

City News

Issue #54 January-March '22



WEST CARROLLTON

Whitewater Park at the Riverfront

As the City continues its work to develop riverfront property along the Great Miami River near Interstate 75, staff is discussing the potential construction of a whitewater park and community gathering space. This endeavor would be a component of the broader initiative, which aims to spur private development along the corridor.

The project would establish a whitewater channel to bypass the South Montgomery Low Dam, providing competition-level whitewater features for kayaks and wave surfing, safety modification to the downstream side of the dam, and reestablishment of a small craft dock/marina on the river.

The dock/marina area will also benefit the general public that uses this segment of the river for recreational boating, floating and

paddling.

"This certainly is not a done deal but, we are taking the steps as quickly as we can to move it forward. We hope to get the funding to create this space because we then would be able to host whitewater competitions and events, bringing out-of-town and out-of-state visitors to the region," said Mike Lucking, economic development director. Riverfront amenities are proven catalysts for development, and this project would help to drive the reinvestment and revitalization of the riverfront in West Carrollton, Lucking stated in the city's application for government funding.

The City is requesting \$6 million from the Dayton Region Priority Development & Advocacy Committee (PDAC) to help fund the project. PDAC, which is staffed by the



Dayton Development Coalition, allows the individual community to set priorities when seeking funding from state and federal sources.

"It's a competitive and lengthy process with multiple decision makers but, we're very optimistic that our proposals will be well received and that we'll be able to get funding," said Lucking.

City Budget Approved

The 2022 West Carrollton city budget was officially approved during the City Council meeting held November 23. The City is projecting a near break-even in 2022 according to Finance Director Tom Reilly. He stated, "We will approach 2022 cautiously while continuing to look for ways to keep costs down - particularly with the threat of inflationary pressures."

The 2022 budget is broken down with 77 percent going towards public safety, eight percent for

community planning and development, eight percent for general government, and the remaining seven percent for parks.

Reilly commented that as far as finishing up 2021, the projections show the general and other city funds are expected to be about break-even and he noted that the American Rescue Plan Funds helped tremendously.

For questions regarding the city budget, call (937) 859-8288.



Dog Tags on Sale

The Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (MCARC) makes it very easy for you to purchase licenses. You can pay online at www.mcohio.org/dogs, print a form and mail it in, OR you can purchase one at the W.C. Civic Center lobby.

MCARC will be at the Civic Center Thurs., Jan. 20 and Jan. 27 from 5 - 7 p.m. selling licenses. The cost is \$20 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$24 for unaltered dogs. Cash and check are accepted.

In addition to being required by law, the greatest benefit is if your dog goes missing. The dog license tag provides a quick and accurate way of notifying you if someone else finds your pet.

To avoid late fees, purchase by Jan. 31. For more information, call (937) 225-4314.



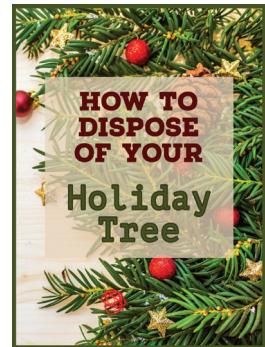
Holiday Tree & Large Item Pick-Up

The City's first free large item/bulk trash pick-up week is **Jan. 3-7**, on residents' regular collection day. We will pick up cut Christmas trees but, they must be free from lights, tinsel and decorations. Do not place trees in bags.

Items NOT accepted:

- Concrete, rock, dirt, loose brush, firewood, tree stumps and root balls
- Contractor or remodeling materials
- **Mattresses MUST be free of bedbugs

To schedule a large item/bulk pickup for another week the cost is \$21. Call the Utility Clerk's Office at (937) 859-8280 to schedule.



In Your City

Fire Chief Chris Barnett's 45th Year

Fire Chief Chris Barnett celebrated his 45th year as an employee of the city of West Carrollton. Chris is a lifelong West Carrollton resident who began his 'career' in fire back in middle school when he joined the Fire Explorer Post, which he credits for providing him with leadership and life skills that he has used throughout his fire service career.

