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The Heart of Summer

As summer settles into New Carlisle, the community comes alive with the familiar rhythms of the season: neighbors chatting on front porches, families gathering for backyard cookouts, and children playing late into the evening as the sun lingers a little longer.

Local events and downtown activities bring residents together, from community festivals and farmers markets to live music and small business gatherings. Streets and parks become shared spaces where people reconnect, meet new neighbors, and celebrate what makes our city unique. In New Carlisle, summer is not just about warm weather. It is about community, connection, and hometown pride.

The Heart of Summer, the New Carlisle Pool nestled in the east of the city, the pool stands as one of the most cherished symbols of summer.

More than just a place to cool off, it has long served as a gathering place where generations of families and friends come together to relax, play, and connect.

For more than fifty years, the pool has reflected the community's commitment to recreation and togetherness. Built through the vision and dedication of local business owners, leaders, volunteers, and residents, it remains a testament to the power of community investment and pride. While improvements and updates have been made over the years, its purpose has never changed: to provide a safe, welcoming place for residents of all ages.

On any given summer day, the pool is filled with the sounds of laughter: children learning to swim, teenagers spending time with friends, families relaxing together, *(cont'd on next page)*



and swimmers practicing for competition. Swim lessons, team practices, and special events continue to make the pool a hub of activity and connection.

For many residents, the New Carlisle Pool is a place where memories are made and woven into their personal stories. It is where they first learned to swim, gained confidence on the diving board, spent long summer afternoons with friends, or earned their very first job as a lifeguard or pool attendant.

These shared experiences have created lasting bonds and a deep emotional connection between the pool and the people of New Carlisle. Beyond the water itself, the pool has been the backdrop for birthday parties, family outings, swim meets, and countless summer traditions that continue from one generation to the next.

As the pool continues to age, the City of New Carlisle is actively working toward plans for a reconstructed aquatic center that would provide a modern, safe, and accessible facility for future generations. The proposed project would include a new pool basin, updated filtration systems, improved accessibility features, expanded parking, modern buildings, and improved amenities.

The importance of this project extends far beyond recreation. Learning to swim is a critical life skill, especially in communities surrounded by creeks and waterways. The aquatic center supports water safety education, swim lessons, swim teams, and outdoor activity for residents of all ages.

Perhaps most importantly, the pool reflects the spirit of New Carlisle itself: neighbors

helping neighbors, families building traditions, and a community willing to invest in the places that bring people together.

As the summer season continues, the laughter echoing across the pool deck serves as a reminder that some places are worth preserving. The New Carlisle Pool is one of those places. It represents our past, strengthens our present, and remains an important part of our future.

Come Spend a Day at the Pool!

If you have not been to the New Carlisle Pool lately, we invite you to come see what makes it so special. Whether you want to cool off on a hot summer day, watch your children learn to swim, cheer on the swim team, or simply relax with family and friends, you are always welcome here.

The pool is for everyone: families, seniors, young children, longtime residents, and first-time visitors alike. It is a place to make memories, build connections, and enjoy everything summer in New Carlisle has to offer. Grab your suit, bring a towel, and come spend a day with us. You will be glad you did.

City Manager Don Hall once said the New Carlisle Pool is “much more than a pool for our community,” and those words continue to resonate with so many residents. For generations, the pool has been a place where children learned confidence, families created traditions, and neighbors came together during the summer months. With continued community support, the New Carlisle Aquatic Center can serve future generations just as it has served so many before them.



A DECADE OF PROGRESS: STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM 2016-2026

Over the past decade, the City has made a strong commitment to improving neighborhood infrastructure through ongoing street repair and resurfacing projects. These investments help maintain safe travel, improve drainage, extend roadway life, and enhance the appearance of neighborhoods throughout the community.

From residential streets to major connector roads, each year has brought meaningful progress through the City's long-term roadway improvement program. Since 2016, the City has invested more than \$4.2 million in street improvements, including \$2,252,965 in Street Levy funds, \$1,661,677 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and \$350,000 in Federal Funds administered through ODOT.

Since 2016, the City has resurfaced and improved approximately 8.5 miles of roadway, including 7.33 miles of neighborhood streets and 1.13 miles of Main Street (U.S. Route 235). Together, these projects have addressed more than 31% of the City's entire street network, meaning nearly one-third of all City-maintained streets have been improved over the past decade.

In addition to resurfacing and roadway repairs, many projects have included ADA-compliant curb ramps and accessibility upgrades to improve pedestrian safety and provide safer access for residents of all abilities.

These improvements help create a safer, more accessible, and more connected community for everyone.

