



# NEW CARLISLE



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## A Decade of Progress: Reflections from your City Manager



Randy Bridge  
City Manager

Dear Residents,

We're excited to introduce a new quarterly newsletter designed to keep you updated on what's happening in our city. From major projects and developments to local events and important news, this newsletter will give you a detailed look at the key issues

and activities shaping our community. Our goal is to keep every resident informed and connected!

As I reflect on my tenure as City Manager over the past nine years, I am both proud and grateful for the strides we have made together in enhancing our city. Since taking this role in 2015, we have achieved significant milestones that have fundamentally improved our community's quality of life. It is with great enthusiasm that I share some of these highlights with you.

Financially, our city has undergone a highly remarkable transformation. When I first took office, our General Fund reserve balance was only \$54,000. I am pleased to report that at the end of fiscal year 2023, we have grown our General Fund reserves to an impressive \$2.8 million. This financial stability is a testament to our disciplined fiscal management and strategic planning, allowing us to invest in key projects and services that benefit the entire community.

One of our proudest achievements has been the rapid progress in road repairs and the transformation of Main Street. We've addressed longstanding infrastructure issues with remarkable speed and effectiveness. These efforts have not only enhanced the safety and usability of our roads but also revitalized Main

Street. With new pavement, hanging flower baskets, and Military Banners, it's never looked more vibrant.

Our parks have also seen transformative improvements, thanks to the addition of inclusive playground equipment and rental facilities. These newer amenities cater to all ages and abilities, ensuring that our parks are welcoming and accessible spaces for everyone. This initiative reflects our dedication to creating inclusive recreational areas where every resident can enjoy and engage in outdoor activities.

We are also excited to welcome two new residential developments to our city, alongside new businesses like McDonald's and Taco Bell. These additions are clear indicators of a thriving and desirable community.

I am incredibly proud of the growth and development of our city staff, and none of these achievements would be possible without the dedication of these public servants. I've made it a priority to foster internal and local talent, offering opportunities for promotion and professional development. This strategy has ensured consistent, high-quality service for our community. Investing in our employees is essential to delivering the level of service our residents expect.

As I look back on nearly a decade of service, I want to express how truly honored I am to serve as your City Manager. The progress we have made together reflects our collective commitment to a better, more vibrant city. Thank you for your support and collaboration over the years. It has been a privilege to work alongside you in shaping our community's future!

*Warm regards*

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ON...

## Greg Slattery

We are honored to recognize **Greg Slattery** as our Employee of the Quarter! Greg has been a dedicated member of our team since May 17, 1984, and his longstanding service to the City of New Carlisle speaks volumes about his commitment and work ethic. He initially served as the Cemetery Superintendent before becoming the Public Works Superintendent until June 30, 2024. Currently, he holds the position of Cemetery Superintendent as of July 3, 2024.

Greg's contributions have been invaluable, particularly his role in the recent upgrades to our city parks. His efforts have ensured that our public spaces remain safe, clean, and welcoming for all residents. His dedication, hard work, and positive attitude are an inspiration to us all.

Thank you, Greg, for your unwavering commitment and many years of service to our community!





# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...

## Penny Lane

This quarter, we're excited to feature Penny Lane as our Business Spotlight, a beloved gem in the heart of downtown New Carlisle. For over a decade, Penny Lane has been more than just a shop – it's a place where the community gathers to find unique gifts, charming home décor, and locally crafted treasures. Whether you're in search of the perfect holiday gift or something special for yourself, Penny Lane offers an array of options that cater to every taste.

Owner Allyson has always been passionate about supporting local artisans and creating a warm, inviting atmosphere for every visitor. As the seasons change, so do the offerings at Penny Lane. This fall, don't miss out on their seasonal latte flights and delicious specialty sandwiches, with plenty of choices for those who prefer vegetarian or gluten-free options. Check out their seasonal menus on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates!

Penny Lane's doors are open to the community with extended hours on Fridays for Open Mic Night – a perfect opportunity to showcase your talent or simply enjoy live performances in a cozy setting. Their hours are:

**Saturday-Sunday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Monday-Thursday: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Friday: 6:30 AM - 8:00 PM**

Allyson and her dedicated team are honored to serve the community where they grew up and are constantly looking for new ways to delight you with their flavors and atmosphere. If you haven't visited yet, now is the perfect time. Penny Lane looks forward to welcoming you this holiday season and beyond.