After graduating high school in 1976, he joined the fire department as a volunteer firefighter/EMT. After promotions to volunteer Lieutenant and volunteer Captain, Barnett was hired in July 1990 as a full-time captain and served in that capacity until he was selected to be Fire Chief in 2013.

Chief Barnett said that working for the West Carrollton Fire Department was always his goal because it is 'home' to him. Many of the people he serves are family,

friends, and neighbors which can create personally stressful moments but, his love for the fire department and opportunity to give back to the community outweighs those stressors.

Chief Barnett also said, "working for the West Carrollton Fire Department over the past 45 years has allowed me to work with some of the best people in the fire service and I am genuinely grateful to be a part of this department."

Outside of work, Chris is an avid motorcyclist, having ridden across most of the U.S., and is a certified motorcycle safety instructor. Now, however, his free time is spent with family often traveling to Florida. He said, "My wife and I are blessed to have a wonderful daughter. I found out quickly that being a parent is more challenging than I imagined, but wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."



Fire Chief Chris Barnett

"It's been a pleasure knowing and working with Chris during my time here. We are also very fortunate to have him as the leader of our fire department for the last 8 years. Chief Barnett is a dedicated asset to our senior staff and our community overall," stated City Manager Brad Townsend.

New Firefighter

We'd like to welcome Kevin Brown as the newest full-time member of the W.C. Fire Department. Kevin was hired as a part-time firefighter with West Carrollton five years ago. He initially started in the fire service as a volunteer firefighter at Cedarville Township in 2014 and continues to volunteer there. He also teaches part-time at Cedarville University as an EMS instructor.

"We're excited that Kevin was able to join the department this year. It's an honor for us to have him continue his career in West Carrollton," said Fire Chief Chris Barnett.

Kevin told us that he really enjoys the camaraderie and how friendly and supportive our community can be. Outside of work he likes spending time with his family, being outside, playing sports or working on different projects around their property.



Firefighter Kevin Brown

PREVENT FROZEN PIPES THIS WINTER



New Police Officers

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, two new officers were sworn in at the city council meeting. We would like to welcome Officer Seth Paul and Officer Joshua Labensky.

Officer Paul grew up in the area. He always knew he wanted to be a police officer, but the drive to follow his dream kicked in when he ended up on the scene of a serious traffic crash before first responders arrived. It was at that point that he decided to commit his life to law enforcement. In his spare time, Officer Paul enjoys hunting and spending time with his wife and daughter. His favorite sports are hockey and baseball.

Officer Labensky hails from Kettering. He and his girlfriend have one daughter. In his free time, he likes to be outdoors either hunting, camping, golfing or fishing. After working for GE Aviation for seven years, he took an opportunity to go after what he had always wanted do – become a police officer. He's grateful to be in a position that allows him to make a difference in the community.



Officer Seth Paul and Officer Joshua Labensky

Residential Rental Registration Helps You!

In 2016, West Carrollton City Council adopted the Residential Rental Registration and Education Program. This program's main goal is to help residents by improving the condition of rental properties in the city - without creating an undue burden on tenants or owners.

By improving conditions, we will by default, improve the community's public health, safety and welfare and elevate the condition and value of our neighborhoods as a whole.

All rental properties located in the city must be registered with the Montgomery County Auditor, as required by Ohio law. Registration is free, however, late fees can be assessed.

Every two years, the City will inspect the exterior (and common areas of multi-family properties) of all rentals in the city. The initial inspection and a follow-up inspection, if required to correct any violations, are free. If a violation continues, the owner will incur a

re-inspection fee and owners who fail two consecutive inspections will be required to attend continuing education provided by rental industry partners.

For more information about the rules and regulations, the link to online registration, the Rental Inspection Guide, and the Consent to Inspect form visit www.westcarrollton.org/rental-registration-program.

For additional questions, contact the Division of Code Enforcement at



(937) 859-5783 or plan@westcarrollton.org

What's Happening?

For information about events or reservations, check out westcarrollton.org, Facebook or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182.

