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Saturday, February 28 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Civic Center Community Room, 300 E. Central Ave.



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IN YOUR CITY

City Launches Community Survey to Guide Future Planning for Wilson Park Pool

The City of West Carrollton is seeking resident input as it begins the early stages of evaluating potential improvements at Wilson Park Pool. The Park's Department is conducting a survey that is an important first step in understanding how the community uses the pool and what residents value most.

Wilson Park Pool has long served as a gathering place for families and neighbors during the summer months. As the City reviews long-term needs and future planning considerations, leaders want to ensure the community plays a central role in shaping any updates that may be explored.

Residents are encouraged to complete a brief online survey using the QR code provided or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2FHRVWX>. The survey asks about current pool use, desired amenities, and overall impressions of the facility. Responses will help the city identify priorities and determine which options warrant further study.

Information gathered through the survey will guide next steps and help ensure that any future recommendations align with community expectations and fiscal responsibility.

Residents are urged to participate and share their perspectives. Community involvement at this stage is essential to creating a thoughtful and informed plan for the future of Wilson Park Pool.



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Fireplace Safety: Annual Maintenance is the Key to Preventing Winter Hazards

As temperatures drop, many residents turn to their fireplaces for warmth and comfort. Local safety officials are reminding homeowners that regular fireplace maintenance is essential to preventing avoidable winter hazards.



According to industry guidelines, chimneys should be cleaned each year to remove creosote, which is a highly flammable residue that can lead to chimney fires if left unchecked. Routine inspections also help identify structural issues since chimneys and liners can deteriorate over time.

Homeowners who plan to replace a chimney liner are required to contact the City's Building Inspection Department at (937) 859-5184. A permit and inspection during installation ensure that the liner is installed correctly and that it meets the required clearances from combustible materials.

Protecting Our Waterways: Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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 graphic to discover ways you can help prevent stormwater pollution and keep our water clean!

Helpful Reminder: Flood Assistance Resources

The City of West Carrollton wants to ensure that residents are aware of county assistance programs that may be available if a household ever experiences significant flooding issues. These resources can be useful to keep in mind.

Residents may be eligible for help with: essential home repairs or cleanup, temporary housing needs, replacement of important personal items, and general safety or habitability concerns

Being familiar with available resources ahead of time helps residents access support more easily if unexpected situations arise. It also helps county and state agencies better understand community needs when residents submit information through the proper channels.

Where to Learn More

Montgomery County provides a simple online Damage Assessment Form at www.mcoho.org. Keeping this link handy ensures you know where to start should you ever need to report water-related impacts.

For general questions, residents can always contact the City of West Carrollton at 937-859-8280.

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.



RESOLVE TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS THIS NEW YEAR

As we welcome in the new year, let's make protecting ourselves against scams a top priority. Ring in 2026 with some smart resolutions to protect your personal information!

Safeguard your social media profiles: Take some time to review the privacy settings on your social media platforms and limit the amount of personal information you share publicly.

Fraudsters may use your social media posts to personalize scams or get access to your accounts without your permission.

Be savvy with QR codes: Quick Response codes, better known as QR codes, are becoming increasingly popular. The scannable codes are commonly used to share links to websites, view restaurant menus, pay for public parking and make other mobile payments, and retrieve digital tickets and boarding passes.

Scammers have noticed the increase in QR codes! They are placing fake QR codes on top of legitimate codes or creating fake QR codes on social media ads to get access to your personal information. If a QR code looks odd or altered, do not scan it.



Use strong passwords and passkeys: Create strong, unique passwords that use numbers, upper and lowercase letters, and special characters. Avoid passwords that are easy to guess, like birthdays/names.

Consider using a password manager to generate unique passwords and securely store them for each of your online accounts. Try using passkeys when they're available. Passkeys – including face scans or fingerprints – allow you to sign in to websites and accounts without a username or password. They are more secure than passwords, faster to use, and resistant to phishing attacks over the phone, email, and social media.

