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CITY NEWS

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Monster Mash

Date: Thursday, Oct 22nd, 6-8 pm

Location: Weidner Park, 150 East Central Avenue

Cost: Free



Gateway Signs Reflect Community Pride

Welcome to West Carrollton!

If you've driven into West Carrollton recently, you've probably noticed new gateway signs welcoming you into the city. This summer, several new signs have been installed, and existing signs have been updated to create a consistent look at many of the City's entrances.

New gateway pillar signs were installed at State Route 741 and Marcy Road, West Central Avenue at the city limits, North Miami Avenue near the bike trail, and Interstate 75 Exit 47. New sign faces were also installed on the existing gateway signs at State Route 741 and Alex-Bell Road and South Alex Road at State Route 725.



The City's gateway sign initiative began as part of the Comprehensive Plan to replace aging wooden entrance signs with permanent structures that better represent West Carrollton. More than simply marking the city limits, these signs welcome residents home, greet visitors, and help create a positive first impression of our community.



The design of each gateway sign tells a story. Inspired by the City's logo and strong residential neighborhoods, the signs resemble a home. The pyramidal cap represents a roof, the stone base symbolizes a strong

foundation, and the masonry body reflects the strength and stability of the community. At their heart, the signs share a simple message with everyone entering West Carrollton: "We're glad you're here."

These improvements were made possible through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding provided by Montgomery County. The city sincerely appreciates Montgomery County's continued partnership and investment in projects that help strengthen and enhance the West Carrollton community.

River District Improvements Move Forward

If you noticed construction in the River District this summer, you saw an important step in the next phase of the area's redevelopment.

The City of West Carrollton was awarded \$497,000 in accelerated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through Montgomery County to help relocate overhead utility lines owned by AES Ohio and Spectrum. While much of the work took place behind the scenes, relocating these utilities was a necessary step before future improvements in the River District can move forward.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is a federally funded program administered by Montgomery County that helps communities complete infrastructure and redevelopment projects. By securing this grant, the City was able to cover a significant portion of the utility relocation costs, helping reduce the financial impact on local taxpayers.



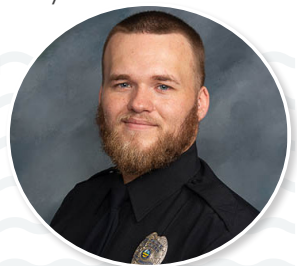
With the utility relocation complete, the River District Phase II project is another step closer to future redevelopment opportunities and continued investment in one of the City's key growth areas.

"The federal CDBG program was created to expand housing and economic opportunities in low and moderate income areas," said City Manager Amber Holloway. "We appreciate the partnership of the Montgomery County Commissioners, AES, and Spectrum in helping move this project forward on an accelerated timeline."

Welcome, Officer Austin Joo

The West Carrollton Police Department is pleased to welcome our newest patrol officer, Austin Joo, to the team. Officer Joo joins us after serving with Premier Health Public Safety and is a graduate of Sinclair College's Police Academy.

We are excited to have Officer Joo serving our community and look forward to the contributions he will make to the department. If you see him out in the community, please take a moment to introduce yourself and help us give him a warm West Carrollton welcome.



Cannabis Dispensary Regulations Adopted

New Ordinance from City Council

As Ohio's adult-use cannabis laws continue to evolve, the City of West Carrollton has adopted local regulations that establish how cannabis dispensaries would operate if one chose to locate in the city.

At this time, no applications have been submitted to open a cannabis dispensary in West Carrollton. Instead, the ordinance establishes a framework for reviewing future applications and sets clear standards for where dispensaries may operate.

Under the new regulations, up to two adult-use cannabis dispensaries may be permitted within designated commercial zoning districts. Any dispensary would be required to obtain both a State of Ohio license and a city-issued permit before opening.

The ordinance also incorporates Ohio's required 500-foot separation from schools, churches, public libraries, public parks, and playgrounds. Cannabis cultivation and processing facilities remain prohibited within West Carrollton. The ordinance regulates cannabis businesses and does not change Ohio law regarding recreational cannabis use by adults.