Registration is required for some events to ensure we are prepared for the number of people planning to attend.

All events are subject to change or cancellation.

REGISTRATIONS — We encourage online registration at westcarrollton.org under the Parks & Recreation Department. If you don't have online access you can register by phone, (937) 859-5182 or in person at the Civic Center, 300 E. Central Ave., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Include name, address, phone number, and email. *We can only take payment for an event online or in-person.*

Lights, Cameras, Action!

Here's your chance to see how television is made, with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Miami Valley Communications Council's (MVCC) TV studio. Along the way, you can learn how to run a camera, try out a virtual set and green screen room, and see how podcasts are made. Best of all, this technology is available at no cost for anyone interested in making videos (we'll tell you how!) A perfect indoor winter project for adults and kids of all ages. Parents are asked to please remain with children for this program.



Date: Wednesday, February 23

Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Location: MVCC, 1195 East Alex Bell Rd., Centerville, 45459

Cost: \$5 per family

Registration Required by Feb. 22

For The Birds

Enjoy a night of fun, music and craft making for your backyard birds!



Date: Saturday, February 5

Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Location: W.C. Senior Citizens Center, 10 East Central Ave.

Cost: \$3 per child

Registration Required by Feb. 3

A Family Adventure

Let's brighten up the winter season! Bring the whole family, dress comfy and wear your athletic shoes because you'll be moving around at this event. We'll be making our own soda; enjoy pizza and decorate cupcakes along with interactive, fun organized family games.



Date: Thursday, February 17

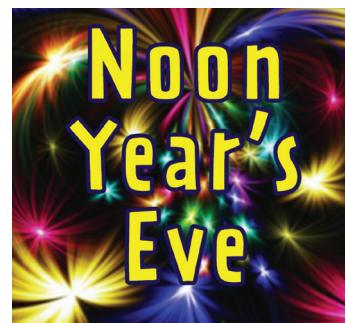
Location: Location to be announced

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person over 4 years old
Registration Required by Feb. 1

Noon Year's Eve Party

Ring in the New Year at Noon! We invite kids ages 5-12 for a Noon Year's Eve party. We'll make new year's poppers, decorate party hats and of course, have a balloon drop to celebrate 2022. Snacks and all supplies will be provided.



Date: Friday, December 31

Time: 11a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: W.C. Senior Citizens Center, 10 E. Central Ave.

Cost: \$5 per child (Limit 30 Kids)

Registration Required by Dec. 30



Reserve a Shelter

Park shelters around the city are available to reserve in advance for use May 28 to September 5, 2022. West Carrollton residents can begin reserving shelters March 1. Reservations for non-residents will be available starting April 1. You can reserve a shelter in person at the Civic Center (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon.- Fri.), or call the Parks & Recreation Department at (937) 859-5182.

Shelters (all with picnic tables) available include:

- **Wilson Park** offers a pavilion and three shelters with electricity, two playgrounds, basketball court, volleyball net, tennis courts and restrooms.
- **Weidner Park** offers one shelter with electricity, a playground, basketball court, tennis court and restrooms.
- **Hintermeister Park** offers one shelter (no electricity), a playground, basketball court and restrooms.
- **Leiwig Park** offers one shelter (no electricity), a playground and basketball court.

*** All parks observe the leash law for all dogs.**

Memorial Park Benches Available

Pay tribute to a loved one by purchasing a memorial bench that can be placed in several areas around the city parks. Prices range from \$700 to \$1100 depending on the style. For information, contact the parks and recreation department at (937) 859-5182.



It's Mardi Gras Time

Mardi Gras is about music, food, King cakes, and fun. It's one big holiday in New Orleans will soon be in West Carrollton, too!

Make a Mardi Gras mask at our DIY tent; dress in purple, green, and gold; adorn yourself in beads - we'll also be giving some away. You can wear crazy (appropriate) costumes. This event is for adults as well as families. Stay tuned to Facebook for details closer to the event.



Date: Fat Tuesday, March 1

Location: Carrollton Centre, N. Elm St. block between Central Ave. & Main St.