Think before sharing personal information: Phishing is one of the main ways that scammers attempt to trick people into providing personal information. Pay close attention to emails or messages asking for your username, password, or other details about yourself.

Scammers pretend to be from familiar organizations to gain your trust. Be wary of unsolicited calls or emails that claim to be from government agencies, financial institutions, or other trusted companies.

Stay informed of the latest scam trends. Fraudsters continue to change their tricks. Stay informed by:

- Following reliable news sources.
- Subscribing to scam alert resources, such as www.fraud.org and www.consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts.

NEW POLICE CHIEF AND DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED



Chief David Wessling

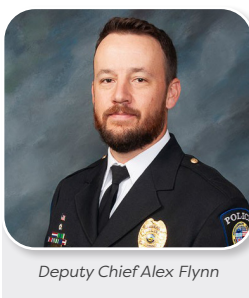
On September 9, 2025, David Wessling was sworn in as the newest Chief of Police for the department, succeeding Chief Doug Woodard, who retired in March 2025. Chief Wessling began his career with the West Carrollton Police Department in February 2001 as a patrol officer. He then advanced through various roles, including road patrol sergeant, administrative services sergeant, and most recently, deputy chief.

Prior to his tenure at West Carrollton, Chief Wessling served as a Military Police officer in the United States Army and worked as a patrol officer for Jackson Township in western Montgomery County.

Chief Wessling holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Ohio University. He is also a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College, a Certified Law Enforcement Executive, and an alumnus of the FBI National Academy.

According to City Manager Amber Holloway, "David Wessling's career reflects the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and service."

"It is an honor to serve the city of West Carrollton as Chief of Police," Wessling said in a statement. "I am proud of the dedication of our department to this city, and I look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships with our residents, businesses, and community leaders as we work together to ensure West Carrollton remains a safe and welcoming place to live, work, and visit."



Deputy Chief Alex Flynn

November 11, 2025, Sergeant Alex Flynn was officially sworn in as the new Deputy Chief of Police.

Sergeant Flynn has been a valued member of the West Carrollton Police Department since June 2012. Prior to his tenure with the department, he served four years in the United States Air Force as a Security Forces

Specialist. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the American Military University and is a graduate of the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC); is a Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE).

Throughout his career, Sergeant Flynn has taken on various roles, including road patrol officer, detective, and patrol sergeant.

Upon his appointment, Deputy Chief Flynn expressed his gratitude for the support he received throughout the selection process. He emphasized that the department is comprised of an exceptional team, which he believes is the most rewarding aspect of his role. He is eager to continue collaborating with his colleagues in this new capacity and is committed to maintaining positive momentum as the department moves forward.

Breakfast at Station 56:
A Morning to Remember!

A Behind-the-Scenes Experience for Local Students

Three West Carrollton Elementary students – Zaylee Caldwell, Macy Jones, and Madalynn Brown – recently spent a memorable morning at Fire Station 56 after winning a coloring contest hosted by the West Carrollton Fire Department.



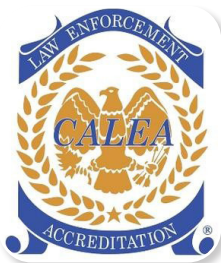
The students joined firefighters for breakfast in the station’s living quarters, where they learned what daily life is like for those who serve the community. After breakfast, they helped with morning equipment checks and explored the gear that helps keep West Carrollton safe.



The visit ended with an experience they will never forget. The students rode to school in a fire engine alongside the crew, waving to classmates and neighbors along the way. It was a morning full of smiles, excitement, and community pride.