# FALL PLANNING AND ZONING

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The first half of 2024 has shown a significant increase in new businesses adding Harmony Hearing, Small Town Kids, Country Lane Kennel, Quest Youth Development, New Carlisle Smoke & Vape, Midwest Social Tattoos, McDonalds, and Taco Bell. Carters Junk Drawer moved into a new and larger location on W. Washington Street and Safe and Outfitters also moved into a new and larger location on Addison-New Carlisle Road. The city of New Carlisle welcomes all the new businesses to the community, and we are excited that you chose New Carlisle as your place of business.

In addition to new and growth of existing businesses, the city of New Carlisle residents and businesses now have the opportunity to obtain Fiber Optic internet through Metronet. The construction projects are almost completed and installation for residents and businesses are underway.

The city has also implemented TextMyGov, a texting platform to provide general notifications for events and other important information that residents need to know about. The TextMyGov platform also allows residents to text keywords and receive information related to the keywords, such as permits, shelter house rentals, and much more.

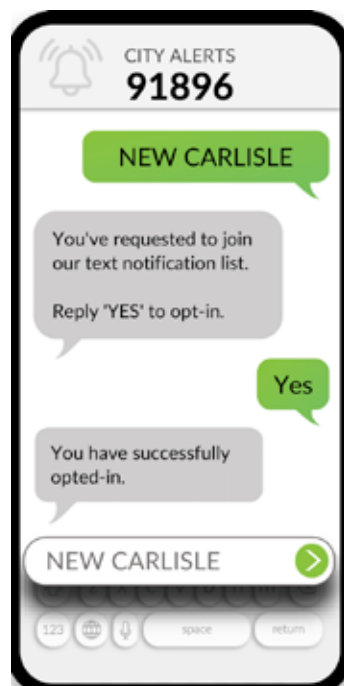
Habitat for Humanity has built two new homes on W. Madison street and developments for Monroe Meadows and DR Horton are in the beginning stages of phase one of construction. Several vacant properties have been recently purchased and new owners are remodeling those homes and preparing for sales and rentals.

The planning department issued 61 new permits for occupancy, signage, accessory structures (fence, sheds, pools), new residential buildings, etc. That is up from 33 new permits issued in the first half of 2023. New permits show an increase of residents and

businesses that care about their community and want to improve their properties in a safe and sustainable way.

Code Enforcement issued 703 Exterior Property Maintenance violations during the first half of 2024. That is up from 353 violations in the first half of 2023. The increase of identified violations is partially due to the hiring of a new code enforcement officer. The goal of code enforcement is to help residents in the community identify violations of city ordinances and help them find a solution to remedy those violations. As a result, 503 violations were reported to be remedied.

Code enforcement understands many residents that are senior citizens, single parent homes, and individuals with disabilities may not be able to afford or physically maintain their property. The Tool Lending Center was created to help offset the burdens on those residents by offering tools and equipment to assist individuals maintain their properties at no cost. Code enforcement also provides a list of resources to help senior citizens and individuals with disabilities find other individuals and organizations that will provide the labor to help ease the property maintenance burden.



## Sign up to receive city text message notifications!

*Opt-in today.*

Text **NEW CARLISLE**

to: **91896**

*Or scan the QR Code:*





## Fall Tips

- Check smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, & first aid kits
- Clean your chimney and fireplace
- Wrap indoor pipes
- Inspect your roof for missing or loose shingles
- Inspect your heating system
- Stock up on supplies
- Finish seasonal yard maintenance
- Check foundation for cracks
- Repair peeling paint
- Repair and seal driveway
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Caulk windows and weatherstrip doors
- Remove and store window and door screens
- Install storm windows and doors

## Permits

- Installing a new shed or replacement
- Installing a new fence or replacement
- Installing a new swimming pool or replacement
- Installing a new deck, porch, patio, or replacement
- Installing new exterior stairs / steps / ramps or replacement
- Installing a new garage or addition
- Building a new residential home
- Building a new commercial building
- Demolition of residential or commercial buildings
- New business, change of use / change of location / change of ownership
- Installing a new sign or replacement (any type of sign)
- Seasonal / Temporary Food Vendors (every year)
- Placement of a roll off dumpster or trailer dumpster



# ILLICIT DISCHARGE

## Illicit Discharge Information for the Citizens of New Carlisle

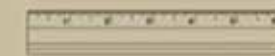
This information is required by the EPA to publicize

### Reduce Storm Water Runoff



Surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

The first inch of rainfall is responsible for the bulk of the pollutants in storm water runoff.



Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals and dirt.



one quart of oil

can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water.



Do not pour used motor oil or liquid waste down floor drains, sinks or storm drains.



Rain barrels collect and store storm water runoff from rooftops.

saving approximately 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months.



A rain garden allows 30% more water to soak into the ground than a conventional lawn.



Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

[epa.ohio.gov](http://epa.ohio.gov)

Use permeable pavers to reduce runoff, trap sediment and filter pollutants.

# SNOW AND ICED REMOVAL

The City of New Carlisle is committed to the safety of its residents, businesses, and visitors, as well as delivering the highest quality of service possible. The City's snow removal policy strives to ensure that roads throughout New Carlisle are cleared in a safe, logical, and responsible manner.

During a snow event, the City's Public Service Department operates on a snow-clearing schedule that prioritizes streets as follows:

**Arterial** – main streets including school bus routes, that experience the most traffic volume and are essential to travel throughout the city.

**Collector** – streets that lead to arterial streets.

**Residential** – neighborhood streets that lead to collector streets.

## Salting/Plowing Procedure

While each weather event will be evaluated and treated on an individual basis, the general guidelines are as follows:

- In anticipation of a snow event, arterial and collector streets may be salted.
- In the event of 1" of snow or less, crews will continue to salt arterial and collector streets and residential intersections.
- In the event of 1-3" of snow, streets will be plowed and salted in the order of arterial, collector, residential, and courts.
- In the event of 3" of



snow or more, salting and plowing will continue until all streets are cleared and the snow emergency has passed.

## Bike/Walking Paths

While streets are the main focus of the City's snow and ice removal efforts, bike/walking paths may be addressed if time and resources allow.

## How You Can Help!

- Avoid parking on streets or courts when snow is possible.
- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, try to keep it clear of snow.
- Place snow plowed from your driveway into your yard and not the street. This will help City staff keep from plowing the snow back onto your property.
- Property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks in front of their homes within 24 hours after a snowfall.
- To keep everyone safe, don't crowd the plow!





# LEAF PICK-UP GUIDELINES - FALL 2024

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The City will be providing street side leaf pick-up this October, November, and December. To participate in this **free** city service, please follow the guidelines listed below.