Time: 5 - 8 p.m.

Cost: Free to attend; \$3 per DIY Mask

The Great Paint Escape

Guided painting event with professional artist Dina Cain, who has over 30 years experience; each session we'll be creating on a different medium with a different theme.

Your fee includes: all materials for painting including the medium (January's is slate), appetizers and ele' Cake Company sweet treats. Wine & non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase and live music from the WCHS String Ensemble will complete the evening.



Date: Thursday, January 27
Thursday, April 28

Thursday, July 21

Thursday, October 20

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Location: ele' Cake Co., 810 E. Dixie Dr., West Carrollton

Cost: \$35 per person/event

Youth Sports Contacts

Little League Baseball	Wayne Woody	(937) 829-2066
W. C. Baseball	Tommy Ward	(937) 388-4422
Rec Soccer	Bryan Bayless	(937) 510-5592
Football & Cheer	Kenneth Hartman	(937) 903-1934
WAVES Swim Team	Tosha Knorr	swimmingwaves@gmail.com
Basketball	Bryan Bayless	(937) 510-5592
South Dayton Fastpitch	Steve Brewer	(937) 903-1934

Community

Employee Appreciation

We would not be able to provide quality services to our residents without our incredible staff. Twelve employees celebrated a 'milestone' anniversary in 2021. We thank these individuals for their many years of dedicated service to the city of West Carrollton.

45 Years

Chris Barnett, Fire Chief

30 Years

Tom Reilly, Finance Director

25 Years

Robert Bell, Police Dept.

20 Years

David Wessling, Police Dept.

Tonya Buerschen, Water Division

15 Years

Greg Perkins, Water Division

Greg Gaines, Planning & Comm. Dev. Director

Christian Mattingly, Parks & Rec. Director

5 Years

Catie Damron, Planning & Comm. Dev.

Mike Long, Fire Dept.

Kevin Brown, Fire Dept.

Dennis Mays, Fire Dept

Look Who's Retiring



Denny Saunders, one of the city's tax analysts, is retiring December 31 after 13 years of service to the city. When asked what he enjoyed most about working here he told us that being able to interact with the people of West Carrollton, and the lifetime friendships he's made with fellow employees were top on the list.

Denny is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Brenda, and family. They plan on doing a lot of traveling, "especially to Gettysburg, Virginia, since we're Civil War buffs," said Denny and he plans to "take things as they come."

We will miss Denny but, know he's going to enjoy his well-deserved retirement. Congratulations Denny Saunders!

"Denny is amazing working with our residents. He is an even better person. We will miss him tremendously." – Tom Reilly, finance director.

Thank You for Volunteering

The City thanks the following voluntary board and commission members for their service to the city of West Carrollton in 2021. We also thank local residents, business community members, high school and college student volunteers who spent time helping at events during the year. We appreciate all who are able to commit their time serving and assisting our community.

Board of Water & Sewer Charge Adjustment

Daniel Bir

Board of Zoning Appeals

Clay Bates

Jim Folker

Charles Gau

Janet Myers

Misty Potts

City Beautiful Commission

Deborah Clark

Will Clark

Paula Ferriell

Kristen Hammond

Doug Lucas

Lauren Williams

Angela Shockley

Judi Brooks

Income Tax Board of Review

James Bowers

Lori Dashewich

Norris Vance

Personnel Appeals Board

Lori Read

Jean McEntarfer

Jim Snyder II

Planning Commission

Doug Fields

Kim Hagerman

Dominic Rinaldi

Sarah Tallet

Lindsey Miles

Recreation Board

Will Clark

David Sweeney

Will Stoltz

Jack Haag

Bill Parsons

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

Daniel Helstrom

Doug Woodard, Police Chief

Christian Mattingly, Dir. Parks and Rec.