By adopting these regulations now, the City has established clear expectations for any future cannabis dispensary while ensuring applications are reviewed in accordance with both state law and local zoning requirements.



From the top left: Rick Dobson, Mayor Rick Barnhart, Keith Tilton
From the bottom left: Angie Fryman, Deputy Mayor Jill Tomlin, and Lauren Williams



Residential Rental Registration: What Property Owners Should Know

West Carrollton's Residential Rental Registration Program helps maintain accurate ownership records and supports safe, well-maintained rental housing throughout the community.

Ohio law requires residential rental properties to be registered with the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. This registration helps maintain current ownership and contact information for rental property owners.

In addition to the county requirement, West Carrollton's Residential Rental Registration Program includes periodic exterior inspections to help ensure rental properties are maintained in accordance with the City's Property Maintenance Code. These inspections focus on the exterior condition of the



property and help identify maintenance concerns before they become larger issues.

If the City is unable to verify a property's county registration, the property owner may receive a courtesy letter with information about how to complete the registration process. The letter is intended to provide guidance and

assist property owners in meeting the registration requirement.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Residential Rental Registration Program, registration requirements, and frequently asked questions.



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Understanding Your Property Reappraisal

What Your Updated Property Value Means

If you recently received a property value notice from the Montgomery County Auditor's Office and wondered, "What does this mean for me?" you're not alone. Many homeowners have questions about Ohio's reappraisal process, especially when they see their property's value increase.



Why did I receive a new property value?

Every six years, Ohio counties are required to conduct a full reappraisal of all properties to reflect current real estate market conditions. In the years between those reappraisals, county auditors also update property values based on changes in the housing market. The value shown on your notice is the County's estimate of what your property is worth in today's market.

Does a higher property value automatically mean my property taxes will increase?

Not necessarily. A property's appraised value is one factor used to calculate property taxes, but it is not the only factor. Property taxes are also influenced by voter-approved levies and Ohio tax law. Because of how Ohio's property tax system works, an increase in your home's value does not automatically mean your tax bill will increase by the same percentage.

What role does the City play?

The City of West Carrollton does not determine property values or conduct property reappraisals. Those responsibilities belong to the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. While the City receives a portion of property tax revenue to help fund services such as police, fire, parks, and street maintenance, it does not determine your home's appraised value.

Where can I find more information?

If you have questions about your property's value or the information on your notice, the Montgomery County Auditor's Office is the best place to start. Their website includes property records, valuation information, answers to frequently asked questions, and contact information for residents who need additional assistance.

Scan the QR code or visit the Montgomery County Auditor's property search and information page at www.mcoho.org/567/2026-Property-Reappraisal



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New Technology Enhances Police Services



The West Carrollton Police Department partnered with Motorola to deploy new body-worn and cruiser-mounted camera systems. This upgrade allows every member of the police department to use the same video-recording platform for the first time, improving efficiency, consistency, and access to important evidence.



The new system also enables officers to take advantage of the latest advancements in radio technology. One of its most valuable features is real-time, two-way language translation, which supports more than 45 languages. This technology helps officers communicate more effectively with a diverse range of community

members without the need for a third-party translator, improving both service and response during everyday interactions.

Snowbirds: Let Us Keep an Eye on Your Home

Request a Vacation House Check

If you're planning to head south for the winter, don't forget that the West Carrollton Police Department offers Vacation House Checks for residents while they are away. Our officers will periodically check the exterior of your home, providing added peace of mind while you travel.

To request a vacation house check, please contact our Records Department at (937) 859-7465 or email records@westcarrollton.org before you leave. We'll be happy to add your residence to our vacation checklist, so you can enjoy your time away knowing we're helping watch over your home.



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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Citywide Blood Drive

Date: Wednesday, October 14th

Time: 11 am – 3 pm

Location: Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free



Dear Santa

Date:

December 1st-15th

Location:

Civic Center Lobby,
300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free



Monster Mash

Date: Thursday, October 22nd

Time: 6 pm – 8 pm

Location: Weidner Park,
150 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free



Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Date: Friday, December 4th

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: 300 E. Central Ave., Civic Center

Cost: Free (*Registration required by December 3rd*)



JFS on the Move

Date: Wednesday, Nov 4th

Time: 11 am – 3 pm

Location: Civic Center,
300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free



Holiday Festival

Date: Saturday, December 5th

Time: 4 pm – 6 pm

Location: Civic Center,
300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: Free

Father Daughter Dance

Date: Friday, November 6th

Time: 7 pm – 9 pm

Location: Fire Station #56
125 W. Central Ave.