Maintaining Excellence: Police Department
Advances in CALEA Re-Accreditation

At the end of 2025, the police department completed year 4 of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) process, which culminated in an on-site assessment. CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement’s major executive associations. The CALEA Accreditation program seals are reserved for use by those public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with CALEA Standards and have been awarded CALEA Accreditation by the Commission. The CALEA assessor reviewed 169 total standards, along with numerous sub-standards, finding all to be in compliance. Chief Wessling and Sgt. Biggs will go before the CALEA Commission board in March 2026 for a final review to complete the re-accreditation process. The West Carrollton Police Department has been accredited through CALEA since 1992.



Welcome, Medic 56!

In October, the West Carrollton Fire Department welcomed Medic 56 into service, officially retiring an ambulance that had faithfully served the community for nearly two decades. The new unit represents a forward-looking investment in both patient care and responder safety. Medic 56 provides expanded space to better support patient treatment and is equipped with advanced safety technology, including airbags that deploy from the ambulance walls and integrated harness systems designed to protect occupants during a crash. This innovative system helps secure responders’ heads and spines, setting a higher standard for safety in emergency medical response. The department marked the arrival of Medic 56 with a traditional push-in ceremony, a long-standing fire service custom that honors new apparatus entering service. Through investments like this, the West Carrollton Fire Department continues its commitment to delivering reliable, high-quality emergency care to the community. We are grateful to our taxpayers for making this purchase possible and for supporting our mission to protect residents, families, and businesses throughout West Carrollton.



Honoring Our Dedicated Staff: 2025
Milestone Anniversaries

We are deeply grateful to our exceptional staff, whose dedication enables us to provide quality services to our residents. In 2025, eight 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 steadfast service to our community.



Anthony Asencio	Fire Dept.	5 years
Tiffany Osburn	Police Dept.	10 years
Christine Tatol	Police Dept.	10 years
Tracy Moore	City Mgr. Office	20 years
Michael Hanks	Police Dept.	25 years
Billy Branham	Service Dept.	30 years
Ron Crabtree	Parks & Rec Dept.	35 years
Mark Allison	Police Dept.	45 years

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!



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Neurographic

Watercolor Experience

Join us for a relaxing and creative evening, led by talented local artist Matthew Burgy. This hands-on workshop invites you to explore the calming and colorful world of neurographic art, a simple yet powerful way to unwind, express yourself, and connect with others. No experience is needed! Matthew, who has taught at both the Dayton Art Institute and the University of Dayton, will guide participants through a fun, step-by-step process using watercolors, oil pastels, and more.

Enjoy a welcoming atmosphere with light refreshments and great company while you create something truly unique.

Session Options (Participants must select one session. Both sessions offer the same experience.)

- **Session A:** 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Session B:** 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Date: January 14

Cost: \$36 per person

Ages: 18+

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

Sweet Creations:

Valentine Cookie Decorating

Join us for a sweet and creative evening just in time for Valentine's Day! During this hands-on class, you'll learn step-by-step royal icing techniques to decorate six delicious sugar cookies. With guided demonstrations and sample designs for inspiration, you'll gain the confidence to create beautiful (and tasty!) Valentine treats. Whether you come solo, with a friend, or as a family, this class is a fun way to connect, learn, and celebrate the season of love in our community.



Ages: 13+

Date: Wednesday, February 11

Cost: \$30 per person

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

For the Birds

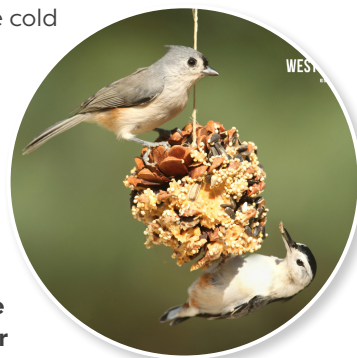
Did you know February is National Bird Feeding Month? It's the perfect time to help wild birds thrive through the cold winter by providing food, water, and shelter. Join us for a bird-tastic family event where you'll create unique bird feeders, support our feathered friends, and enjoy an afternoon of community fun together. **Please note: This craft involves the use of peanut butter. We encourage families to take caution if you or your child has a nut allergy.**

Date: Saturday, Feb 28

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Civic Center Community Room, 300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free (**Registration required by Feb 25th**)



Mario Kart Teen Tournament

Get ready to rev your engines and celebrate Mario Day (MAR10) with an action-packed Mario Kart Tournament! Open to students in grades 7–12, this free after-school event is your chance to race, cheer, and have a blast with friends. Enjoy free pizza, friendly competition, and prizes for our top racers during the Winner's Circle celebration! Whether you're hitting the track or cheering from the sidelines, you won't want to miss it!