Rick Barnhart, Council member

Steve Wilson

City Council 2021

L to R:
Harold Robinson,
Jill Tomlin,
Angie Fryman,
Rick Barnhart, Mayor Jeff Sanner, Deputy Mayor Leanne Nash, Amanda Zennie



City Council Changes

The City would like to thank outgoing city council members **Harold Robinson** and **Leanne Nash** for their dedicated service to the community over their eight and four years, respectively. We appreciate your leadership and guidance in continuing to make West Carrollton a great place to live and work.

The City also welcomes two new members to the City Council in January for the 2022 four-year term: Keith Tilton and Rick Dobson. We asked both what they are most excited about as they start their terms as a city council member and what one of

their favorite places in West Carrollton is to spend time.

Mr. Tilton said that starting his term on council is an exciting time and looks forward to continuing the current council's efforts to revitalize the city. "I have always had a desire to help others and with this opportunity I hope to make West Carrollton a great place to live, visit, and to play," stated Mr. Tilton, who also said, "my family and I love to visit and enjoy the Wilson Park Pool in the summer. The pool is a great asset for the city!"

When we connected with Rick Dobson he stated, "I am most enthused to learn how I can be an

effective representative for the people of West Carrollton. I have never been a politician, so I look forward to learning how business, private sector and government can work together." Mr. Dobson told us his favorite place to spend time, after a long, hard day's work, is his home where he can relax with his family.



Rick Dobson and Keith Tilton

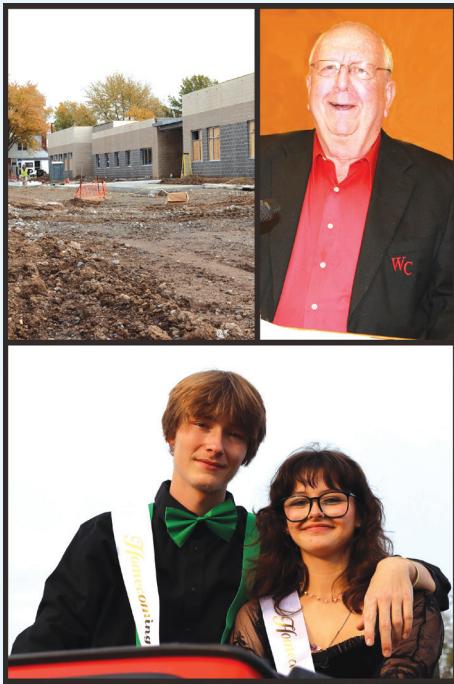
West Carrollton Schools

Pirate Pride was on full display during the Homecoming Parade! Thank you to the community members who jumped in at the last minute to provide the traditional convertibles for the Homecoming Court to ride in.

The Annual Food Drive is a way students give back to our community. Each year, it's a competition between students and classrooms to see who can collect the most food items to donate to the West Carrollton Food Pantry. Food items collected are then distributed by the Food Pantry during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Both new school buildings are now 'under roof' and the majority of the work is focused on the interior as plumbing, electric and duct work are installed and walls are erected. Opportunities to tour Walter Shade ECC and C. F. Holliday will be announced in the spring. Interested in following the progress of the construction project? Go to westcarrolltonschools.com and click on Building Project.

Long time school board member, Tom Wolf, decided not to run for another term this year. Mr. Wolf has been involved with West Carrollton schools starting as a student through graduation in 1960. He returned to teach high school English for the 1967-68 school year, then became the Junior High (now Middle School) Guidance Counselor from 1968 through 1996. Following retirement, Mr. Wolf was appointed to the school board in 1998 and served for 23 years. Although he will no longer be serving the school district in an official capacity, you'll still see him at school events continuing to support the students.



What's Happening at Your Library

For details about classes or programs visit your nearest Dayton Metro Library (West Carrollton branch, 300 E. Central Ave.), call (937) 463-2665 or visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org.

Book the Children's Librarian in January and February for a personalized family (members of your household only) program. Options include a story time, craft activity, game, dance party, or an escape room.

