



**WEST  
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# CITY NEWS

*Events, Updates, and Community Information*



**Hot Air Balloon Glow Featuring  
Legend2Legend - Elton John/Billy Joel Tribute Band**  
Saturday July 11th, 5:30-10 pm  
1 S. Elm St., across from Fire Station #56



# IN YOUR CITY

## River District & Whitewater Park: Progress Continues

In March, the City of West Carrollton hosted a press conference highlighting continued progress on the River District Redevelopment and future Whitewater Park, with updates focused on funding, site activity, and next steps.



Congressman Mike Turner and Commissioner Carolyn Rice joined City officials, regional partners, developers, and community leaders to discuss the project's momentum. Turner helped secure \$3 million in federal funding to support critical infrastructure improvements tied to the development.

While the River District has been in planning for several years, the project is continuing to move into active phases. Work is advancing on multiple fronts, including infrastructure planning, coordination with development partners, and site preparation.



Design and engineering efforts are ongoing for Whitewater Park and related improvements, including planned safety upgrades to address the low dam hazard and development of a whitewater channel intended to support both recreation and first responder training.



Private development is also progressing alongside public investment, with plans for commercial use, housing, and expanded access to the Great Miami River.

As work continues in phases, residents can expect to see ongoing activity and visible progress as the project moves forward.

### View the Press Conference

Scan the QR code to watch the full press conference and hear directly from project partners and community leaders.



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## Brownfield: Demolition & Remediation Update



One of the most visible areas of progress within the River District is the 29-acre brownfield environmental remediation project currently underway at 4000 Hydraulic Road. The site is planned to accommodate the future Whitewater River Park operations center, maintenance building, outdoor classroom space, restrooms and locker rooms, and parking facilities.

Crews have made significant progress across the site since work began earlier this spring. Nearly all buildings and above-ground structures have been demolished. Contractors have continued hauling construction debris, scrap metal, and concrete materials off-site for recycling and disposal, while clean demolition material has been graded into designated fill areas on the property. Recent work has focused on the excavation and demolition of below-ground structures, including buried utility lines, wastewater treatment clarifiers, and other obsolete infrastructure.

Environmental sampling and testing remain ongoing. More than 35 soil confirmation samples have been collected to help ensure the work continues to meet environmental safety standards for the site's future use in support of the Whitewater River Park project.



Residents may continue to see heavy equipment and active demolition work on-site as the project progresses. Dust control measures remain in place, and the city's contractors will continue complying with all environmental and safety regulations.

This phase of the project is funded in part through a \$1,898,000 brownfield remediation grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Development in partnership with the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation.

The work taking place at the former Appvion site represents a major step forward in preparing the property for future development within the broader River District redevelopment efforts.

# NEW FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE BEACON TO ACTIVATE THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Improving Safety for our Students

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, a new school zone flashing beacon on Central Avenue will notify drivers when the school zone speed limit is active. The beacon will flash during restricted school zone hours from 7:50–8:20 a.m. and 2:35–3:05 p.m. to notify drivers that the speed limit on Central Ave. is reduced from 30 MPH to 20 MPH. The flashing beacon serves as an additional safety measure to help both students and commuters by providing a clearer visual reminder when the reduced school zone speed limit is in effect.

As the new school year begins, residents and commuters are encouraged to slow down, stay alert, and help keep our students safe as they travel to and from school each day.



## SUMMER FIRE SAFETY TIPS



As warmer weather approaches, the West Carrollton Fire Department encourages residents to take simple steps to reduce fire risks at home and during outdoor activities.

### Fireworks Safety

The use of consumer-grade fireworks is regulated by the Ohio State Fire Marshal. Residents are encouraged to review permitted dates, times, and safety requirements prior to use. Additional information is available by scanning the QR code. Residents should follow all state guidelines and use fireworks responsibly.

### Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Verify that smoke alarms are functioning properly and are properly installed throughout the home. Smoke alarms should be placed in each bedroom, in the hallway outside sleeping areas, and on every level of the home. A carbon monoxide alarm is required in the hallway outside sleeping rooms.