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Time: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Library Community Room, 300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free



2026 Dog License Renewal

Get Your Dog Tags!

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. **Online:** Apply or renew at www.mcoho.org/dogs/
2. **Mail:** Print an application and mail it with a check
3. **In-Person:** Purchase tags at the West Carrollton Civic Center on:
 - Sunday, January 4th, 1-4p
 - Wednesday, January 14th, 4-7p
 - Sunday, January 18th, 1-4p
 - Wednesday, January 28th, 3-6p

License Fees:

- \$20 for all spayed/neutered dogs and dogs 9 months or younger
- \$24 for all unsplayed/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)
- Check
- Credit card (2.4% service fee applies)



Free Holiday Tree & Large Item Pickup



Take advantage of the City of West Carrollton's first FREE large item/bulk trash pick-up of the year from January 5-9 on your regular trash collection day. The city will also collect cut Christmas trees; please remove all lights, tinsel, and decorations, and do not place trees in bags. For more information or questions, contact waterclerk@westcarrollton.org.

Items Not Accepted:

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

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 (3ft long, 18in in diameter).
- **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.

Outside of Free Pickup Dates: A fee of \$25 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.



Reserve a Park Shelter for 2026

Your Perfect Park Gathering Starts Here

City Park shelters are available to reserve for use between May 25 and September 7, 2026. 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 include picnic tables, and leash laws apply to all dogs in the parks. Shelter amenities vary by 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.



Honor a Loved One with a Memorial Park Bench

Purchasing a memorial park bench is a meaningful way to celebrate the memory of someone special. Benches can be placed in select areas throughout West Carrollton's parks, offering a lasting tribute enjoyed by the community. Prices range from \$700 to \$1,100, depending on the style. For details or to begin your order, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182.



Tax Season is Approaching!

As we approach tax season, the City of West Carrollton wants to help make the filing process as smooth as possible for residents. Filing early can help you avoid long lines and stress, and 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 only to City of West Carrollton tax returns, not federal or state filings.



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Options to Submit Your Tax Return

1. **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.
2. **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*
3. **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.

Important Deadlines and Requirements:

Mark your calendars—April 15, 2026, 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.

To avoid last-minute stress, consider filing early and letting our tax team assist if needed. The city's website provides more 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!



Meet Your City Council Members



Mayor Rick Barnhart
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Current term ends: 12/31/2027



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Current term ends: 12/31/2027



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Current term ends: 12/31/2029



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Current term ends: 12/31/2029



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Current term ends: 12/31/2029



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Jan 1: | New Year's Day, City Offices Closed |
| Jan 4: | Dog Licenses on Sale |
| Jan 5-9: | Tree & Large Item Pickup |
| Jan 14: | Neurographic Watercolor Experience |
| Jan 14 & 18: | Dog Licenses on Sale |
| Jan 21: | Citywide Blood Drive |
| Jan 28: | Dog Licenses on Sale |
| Feb 11: | Sweet Creations: Valentine Cookie Decorating |
| Feb 16: | Presidents' Day – City Offices Closed |
| Feb 28: | For the Birds |
| Mar 8: | Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| Mar 10: | Mario Kart Teen Tournament |

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.

Community Services

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| Bogg Food Ministry..... | 937-435-6181 |
| Bureau of Motor Vehicles..... | 937-866-9511 |
| Harvest Food Pantry..... | 937-269-4439 |
| 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 |