Winter story times "drive-in" style are being offered in January and February. Families will park in the library lot and tune their radios to a specific channel to participate. These story times will be interactive with songs, rhymes, and participants will receive a copy of the featured book. *Preschool*: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Baby and Toddler: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Tech Time: A technology assistant will be available to answer questions about how to use your computers, tablets, and phones. Bring your own device or use library-owned technology. Drop-in Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m.

Biweekly Homeschool: A craft, STEM activity, or game will be featured each week. All families are welcome - not just homeschoolers. Drop-in Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.



Everything You Need to Know About the Nursing Home Placement Process: February 3, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Staff from Walnut Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will present a program to help guide families through health care options during chronic illness and disability needs. They will help to identify options and review the range of available services.

ACT/SAT Practice Test for Teens: February 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

A free program to discuss available practice and preparation tools for the standardized tests will be offered and then a combination ACT/SAT practice test will be given to students. Please bring water, pencils, and a calculator, if possible.

Parenting by the Book: February 15, 6-7 p.m.

Meet other parents, discuss and exchange views about the book *The Power of Showing Up*. You can pick up a copy of the book at the library in January.

Stop by any time to speak to the Branch Library Manager, Karen Findlay, to let us know your interests and types of programming you would like to see. You can also reach her at kfindlay@DaytonMetroLibrary.org.

Dayton Metro Library continues to follow recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health for COVID-19 precautions and are adapting programming accordingly.

All numbers use the (937) area code.

City Council

Mayor Jeff Sanner.....859-8000
jsanner@westcarrollton.org
Rick Barnhart.....859-8713
rbarnhart@westcarrollton.org
Rick Dobson818-7100
rdobson@westcarrollton.org
Angie Fryman361-5911
afryman@westcarrollton.org
Keith Tilton.....572-2145
ktilton@westcarrollton.org
Jill Tomlin510-3216
jtomlin@westcarrollton.org
Amanda Zennie.....344-1762
azennie@westcarrollton.org

City Services

City Manager.....847-4633
Building Inspection859-5184
Code Enforcement859-5783
Economic Development.....847-4643
Fire Department Administration847-4645
Income Tax859-8288
Parks & Recreation.....859-5182
Planning/Community Dev859-5783
Police Department.....859-3688
Public Relations.....847-4634
Streets/Refuse.....859-8280
Water/Sewer.....859-8280

Community Services

Board of Elections225-5656
Bogg Food Ministry435-6181
Bureau of Motor Vehicles.....866-9511
Montgomery Co. Auditor225-4326
MUM Food Pantry249-0941
Post Office859-5163
West Carrollton Branch Library.....496-8962
West Carrollton School System859-5121
Women, Infants, Children Program.....859-7974

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

1st Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Board Of Zoning Appeals

2nd Thursday 6:30 p.m.



WEST CARROLLTON

PRSTSTD
US POSTAGE
PAID
DAYTON OH
PERMIT 45

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 31: Noon Year's Eve, Senior Citizens Center, 10 E. Central Ave., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Jan. 3-7: Bulk/Large Item Trash & Christmas Tree Pick-up
Jan. 27: The Great Paint Escape, ele' Cake Co., 810 E. Dixie Dr., 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 5: For the Birds, Senior Citizens Center, 10 E. Central Ave., 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Feb. 17: A Family Adventure, Location TBD., 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 21: City Offices Closed - NO DELAY for Trash/Recycling
Feb. 23: Lights, Cameras, Action!, MVCC, 1195 E. Alex Bell Rd., Centerville, 45459, 6:30-8 p.m.
Mar. 1: Mardi Gras, N. Elm St. (between Central Ave. & Main St.), 5-8 p.m.

Contact the City by E-Mail

Administration:

managersoffice@westcarrollton.org

Community Development:

plan@westcarrollton.org

Parks & Recreation:

parks@westcarrollton.org

Police Department:

police@westcarrollton.org

Fire Department:

fireadmin@westcarrollton.org

Human Resources:

hrmanager@westcarrollton.org

Finance Department:

FinanceDir@westcarrollton.org

Economic Development:

ed@westcarrollton.org

Service Department:

service@westcarrollton.org

Public Relations:

publicrelations@westcarrollton.org