Street improvements have been completed steadily throughout the community, with projects carefully planned to address aging pavement, traffic wear, neighborhood needs, and accessibility improvements.

As the City continues planning for future infrastructure improvements, roadway maintenance remains a top priority, particularly in older sections of the community where streets and related infrastructure continue to age.

These projects represent more than pavement repairs. They are long-term investments in safety, accessibility, property values, and community pride. Well-maintained streets improve daily travel for residents, support neighborhood stability, and help preserve the quality of life throughout the City.

Future roadway projects will continue to incorporate ADA curb ramps and other accessibility enhancements wherever possible, helping create safer and more inclusive streets for pedestrians and motorists alike.

The City appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents during construction periods and remains committed to maintaining safe, accessible, and reliable streets for years to come.

2016

Edgebrook Drive

2017

Spinning
Willowick
Applewood
Pepperwood
Cloverleaf
Prentice

2018

White Pine
Greenheart
Firwood
Chestnut

2019

Hemlock
Butternut
Bittersweet
Galewood

2020

Glen
Langdale and
Clayton Court
Hamilton and
Corona Circle

2021

South Scott
Deerfield
Sunset and
Cambridge Court
Fenwick, Phase 1

2022

Tal Shroyer
Hillcrest
Short

2023

West Washington, Phase 1
Falcon
Fenwick, Phase 2

2024

Villa and Terra Court

2025

Henry and Richard Court
West Washington, Phase 2
South Smith
Orth
Bell Oak

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ON...

SARA WOODIN

Utility Clerk

Behind every smoothly running city utility service is a dedicated professional ensuring every detail is handled with care—and **Sara Woodin**, our Utility Clerk, exemplifies that dedication. Though much of her work happens behind the scenes, Sara plays a vital role in supporting residents and keeping city operations running efficiently.

As the City's utility Clerk, Sara manages a wide range of responsibilities each day. From processing utility payments and setting up new accounts to answering billing questions,

coordinating meter readings, and handling service requests, her work requires accuracy, organization, and a deep understanding of city utility systems. She consistently balances numbers, deadlines, and customer needs while ensuring records are precise and up to date.

What truly sets Sara apart is her dedication to public service. She often assists residents during stressful situations such as billing discrepancies, service interruptions, or move-ins and move-outs. With patience, professionalism, and clear

communication, Sara helps residents navigate their concerns and feel confident their issues are being addressed.

We are grateful for the hard work, reliability, and positive attitude Sara brings to the city every day. Her efforts may not always be visible, but they are essential to keeping our utilities running smoothly and ensuring our community continues to thrive.



CITY OF NEW CARLISLE RECEIVES OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD

At the March 16, 2026 City Council meeting, the City of New Carlisle was formally recognized with the Ohio Auditor of State Award for outstanding financial leadership and accountability. This prestigious award, presented on behalf of Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber by Joe Braden, honors local governments that demonstrate exemplary stewardship of public resources. The award was proudly accepted by Finance Director Colleen Harris alongside members of the City's finance staff.



The Auditor of State Award is granted only to entities that meet rigorous criteria, including a completely clean audit with no findings and the submission of accurate, timely, and transparent financial reports. Each year, only a small number of governments across Ohio achieve this level of excellence, underscoring the significance of New Carlisle's accomplishment.

Mayor Lindsey praised Mrs. Harris and the entire finance team for their professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility. He noted that their hard work plays a vital role in maintaining public trust and ensuring the City's finances are managed with integrity and care. The recognition reflects not only technical excellence but also a shared dedication to serving the residents of New Carlisle responsibly and efficiently.

ART CORNER SPOTLIGHT...

ASHLEY FLEMING

The City of New Carlisle is proud to feature local artist **Ashley Fleming** in this quarter's Art Corner!

Ashley, 32, is a talented fiber artist and the heart behind A Handmade Craft. As a stay-at-home mom to her daughter Aurora, she spends her days creating handmade pieces that bring joy to others. While she enjoys all kinds of crochet, her true passion shines in making adorable plushies and dolls—soft, whimsical creations that she especially loves designing and bringing to life, each one filled with care, creativity, and love.

Ashley's love for crocheting began in childhood, sitting beside her grandmother, Candy, learning each stitch with care. Those moments were filled with warmth and connection. After her grandmother passed, crochet became more than a hobby—it became a way to feel close to her. Ashley poured her heart into learning new techniques, growing her skills on her own, and honoring her grandmother with every piece she makes.

Originally from Riverside, Ashley graduated from Stebbins High School in 2012 and later completed cosmetology school in 2014. She moved to Medway in 2017 before settling in New Carlisle in 2022, where she continues to create and share her work with the community.