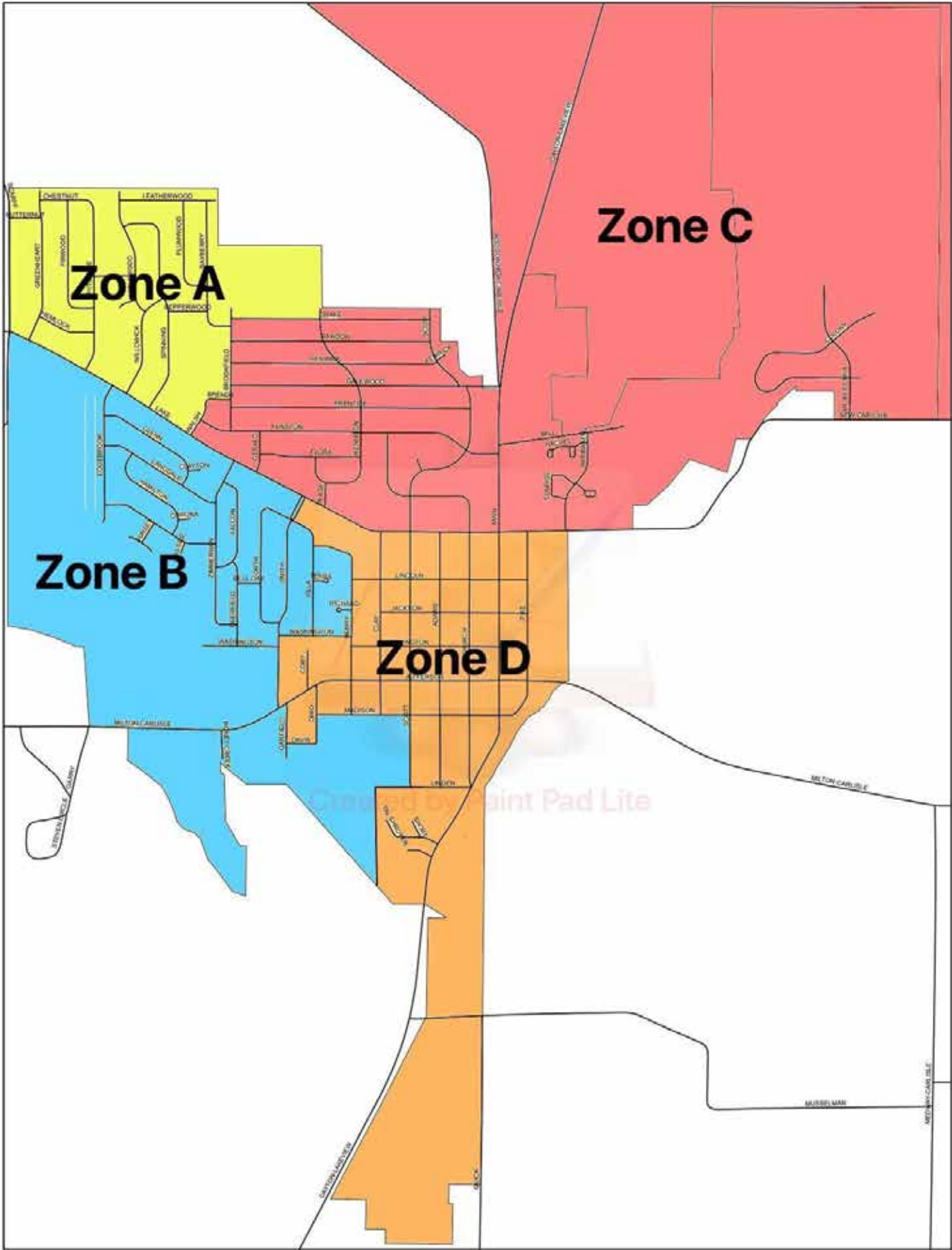
- Rake all leaves into the street two feet from the curb to allow for drainage.
- No foreign materials such as rocks, brush, branches, or garden materials. These materials may cause mechanical problems to the leaf machine.
- Avoid parking on the street during collection weeks. Cars parked on dry leaves may cause fires.
- Place leaves on the street one week prior to the scheduled pick-up date for your area.

Area of Town	1st Collection	2nd Collection
(A) Northwest	Week of October 21st	Week of November 18th
(B) Southwest	Week of October 28th	Week of November 25th
(C) Northeast	Week of November 4th	Week of December 2nd
(D) Southeast	Week of November 11th	Week of December 9th

Please note that the following alternatives are available for leaf disposal:

- Rumpke will pick-up leaves on your regular scheduled trash pick-up day. Leaves must be placed in your trash toter with your regular trash. Leaves placed in other containers, such as recycling, and/or bags placed outside of the toter will not be accepted.





# News from the New Carlisle Fire Department

## National Fire Prevention Week: October 6-12

This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!" We are excited to announce several activities and events planned to promote fire safety in our community.

**School Visits:** We will be visiting New Carlisle Elementary School during Fire Prevention Week to educate students about fire safety, the importance of smoke alarms, and how to use them effectively.

**Open House:** Join us on October 12th from noon to 3 PM at the fire station for our open house. Enjoy food, games, and informative talks about fire safety and all things related to the fire department. It's a great opportunity to learn, have fun, and meet your local firefighters!

**Free Smoke Alarms:** We are offering **FREE** smoke alarms to our citizens. To get one installed, call the station at (937)-845-8401, or stop by the station to pick one up and install it yourself.