Each bedroom must have two exits: a door leading to the hallway and a window opening to the outside. For second-floor bedrooms, an escape ladder should be available for emergency exit. For questions about the placement or operation of smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, or how to obtain a fire escape ladder, contact the West Carrollton Fire Department at 937-847-4645.

### Dryer Fire Prevention

Clothes that do not feel dry after a normal cycle may indicate the dryer is not operating correctly. Before starting another load, check for a blocked vent and clean the lint screen.

Install a smoke or heat alarm with a 10-year-rated battery near the dryer. Do not leave the dryer running when leaving the home or going to bed.

Clean the entire vent system two or more times per year and clean the lint filter after every load. If you are unable to clean the vent system, contact a professional vent cleaner.

### Recreational Fire Safety

For a recreational fire, have a designated area for the wood pile or use a fire ring or commercial fire pit. Fire size must not exceed 2 feet in width and 2 feet in height, and must be supervised at all times by someone 18 years of age or older. Only clean, dry wood may be used. Burning trash or yard waste is not permitted.

Fires must be located at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material, including wood or vinyl fences. A garden hose or fire extinguisher must be readily available.

After the fire is complete, extinguish all hot coals and allow them to sit for at least 24 hours. Do not bag or dispose of ashes or coals in a garbage container until they are fully extinguished.

When possible, douse ashes with water and do not place hot coals on wood or other combustible surfaces.

Recreational fires must comply with the 2025 Ohio Fire Code. Additional information is available by scanning the QR code.



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## West Carrollton Fire Department Promotes Jonah Nassmacher to Captain

### Congratulations Captain Nassmacher!

The City of West Carrollton Fire Department has promoted Jonah Nassmacher to Fire Captain, recognizing more than a decade of service, leadership, and dedication to the community.

Nassmacher joined the department in 2013 as a part-time firefighter before transitioning to a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic role in 2017. Over the years, he expanded his experience through technical rescue certifications, leadership training, and formal education while serving in several leadership capacities, including Acting Captain beginning in August 2024.

“Very shortly after starting, I decided this is where I wanted to root my career,” Nassmacher said. As Captain, Nassmacher will oversee daily operations, supervise personnel, and help ensure the department continues providing high-quality emergency services to residents.

He described his leadership style as adaptive and focused on supporting crew development while maintaining the department’s mission and values. He also emphasized the importance of community engagement through school visits, open houses, and local events. “When residents know the crews, they’re more likely to call for help early and work with us during incidents,” he said.

Nassmacher credited mentors within the fire service for helping shape his career and said he values working alongside people who are passionate about serving others. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family, including his six-month-old son. “Thank you for trusting me with your safety,” Nassmacher said. “I look forward to taking care of your family as if they were my own.”



## Officer Jared Moore Promoted to Sergeant



The West Carrollton Police Department has promoted Officer Jared Moore to the rank of Sergeant. Jared is a lifelong resident of the Dayton area, having grown up in Kettering and graduated from Fairmont High School. He later earned an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Sinclair Community College and completed his police academy training through Sinclair as well.

He began his law enforcement career with the German Township Police Department before serving with the Beavercreek Police Department and ultimately joining the West Carrollton Police Department. He has nearly 15 years of law enforcement experience, including approximately 12.5 years with the department.

Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of specialized and leadership roles, including Field Training Officer (FTO), Officer in Charge (OIC), EV Technician, Bicycle Patrol Officer, Taser Instructor, and Accident Reconstructionist.

## Officer Mike Lyon Joins the West Carrollton Police Department

The West Carrollton Police Department recently welcomed Officer Mike Lyon to the department. Originally from Miamisburg, Lyon has strong ties to the local community. Prior to joining the department, he participated in the West Carrollton Police Department Explorer Program for two years, where he developed an early interest in law enforcement and public service.



Lyon also served six years in the United States Navy in Virginia as a Close-In Weapon System (CIWS) technician. His military service helped build the discipline, teamwork, and commitment to service that he now brings to his law enforcement career.