While Ashley offers a variety of ready-made items through her Etsy shop, she especially enjoys creating custom pieces, working directly with customers to bring their ideas to life. She also provides downloadable patterns, allowing others to craft their own creations and try her designs at home.

Discover more about Ashley and her handmade creations by visiting her on Facebook or browsing her Etsy shop, AHandmadeCraft.



UNDERSTANDING NEW CARLISLE'S MUNICIPAL TAX SYSTEM

Taxes are one of the primary ways the City of New Carlisle funds the services residents rely on every day. From maintaining roads and public spaces to supporting emergency services and community improvements, local tax revenue plays a critical role in keeping the city operating efficiently and planning for the future.

Unlike federal and state taxes, municipal taxes stay local and are used to directly support the community where they are collected. In New Carlisle, local taxes help fund police and public safety services, street maintenance and snow removal, parks and recreation programs, public infrastructure improvements, administrative and community services and long-term capital projects and equipment.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are collected through Clark County and distributed among several local entities, including schools, the county, and the city. The City receives only a portion of the total property tax paid by residents.

In Ohio, residential property is assessed at 35% of its appraised value. Based on current valuations, the City collects approximately **\$1,030,000 annually** in property tax revenue to support general operations, infrastructure, and Fire Department.

Municipal Income Tax

New Carlisle's municipal income tax rate is currently **1.5%: 1.0%** is allocated to the City's General Fund, and 0.5% is dedicated to the Police Fund.

The median household income in New Carlisle is approximately **\$61,483**. In 2025, the



city collected **\$2,322,390** in municipal income taxes from residents and businesses.

Tax Reminders

- If your employer does not withhold New Carlisle taxes, ask whether courtesy withholding is available.
- Individuals and businesses expecting annual tax liability over \$200 are required to make estimated tax payments.
- At least 90% of annual tax liability must be paid by January 15 prior to the April 15 filing deadline.
- Penalties and interest may apply for unpaid estimated taxes.
- New Carlisle is a mandatory filing city

Looking Ahead

Whether you are a longtime resident, a new homeowner, a business owner, or someone considering moving to New Carlisle, understanding the municipal tax system helps strengthen the partnership between residents and local government.

Every tax dollar collected by the city is reinvested back into the community to maintain services, improve infrastructure, and support the continued growth and success of New Carlisle.

A new convenient disposal option:

Rumpke's New Clark County Transfer Station!



Beginning July 1, Clark County residents can bring their municipal solid waste bulk items, remodeling and construction project trash directly to the site for disposal.

Call 1-800-828-8171 for more information.



NEW CARLISLE'S IMPORTANT DATES

City Council Information

New Carlisle City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00pm 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

July 6	July 20
August 3	August 17
September 8	September 21

City Offices Closed

- **July 3 – Independence Day**
- **September 7 – Labor Day**

Upcoming Events

July 11: Community Clean Up
9 am-12pm at 621 Walsh Dr.

August 18: Pool Closed for the Season

August 4: National Night Out Against Crime
5pm–8pm at Tecumseh High School

Stay informed about what's happening in New Carlisle by following us on social media and checking our website.



MARKET DATES

Farmer's Market Dates

July 11th 10am-2pm
July 25th 10am-2pm
August 1st 10am-2pm
August 8th 10am-2pm
August 15th 10am-2pm
August 22nd 10am-2pm
August 29th 10am-2pm
September 5th 10am-2pm
September 12th 10am-2pm
September 19th 10am-2pm
September 26th 10am-2pm

Christmas In July

July 18th 4pm-9pm

Food Truck Nights

July 2nd 4pm-8pm
July 16th 4pm-8pm
August 6th 4pm-8pm
August 20th 4pm-8pm
September 3rd 4pm-8pm
September 17th 4pm-8pm





SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY WHILE PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS

The City of New Carlisle offers local businesses and organizations two great ways to connect with residents while supporting valuable community programs.

Our City Newsletter advertising program reaches more than 6,700 residents and businesses through print and digital distribution. Advertising options range from business card-sized ads to full-page placements, providing affordable opportunities for businesses of all sizes to increase visibility throughout the community. Revenue generated through advertising helps offset newsletter production and distribution costs.

Businesses and organizations can also support the New Carlisle Pool through our Pool Sponsorship Program. Sponsorship levels begin at \$250 and include recognition opportunities such as social media acknowledgments, website



listings, facility signage, event recognition, and other sponsor benefits depending on the sponsorship level selected. Sponsorship funds help support pool operations and community recreation programs.

For information about newsletter advertising or pool sponsorship opportunities, please contact April Lowrey at 937-845-9492 or alowrey@newcarlisleohio.gov.