## Youth Sports Contacts

### 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



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>July 3:</b>	First Thursday Street Fair
<b>July 4:</b>	City offices closed in observance of Independence Day (No Trash Delay)
<b>July 7- 11:</b>	Bulk Trash/Large Item Pickup
<b>July 11:</b>	Foam Frenzy
<b>July 12:</b>	Hot Air Balloon Glow & bands Spungewurthy and Arctic Clam
<b>July 15:</b>	Splash of Creativity at Wilson Park Pool
<b>July 16:</b>	City Blood Drive
<b>July 25:</b>	Family Movie Night
<b>Aug 7:</b>	First Thursday Street Fair
<b>Aug 15:</b>	Foam Frenzy
<b>Aug 20:</b>	The Great Paint Escape
<b>Aug 21:</b>	Summer Concert Series – The Menus Band
<b>Aug 29:</b>	Family Movie Night
<b>Aug 30- Sept 1:</b>	Final Weekend Wilson Pool Open, Doggie Dive
<b>Sept 1:</b>	City offices closed in observance of Labor Day (No Trash Delay)
<b>Sept 15:</b>	Estimated Tax Payments Due
<b>Sept 20:</b>	Rockin' the Railroad – The Purple xPeRleNCE & Pyrotechnics Show

## 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.

## WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL



Mayor  
Rick Barnhart

Deputy Mayor  
Angie Fryman

Jill  
Tomlin

Rick  
Dobson

Keith  
Tilton

Mike  
Boyle

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 to access contact information and connect with your council members. Your voice matters, and together, we can make a difference!



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