Outside of work, Lyon enjoys golfing, hiking, spending time outdoors, watching football, and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Lyon said the department’s family atmosphere, supportive leadership, and strong connection with the community were major reasons he chose to join the West Carrollton Police Department. He also values the department’s commitment to providing officers with the training, resources, and support needed to succeed while continuing to strengthen partnerships within the community.

# 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

Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun! Each event offers a fun evening in the heart of the community with something for all ages to enjoy. Browse vendor booths, shop from local merchants, connect with nonprofit organizations, enjoy entertainment and activities, and relax with live music.

**Date:** July 2, August 6

**Time:** 5-8 pm

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

**Cost:** Free. 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 customize a cool sun visor or snap bracelet with permanent markers, perfect for sunny pool days! This is a fun, hands-on activity perfect for kids and families looking to add a little color to their summer!

**Date:** July 14

**Time:** Noon - 2 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park Pool

**Cost:** The event is free to attend; however, admission to the pool facility is required. Guests must pay daily pool admission or present a valid season pass for entry.



## Hot Air Balloon Glow Featuring Legend2Legend - Elton John/Billy Joel Tribute Band

One of the most anticipated nights of the summer returns with glowing hot air balloons and live music throughout the evening.

This year's event features Legend2Legend - Elton John/Billy Joel Tribute, a high-energy performance celebrating the iconic music of two legendary performers.

As evening sets in, hot air balloons glow on display, lighting up the event space and creating a one-of-a-kind atmosphere unique to West Carrollton.

Food trucks open at 5:30 p.m., followed by Summer Highway at 6:00 p.m. Elton John/Billy Joel takes the stage from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., leading into the balloon glow at dusk.

**Date:** July 11

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

**Location:** 1 S. Elm St (across from Fire Station #56)

**Cost:** Free



## Estate Planning for Funerals and Burials

Join us for the fourth session in this free informational series designed to help individuals and families better understand important legal and financial topics related to planning for the future. This session will focus on estate planning considerations for funerals and burial, including options, cost-saving information, and Ohio law related to funeral decisions. Light refreshments will be provided. The seminar will be presented by Michael J. Millonig, Attorney at Law, who is certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and is listed in Best Lawyers in America: Elder Law.

**Date:** July 15

**Time:** 10 - 11:30 am

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

**Cost:** Free



## Foam Frenzy

### Summer Foam Fun!

Get ready for music, foam, and summertime fun as Foam Frenzy returns to Wilson Park this summer. Sponsored by Family Church, this high-energy outdoor event features favorite tunes, interactive foam play, and plenty of opportunities for kids and families to cool off and have fun.



**Date:** July 18, August 8

**Time:** 2 – 3:30 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park,  
350 Wilson Park Drive (near Shelter #1)

**Cost:** Free

## Family Movie Night

### Movie, Popcorn, and a Summer Night

Bring the family to Wilson Park for a relaxing summer evening under the stars featuring games, free popcorn, and a family-friendly movie. What's playing? That's part of the fun! Movie titles will be a surprise, with fun hints shared on the City's social media pages leading up to each movie night. Families are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy a laid-back night at the park. Presented by WC Nazarene.



**Date:** July 24, August 14

**Time:** 8 – 11 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park,  
350 Wilson Park Drive (near Shelter #1)

**Cost:** Free

## Confetti Concert Finale Featuring The Karate Girls Band

The Karate Girls take the stage from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., with everyone's favorite confetti fun during the concert. Food trucks open at 6:30 p.m., making it easy to grab dinner and enjoy one last summer night with the community. Close out the summer with a high-energy night of live music and celebration. This season finale brings the community together for an energetic, all-ages evening and a chance to celebrate a summer full of memories.

**Date:** August 20

**Time:** 6:30 – 9 pm

**Location:** 1 S. Elm  
St (across from  
Fire Station #56)

**Cost:** Free



## 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 7

**Time:** 5-7 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park Pool

**Cost:** \$5 Donation per family



## Fall-Themed Cookie Decorating Class

Get into the spirit of the season with a hands-on cookie decorating class led by Jenna Clark, owner of Clarkins Bakery in Fairborn. Participants will learn a variety of royal icing techniques while decorating six fall-themed sugar cookies, with step-by-step guidance and live demonstrations throughout the class. Each participant will take home their decorated cookies, leftover icing, a laminated practice sheet, and a scribe tool to continue practicing at home.