### Basic Fire Safety Tips:

- **Install Smoke Alarms:** Make sure you have smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.
- **Test Your Alarms:** Test smoke alarms monthly to ensure they are working properly.
- **Plan and Practice an Escape Route:** Have a fire escape plan for your home and practice it regularly with all family members.
- **Stay Low in Smoke:** If you encounter smoke while escaping, get low to the ground and go under the smoke to your exit.
- **Never Re-enter a Burning Building:** Once you are safely outside, stay out and call 911.

Stay safe and proactive about fire prevention. We look forward to seeing you during Fire Prevention Week!





# NEW CARLISLE IMPORTANT DATES



## City Offices Closed

- **October 14 Columbus Day**
- **November 28 & 29 Thanksgiving**
- **November 11 Veteran's Day**
- **December 24 & 25 Christmas**

## Upcoming Events

- **October 4-6:** New Carlisle Heritage of Flight Festival -Join us on Main Street fun
- **October 6-12:** National Fire Prevention Week – The theme is “Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!” Join us at the fire station on October 12th from noon to 3 pm for our open house, complete with food, games, and fire safety talks.
- **October 26:** Trick or Treat 6pm to 8pm
- **November 5:** Election Day-Vote at Tecumseh High School
- **December 6:** Holiday Tree Lighting – Kick off the holiday season with us on Main Street at 6 pm. Enjoy hot cocoa, caroling, and a visit from Santa!
- **December 7:** Christmas Parade 10 am on Main Street.

## City Council Information

New Carlisle City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm now at Heritage Hall! If Monday is a holiday the meeting will be held on Tuesday. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. Attendees will be given the opportunity to voice questions and comments to the Mayor and Council. Please limit comments to 5 minutes or less.

### Dates:

**October 7**

**October 21**

**November 4**

**November 18**

**December 2**

**December 16**

## Stay Connected!

Stay informed about what's happening in New Carlisle by following us on social media and checking our website regularly. We look forward to a wonderful end of the year with our vibrant community!

## The City of New Carlisle needs volunteers to serve on various boards for the City.

- **Charter Review Commission** – Reviews the Charter of the City and, within the time and recommend to Council such alterations, revisions, and amendments, if any, to the Charter.
- **The Tax Review Board** – Hear tax appeals as provided in Ohio Revised Code Sec. 718.11.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals** – Hear appeals as provided by Section 8.05 of the City Charter.
- **Parks and Recreation Board** – Permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance the City's natural resources, parklands, and recreational opportunities and facilities.

To serve on any of these boards you must be a registered voter and citizen of the City of New Carlisle. If you are already on another board, there may be restrictions regarding being on a second board.

# Meet Your Elected Officials Serving the City of New Carlisle



**William Cook**  
Mayor

Appointed 01/27/22  
Term Ends: 12/31/25  
Term Length: 4 Years



**Peggy Eggleston**  
Vice Mayor

Elected: 11/07/23  
Term: 01/01/24 -  
12/31/27  
Term Length: 4 Years

Our elected officials play a vital role in shaping the future of our community. They are dedicated to representing the interests of all residents and ensuring that New Carlisle continues to thrive as a welcoming and vibrant place to live, work, and play.

Each official brings unique expertise and a commitment to public service. Here's a brief overview of your elected representatives:

**City Council Members:** The City Council is responsible for passing local laws, approving budgets, and addressing the needs and concerns of the community. They work closely with city staff and residents to make decisions that impact New Carlisle's future.

Our elected officials are here to serve you, and they are committed to transparency, community engagement,

and making informed decisions that improve the quality of life for all residents.

You are encouraged to reach out to them with any concerns, ideas, or feedback.

Stay connected with your elected officials by attending council meetings, visiting the city's website, or following city updates on social media.

## **Council Members – (Term Length: 4 Years)**

**Ben Bahun:**

Appointed 01/27/22 | Term Ends: 12/31/25

**Karriane Grow:**

Appointed: 09/03/24 | Term Ends: 12/31/27

**William Lindsey:**

Elected: 11/02/21 | Term: 01/01/22 - 12/31/25

**Chris Shamy:**

Elected: 11/07/23 | Term: 01/01/24 - 12/31/27

**Kathy Wright:**

Elected: 11/07/23 | Term: 01/01/24 - 12/31/27