Cost: Pre-sale online - \$20 per pair
At the Door - \$25 per pair
Each additional person - \$5



All About Podcasting

Date: Tuesday, Dec 8th

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: 1195 E. Alex Bell Rd,
Centerville

Cost: Free
(*Registration required by December 4th*)



Noon Year's Eve

Date: Thursday, December 31st

Time: 11 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Civic Center Lobby,
300 E. Central Ave.

Cost: \$5 per child (*Registration required by December 23rd*)



Lights, Cameras, Action!

Date: Tuesday, Nov 10th

Time: 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Location: 1195 E. Alex Bell Rd, Centerville

Cost: \$5 per family
(*Registration required by November 6th*)



COMMUNITY

Fall Leaf Collection & Rake Rally

Weekly Leaf Collection

West Carrollton's annual curbside leaf collection runs from October 12th to December 4th. Crews make weekly loops through all neighborhoods, so there is no need to call if your leaves aren't picked up immediately or if a vehicle blocks access.



Please place leaves on the right-of-way (grass between curb and sidewalk), keep piles free of sticks and debris, and help clear nearby storm drains to prevent flooding. Report clogged drains at (937) 859-8280.

Need help raking, or want to help your neighbors? Join the City Beautiful Commission's Rake Rally on November 7th from 10 AM to 12 PM. Residents needing assistance must register by November 2nd at (937) 859-5182 or online at www.westcarrollton.org/event/rake-rally-2026. We're also looking for community members to lend a hand. Volunteers can sign up via phone or online. Volunteers will receive a free shirt while supplies last. We'll have some gardening supplies on hand, but if you're able to bring your rake or tools, it's a big help. Let's work together to keep West Carrollton beautiful this fall!

Tree Sale

Autumn Blaze Maple trees are sold through the Parks Department every year as part of the Tree City USA program. Trees (1" to 1.5" trunk size) cost \$150 and are planted in residents' front yards by the Parks and Recreation Staff in December. West Carrollton residents can purchase trees through October 30th either online at westcarrollton.org or in person at the Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave., Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm. For more info, call (937) 859-5182.



2026 City Beautification "Yard of the Week" Winners



The "Yard of the Week" award recipients are nominated by members of the community and chosen by the City Beautiful Commission for their efforts in making their homes and neighborhoods beautiful. Winners are celebrated with a yard-friendly sign placed at their homes for the week and highlighted on West Carrollton's social media pages. Thanks to all the property owners who helped enhance the appearance of our city.

- 4 E. Cottage Ave.
- 5624 Andover Ave.
- 5360 Eda Dr.
- 100 Shenandoah Trail
- 614 Apple Hill
- 322 Cottage Ave.
- 414 Crusader Dr.
- 766 Heincke Rd.
- 617 Yeoman Ct.
- 1373 Arrow Sheath Dr.
- 5392 Ormand Rd.
- 149 Lake Forest Dr
- 414 Lincoln Green Dr.

Reminder: Estimated Tax Payment Due December 15

If you expect to owe more than \$200 in income tax that is not withheld at the City's 2.25% rate, you are required to make quarterly estimated tax payments. The remaining deadline for 2026 is December 15.

This includes income from self-employment, rental properties, or other sources not subject to withholding.

For your convenience, payments can be made during regular business hours or placed in the overnight drop box located at the Utilities window after hours.

Please note that a 15% penalty may be assessed on any unpaid or late estimated tax payments.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Tax Office at (937) 859-8288.



REMINDER

The estimated tax payment is due.

www.westcarrollton.org/departments/finance-and-income-tax/

A New Chapter for West Carrollton Schools

Ribbon Cutting

The West Carrollton School District officially opened its new Middle School and High School for the 2026–2027 school year, marking a significant milestone for students, families, and the community.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held on August 10th welcomed community members, along with state, county, and city officials, to celebrate the opening of the new campus. Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to tour the facility.