**Date:** September 16

**Time:** 6-8 pm

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

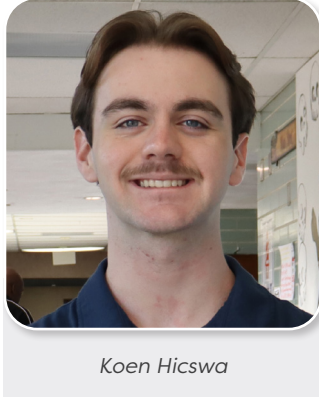
**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Ages:** 13+



## West Carrollton Honors Top Graduates, Prepares for New School Year

The City of West Carrollton recognized the Class of 2026 Valedictorian and Salutatorian during the June 9th City Council meeting, where the students were honored with a resolution. The recognition highlights the academic accomplishments of the students.



*Koen Hicswa*

Koen Hicswa is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2026 and graduated with a 4.948 GPA. He completed Honors and CCP (College Credit Plus) coursework, with Spanish and math among his favorite subjects. He said the district's diverse environment helped shape his perspective. "It teaches you how to be around other people, how to lead, and how to see other people's perspective," Hicswa commented.

Koen participated in robotics and competed in BPA (Business Professionals of America) in programming at the regional, state, and national levels. He plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study electrical engineering, with the goal of developing technologies that improve the quality of life.



*Makenna McCune*

Makenna McCune is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2026 and will graduate with a 4.8 GPA. A Pirate since kindergarten, she credits her teachers with influencing her academic journey and said involvement in school activities helped shape her experience. "It's just a great way to build community and make new friends," she said.

Makenna played varsity girls' soccer, participated in choir and musicals, and was active in student council and community service. She will attend the University of Kentucky to major in psychology on a pre-med track, with plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Students will return to school on August 19 for the 2026–2027 school year, with middle and high school students beginning in a new building. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and community tour will be held prior to the first day of school. Additional details will be shared at [westcarrolltonschools.com](http://westcarrolltonschools.com).

## City Beautiful Commission – 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 deserving yard. The Commission will pick from those nominations. A winner will be decided once a week throughout the summer (12 weeks), but it's up to you who will have a chance to be a winner. 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 Director Christian Mattingly at [cmattingly@westcarrollton.org](mailto:cmattingly@westcarrollton.org) or call (937) 847-4660.

## Volunteers Needed: Get Involved in Your Community

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 your community while enjoying the benefits of staying active, getting outdoors, and building lasting friendships.

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 throughout the year. Volunteering not only strengthens our community; but it also fosters pride, connection, and a sense of purpose for those who serve.

If you'd like to learn more or sign up to volunteer, contact Angela Reed, Event Coordinator, at (937) 847-4635 or email her at [areed@westcarrollton.org](mailto:areed@westcarrollton.org)

We invite you to be a part of the team that helps make West Carrollton's events and programs a success!



# Meet Your City Council Members



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 2:** First Thursdays Street Fair
- July 3:** City Offices Closed in Observance of Fourth of July (No Trash Delay)
- July 6- 10:** Bulk Trash/Large Item Pickup
- July 11:** Hot Air Balloon Glow Featuring Elton John/Billy Joel Tribute Band
- July 14:** Splash of Creativity at Wilson Park Pool
- July 15:** Estate Planning for Funerals & Burials
- July 18:** Foam Frenzy
- July 22:** Citywide Blood Drive
- July 24:** Family Movie Night
- Aug 6:** First Thursdays Street Fair
- Aug 8:** Foam Frenzy
- Aug 14:** Family Movie Night
- Aug 20:** Confetti Concert Finale Featuring The Karate Girls Band
- Sept 5-6:** Final Weekend Wilson Pool Open
- Sept 7:** City Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day (No Trash Delay)
- Sept 7:** Doggie Dive
- Sept 16:** Fall-Themed Cookie Decorating Class
- Sept 25:** Community Shred Event

### 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

- 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