Superintendent Dr. Andrea Townsend recognized the community's role in making the project possible, saying, "Without the support of the community, the new schools wouldn't have been possible."

Construction of the new schools was made possible through the passage of the 2019 Building Bond Issue. The project was co-funded by the State of Ohio, which covered 81% of construction costs, with the remaining 19% funded by the West Carrollton community.

The City of West Carrollton congratulates the West Carrollton School District on this exciting achievement and looks forward to the positive impact these new schools will have on future generations.



Discover More at Your West Carrollton Library



The West Carrollton Branch of the Dayton Metro Library offers much more than books. From homework help and educational programs to online learning tools and family activities, the library provides resources for residents of all ages to learn, explore, and connect.

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade can visit the Student Success Center, open Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m., where trained staff are available to help with homework, school projects, and hands-on learning activities. Students can also enjoy puzzles, educational games, STEM activities, and a free afternoon snack while they learn.

Families also have access to World Book Online, a trusted educational resource that offers reliable, age-appropriate information for learners from preschool through college. In addition to articles and research tools, World Book Online includes videos, maps, images, ebooks, games, crafts, recipes, and other interactive learning resources.

Whether you're working on a school assignment, exploring a new topic, or looking for free educational activities, the West Carrollton Branch has resources to support you.



SHOW OFF YOUR HALLOWEEN SPIRIT & HOLIDAY CHEER

West Carrollton residents are invited to take part in two seasonal decorating contests this fall and winter. Whether you enjoy spooky Halloween displays or dazzling holiday lights, now is the perfect time to showcase your creativity and help spread community spirit throughout our neighborhoods.

Halloween Home Decorating Contest

Residents can register their decorated homes from October 1–15. The City's Beautiful Commission will judge entries on October 19 and 20 from 7–9 p.m. Winners will be notified and announced the week of October 26th.

Awards will be presented in three categories:

- **Most Spook-tacular** – Spookiest display
- **Best Special Effects** – Creative use of technology, lighting, animation, or special effects
- **Most BOO-tiful** – Festive fall décor with charming autumn appeal

Holiday Lights Contest

Residents can register their homes from December 1–15. Judging will take place on December 17 and 18 from 6–8 p.m.

Winners will be notified and announced the week of December 21st.

Awards will be presented in three categories:

- **Merry & Bright** – Best use of technology, synchronized lighting, or creative effects
- **Griswold-esque Award** – Biggest, brightest, and most over-the-top display
- **Best Traditional Christmas** – Classic, cozy, and timeless holiday décor

Winners of each contest will receive a commemorative yard sign recognizing their achievement.

Following each contest, the City will publish a map with all the addresses of participating homes, giving residents an opportunity to enjoy a self-guided tour of West Carrollton's Halloween displays and holiday lights.

Watch the City's website and social media pages for registration details and contest information.



Meet Your City Council Members



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



Deputy Mayor Jill Tomlin
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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

- Oct 3:** Citywide Garage Sale
- Oct 5-9:** Large Item/Bulk Trash Pick-up
- Oct 12:** Leaf Collection Begins
- Oct 14:** Citywide Blood Drive
- Oct 22:** Monster Mash
- Nov 4:** JFS on the Move
- Nov 6:** Father-Daughter Dance
- Nov 7:** Rake Rally
- Nov 10:** Lights, Cameras, Action!
- Nov 26-27:** Thanksgiving Day, City Offices Closed (Trash Delayed 1 Day)
- Dec 1-15:** Dear Santa
- Dec 4:** Leaf Collection Ends
- Dec 4:** Gingerbread House Decorating Contest
- Dec 5:** Holiday Festival
- Dec 8:** All About Podcasting
- Dec 24-25:** Christmas Eve/Day, City Offices Closed (Trash Delayed 1 Day)
- Dec 31:** Noon Year's Eve 11 am-12:30 pm, Civic Center
- Jan 1, 2027:** New Year's Day, City Offices Closed

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

